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VICTORY!

Carpenter elected moderator

CINCINNATI (AP) — A church elder and retired journalist from Texas was elected moderator Sunday of the 207th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Marj Carpenter, 68, received 59 percent of the vote. Moderator of the assembly is the highest elected office in the denomination.

Carpenter, an elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring, Texas, said she hoped to help lead the church by keeping it simple.

"I'll tell you what — we can do great things together in this denomination if we can get back to basics," Carpenter said. "We

argue too much about individual issues like homosexuality. The church needs to get centered around its mission."

Thomas A. Erickson, 61, a pastor of Valley Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, Ariz., received 28 percent of the vote. Richard J. Milford, 66, a pastor of Grosse Ile Presbyterian Church in suburban Detroit, received 13 percent.

Jerry Van Marter, coordinator of news services for the Presbyterian Church, said Carpenter has met many individual members of the church while traveling. He said her popularity

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Local resident Marj Carpenter raises her hands in victory after being elected as moderator at the 207th Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly in Cincinnati Sunday.

New church moderator hits ground running

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

CINCINNATI — Marj Carpenter felt confident she would win Sunday's election for national moderator of the Presbyterian Church.

Still, she was pleased and relieved to learn she had won with 315 votes - 59 percent - on the first ballot.

"I'm only the fourth one, since the church was reorganized in Please see NEW, page 2

Weaver: Compromise key to Interstate 27 project

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Jim Weaver said Tuesday's Interstate 27 meeting in Lubbock should be about compromise and what's best for all of West Texas.

The chamber is still receiving commitments from members and local citizens planning to make the trip to support Big Spring's position as a possible corridor.

The purpose of the 7 p.m.

meeting at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center at 1501 Sixth Street is for the Texas Department of Transportation to hear public discussion and gain the public's input on the five corridors currently being considered by the TxDOT concerning the Interstate 27 Project. An open house will precede the meeting from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

According to the chamber, the TxDOT, using the data it has collected for the past six months, has identified five possible corridors; three south of Lubbock and two north of Amarillo. Big Spring is one of

these proposed corridors. Midland and Sweetwater are also being considered.

According to TxDOT, it is premature to discuss roadway locations because the number of possible corridors means several route alignments will have to be examined.

The meeting is also important because TxDOT states community and agency involvement will be key elements in their determinations.

Weaver said he thinks the primary issues will be the freeway, where it goes, and the three corridors south of Lubbock.

"Personally, I think we should get rid of the freeway issue because the best interest of West Texas is in the three southerly corridors," Weaver said. "A freeway will be based purely on politics."

He added people have the misconception that this whole issue is about building a freeway, when in actuality it is about bringing a four lane highway up to freeway standards.

According to Weaver, communities like Big Spring have to worry about being bypassed.

"I would rather take a compromise approach and have the

three corridors run through Big Spring/San Angelo, Midland/Odessa, and from Lubbock to Roscoe and then south, which would benefit all of West Texas," Weaver said.

According to Weaver, the meeting is not about I-27, which has been an issue since the 1960s; it's about connecting Lubbock to Interstate 10.

Weaver added, "What Texas is doing now is looking at the best way to connect Lubbock to I-10, which would help Texas benefit more from the North American Free Trade Agreement."

As for Big Spring's position

Weaver said it would be better not to argue against proposals like that of Midland/Odessa, but focus on all three of the proposed southern corridors which would benefit all of West Texas.

The proposed Midland/Odessa route would run from Topolobampo on the west coast of Mexico through Chihuahua City, Ojinaga, Presidio, Fort Stockton, Midland/Odessa, Big Spring, Abilene, Fort Worth, and Dallas.

Midland/Odessa officials also argue part of the proposed route would feed traffic north into Interstate 27.

Police seek suspects in robbery at gunpoint

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A 73-year-old man was robbed at gunpoint early Monday morning in the 200 block of West Second.

Reports say two men forced their way into the man's home on West Second shortly after midnight and demanded money from the victim. The suspects took \$14 in dollar bills and change before fleeing in a dark blue two-door sports car.

The first suspect is described as a black male, five foot six inches tall, weighing 135 pounds, 20 to 22 years of age and wearing dark clothing.

The second suspect is described as a 20-22 year old male, five foot nine inches tall and weighing 135 pounds and his race is unknown. He was also wearing dark colored clothes.

If you have any information about this incident, contact the police department or CrimeStoppers at 263-TIPS.



Rubble is all that remains of the back portion of the Dollar General store after a fire ravaged the building recently. Store officials say they will open a store by the end of August in the old Winn-Dixie building.

Dollar General Store to reopen

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The Dollar General Store will reopen at a new location by the end of the summer.

Store Director Bryan Blount says they are making plans to open a store in the old Winn-Dixie building. "We are going to reopen in a portion of the building and it will be bigger than the old store with a lot more variety," Blount said.

Blount hopes to have the store open by the end of August and have a grand opening the first part of September. He adds they are still looking into the possibility of opening a second store in the old Anthony's building at College Park.

The store on Lamesa Highway was gutted by fire June 30. Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles says a short in the air conditioner sparked the blaze that destroyed two-thirds of the building with-

in 45 minutes.

