

# Missing children: Concern continues

By Stacie Thomas

Although a suspect was arrested in the abduction-murder cases of two Bellevue youths, child abduction concerns have not ended. Lincoln Private Investigator Gary Caradori addressed those concerns Monday night at the monthly Neighborhood Watch Association meeting.

Caradori, co-owner of Caradori Weatherl Investigations, 3426 O St., has handled successfully more than 40 missing children cases during the past seven years.

Citing statistics from CHILD FIND, a national organization based in New Paltz, N.Y., that aids in the search for missing children, Caradori said that each year about 150,000 children are abducted. Of these, he said, 100,000 children are abducted by an estranged parent. The other 50,000 children are taken by strangers. Only 10 percent of these children will be found alive.

Statistics indicate that every two hours 500 children are reported missing. Currently almost two million children are missing. Caradori also said one in every 10 divorces will end up in a child abduction case. There are about 10 million divorces a year in America.

Strangers abduct children for various reasons — sexual abuse, extortion and child prostitution rings, Caradori said. Some abductors also make a great deal of money each year by putting children up for adoption on the black market.

Many people think a child prostitute could simply walk to a phone booth and call home. But, since abducted children are often tortured, they are afraid to take such a risk, he said. Girls are seldom tortured in the face since faces are the abductors' selling point. Consequently, no one can tell that the girls have been tortured, Caradori said.



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Oklahoma City, OK



"Beth" Miller  
DOB: 7-27-69  
Idaho Springs, CO



Richard Uden  
DOB: 11-22-68  
Riverton, WY



Reagan Uden  
DOB: 5-25-70  
Riverton, WY

Photos courtesy CHILD FIND.

Today is National Missing Children's Day. Please look carefully at these pictures of missing children. If you think you have any information on the whereabouts of any of these or any other missing children, please call CHILD FIND, toll free, 800-431-5005.

## Move-a-thon helps home pay bills

By Judi Nygren

Walkers, runners and bicyclists participating in the third annual Lincoln Friendship Home Move-a-thon will hit the streets Saturday, June 9.

The home, a shelter for abused women and their children, will sponsor the eight-mile trek in conjunction with Violence Against Women Awareness Week.

Administrators said they hope to raise at least \$2,500 to help combat the home's mounting maintenance costs. Last year's participants raised \$1,600.

"We (administrators) wish we were in the position to raise the money for some special project," said Shari True, public relations coordinator. "But at this point it must go toward the upkeep of the shelter."

Upkeep costs include employees' salaries, utility bills and supplying food for the 10 to 50 people who come to stay at the home each month, True said.

Throughout the home's five-year existence, people have stayed at the home free of charge for up to 10 days. But as of this month, True said, people can participate in a long-term program and stay as long as six weeks. The new program is free.

"The long-term program allows women to get away from the life they are used to living and go to



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Ryan Burton  
DOB: 8-2-78  
Breckenridge, TX



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Oklahoma City, OK



Tricia Kellett  
DOB: 5-31-73  
Chicago, IL

"It's hard for most people to understand the feeling of having a missing child until it happens to you," Caradori said. As a result, many people refuse to believe that it could happen to them, he said.

Caradori recommended several steps that parents can take to prevent the abduction of a child:

- Keep professional footprints, fingerprints and dental records.
- Have portraits taken several times a year and photograph birth marks or other distinguishing marks.
- Teach children the facts of abduction early.
- Teach children their full name, their parents full name, address and telephone number. Let them make real long distance telephone calls. Caradori recommended making a game out of this, such as having children color in a map where they live.
- Keep children in sight at all times or know where they are and with whom. Never leave children alone in a car or at home no matter how short a time you will be away.
- Teach children to stay away from "lonely" places and to "buddy up."
- Establish strict procedures regarding who will pick children up from school, piano lessons, etc., and be meticulously consistent.
- Suggest that your local police public relations department, Parent/Teacher Association or other organizations in your community sponsor seminars or programs on abduction in area schools. The Lincoln Police Department offers a puppet show called "Stranger Danger," to teach children about child abduction strategies.

