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Lillian Gish dies at 99; in films for 75 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Lillian Gish, a fragile-looking but resilient actress whose career stretched from the silent era to the television age, has died at age 99.

Gish, one of the last surviving stars of silent film, died in her sleep Saturday night at her Manhattan home, said James Frasher, her manager for the last 25 years.

"She was film. Film started in 1893, and so did she," Frasher said.

Her film career spanned more than 100 films over 75 years, starting with one- and two-reelers in 1912 and ending with 1987's "The

Whales of August." Even earlier, she was a child stage actress.

"She was the best," said Mike Kaplan, who produced "The Whales of August."

"Her performance with Bette Davis in that film was the final great role of one of the greatest actresses ever to grace the screen."

Her death was one of two reported yesterday involving Hollywood's golden past. Ruby Keeler, star of such Busby Berkeley musicals in the 1930s as "42nd Street," died yesterday at her home in Cal-



1987 AP photo
Actress Lillian Gish

Bomb under trade center likely dynamite, police say

By Robert D. McFadden
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NEW YORK — The bomb that devastated the garage under the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan on Friday apparently was made of conventional dynamite, available at many construction sites, and not a tightly controlled military material like the plastic explosive favored by terrorists, law enforcement officials said last night.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they were not certain that dynamite was the explosive, but they said it was probable, given the discovery of traces of nitrate, an ingredient of dynamite, in the rubble. They said there were no traces of chemicals associated with plastic explosives.

The clue came as James Fox, the FBI's top official in New York, confirmed what many had suspected

since Friday's explosion: that it had been a bomb. But mystery still shrouds the identity and motives of those behind the blast that killed five people, injured 1,000 others and rocked the city's largest building complex.

Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly disclosed last night that investigators believed there was more than one bomber involved. "At this point, the thinking is that there is more than one person," he said. He did not elaborate. He also said it was possible that a disgruntled former employee of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the owner of the trade center, had been behind the bombing.

With conspiracy or terrorism among the possible explanations, officials also disclosed that security experts had warned the Port Authority in 1985 that the underground garage was vulnerable to a terrorist at-

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Rainy rodeo



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Marjorie Borodain, left, and Mary Schaefer try to keep dry during a hailstorm at the 68th La Fiesta de los Vaqueros at the Tucson Rodeo Grounds. Most of the crowd stayed through the rain yesterday, the final day of competition. See story, Page 1C.

4 U.S. agents, 2 cultists die in Texas gunfire

15 federal officers are wounded in shoot-outs at Waco compound

By Charles Richards
The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Fierce gunbattles erupted yesterday as more than 100 law officers tried to arrest the leader of a heavily armed religious cult. At least four federal agents and two cult members were reported killed.

At least 15 agents were wounded in a 45-minute shoot-out at the isolated compound of the Branch Davidians' sect about 10 miles east of Waco, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms reported. Several sect members were also wounded, officials said.

Sect leader Vernon Howell, who

also is known as David Koresh, said in an interview with Cable News Network that a 2-year-old child was among those killed, but the bureau didn't immediately confirm that. Howell, who sounded as though he were in pain, said he was among the wounded.

Meanwhile, four children were released from the compound late yesterday, the bureau said.

The gunbattles began when federal agents hidden in livestock trailers stormed the main home of the sect yesterday morning, witnesses said. The agents had warrants to search for guns and explosives and

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U.S. airdrops in Bosnia encounter no hostile fire

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The U.S. military launched its humanitarian relief effort in besieged eastern Bosnia yesterday, dropping tons of food and medical supplies under cover of darkness.

The three U.S. C-130 Hercules transport planes returned to Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany early today, and pilot Lt. Col. Larry Radov said the mission encountered no hostile fire. The planes cut their lights during the supply drop.

The mission marks the U.S. military's most direct involvement in Bosnia, where an estimated 100,000 people have been killed or are missing after a year of ethnic warfare.

Each plane unloaded nine 1,550-pound food crates plus one 760-pound crate of medical supplies.

Hours before, ham radio operators in the beleaguered eastern town of Cerska has been issuing urgent reports that rebel Serbs had overrun

seven surrounding villages.

In another development, The Observer newspaper reported in London that Russia has agreed to supply \$360 million worth of arms, including sophisticated missiles, to Serbia and Serb-controlled areas of Bosnia and Croatia. Such an agreement would violate a U.N. arms embargo.

The airdrop mission aims mostly to help Muslims suffering from cold and hunger in enclaves almost entirely cut off from relief for months, but the airdrops will also provide aid for Serbs and Croats.

