

It's Your Opinion

Mother Praises Willowbrook

I have been going to see my son in Willowbrook State School for 18 years. He is severely retarded and totally blind and is completely dependent on all of the wonderful nurses and attendants for his every need. I have found him to be well fed and immaculately clean no matter when I go unannounced.

I would also like the public to know these children in Building 7 get nothing but the best of care no matter how handicapped they may be and are treated with tender loving care. I know if he were at home I could never give him the excellent care he receives 24 hours per day at Willowbrook.

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Grand Jury to Hear Evidence On Two State School Deaths

Seven witnesses will testify before the grand jury Monday as it begins hearing evidence to determine if any criminality existed in the May 14 death of a 10-year-old mentally retarded boy at Willowbrook State School.

sent to the grand jury in three phases: The death of the boy, John K. Taylor; the February death of 42-year-old Frank Harber, another resident of the institution, and overall conditions at the school.

The Taylor boy and Harber died under similar circumstances. Both were severely

scalded while taking showers.

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IN ADDITION to the district attorney's investigation, the deaths have sparked investigations by the school and the state Mental Hygiene Department, which operates the school.

Deaisted said he expects to submit evidence to the grand

jury over a period of months. Because of the prolonged investigation, he said he will request that the life of the June grand jury be extended until he has completed his presentation of evidence.

Among the witnesses to testify on Monday will be Dr. Gertrude Wilber, assistant medical examiner.