It took firefighters all day to battle the fire that destroyed \$250,000 worth of property and the building worth \$500,000.

Blount adds it will be up to the landlords to decide what to do with the building.

Laverne Hull said last week their plans are "in the air and things are still pending as to what we will do now." Hull and her husband owned the building.

Mitchell County seeks cool courthouse comfort

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — Mitchell County Commissioners' Court is seeking proposals for renovations to the air conditioning system on the third floor of the courthouse.

The current system has become less efficient with age, and commissioners are seeking a modular solution. In order to cool the north side of the third floor, the large district courtroom must be cooled, which causes the rest of the floor to be cold.

In other matters, commissioners approved specifications for sealcoating nine miles of county road, and will seek and advertise bids. They also approved the specs for construction of the state jail road.

The project will be a 450-foot concrete road, 24 feet wide and seven inches thick. Bids for both projects will be opened and awarded Aug. 4 at 9 a.m.

Commissioners approved changing responsibility for Ag Barn and rodeo grounds bookings from the county judge's office to the county extension agent's office.

Commissioners discussed vehicle registration fees, but decided to make no change in

the current rate of \$5 per vehicle. The county's portion of registration fees is used to finance the Road and Bridge fund.

Commissioners met with most department heads in preliminary budget workshops.

Martin County to eliminate ballot box

STANTON — Martin County Commissioners, in a July 10 meeting, approved elimination of ballot box number two. Precinct Two polling places will be consolidated in the Martin County Community Center.

The Commissioners' Court approved an amendment to the budget for \$3,080 to cover increased juvenile detention costs for the year.

A letter of intent to participate in the West Texas Library System automation project was approved; the project will buy a computer terminal, and the county will buy a printer.

Commissioners voted not to change vehicle registration fees at this time.

Election judges and alternates for the coming year were approved, and the Commissioners' Court approved payment of bills and officials' reports. Budget workshops are scheduled for August.

TEXAS TRIVIA

Commercially, what is the most important tree in Texas?

Pine

What county has produced the most oil in Texas?

Gregg

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight

90 ▲ Highs
66 ▼ Lows

Mostly cloudy

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. Low in the mid 60s.

Tuesday

Partly cloudy

Permian Basin Forecast
Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. High around 90.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high mid 90s; fair night, low mid 60s.

NEWS IN
BRIEF

State funding
pleases arts fans

DALLAS (AP) — Texas arts funding escaped the 1995 legislative budget ax, a cause for rejoicing among many of the state's arts and culture advocates, who are now casting about for supplementary financial support.

According to the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Texas will spend 18.5 cents per person a year on the arts. The national average is 99.14 cents.

Despite the bottom ranking, many arts advocates say public funding in Texas is in better shape than before. Now, they are looking to other financial sources to supplement state aid, such as special license plates.

Peter Fox of Austin, president of the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts, a statewide association of arts groups, said the recently adjourned legislative session was the "most pro-arts" in more than a decade.

Legislators "went into the session with the intent of no (new) taxes, and there was just no way to generate anything," Fox said.

Capitol renovation faces
political land mines

AUSTIN (AP) — State preservation officials face a potentially delicate decision as they decide whether the Texas Capitol grounds should be restored to past glory or designed to reflect the state's current diversity.

Fresh from a \$187.6 million refurbishing of the 107-year-old Capitol, the State Preservation Board is preparing a \$3.5 million project to recondition the 22 acres surrounding the building.

Among the decisions they face are whether to: reserve space for two privately funded monuments honoring minorities and women; buy back the iron gates that graced the Capitol approaches in 1886; revert to an emphasis on colorful floral landscaping; and remove a large fountain dedicated in 1976 through a \$75,000 donation from the Texas Association of Realtors.

The Legislature created the State Preservation Board in 1983 to "preserve, maintain and restore" the Capitol and its grounds. The board consists of Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, House Speaker Pete Laney, two legislators and one citizen.

Anti-nuisance law
fights crime dens

DALLAS (AP) — Fort Worth police are using an obscure state law to shut down festering crime dens.

Since 1991, Fort Worth police and the Texas attorney general's office have joined forces in using the old "red light" district law against nearly 20 businesses that tolerate lawbreakers on their premises.

Although several Texas cities use state attorneys to prosecute businesses identified as crime "hot spots," more than a quarter of their public nuisance cases are filed in Fort Worth.

"They're our No. 1 client," said Ward Tisdale, a spokesman for the state attorney general's office.

Some larger Texas cities, including Dallas, have their own nuisance abatement teams that use a combination of police, city attorneys and code enforcement officers to push problem businesses to clean up or close down.

