

## NEWSWATCH

### Police probe BNFL man's suicide

Police are investigating alleged malpractices at British Nuclear Fuels after the suicide of a manager, the resignation of the company secretary and the dismissal of another senior executive, write David Harrison and Geoffrey Lean. Cheshire's serious crimes squad is expected to decide whether to bring charges in the next few weeks. Members of the squad attended an inquest on Friday into the death of Malcolm Lees, a building manager at the company's headquarters in Risley, Cheshire. The investigations centre on allegations that BNFL was billed for decorating and repair work done by company contractors in the private homes of senior staff members.

### Skinhead battle

British National Party supporters clashed with police and protesters in Colne, Lancashire, yesterday. Bearing Union flags and skinhead haircuts, they charged a group of Anti-Fascist Action supporters in a park. Several car windows were smashed and a number of people were arrested. Two hundred Anti-Nazi League supporters marched separately to the park from the town centre.

### Murder arrest

David Edwards, 21, who was being questioned in connection with the murder of a mother and baby in Luton, Beds, was expected to appear in court last night. His arrest in London followed the shooting of Marina Turvey, 22, as she walked with her baby daughter, Charlene, and husband John. Charlene was snatched from her father and was later found shot dead.

### Gang killing

A 17-year-old boy found stabbed to death is believed to have been the victim of a clash between two rival gangs of school pupils. Grant Jackson was found by police slumped in Endcliffe Park, Sheffield, on Friday. He died about an hour later in hospital.

### Solvent centre

A new solvent abuse help centre has been opened in memory of David Ward, whose death after 12 years of sniffing glue was highlighted earlier this year by *The Observer*. David's sister Donna and her fiancé Steve Hampson led the fund-raising for the Solve-It! centre in Bolton. (Solve-it! 0204-385155).

### Lonely hills

Two studies show farmers in the idyllic Yorkshire Dales suffer from greater than normal stress. Their main worries are about falling income and loneliness. In one community of 1,500 people there is one suicide a year, well above the national average.

### Ring of history

The medieval town of Conwy in Gwynedd is getting back its red phone boxes. After long negotiations, BT has agreed to return several to the town, a World Heritage site because of its thirteenth-century castle and walls.

### British Waco victim was shot

A British man who died in the inferno at Waco was killed by a shot in the head, officials announced. Stephen Henry, 26, from Manchester, died of a 'near contact' gunshot wound to the forehead with smoke and carbon monoxide inhalation, said David Pareya, McLennan County Justice of the Peace. A second Briton, Livingston Malcolm, 26, died of smoke and carbon monoxide inhalation with a possible gunshot wound, he said. Both bodies were extensively charred and were identified by dental records. Mr Henry's mother, Zilla Henry, 55, sisters Diana, 28, Paulina, 24, and Vanessa, 19, and brother Phillip, 22, are also thought to have died in the siege. Seventy-two bodies have been recovered.

### Kidnap charge

Andreas Valinakas, a 50-year-old builder of no fixed address, was remanded in custody until 10 May at Marylebone, London, accused of the kidnapping and abduction of toddler Constantine Metcalf. Constantine, 16 months, was taken from his parent's home in St John's Wood, north London on Thursday and was found 15 hours later in a van.

### BA grounded

A 24-hour strike by British Airways cabin crew at Gatwick airport today has led to the cancellation of 22 European flights. About 4,000 travellers are likely to be affected by the industrial action by 250 short-haul cabin crew. The routes affected are Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Faro, Frankfurt, Geneva, Genoa, Madrid, Malaga, Milan and Naples. BA said most of its flights would be operating normally, and some routes would be covered by chartered services.

### Millionaire probe

Thames Valley police investigating the disappearance of hi-fi millionaire David Martin were yesterday given a further 36 hours to question two men. Mr Martin, 49, vanished from his barn conversion home at Naphill, Bucks, in January. A trail of blood was found in his garage and his car was found abandoned in London.

### Playwright dies

Ronald Gow, whose first hit play launched the brilliant theatrical career of Dame Wendy Hiller, has died aged 95. The play, *Love on the Dole*, was an adaptation of Walter Greenwood's novel and was first produced in 1934. He and Dame Wendy married in 1936 and she starred in his last play, *The Old Jest*, in 1980.

### Situation vacant

A Cambridge University post is about to fall vacant but only Latin masters need apply. Dr James Diggle, 49, is stepping down as University Orator, the man whose Latin speeches introduce the great and the good at the annual honorary degree-day ceremony.

### Theft licked

A man from Buntingford, Herts, was arrested after the recovery of 17 stolen Victorian stamps worth £300,000.

■ **BONDS:** The £100,000 winner in yesterday's Premium Bond draw (9SZ 627984) lives in Poole; the £50,000 winner (19YP 868901) in Essex; and the £25,000 winner (6ZS 613180) in the Isle of Wight.