The aerial aid mission signals greater U.S. involvement in the warring Balkans. A 19-member U.S. government team arrived in Zagreb, Croatia, yesterday. It will spread out across Bosnia to identify shortfalls in aid deliveries, a U.S. Embassy statement said.

Two C-130 planes returned early

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Secondhand-smoke report spurs puffing bans

By Paul Raeburn
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A government report linking secondhand cigarette smoke to lung cancer and children's diseases has triggered a surge in smoking restrictions across America — from a delicatessen in Denver to state offices in tobacco-growing Kentucky.

The study, released Jan. 7 by the Environmental Protection Agency, blamed secondhand smoke for 300,000 cases of bronchitis, pneumonia and other ailments in infants and 3,000 deaths of non-smokers each year from lung cancer.

Momentum for smoking restrictions grew in February, when first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton banned smoking in the White House, and McDonald's said 40 of its nearly 9,000 fast-food restaurants would become smoke-free.

The report has already boosted efforts to re-

AT A GLANCE

Some smoking restrictions established or considered in the wake of the Environmental Protection Agency report condemning secondhand smoke:

- A utility company in New Jersey has banned smoking in offices and vehicles.
- Governors in California, Kentucky and Ohio have banned most smoking in state buildings.
- Legislatures in various states are considering moves to toughen smoking restrictions, including eliminating smoking in schools and other public places.

strict smoking, and restaurant owners and government officials say even tighter restrictions are on the way.

"That (report) was the icing on the cake for me," said Chuck Fischel of Denver, who has just declared his Gaylord's Deli smoke-free. "I get a lot of kids in here, and that part about being dangerous to kids had a big impact."

"We got a copy of the report summary and it scared the heck out of us," said Jim Bomm, manager of two Jake's restaurants in suburban Milwaukee. By the end of January, Bomm banned smoking in both restaurants.

"We thought it was unconscionable to allow it to go on," he said. "The EPA report was a blessing. We latched on to it" as justification for the ban.

Restaurants have been hesitant to ban smoking, for fear of losing business from smokers. But at Bomm's restaurants, business increased after the ban.

In New Jersey, Public Service Electric and

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4 gunmen rob Naco-area couple of \$10,000 in cash, jewelry

By Ignacio Ibarra
The Arizona Daily Star

NACO — Four armed men wearing ski masks broke into a ranch house north of town Saturday night and tied up its two occupants at gunpoint, before escaping with money, jewelry and the couple's pickup, police said.

Don Rozzano, 60, and his wife, Mary, 59, told Cochise County Sheriff's Department investigators that the men broke into Hull Ranch at about 11 p.m., said department spokeswoman Carol Capas. They entered by breaking a window in the garage.

The four men wore dark clothes and ski masks, and two were armed with rifles, Capas said. One of the weapons was described as an AK-47 assault rifle, she said.

The Rozzanos were unharmed but were threatened while they were tied, Capas said. Don Rozzano was tied with a sheet and belt, and Mary Rozzano was bound with duct tape, Capas said.

The four men made off with cash and jewelry worth about \$10,000, and a .22-caliber rifle, she said.

Their 1992 Nissan pickup was found later at the eastern edge of the town, near a hole in the international boundary with Mexico. No other property was recovered.

Saturday's incident was the second armed robbery at a Naco-area home in the last two months.

On Jan. 11, Victor Lee Grover, who lives in the Naco Estates subdivision west of town, reported that three armed men broke into his home

and tied him up with an extension cord, then held him at gunpoint while they ransacked his home.

Both Naco-area incidents resemble a third reported by John McDonald of Palomina in July. In that case, McDonald was rushed by several armed men while working in his back yard, then tied up with a garden hose while thieves looted the house.

Each robbery occurred between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. in sparsely populated areas. And in each case, the stolen property was loaded into the victim's truck, which was then driven away by the thieves. Grover's truck and McDonald's truck were not recovered.

Sheriff John Pinteak said the latest robbery comes in the wake of increased patrols and en-

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WEATHER
Slightly warmer. Today is expected to be partly cloudy, breezy at times and a little warmer with a slight chance of morning showers. Look for a high around 60 degrees. Fair tonight with an overnight low in the upper 30s. Yesterday's high was 56, and the low 42. Details on Page 9A.

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Dam flow slows. Water flows from the Painted Rock Dam into the swollen Gila River may have peaked, an Army Corps of Engineers spokesman says. That's good news for Yuma County residents downstream from the dam who have been preparing for the worst. Page 1B.

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