No Lotto winner from
Sunday's drawing

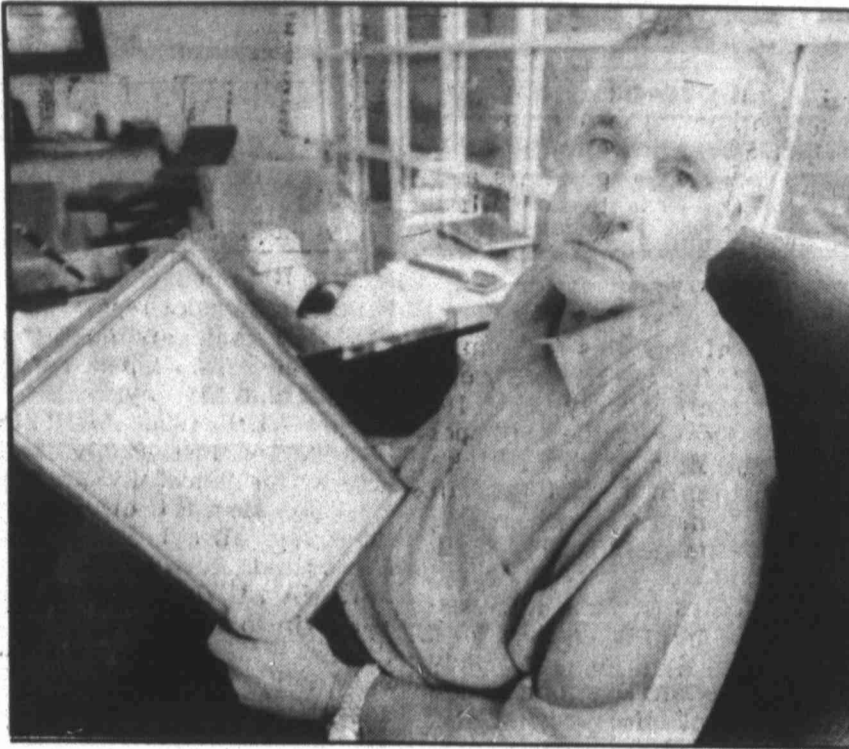
No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket had been worth an estimated \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 4-9-27-31-33-45.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$16 million.

Davidian
scripture
haunts
lawyer



Attorney Ronald Krist holds a framed Bible page in Clear Lake City that he found following the fire at the Branch Davidian compound.

AUSTIN (AP) — For a Houston attorney, the inferno at the Branch Davidian compound outside Waco provided a "peek into hell" and an unusual and provocative memento.

"It was one of the weirdest experiences of my life," says Ronald Krist, a member of the Public Safety Commission that sets policy for the Texas Rangers and other state law enforcement agencies.

Davidian leader David Koresh and 80 of his followers died in the blaze, and congressional hearings into the disaster begin this week in Washington.

On April 20, 1993, a day after the 51-day standoff ended, Krist flew to Waco to view the ruins of Mount Carmel with Robert Holt, a fellow member of the commission.

"It was just like a peek into hell. It was the worst thing I've seen in my life," Krist said. It was almost beyond description. ... I'll never forget it as long as I live."

Krist volunteered no conclusions on the tragedy nor views on the hearings that begin Wednesday in two House committees. But this is his recollection of the death scene and his "incredibly ironic" discovery two years ago:

Charred remains, in "grotesque, deformed configurations," lay around with holes in what had been peoples' chests.

Smoldering bean cans exploded from time to time, startling and scaring everyone.

As Krist stood there, a piece of paper fluttered at his feet. He picked it up, thinking it would be a memento of the scene and the "enormity of this case."

The charred piece of paper was a page from the Bible, the book of Ezekiel, and was captioned "Wicked Leaders," Krist said.

He could not read the scorched paper well, but later looked up the full passage.

"I could not believe that out of the thousands of pages and passages in the Bible it could be such an apropos thing," he said.

It said: "And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife, and another has lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law. And another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter.

"In you they have taken

bribes to shed blood; you have taken interest and profits, and you have injured your neighbors for gain by oppression, and you have forgotten Me," declares the Lord God.

"Behold, then, I smite My hand at your dishonest gain which you have acquired and at the bloodshed which is among you. ..."

As he read on, Krist said, his chill bumps got bigger.

"As they gather silver and bronze and iron and lead and tin into the furnace to blow fire on it in order to melt it, so shall I gather you in My anger and in My wrath, and I shall lay there and melt you.

"And I shall gather you and blow on you with the fire of my wrath and you will be melted in the midst of it.

"As silver is melted in the furnace, so will you be melted in the midst of it, and you will know that I, the Lord, have poured out my wrath on you."

Jail cells for rent statewide

FORT WORTH (AP) — Prisoners wanted. County jails statewide are offering cell space for rent in the hope of finding paying customers to fill rapidly emptying cells.

At stake are multimillion-dollar contracts with states from Utah to Virginia, whose jails are bulging with prisoners.

"I get letters daily from all over Texas," said Ben Griego, director of offender services for the Colorado Department of Corrections. "Texas, right now, is the only state in the nation that has beds to rent.

One year ago, jails across the state were overflowing with

prisoners, many of whom had to sleep on floors. But Texas has completed a two-year, \$265 million jail building program that expanded state prison space from 75,000 beds to 146,000.

In the past two months, Texas prison officials have moved 18,000 inmates to state prisons from the county jails where they had been backlogged, said Larry Todd, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman.

"They recognize the loss of revenue from the state, and county commissioners want to do something to make up for that loss, especially those who

have built new jails," Todd said. The state paid counties \$246.5 million to house 46 inmates in fiscal 1994 and has spent \$390 million so far in fiscal 1995. That money stops Aug. 31, Todd said.

"We have no budget for paying the counties for fiscal year '96," he said.

