Mother charged with murder in battered child's death

A Denver District Court judge has ordered a 21-year-old Scottsbluff woman to stand trial on charges of first-degree murder, felony child abuse and accessory after the fact to attempted first-degree murder in the beating death of her 21/2year-old daughter.

"This is a case where the mother of the child watched her child beaten to death and did nothing about," Beth McMann, an assistant Denver district attorney, said in closing arguments Wednesday at the end of a two-day preliminary hearing.

> **Associated Press** datelines

Judge Susan Barnes heard more than four hours of testimony Tuesday and Wednesday before ordering Cheryl Mann bound over for trial.

Mrs. Mann's daughter, Gaynell, died in a Denver hospital on Aug. 18, 11 days after she allegedly was beaten in a Denver motel room and 10 days after she was taken unconscious to a hospital by her mother.

Mrs. Mann's boyfriend, Melvin Goodro, 37, of Scottsbluff has been charged with murder and child abuse in the girl's death. He was arrested Aug. 25 in Washington and is being held by authorities in that state. Goodro has refused to waive extradition.

Carter's veto upheld

President Carter Thursday won a victory in the first congressional challenge of his veto power as the House agreed with his scuttling of a \$2 billion nuclear aircraft carrier he had termed a waste of money.

The 206-191 vote upheld Carter's veto last month of an overall \$37-billion defense authorization bill. It sent the measure back to committee for redrafting, this time with-

out the huge ship and possibly with some new funds requested by the president to bolster the Army and Air Force.

Nebraska's congressional delegation split its votes with Democratic Rep. John Cavanaugh voting not to override the veto and Republican Kep. Virginia Smith casting a yes vote. Republican Charles Thone was not present for the roll call.

Pill problems

Women who stop taking birth control polls less than a month before conception have babies with slightly more minor birth defects, but babies face "large risks of malformation" from oral contraceptives, conclude Harvard researchers.

In the largest study of its kind, researchers compared the birth certificates of 5,535 babies of pill takers and those of 2,188 infants whose mothers had never used the pill.

The study, conducted by Kenneth Rothman and Carol Louik, was published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Fistful of dollars

Political action committees of special interest groups, a growing factor in American election financing, raised \$54 million the past 18 months, a study showed Thursday. Half the money is in the bank, available for the fall elections.

During the same period, the Republican Party collected \$49.6 million and the Democrats \$14.4 million, according to the report issued by the Federal Election Commission.

The GOP had \$10.5 million cash on hand, with \$500,000 in debts; the Democrats had \$2 million cash and owed \$2.29 million.

The computer study showed that Ronald Reagan's Citizens for the Republic collected more money-\$2.1 million-than any other non-party related committee.

Runaways found

Four Kearney boys ages 9 through 12 ran away from home Tuesday night but were found Wednesday afternoon south of Kearney under the Nebraska 44 Platte River bridge.

Police and the boy's parents had been searching since early Wednesday. The boys are two sets of brothers who are first cousins.

Each set of brothers left a handwritten note for their parents saying they were going on an "expedition."

They took sleeping bags, pillows and a

One of the notes advised the parents not to tell anyone and "not to throw anything away as they'd be back by Christmas

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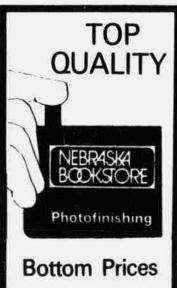
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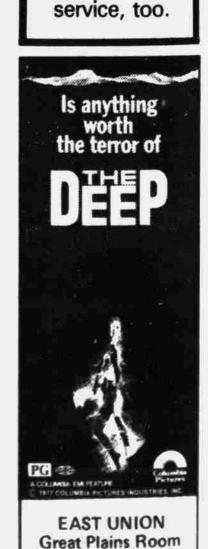
The Progressive Women's Spiritual Association will sponsor a women's health workshop, Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 1635 S. 21 St.

The Nigerian Student Association will meet Sat. at 7 p.m. in the union. Room number will be posted.

The UNL Actuarial Club will have a picnic Sunday at 1 p.m. in Roberts Park, 56th and A St.



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