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Crewmen killed, two others hurt in train collision

United Press International
NEWCASTLE, Wyo. — Two crewmen were killed and two others injured Sunday in a collision involving three Burlington Northern Railroad coal trains, the railroad's second fatal accident in nine days.

Les Reingold, spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board, said the collision occurred at about 6:58 a.m. EST and involved three loaded coal trains.

Burlington Northern spokesman Jack Martin said one eastbound coal train had moved onto the Pedro, Wyo., siding for a crew change and a second train with 110 cars had stopped next to it on the main line to pick up the crew and take them to Edgemont, S.D.

He said a third eastbound coal train with 115 cars and traveling at about 30 mph struck the caboose of the stationary train on the mainline, killing a brakeman and a conductor in the rear car.

The collision derailed five locomotives and 15 cars on the moving train, and the caboose and one car of the stationary train. Those cars hit and derailed five cars on the train on the siding. Officials said each of the cars carried 100 tons of coal.

Deputy Weston County Cor-

oner Mike Worden identified the dead conductor as Robert E. Almandinger, 56, of Custer, S.D., and the brakeman as Michael L. Barney, 31, of Hill City, S.D.

The engineer and head brakeman in the locomotive of the moving train were injured and taken to Weston County Memorial Hospital, where they were admitted for observation. Martin said their injuries did not appear serious.

BN spokesman Bill Joplin identified the injured engineer as J.M. McNulty and the brakeman as W.K. Young. Information about their hometowns was unavailable.

A team of at least three NTSB investigators from Washington was on its way to the scene to join an investigator dispatched from the NTSB field office in Denver. Reingold said the team from Washington was not expected to arrive at the site until late Sunday.

Preliminary estimates indicated the line would be closed until early Monday.

The Newcastle Fire Department was dispatched to the scene to monitor for fires and help extricate the men from the caboose and locomotive. No fires were reported.

Joplin said the railroad has begun its own investigation into the accident, and he said, "We will not comment on the possible causes until that investigation is completed."

Five Burlington Northern crewmen were killed last Friday in a collision of two freight trains near Wiggins, Colo.



Dance Practice

Five-year-old Mandy Ponzio and Melissa Pruitt curtsy after completing one of the ballet dances they have learned at the Jane Lee School of

Dance. The girls are getting ready for their annual recital which will be held May 19 at the Bryan Civic Auditorium.

Photo by PAM BALDWIN

Doctors say French scientist has found cause of AIDS virus

United Press International
ATLANTA — Doctors at the Centers for Disease Control said Sunday they believe a French scientist has discovered the virus that causes AIDS and the discovery could lead to a vaccine against the deadly disease.

Dr. James O. Mason, the chief of the federal health agency, called the discovery a "significant breakthrough. It is an exciting development."

Mason said the discovery could eventually lead to development of a vaccine against AIDS, but that such a vaccine could take many years to make.

He said the more immediate effects of the discovery may be development of a diagnostic test for AIDS and a test to help in prevention.

Mason explained that a test might be developed to screen

AIDS-contaminated blood before it is transfused to patients.

The virus found last year by scientists at the Pasteur Institute in Paris is called "LAV," for lymphadenopathy-associated virus. The viral family to which it belongs has been the leading candidate as the cause of AIDS for a year.

"There are developments that strengthen what had been the most promising lead for some time," said CDC spokesman Bob Alden.

Recent findings by researchers in Paris, as well as information provided by scientists at the CDC and at the National Institutes of Health in Maryland have strengthened health officials' belief that LAV is the cause.

Alden said both Mason and Dr. Donald Francis, the coordinator of AIDS laboratory activ-

ities, "are not positive, but are pretty well convinced" the virus causes AIDS.

"We cannot know for sure that the LAV virus is the one that causes AIDS, but the pattern it follows in the human body makes us believe it," Mason said, adding more research is needed to confirm the findings.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome attacks the immune system, allowing life-threatening complications to set in. The death rate for people with the disease has been about 40 percent.

The people most likely to contract the disease are homosexuals and bisexuals, intravenous drug abusers, and hemophiliacs.

AIDS was first reported in the United States in mid-1981.



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Police looking for three men

United Press International
DALLAS — Police Sunday were seeking three men who tied up a gun shop owner and virtually stripped the store of merchandise.

Investigator Albert Strebeck said Chuck Gibson, 26, co-owner of Graves Gun Shop, told him he was preparing

spend the night at the store when he went to the back door at about 11:11 p.m. to place his German Shepherd guard dog in its pen.

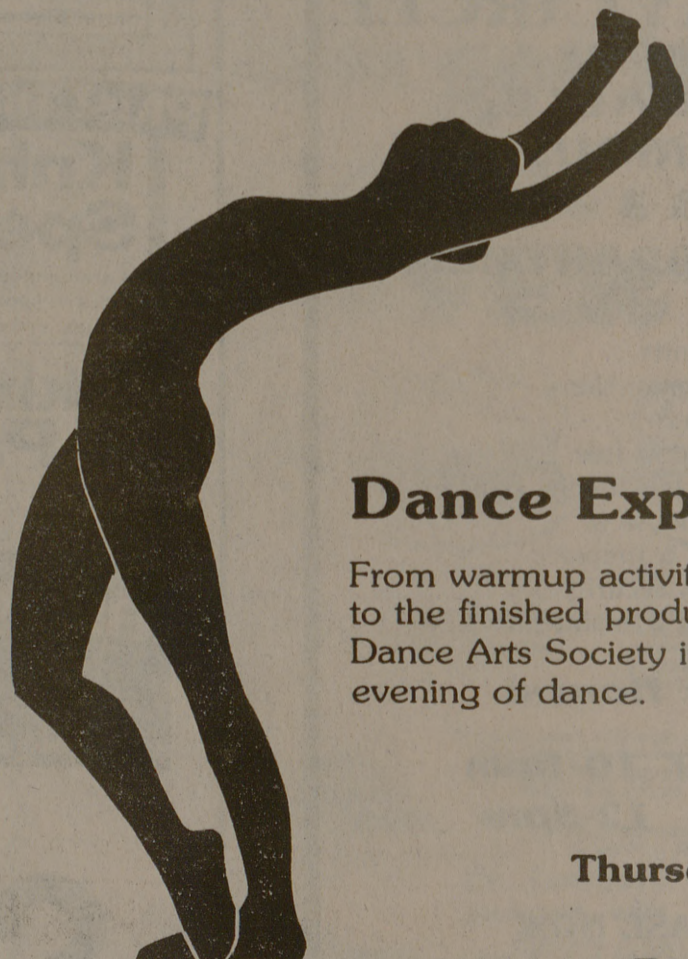
He was jumped at the door by three men and led back inside, Strebeck said.

Gibson told investigators the men tied him to a bed then took

their time in removing shotguns, rifles and automatic weapons from the store.

Gibson was finally rescued when his partner telephoned the shop to wake Gibson up. Gibson, got no answer, went to the store to check, Strebeck said.

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