With the loss of the state prisoner backlog, which generated almost \$70 million in state reimbursement since 1990, Tarrant County is looking to other states to make up that money, said Chief Deputy Zavala Swanson.

The inmate population in Tarrant County's four jails now stands at 83 percent of capacity.

Van crash kills
six, injures seven

AUSTIN (AP) — A church camp trip ended in tragedy when a teen group's van broadsided a pickup truck killing six people and injuring seven.

"What happened was a van carrying 11 people was traveling at a high rate of speed," said Austin Police Department spokeswoman Michele Walker.

Witnesses told police that the van went through a stop sign, hitting the truck broadside about 1 p.m. on Sunday near McKinney State Park.

Investigators believe the van overturned on impact. Some of the victims were flung from the van, while fire department workers had to remove others from the vehicle, Walker said.

The group of teens are believed to have been members of a non-denominational Christian church group called the Family. The group had been traveling from New Orleans to Laredo on an evangelical trip. The group stopped to camp at McKinney Falls State Park in Southeast Austin.

Christie Richards, spokeswoman for the "Family" in Houston, said, "I believe they were on a summer trip just seeing the sights. We like to do that with our teens during summer — take trips, see America."

Pronounced dead at the scene were: Precious Oehler, 15, of New Orleans; Nina Wickenheiser, 17, of Montreal, Canada; Victoria Korkahms, no age available, also believed to be of New Orleans; and a 16-year-old girl, whose name was not released pending notification of her family, said police spokeswoman Ann Taylor.

Rhonda L. Harris, 45, of Cedar Creek, whose birthday was Sunday and was a passenger in the truck, died later in the afternoon at Brackenridge Hospital. Katrina Oehler, 14, of New Orleans and sister to Precious Oehler, also died at the hospital, Taylor said.

"It was a difficult scene to work," said Jim Persons, a spokesman for Austin Emergency Medical Services. "Patients were stacked on top of each other, and there were additional patients under the van itself."

John Harris, 41, who had been driving the pickup, was in good condition Sunday evening at Brackenridge Hospital. Six others also remained hospitalized on Sunday. Their names were not immediately released, but two of the girls were in serious condition, two were in critical condition, one was in good condition and one was stable.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Scandal is not like bread: There is never any shortage."

African saying

Sticking with the FM designation good idea

It was one for the "Thank-goodness-they-changed-their-minds" files: Switching the Farm-to-Market designation to Urban Roads. Or, FM to

as un-Texan, as those who called to explain pointed out. Also, it would require a great many changes for businesses and residents to change their dress to reflect the new designation. Not forget the cost of changing all road signs.

Why change? It seems money was at the root of the change. There are 41,000 miles of farm-to-market roads in Texas eligible for \$25 million in repair funds. The problem was 1,582 miles of that is considered urban and couldn't dip into separate \$15 million expansion fund. To be able to have that money, the Texas Department of Transportation decided to designate Farm-to-Market roads as Urban Roads with the Legislature's approval.

There was a storm of protest about the change, enough so the department

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decided to freeze the change until August in hopes that the public storm of protest would die down.

At that point, a decision was made not to change the designation which was a good idea.

UR just doesn't sound right. FMs have been around Texas for a long time, reflecting the state's agricultural basis. The state is still agricultural even as urban areas have grown. And, the FMs are still mainly rural roads with portions passing through towns, such as FM 700.

Had the department gone though with this, we would no longer have FM 700. Instead we would have had UR 700.

It is good that FM 700 remains. UR 700 just sounds plain silly. The citizens are right; it is just not Texan.

Fifty years later, Trinity still evokes emotions



Members of Rainbow Nation and military police surround the monument marking the site of the first atomic explosion at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. The emotional fires ignited by the first atomic explosion still burn bright at the black monolith perpetually guarding "Ground Zero."

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — This blasted stretch of desert that was the birthplace of the Atomic Age breeds the emotions that are the legacy of the world's first nuclear explosion — sorrow, fear, anger, awe.

All could be heard Sunday in the voices of those who trekked across White Sands Missile Range to the black obelisk that marks "Ground Zero."

"I wept. I am a little troubled. I feel very sad," Dildar Gartenberg said shortly after reaching

the marker, where hundreds observed the 50th anniversary of The Bomb. The bomb exploded here July 16, 1945, at 5:29:45 a.m. Mountain War Time.

The anniversary drew a record 5,308 people, range spokesman Larry Furrow said late Sunday. The old record of 3,600 was set a few years back, Furrow said.

The protesters, who remained peaceful despite occasional shouting matches with other visitors, sang in an attempt to heal what they called the earth-

's first "atomic wound."

One man splashed a vial of red liquid on the monument. As authorities moved to clean it off, another protester shouted, "You can't wash the blood off. He merely made it visible."

Camouflage-clad military police on the Army-run base whisked the splasher away along with two other protesters who argued with officers, Furrow said.

Nobody was arrested, he said — they were merely escorted off the range.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Serbs push Muslim enclave near collapse

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — As the world dithered Sunday over how to protect U.N. "safe areas" in Bosnia, a relentless Serb artillery and tank assault pushed the isolated Muslim enclave of Zepa close to collapse.

