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## Cable service

Cable companies warning people about piracy

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas cable television companies Tuesday began warning people who pirate cable service that beginning Sept. 1, such thefts are a crime that could bring jail sentences.

"If they are receiving cable TV programming and not paying for it, the show's over," said Bill Arnold, executive secretary of the Texas Cable TV Association.

For the next 45 days, cable companies will conduct an advertising campaign to alert Texans of the new law and urge them to comply, Arnold said.

"Our goal is not to put people in jail," he said. "Our goal is to stop the

theft of our product by educating the public."

The Legislature this year enacted the law making cable TV theft a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Arnold said the law won't apply to people who receive signals via satellite dishes but will include those who tap cable lines or tamper with channel selector equipment.

He said cable operators estimate that one of every eight people in Texas receiving cable service obtains some level of it without paying.

Revenue losses are estimated at more than \$50 million annually,

with the loss in state sales tax revenue estimated at more than \$5 million, Arnold said.

Arnold said cable operators hope to convince Texans to come forward and pay up before Sept. 1, and understand that they are committing a crime.

"You're not going to convert every illegal customer to service out there," he said. "But you're going to make known to those folks that indeed you're serious about the theft of cable service now."

"Those people . . . who have ignored the legality of it and feel like it's a little cocktail party chic to be doing this will get the message and

hopefully will decide to begin service as a paying customer."

Arnold said cable operators have many ways of determining whether a household is illegally taking cable service.

"The people know they're getting something for nothing, and that's been compounded by the fact that up until now it was very difficult to point out to anyone that there was specific law that covered the theft of cable services," he said.

Arnold said many cable operators intend to allow people to pay up on a "no-questions-asked basis" if they come forward before the law takes effect.

## Dallas pays \$1 million in discrimination suit

Associated Press

DALLAS — A federal judge has approved a settlement under which the city of Dallas will distribute \$1 million to about 300 current and former black city employees.

The workers, who are due the payments by July 25, contended they were underpaid or denied promotions because of racial discrimination.

The city of Dallas employs about 14,000 workers.

The settlement, which was approved Monday, is among the largest paid by the city in a discrimination suit, an attorney for the workers said.

The class-action suit was filed in 1981 by six employees of the city's Equipment Services Department, which maintains city vehicles.

Assistant City Attorney Gary Keane said the suit probably was among the largest such settlements the city has made, but he did not have exact figures to compare it with.

The suit claimed that workers were victims of institutionalized discrimination against blacks.

U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders approved a plan to distribute the \$1 million, a figure agreed upon late last year. Some of the individual awards will be as high as \$20,000, Albright said.

The city also pledged in the settlement to discontinue the use of written tests and education requirements for determining promotions in several jobs and to end pay discrimination.

The city also agreed to promote 29 blacks within the Equipment Services Department by 1987.

## Doctors assess Reagan's chance of recovery

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The estimate that President Reagan has a better than 50 percent chance of being cured of his colon cancer was based partly on standard medical rankings of the tumor's invasion and the appearance of its cells says a medical official.

Dr. Steven Rosenberg of the National Cancer Institute says outside experts were conservative in making that assessment on the president's condition.

Rosenberg, chief of surgery at the institute and one of the president's doctors, said the cancerous polyp was a "Dukes B" growth that was "moderately well differentiated."

Differentiation is the extent to which a tumor's cells, under a microscope, resemble normal cells from wherever the tumor was found. The greater the resemblance, the less chance some cancerous cells had escaped to other parts of the body before the growth was removed.

The Dukes rating refers to a classification system established in 1932 by English pathologist Cuthbert E. Dukes.

It measures the extent of invasion by a cancer in the colon or rectum. Authorities give these general descriptions to the different categories.

An "A" lesion means the cancer is in the colon's innermost layers. The

inside lining of the colon is called the mucosa where colon cells secrete and absorb fluids. Some authorities consider a cancer that has barely invaded the surrounding muscle to be in this category.

In a "B" lesion, like Reagan's, the cancer has invaded the muscles across and along the colon that contract to keep its contents moving. It may include invasion of the serosa, the tough, fibrous covering of the colon.

In a "C" lesion, the cancer has broken through the serosa and escaped to lymph nodes.

The cure rate falls as the extent of invasion climbs because of increas-

ing chance for spread of the cancer.

