AGJR 203 – Major Assignment 1 – Leads

Instructions: Select at least one of the following four fact sets and write two print leads. This assignment is due on 6/13, by 5 p.m.

NOTE: You can write up to four leads. I will grade all four leads and give you credit for the best two leads. Remember to use AP Style and appropriate format. You may use your notes, your book or any other materials you deem helpful.

Fact Set 1
A survey was released yesterday by the Child Abuse Prevention Center in Baltimore. The survey shows that three to four children die every day in the United States from child abuse or neglect. Statistics in the survey show that the number of child abuse or neglect cases reported at the end of this year rose to 2.7 million, from 2.5 million the previous year. More than half of the children who died were under age 1. Seventy-nine percent of the deaths were among children under age 5.

Fact Set 2
Police in Santa Ana, Calif., reported that a Santa Ana woman was charged with attempted murder yesterday. She was being held in the Orange County jail after being unable to post $250,000 bond. Police said the woman, June Carter, 71, doused her husband, who was confined to a wheelchair and had cancer, with rubbing alcohol and set him on fire. Police said she was angry because he ate her chocolate Easter bunny. She called paramedics six hours after the attack on her husband. Paul Carter, 62, was taken to the University of California Irvine Burn Center with third-degree burns, police said.

Fact Set 3
Bryan police reported the following: A delivery driver for a Chinese food restaurant was taking food to an apartment in Bryan yesterday. The apartment complex was at 718 S.W. Western Ave. The driver was robbed of the Chinese food at gunpoint. The driver works for The Great Wall of China Restaurant at 1326 S.W. 17th St. A man opened the outside security door for him to let him in and then the man disappeared. A short time later, the man returned and pointed a gun at the delivery driver. The man threatened to kill the driver unless he handed over the food. The driver gave it to him and ran out of the apartment building. Police weren’t sure what specific food dishes the driver was carrying.

Fact Set 4
A fire in College Station caused $45,000 in damages to a two-bedroom home in the 2300 block of Walton Street. Fire officials said the fire was started by a lighted cigarette on a sofa. Firefighters arrived in the house at 3:30 a.m. and found it on fire. They had the blaze under control in five minutes. The homeowner, Kathy Mahoney, was awakened by the smoke and flames. She suffered minor burns on her hand and feet.

Please contact me if you have any questions.