Aid agencies, struggling to cope with a mass of human misery after the fall of the government-held pocket of Srebrenica, prepared for the possibility of thousands more refugees.

"The Serbs have the capability to overrun Zepa," said U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko. Serb forces, backed by tanks and mortar and artillery positions, were just one mile from the town.

Government forces tried desperately to beat back the assault. "Furious attacks on Zepa are continuing," said Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic. "Major battles are ongoing."

Republicans propose Medicare limits

NEW YORK (AP) — Republicans are proposing changes in Medicare that would impose spending limits and offer private health insurance as an alternative to elderly beneficiaries. The New York Times reported.

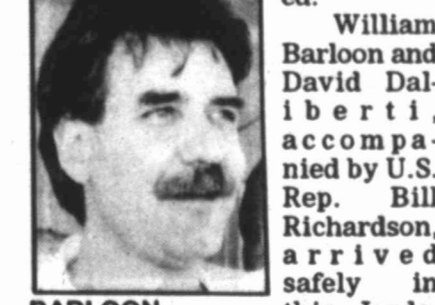
The proposals are contained in confidential documents drafted by Republicans in the House Ways and Means Committee.

Under the Republican plan, costs for Medicare beneficiaries who stay in the standard federal program would be increased. The government now pays separately for each doctor's visit and each hospital admission.

The Republicans propose Medicare beneficiaries be allowed to remain in the standard program, but that they be offered financial incentives to switch to health maintenance organizations.

Freed Americans arrive in Jordan

TREBIL, Jordan (AP) — Two American mechanics who spent four months in prison for entering Iraq illegally crossed a different border today — into Jordan, where freedom and flights home awaited.



BARLOON

William Barloon and David Daliberti, accompanied by U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson, arrived in this Jordanian border outpost this morning after a nighttime car journey from Baghdad, Iraq's capital.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein released them Sunday at Richardson's request — an action that the United States said was done with no strings attached.

"I feel very great — very good," a beaming Barloon said as he got out of an Iraqi-licensed car to enter the VIP lounge in Trebil. Daliberti stood next to him, saying only that it was "a great day."

Neither would discuss their four-month imprisonment, which worsened relations between the United States and Iraq, already abysmal since the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Richardson called the release "a humanitarian step that makes the atmosphere better for improving the relationship, which is still rocky, no question about it."

Barloon, 39, of New Hampton, Iowa, and Daliberti, 42, of Jacksonville, Fla., aircraft mechanics for U.S. firms in Kuwait, were arrested March 13 after Iraq said they entered its territory. The two said they strayed across the border accidentally while visiting friends at a U.N. post.

Saddam's decision to release them came despite a U.N. Security Council decision last week to extend trade sanctions against Iraq for another 60 days.

After their arrival this morning, the freed pair was whisked away in a U.S. Embassy car. Four other cars followed the gray Chevrolet as it sped toward Amman, the Jordanian capital, 185 miles to the west.

Their wives, who went to Baghdad in May in an unsuccessful attempt to win their release, were overjoyed.

"I never lost hope. I never got discouraged," Kathy Daliberti said Sunday from Jacksonville, Fla.

"At last it is over," said Linda Barloon.

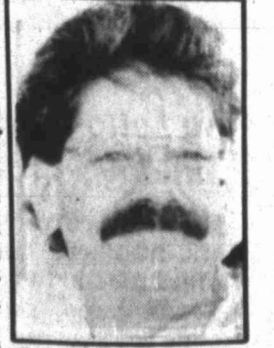
Richardson said Daliberti would accompany him to the United States later in the day, while Barloon had "other plans." Barloon's family lives in Kuwait, although his wife, Linda, was on business trip to Singapore when she learned of his release. Daliberti's family is in Florida.

White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn offered the Clinton administration's "best wishes for a joyful and long-overdue reunion."

The United States has remained committed to maintaining sanctions imposed after Saddam's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, and it has threatened to use its veto power against any proposed relaxation.

Saddam may be hoping his gesture will be rewarded with leniency at the next review of the embargo. Secretary of State Warren Christopher stressed that Richardson, D-N.M., did not "go as a presidential envoy." "He wasn't authorized to negotiate," Christopher said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

Richardson told The Boston Globe that Saddam decided "on the spot" during their meeting to release the men.



DALIBERTI



Simply too many alarms

There are too many alarms going off, and Americans are trying to heed any of them. Sociologists predict earthquakes that may or may not happen and about which we do nothing anyway.

When the alarm goes off, as in the case of the killer bees, as in the case of the killer diseases, as in the case of the killer junk food, as in the case of the killer turnips, as in the case of the killer... well, you get the idea.



Paul Harvey
Columnist

But are not both the president and Congress promising to defuse the bomb? They are.

President Bill Clinton says he can balance the budget in 10 years; Congress talks of doing it in seven.

But nobody is doing it! And history justifies anxiety.

The president, who promises to balance the budget in 10 years, told Larry King in June 1992 that he'd accomplish that objective in five years.

However, instead of presenting a balanced budget in 1993 — the year he took office — he increased our debt by \$253 billion.

Then, instead of presenting a balanced budget in 1994, he increased our debt another \$203 billion.

