

# Lawyers Stage Fight For Life of Inmate

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Death row inmate Arthur Martin Boyd Jr.'s attorneys petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to appeal the state's latest denial for an execution stay.

Boyd, 53, is scheduled to die by lethal injection at 2 a.m. Thursday at Central Prison in Raleigh. He was sentenced to death for the 1983 stabbing of his former girlfriend, Wanda Phillips Hartman. James Glover, Boyd's attorney, said the petition dealt with alleged injustice surrounding the case.

"It all comes down to a simple point," he said. "The jury decided that he should die before hearing all the facts."

Glover attacked the judge in the case for refusing to allow jurors to hear the testimony of a key witness.

John Humphrey, a sociology professor at UNC-Greensboro who interviewed Boyd prior to the trial, was prepared to testify as to the instability of Boyd's mind at the time of the murder.

Boyd stabbed his former girlfriend 37 times in front of her mother and then 8-year-old daughter outside Mayberry Shopping Mall in Mt. Airy.

But his lawyers have argued that Boyd deserves leniency because he was intoxicated when he committed the crime and suffered from several debilitating mental illnesses.

"Despite the lawyers' claims, N.C.

Rep. Samuel Ellis, R-Wake, said he supported the death penalty in most cases. "I support the death penalty, even if evidence is sometimes later found to prove innocence. (It's either that) or you have to surrender and have no punishments."

At a clemency hearing Tuesday, Gov. Jim Hunt met with prosecutors, members of the victim's family and anti-death penalty advocates such as Stephen Dear, executive director of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty.

"Arthur Boyd's case is another case of the haphazard application of the death penalty," Dear said.

He said Boyd's intoxication at the time of the murder and disturbing childhood memories were overlooked.

"All we're doing is disposing of him," Dear said. "Treating him like waste."

During the trial, Boyd's lawyers documented that his mother sniffed gasoline while pregnant, causing damage to his nervous system. Boyd has been diagnosed with schizophrenia, alcoholism and drug addictions.

In literature released by People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, Boyd's mother was quoted as saying: "He's the only child I've got. He's got children," she said. "Please do all you can to help my son. I love my boy."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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# Committee Acknowledges East Timor's Independence

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Just 16 months after authoritarian President Suharto was forced from power, Indonesia's legislature delivered Wednesday what could be a crushing blow to his hand-picked successor.

In a session that dragged from Tuesday into the early hours of Wednesday, the 700-member People's Consultative Assembly narrowly rejected President B.J. Habibie's speech defending his brief tenure as leader of the world's fourth most populous country.

The assembly also voted to recognize East Timor's vote for independence, paving the way for the half-island territory to become the world's newest nation.

After the votes, supporters of Habibie's rival for the presidency,

Megawati Sukarnoputri, marched jubilantly through the streets of the capital, Jakarta.

"It's the voice of the people. I'm really proud that the assembly members listened to the people's aspirations," said one reveler, Mohammad Hussein.

The assembly was to reconvene later Wednesday to choose Indonesia's next president in its continuing transition to democracy after Suharto's 32-year reign.

"Habibie's nomination for the presidency has been wrecked," said Amien Rais, the assembly's reformist chairman.

Despite Habibie's public humiliation, it was not immediately clear whether he would withdraw from the presidential race.

Officials from the ruling Golkar Party were to meet Wednesday to decide whether or not to keep him as their nominee.

## SPEAKERS

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cern about students participating in the upcoming Nike Women's Safe Night Run who were unaware of the company's actions.

"The students working on (the run) are to be commended," Pugatch said. "But it's unfortunate that Nike is sponsoring it. They're into empowerment in the United States for their consumers, but they don't promote safety in other countries."

Although Bissell emphasized the significant role student activists play, he suggested that activists take their cues "from the organizations legitimately representing the workers."

"We could view Haryanto's case as an injustice, which it is," Bissell said. "We could view Haryanto as a victim, which, in light of his injury, he is. I suggest we look at Haryanto in another way — as a person who is taking control of his life and mobilizing other workers."

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Fox listed several startling statistics about domestic violence in North Carolina during his speech.

He said 586 women were murdered in North Carolina from 1991 to 1993. Of the 586 victims, 66 percent were killed by a current or former partner. Eighty-three percent of these women were threatened and 90 percent were stalked, had their property damaged or had their families threatened by their partner.

Fox said the legal system was taking measures to prevent domestic violence.

"If a victim of domestic violence takes out a warrant, we will not recall it

for any reason, even if she changes her mind," he said.

Many victims of domestic violence do not realize that they are being abused, said attorney Deborah Van Dyken. She said some victims thought of domestic violence as a ritual.

"One victim said, 'Every Sunday we get fried chicken and a beating,'" Van Dyken said.

Fox said everyone was responsible for stopping domestic violence.

"We cannot listen to domestic violence in an apartment or a townhouse and think, 'It's just between those folks.'"

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## LEGISLATORS

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specific dollar amount from Congress, but we also need to know how they intend to use the money."

Lamme said that both Democratic and GOP lawmakers wanted to work together to prevent disagreements.

"Hopefully (the funding solution) will be bipartisan," he said. "I don't think disaster relief is a partisan issue."

Joel Raupe, assistant to N.C. Senate minority leader Patrick Balantine, also stressed that any definitive action awaited Congress' response to the proposal.

Raupe said Department of Public Works projects, which the special session could fund, were a creative way to prevent future disasters. "Experts are considering surveying the Neuse and Tar Rivers for the possibility of flood control," he said. "From past experience on other rivers, it's been very successful and a boon to the economy."

Temporary tax increases were another possible means of fundraising currently under consideration. Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said his district would help, but he thought the additional taxes would be unnecessary.

Regardless of the money's source, major funds would be necessary before eastern North Carolina could recover from recent flooding, Hunt said.

Farmers in particular are experiencing setbacks due to the extensive agricultural damage, said Stephen Woodson, associate general counsel for the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation.

"(Farmers) have crop losses, damage to buildings and property and contamination from water washing onto land," Woodson said. But he said they did not need loans. "Most farmers in eastern N.C. are already in debt," he said. "They need grants, technical assistance and cost shares for buying equipment."

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## SWEATSHOPS

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versities to adopt WRC," Pugatch said. SEJ planned a 24-hour "Sweat-In" where they will set up a makeshift sweatshop as a first step in raising awareness, he said.

Other universities planned activities including a rally against FLA at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Brown University will also hold a sweatshop fashion show.

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## SPORTS SHORTS

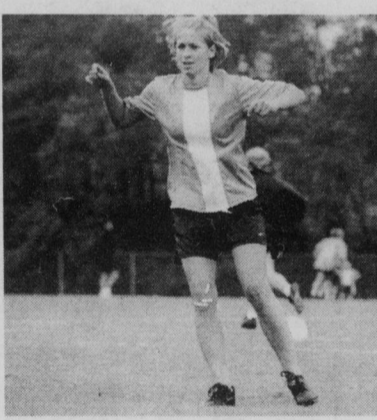
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