

## Cadet trial evidence goes to jury

FORT WORTH, (AP) — Jurors began deciding Monday whether former midshipman Diane Zamora killed a romantic rival after hearing prosecutors denounce her as a sociopath and a cunning con artist.

Assistant prosecutor Michele Hartmann opened her closing arguments by telling panelists that Zamora acted as "judge, jury and executioner" when she helped her fiancé kill 16-year-old Adrienne Jones.

"Shoot her! She's not dead yet! Do it. Shoot her, kill her, shoot her!" Those are the words of Diane Zamora, Hartmann yelled at jurors, repeating part of the confession Zamora gave police and later recanted.

Hartmann repeatedly reminded jurors that a defense psychologist testified last week that Zamora scored highly on a test for psychopathic deviancy.

"She's a sociopath. She's lied all her life. Don't let her trick you," Hartmann said.

Defense attorney John Linebarger told jurors said Zamora's then fiancé David Graham was responsible for the crime. Linebarger describing Graham as

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**John Linebarger  
Zamora's Defense Attorney**

a "macho G.I. Joe" who dominated Zamora and convinced her to take the blame.

"There is no evidence to suggest that Jones was hit over the head with anything but the butt of a gun (that) we know was in the hands of David Graham, not Diane

Zamora," Linebarger said. "She didn't help. She didn't assist. It was David Graham."

State District Judge Joe Drago opened proceedings Monday by telling jurors that in addition to capital murder, they also could consider lesser charges of kidnapping, assault and false imprisonment.

He did not give them the option of murder, a minor victory for prosecutors who said they wanted only capital murder considered because the evidence did not support a lesser offense. Defense attorneys objected to the omission.

Capital murder is a murder committed with another felony. Prosecutors say Zamora helped Graham kidnap and kill Jones in December 1995 in retaliation for their fling.

If Zamora is convicted of capital murder, she would automatically receive a life sentence with parole possible after 40 years. Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty.

## Oprah's beef trial defense to begin today

AMARILLO (AP) — The Texas cattlemen suing Oprah Winfrey have spent the last four weeks attacking her in every way imaginable.

Tuesday, they will find themselves on the defensive.

Defense attorneys are ready to make their case that Winfrey's April 16, 1996, show on "dangerous foods" did not falsely defame U.S. beef. Plaintiffs rested on Friday, the 18th day of the federal trial.

But before they start calling witnesses, the defense is hoping U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson will end the trial on their claim that the cattlemen "have not presented legally sufficient evidence." The defense request is relatively routine.

Defendants also are asking Judge Robinson to rule unconstitutional the 1995 Texas law under which the cattlemen sued. That civil statute protects perishable food products from false and defamatory statements.

Joe Coyne, lawyer for lead plaintiff Paul Engler, said he would submit a response before the hearing. Jurors will not be present for Tuesday's hearing. They had Monday off in honor of Presi-

dents' Day and, if the trial continues, they will not be required back until Wednesday.

The cattlemen claim that Winfrey's show, which featured a discussion on whether the decade-long British epidemic of mad cow disease was a concern for U.S. beef consumers, caused cattle prices to plunge.

Plaintiffs say the market tumble cost them \$12 million. They claim the show was unfair because it was not balanced and incorrectly portrayed U.S. cattle as being at risk of mad cow disease, which has never been detected in the United States.

They seek to recoup their alleged losses plus unspecified punitive damages.



Winfrey

## Alamodome hosts Final Four, but critics persist

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It's been maligned by hometown naysayers, but the Alamodome has gotten the job done in luring big sports events to the city.

Next month, the NCAA Final Four calls the dome home.

The cavernous stadium will be configured to seat 41,500 for the prestigious college basketball tournament March 28-30.

Having the Alamodome was the key to landing the Final Four for San Antonio, sports boosters say.

"The facility is absolutely crucial," said Sandra Lopez, executive director of the Final Four Local Organizing Committee.

"It is the major factor," added Deborah Sibley, associate executive director of the San Antonio Sports Foundation.

The Alamodome opened in May 1993, four years after area voters approved a five-year, half-cent transit sales tax to finance the \$186 million building. Today the dome is debt-free.

An unusual structure with a cable-suspension roof, the Alamodome sits on 57 acres of land on the east edge of downtown. The building can hold up to 65,000 people.

It was a project pushed in 1989 by then Mayor Henry Cisneros, who

promised it would bring big things to San Antonio, possibly even a National Football League team.

The NFL has not come, except for a few preseason games. The Canadian Football League came. And went. The San Antonio Texans of the CFL played in the Alamodome in 1995.

The dome has hosted assorted regular-season college football and basketball games featuring out-of-town teams. It is the site of the annual Alamo Bowl. The Rolling Stones, Elton John and other major music acts have played the dome. And city officials are trying to secure the 2000 Republican National Convention.

Some San Antonio residents, however, contend the Alamodome was a waste of tax money for a city in need of basic services, like better roads and drainage.

Other residents complain about soil pollution in the vicinity of the dome. Dirt contaminated with lead and hydrocarbons that was excavated during construction has been the subject of lawsuits and controversy.

The San Antonio Spurs' owners do not like the dome either.

The NBA team has played in the Alamodome since the 1993-94 sea-

son. Spurs owners say they need a smaller arena equipped with luxury suites to compete financially in the league.

Spurs chairman Peter Holt says he wants the team to remain in town, but last summer — after poll results showed San Antonio residents do not want public money used to build a new arena — Holt hinted the Spurs could one day end up in another city.

"If you ask me personally, I believe the easiest thing for this ownership group to do is sell," Holt said.

But for one-time basketball events, including the 1996 NBA All-Star Game and last year's men's NCAA Midwest Regional tournament, the dome has worked.

The University of Texas at San Antonio was the host school for the regional tournament and will be for the Final Four. The dome got good reviews after the regional, considered a test run for the Final Four.

"Everything was just awesome," Lopez said.

In fact, sports organizers are planning for another men's Midwest Regional in the dome in 2001 and for the Women's Final Four in 2002. And they hope to host another men's Final Four — in 2003 or beyond.

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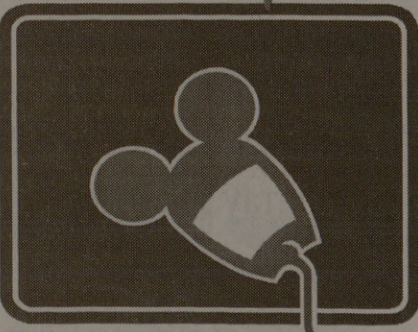
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