Then, instead of presenting a balanced budget for 1995, he proposed a budget that would increase our debt another \$320 billion.

Then, instead of promoting Congress' plan to balance the budget in seven years, he's threatening to veto it, claiming that that's going too fast!

Now, a full three years after Clinton promised to present a five-year plan to balance the budget, he is promising — oh, so promising — to balance the budget in 10.

If the situation were less dire, if the time bomb were not so big and so unstable, perhaps we could wait and see and hope and pray that this time — this time — something will be done. We must not wait.

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TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL Sunday Jackson 6, Midland 4

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Sorenstam's first win: U.S. Women's Open

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Sweden's Annika Sorenstam ran off three consecutive birdies and then survived a shaky finish Sunday, capturing the 50th U.S. Women's Open for her first career victory.

the fourth hole, shot a 2-under-par 68 for a one-stroke margin. Sorenstam had a 2-under 278 total on The Broadmoor Golf Club's East Course.

the day," Sorenstam said. "I went off today with the attitude that I had nothing to lose." Sorenstam, 24, the LPGA's rookie of the year in 1994, had three second-place finishes over the last two seasons, but never a victory.

279 total. Mallon began the day at 5-under and with a two-stroke lead over Julie Larsen. After Larsen bogeyed her first two holes, the margin was four.

Then disaster struck at the par-3 fourth, a 139-yard hole with a pond fronting the green. Mallon came up short, hit on the bank and trickled back into the water. She made a triple-bogey 6. Suddenly, shockingly, five players shared the lead at 1-under — Mallon, Larsen, Sorenstam, Pat Bradley and Betsy King.

King, who started the round eight strokes back, had mounted a thunderous charge, birdieing four of her first five holes to get to 1-under.

Snead sneaks by Nicklaus for win

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — J.C. Snead beat Jack Nicklaus on the first hole of a playoff in the Senior Players Championship on Sunday, making a curling 4-foot birdie putt after a 5-iron approach from 182 yards.

GOLF

want to move over it."

Tryba takes first PGA win

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (AP) — Ted Tryba won for the first time on the PGA Tour, shooting a 3-under-par 68 Sunday to capture the Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic by one stroke.

Tryba was tied with Jim Gallagher Jr. and Blaine McCallister when play began, just one shot off the lead. He took care of those five-time winners, then held off a last challenge by Scott Simpson.

Tryba's 12-under 272 total over the River Course of the Kingsmill Golf Club was worth \$198,000, more than twice his earnings total of \$90,869 coming into the event.

His best previous finish was a tie for third in the 1993 Walt Disney World-Oldsmobile Classic, and his best this year — in a four-high 23 events — was a tie for seventh in the Greater Greensboro Open in April.

Simpson's birdie on the par-3 17th coincided with Tryba's bogey on No. 16 to close a three-stroke gap to one shot.

EVERT INDUCTED



Former President George Bush, left, and Chris Evert laugh as Evert is inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame Sunday in Newport, R.I.

Jarrett coasts home to capture MGD 500

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Dale Jarrett used every drop of fuel to get within a half mile of victory, then coasted around the final turn and hung on to beat Jeff Gordon on Sunday in the Miller Genuine Draft 500.

RACING

"It ran out in the third turn," said Jarrett, who led by 10 car lengths entering the final half of the decisive lap at 2.5-mile Pocono International Raceway.

Andretti first in Toronto

TORONTO (AP) — All Michael Andretti needed to make himself well as a dose of the Toronto Molson Indy.

Andretti, mired in bad luck and bad results through the first 10 races of the season, out-dued Bobby Rahal Sunday to take his first victory since last year's race on Toronto's 1.78-mile, 11-turn temporary street circuit.

It was the fifth Toronto victory for Andretti, as well as the 30th career victory for the 33-year-old driver, the leading active race winner on the Indy-car circuit.

"I love this place," Andretti said. "My crew did a great job today on pit strategy. That's what won us the race."

Andretti, son of longtime racing star Mario Andretti, saw his lead over Rahal bounce between 2 1/2 seconds and one-tenth of a second over the last 30 laps of the 98-lap event.

SPORTSEXTRA

BASEBALL

American League

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for American League teams: Boston, Detroit, Baltimore, New York, Toronto.

National League

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Basketball's over, baseball's dead, the real sports season is just ahead

Now that basketball is over, let's have a brief refresher course on what America's real pastime is — football.

First, the Carolina Panthers will be a member of the NFC West with the San Francisco 49ers, New Orleans Saints, Atlanta Falcons, and the St. Louis Rams.



Second, the Jacksonville Jaguars will be a member of the AFC Central with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals, and Houston Oilers.

If the Bengals and Oilers have not done some serious homework in the offseason, the Jaguars could steal four games.

Now! Let's get rid of a little gridiron rust. If you're really out of it, you'll need to know instant replay is long gone, the officials wear black-and-white striped shirts and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were sold for a record \$190 million in the offseason.

Also, the Oakland Raiders are moving back to Oakland. That other city to the south never fit Al Davis' style anyway.

Remember this, the first game of the season, the AFC/NFC Hall of Fame Game in Canton, Ohio, will be July 29 between the NFL's newest franchises — Jacksonville and Carolina.

smart enough to realize that once you lose an NFL franchise, it's not that easy to get another one. Just ask St. Louis and now Los Angeles.

Never again will I pull for an overwhelming underdog like the San Diego Chargers in a Super Bowl.

Now that we're in a football frame of mind, remember you don't have to pull for the Cowboys or the 49ers — just enjoy the game of football.

SHOT OF THE DAY



TEXAS SPORTS

Rangers romp at Fenway Park

BOSTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers took three of four from the Boston Red Sox this weekend, including a 5-2 win Sunday night behind Juan Gonzalez's three-run homer.

Giants beat Astros in 14th

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — J.R. Phillips homered to lead off the 14th inning, giving the San Francisco Giants a 7-6 win over the Houston Astros Sunday.

NATION/WORLD

Unknown wins Hall of Fame title

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Sixth-seeded David Prinosil upset defending champion David Wheaton 7-6 (7-3), 5-7, 6-2 to win the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

Panthers sign No. 1 pick

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers signed their first-round pick, quarterback Kerry Collins, to a seven-year contract.

ON THE AIR

Baseball

Major League Baltimore at Texas. 7 p.m., ABC (ch. 2).

Boxing

9 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

Rodeo

Calgary Stampede (finals). 8 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

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MONDAY

JULY 17

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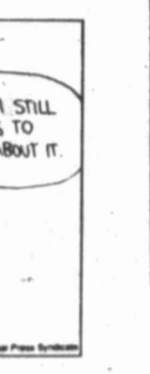
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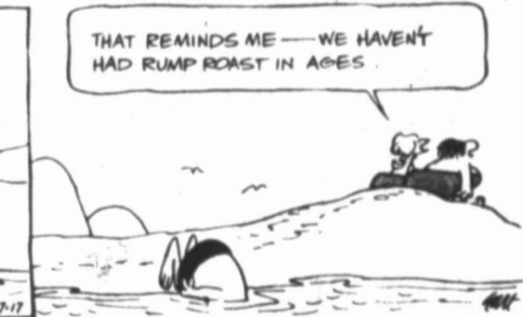
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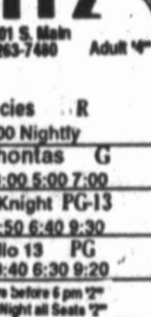
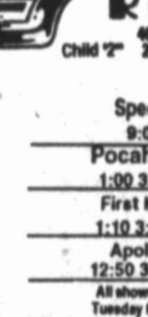
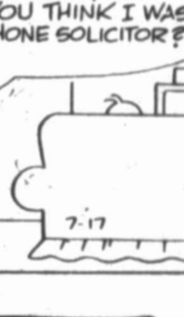
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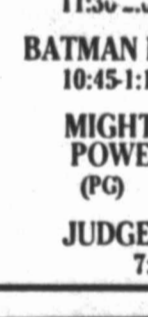
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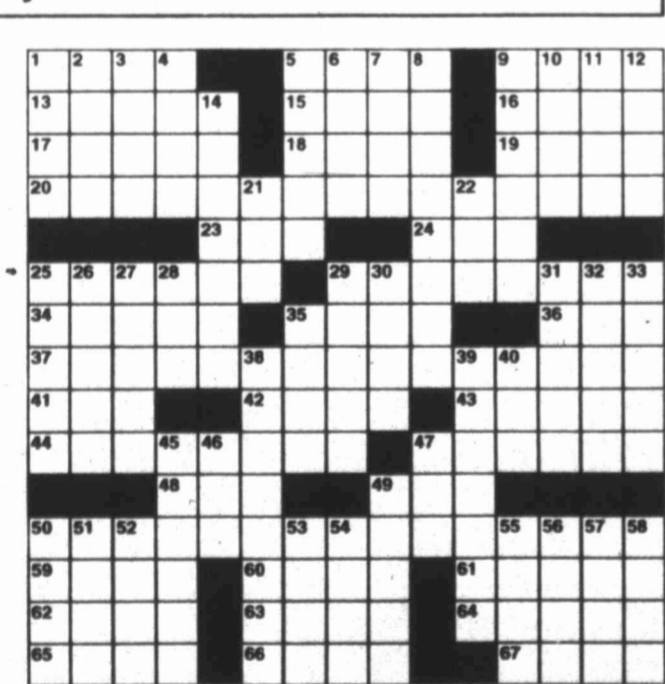


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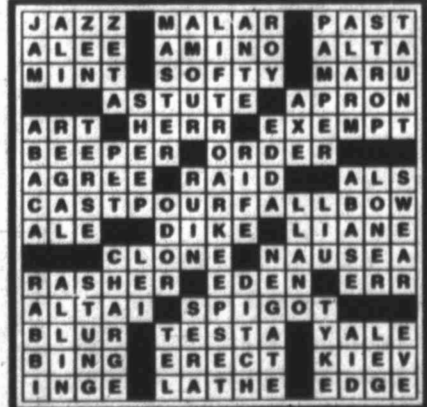
THE Daily Crossword by Bernice Gordon