CHILD FIND also prints a directory every year listing the physical descriptions and photographs of missing children. The \$10 price of the Directory of Missing Children covers printing costs. It is Child Find's goal that all teachers in the country's 10,000 public schools, and the private schools, have access to the directory.

Caradori also said stricter court enforcement is a must to prevent children from being taken out of the state. In addition, according to Caradori, congressmen should be encouraged to lobby for the welfare of children.

different support groups and agencies they couldn't go to if they were only short-term," True said.

With the long-term program the home now houses a maximum of 18 individuals at one time. Along with shelter, the home offers transportation, meals, medical referrals, counseling and support groups. Referrals and information also are offered over the phone to people who do not want to visit the home but need help.

Because Lincoln and Omaha are the only Nebraska cities to offer homes like these, True said, people as far west as Scottsbluff seek shelter at the Lincoln home.

Once a mother and her children return to their old home or begin a new life, True said, the shelter continues assistance through support groups.

"The decision to leave their home or go back is up to each individual," she said. "We just try to support whatever decision they make and help them from there."

For more information about the home or the move-a-thon, contact the Family Service Association, 1133 H St. or call 476-3327.

The move-a-thon will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the north side of the State Capitol Building.

## Off The Wire

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### Salvadoran guards are found guilty of murdering nuns

WASHINGTON — A Salvadoran court Thursday found five national guardsmen guilty of the 1980 murders of three nuns and a lay woman missionary in El Salvador. Rep. Mary Rose Oakar, an Ohio Democrat who led the campaign to pressure Salvadoran authorities into holding the trial, said a government report to be made public soon would substantiate charges that Salvadoran "higher ups" were involved. A confidential U.S. government report charges that Salvadoran Defense Minister Carlos E.V. Casanova was involved in a coverup in the murders of the four American women, a Congressman said Thursday. Casanova headed his country's National Guard in 1980. President-elect Jose Napoleon Duarte said at the end of a four-day visit here to lobby Congress for more aid that he would reappoint Casanova as defense minister since he had determined that there was no coverup and that Casanova was not involved in the murders.

The House Thursday did approve more U.S. military aid to El Salvador but denied extra funds for anti-government rebels in Nicaragua. The 267-154 vote for the additional \$61.7 million was a victory for President Reagan and would bring to \$126.5 million the amount of military for U.S.-backed guerrillas opposing the leftist Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

In New York, the family of a U.S. journalist murdered in El Salvador the same month as the American women continues to seek a trial for his killers. Freelance Journalist Johnny Sullivan, of Bogota, N.J., was killed hours after he arrived in El Salvador's capital. His body was found the next day, she said, but his family was not notified for more than a year, and his body was not returned to the United States until 1983.

### Romania to be in Games

GENEVA, Switzerland — Romania will take part in this summer's Olympic Games starting July 28 in Los Angeles, the Romanian vice president of the International Olympic Committee announced late Thursday. The Soviet Union is leading a boycott of the Olympics, and the Romanian announcement underlined the Eastern European country's maverick stance in the Communist bloc. Bulgaria, Cuba, Hungary, Mongolia, East Germany, Poland, the Soviet Union, Vietnam and Czechoslovakia have announced they will boycott the games. Los Angeles Olympic chief Peter Ueberroth announced Thursday the forthcoming games will be the biggest ever, with a record number 124 countries and more than 7,400 athletes accepting invitations to attend, despite the Soviet-led boycott.

### Fair plagued by debts

NEW ORLEANS — Meager interest in the 1984 World's Fair during its first two weeks has left promoters \$14 million behind in payments to builders and has forced some concessionaires to consider reducing operations. The fair, with the theme "The World of Rivers: Fresh Water as the Source of Life," has faced monthly problems paying bills since January, partly because revenues from advance ticket sales and corporate sponsorships fell short of projections officials said. At least 70,000 people need to come to the fair each day it is open for the event to break even. "Once people get here, they love what they find, we just have to get them here," one official said.

### Kennedy death accidental

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Results of an autopsy performed on David Kennedy, 28, released Thursday night by a county court judge, confirmed earlier reports that Kennedy died because of a combination of drugs he had taken. His April 25 death was ruled accidental. He was the third son of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy.