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Player's murder shocks soccer fans

By Stacey Fehlis
THE BATTALION

After the murder of Colombian soccer player Andres Escobar, sports fans are finding that a little friendly competition can be taken too far.

Thousands of mourners attended the funeral of the Colombian player on Sunday. He was shot early Saturday in an apparent retaliation for a goal he accidentally scored against his own team during Colombia's World Cup match with the United States.

This shooting is similar to a 1993 incident in Hamburg, Germany, where tennis star Monica Seles was stabbed at a tournament by a fan of Germany's Steffi Graf.

These acts of violence have shocked the sports community and beyond.

Don Albrecht, an A&M associate professor of sociology, said these acts are an indication of how serious sports are taken by some fans.

"It was obvious by the World Cup that this was not just a game, but a matter of national pride," he said. "You are heroes if you win and losers if you don't."

Jeff Hird, a psychology intern at A&M's

Student Counseling Service, compared international sports to war.

"When two countries are in competition, fans identify with their team just as they would with their army," he said. "When the team suffers a defeat, the fans feel the loss as well."

—Jeff Hird, psychology intern, A&M Counseling Service

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Brandon Ward, an A&M football player, said fans have gone too far, and violence has no place in sports.

"Although there is always a lot of pressure on players here to represent their team and uphold their school pride, when it comes down to it, it is just a game," he said.

Luis Angel, a senior agriculture engineering major from Colombia, said even though people in his country are big sports fans, Es-

cobar was killed not because he made a mistake, but because of a bet on Colombia's expected win.

"Millions of dollars were riding on that game, and if the bet had been that Colombia would lose and Escobar scored the winning point, the outcome would have probably been the same," he said. "It is like killing the horse you bet on when your money is lost."

Angel said Escobar was a respected person and a good athlete. He said the majority of people in Colombia were not outraged that he scored the goal for the United States.

"This was not a crime of a fan's passion," he said. "There has been a case of someone having a heart attack during a sporting event — that's passion."

"This had to do with money," Angel said.

Shelley Claussen, a junior agriculture economics major, said she still believes too much emphasis is placed on winning in sports.

"Even when I played sports in high school, our motto was 'Winning — it is more than just a game,'" she said. "But the important thing to remember is sports have to do with talent, sportsmanship and team work, not just winning."



Helping a teammate
Faye Comingore comforts Andrea Paxton, whose knee was injured when she was tackled during rugby practice Wednesday. Both are members of the Texas A&M women's rugby team.

Teen-age offenders face adult courts

HOUSTON (AP) — More Harris County juvenile offenders are finding themselves treated as adult defendants.

Statistics from the Harris County District Attorney's Office show the number of requests to certify youths as adults jumped from 10 cases in all of 1988 to 102 in just the first half of 1994.

"They're apt to do things irrationally that adults wouldn't do," said Robert Baum, a state district judge who sits in one of the three juvenile courts. "The public has had it with juvenile offenders."

Chief juvenile prosecutor Elizabeth Godwin said Harris County now has three assistant district attorneys who work exclusively on obtaining so-called "certifications" for violent teenagers, ages 15 and 16.

In 1988, certifications were sought primarily for teen-agers who committed very serious crimes — usually murder — and had criminal records that included a trip to a Texas Youth Commission facility.

Now, a teen-ager's prior history is a secondary consideration, and the offense may be dealing drugs or committing a robbery where no weapon was fired.

The process also has become faster. Today, a case may arrive in one of Harris County's three juvenile courts, where a judge is asked to send the youth to adult court for prosecution, within 30 days of the time certification is sought.

But while prosecutors are increasing their attempts to obtain harsher punishments for violent juveniles, efforts are under way in the Legislature that could bring on major changes in the juvenile process.

Environment plays role in birth defects

Study shows that home, workplace affect risks

BOSTON (AP) — A study of more than 370,000 mothers provides some of the strongest evidence yet that where people live and work powerfully affects the risk of birth defects.

The study, conducted in Norway, followed women who gave birth to a defective child.

Not surprisingly, it found that they face a high risk of producing a second child with the same birth defect.

However, the study also discovered that the risk is cut in half if the mother moves to another town.

This suggests some environmental factors are at work in triggering birth defects and are more important than experts had suspected.

Dr. Allen J. Wilcox, a co-author of the study and a researcher at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in Research Triangle Park, N.C., said the study could not tease out the precise environmental hazards that contribute to birth defects.

"Moving changes a lot of things in your life," he said. "But it suggests there may be certain factors linked to the household or related to a job change. It can only give us the barest kinds of leads."

More than 150,000 babies are born with serious birth defects in the United States each year.

In about two-thirds of the cases, the causes of the defects are a mystery.

Most of the known causes of birth defects are specific genetic mutations.

Other causes include alcohol abuse, poor diets and some medicines and chemicals, such as mercury.

However, experts have long suspected that genetic tendencies and environmental hazards are involved in many more cases.

One leading theory holds that some unidentified environmental substances are harmless to most people but can trigger birth defects in those who have a genetic susceptibility.

"This clearly leads us to con-

clusions about the importance of environmental factors," said Kay Johnson, policy director at the March of Dimes.

The study was directed by Dr. Rolv Terje Lie of the University of Bergen in Norway and published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

It was based on the records of first and second infants delivered by 371,933 women from 1967 through 1989.

For the 9,192 women whose first babies had a birth defect, the researchers determined the risk of defects in the second baby.

This was compared with the risk in women whose first babies were normal. Overall, 2.5 percent of the first babies had birth defects.

The study "implies that there may be some agents out there that large numbers of people are exposed to — and maybe not in terribly high doses — that may have an effect on reproductive outcomes," commented Dr. James Hanson, director of the University of Iowa's Institute for Health, Behavior and Environmental Policy.

Birth defects
A study of more than 370,000 mothers shows that some environmental factors trigger birth defects and are more important than experts had suspected.

- Women who had given birth to one defective baby faced nearly seven times the usual risk of producing a second child with the same defect.
- Among women who continued to live in the same town, the risk of a second baby with the same defect was 12 times higher than usual. But if they moved, risk fell to five times higher.
- When these women changed partners after their first defective child, their risk of producing a second baby with a defect fell slightly.

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