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9 Certain tournament
13 In any way
15 Villain's look
16 Assumed character
17 — go of (achieve success)
18 So long
19 Food thickener
20 Shilly-shallies
23 Loser to DDE
24 Hurok
25 Appoint
29 Radon and krypton
34 Forbidding
35 Journey
36 Motorist's org.
37 Find fault, in a way
41 First lady
42 Incursion
43 "Ruler of the Queen's —"
44 Traitor
47 Caps
48 Back street
49 Posed
50 Be unfair, in a way
59 On the briny
60 Playwright
61 Logger's event
62 College VIP
63 River to the Gulf of Finland
64 Polyester film
65 Fatuous one
66 Jane or Zane
67 Gainsay
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1 Door part
2 Roman: abbr.
3 Kind of shark
4 Killed
5 Some singers
6 Chair
7 — trap for
8 Church part
9 Prophecy
10 — stick
11 Israeli airline
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14 Ristorante dish
21 Coop dentzen
22 Comic DeLuxe
25 Son of Jacob
26 Barrel part
27 Dice roll
28 Anger
29 Kovacs or Pyle
30 Told fibs
31 Artless
32 Musical direction
33 Purposes
35 Repulsive one
38 Fighting noisily
39 Carter's presidency, e.g.
40 Norm
45 Confine, in a way
46 — whiz!
47 Sound of disgust
49 Wander
50 March to Mecca
51 It's clear to me
52 Wrench
53 Finished
54 Used a loom
55 Actor William of old
56 She: Fr.
57 Tilt
58 Loyalist



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Saturday's Puzzle solved:



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, July 17, the 198th day of 1995. There are 167 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on July 17, 1945, President Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill began meeting at Potsdam in the final Allied summit of World War II.
On this date: In 1821, Spain ceded Florida to the United States. In 1841, the British humor magazine "Punch" was first published. In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, Spain surrendered to the United States at Santiago, Cuba. In 1917, the British royal fam-

ily adopted the name "Wind-sor."
In 1935, 60 years ago, the entertainment trade publication "Variety" ran its famous headline, "Sticks Nix Hick Pix" (which might be translated as "rural America dislikes rural-themed movies").
In 1938, aviator Douglas Corri-gan took off from New York, saying he was headed for Cal-ifornia; he ended up in Ireland, earning the nickname "Wrong Way Corri-gan."
In 1944, 322 people were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded in Port Chicago, Calif.
In 1948, southern Democrats opposed to the nomination of President Truman met in Bir-mingham, Ala., to endorse South Carolina Gov. Strom Thur-mond.
In 1955, 40 years ago, Disney-land had its opening day in Anaheim, Calif.

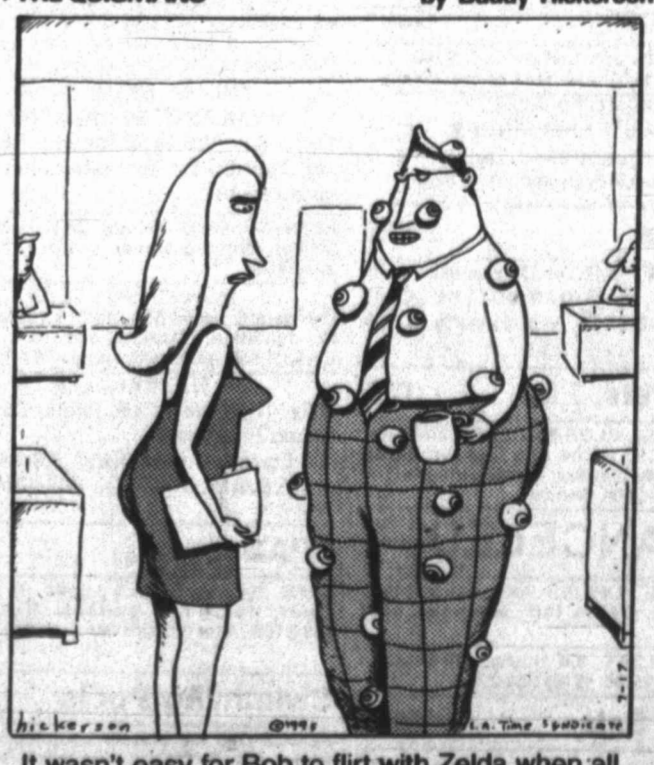
In 1975, 20 years ago, an Apollo spaceship docked with a Soyuz spacecraft in orbit in the first superpower link-up of its kind.
In 1979, Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza resigned and fled into exile in Miami.
In 1981, 114 people were killed when a pair of walkways above the lobby of the Kansas City Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed during a "tea dance."
Ten years ago: President Reagan, recovering from cancer surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital, received Vice President Bush, who described the president's progress as "dramatic."
One year ago: Fragments of

comet Shoemaker-Levy Nine continued to smash into Jupiter, sending up towering fireballs. Brazil defeated Italy to win its fourth World Cup title.
Today's Birthdays: TV person-ality Art Linkletter is 83. Comedian Phyllis Diller is 78. The chairman of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is 75. Comedy writer Pat McCormick is 61. Actor Donald Sutherland is 60. Actress-singer Diahann Carroll is 60. Actress Lucie Arnaz is 44. Actor David Hasselhoff is 43. Singer Phoebe Snow is 43. Singer Nicolette Larson is 43.

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by Buddy Hickerson



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