About 95 percent of patients whose cancers were removed while confined to the thin inside lining of the main cured for five years, while cancers that have gone deeper but not broken through the outer surface of the colon have about a 65 to 80 percent rate, says Dr. Thomas Hendrix, chief of gastroenterology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Cancers that have broken free of the colon and spread to lymph nodes have only about a 20 percent to 30 percent cure rate, he says. If the cancer has spread to the liver, few patients live five years, Hendrix says.

## Stock prices respond to president's health

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stock prices swept ahead to new highs in active trading Tuesday after the market responded calmly to the latest news on President Reagan's health.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial climbed 12.43 to 1,347.89, topping the record closing high of 1,338.60 it set last Friday. Several other, broader market measures also rose to new peaks.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange stepped up to 132.50 million shares from 103.92 million Monday.

Wall Street passed a bull-market landmark when Wilshire Associates'

index of 5,000 stocks reached \$2 trillion for the first time, rising \$19.5 billion to \$2.015 trillion.

Just after the market closed on Monday, doctors reported that a polyp they had removed from the President's colon was cancerous.

But they also said they found no evidence that the malignancy had spread. They estimated the chances of no recurrence of the cancer to be better than 50 percent.

On Tuesday, Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said, "There are no complications on the President's road to recovery." Financial analysts said investors were heartened by reports of Reagan's

rapid recovery from his surgery.

However, they also observed that the situation raised some uncertainty about prospects for legislative action on measures being pushed by the President to narrow the federal budget deficit and overhaul the tax system.

At the same time, Wall Streeters were looking ahead to congressional testimony today and Thursday by Chairman Paul Volcker of the Federal Reserve, for possible signs of the future course of the Fed's credit policy and interest rates.

International Business Machines climbed 3 to 128 1/2. On Monday IBM reported lower second-quarter

earnings, but the company had given advance warning of those circumstances, and analysts said investors generally were relieved that the news wasn't worse.

As they studied IBM's quarterly report in detail, some analysts concluded that the company's outlook for the second half of the year and beyond was improving.

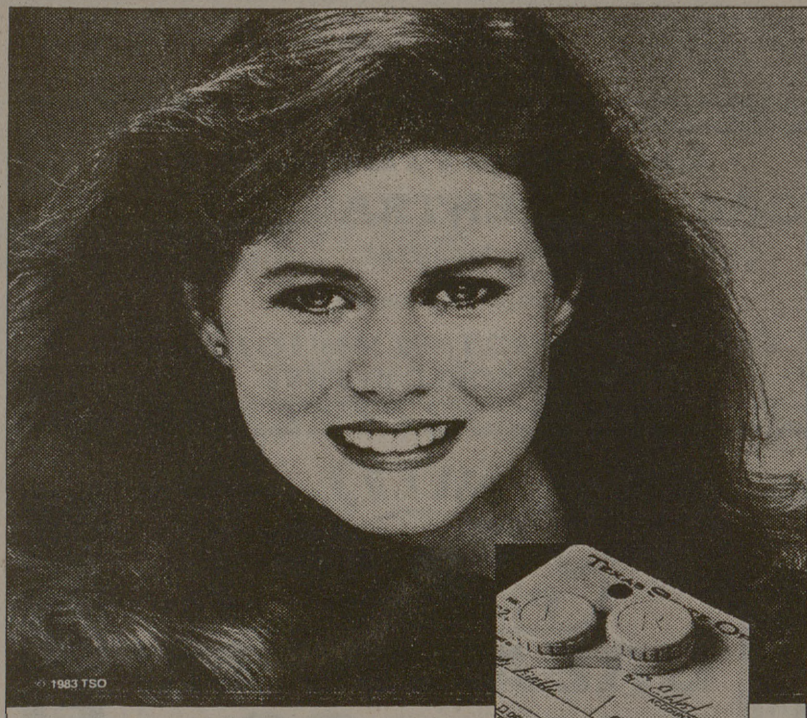
Point-plus gains were common among other computer and technology stocks. Digital Equipment rose 3 1/2 to 99 1/2; Texas Instruments 4 1/2 to 99 1/2; Hewlett-Packard 1 1/2 to 36 1/2; Data General 1 1/2 to 38 1/2; and Burroughs 1 1/2 to 59 1/2.

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