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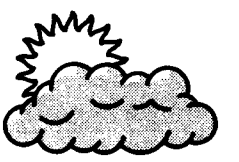
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**Chief of staff resigns**  
Air Force Chief of Staff Ronald Fogleman announces his early retirement

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A mix of clouds and sun today, breezy and cooler. High 77. Mainly clear and comfortably cool tonight. Low 55. Mostly sunny tomorrow with a beautiful afternoon. High again 77.

— by Chris Patti



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## Jury finds man guilty on one count of rape

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Amin O. Robinson, a former University student, was found guilty yesterday by Centre County President Judge Charles Brown of statutory sexual assault, indecent assault, corruption of a minor and reckless endangerment of a 14-year-old high school student.

However he was found not guilty of indecent assault, corruption of a minor and reckless endangerment in a separate incident involving a 15-year-old girl by a jury made up of 10 men and two women.

District Attorney Ray Gricar repeatedly

told jurors Robinson was 20 years old when the incidents occurred in April and July of 1995.

The two teens told similar stories stating Robinson gave them drugs that caused them to feel sedated and then took advantage of them sexually when the drugs took effect.

The 14-year-old girl said she was raped by Robinson when she called him to pick her up after running away from home.

The girl and Robinson went back to his apartment, 736 E. Foster Ave., and played video games and smoked marijuana, she said.

Soon after smoking she began to feel

"She said '... he raped me'."

— Brittany Ross

friend of the then 14-year-old victim

heavy and slumped against the wall where he raped her, the 14-year-old said. After the rape she found her friend, Brittany Ross, at Campus Casino, 320 E. College Ave., and asked her to accompany her back to Robinson's apartment to retrieve her bag, she said.

A week later she confided in her about the rape.

"She said, 'Remember the day I asked you to come get my stuff?'" Ross said.

"She said, '... he raped me.'"

The 15-year-old, whose charges failed to convict Robinson, told the court she met Robinson April 5, 1995 at Campus Casino.

"We made small talk and then he asked me for my number," the girl said. "I wrote my full name and number on symphony tickets I had in my pocket."

The following day Robinson contacted the girl and they agreed to meet at Blockbuster Video, 1101 N. Atherton St. He picked her up in a car and he pulled

around to the side of the building where Robinson offered her marijuana, she said.

The girl had recently begun taking Prozac and refused the marijuana, fearful of mixing the two drugs. But Robinson stuck the marijuana in her face and she gave in, the 15-year-old girl said.

"I was feeling really scared and vulnerable and I took one or two hits," she said.

Shortly after the hit she began to feel strange and she couldn't move and that is when Robinson assaulted her, she said.

Robinson, represented by Edward Blannik Jr., has a scheduled sentencing date of August 18 at Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte.

## Tentative budget agreement made

By ALAN FRAM  
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WASHINGTON — Climaxing months of bargaining and years of partisan warfare, congressional Republicans and Clinton administration officials announced tentative agreement yesterday on a plan to balance the budget by 2002 while slashing taxes by about \$140 billion for millions of families, students and investors.

The accord put leaders of both parties in position to claim credit for the broadest tax cut since 1981 and, if actually achieved, the first federal budget surplus since 1969.

"We have a tentative agreement on a very good balanced-budget plan," an ebullient Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin told reporters as he left a final Capitol bargaining session. White House chief of staff Erskine Bowles added: "We couldn't be more pleased with the outcome."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said that pending a review of the legislative language, the Senate would begin debating the spending bill tomorrow and the tax bill perhaps Thursday. House aides said that chamber could approve both measures tomorrow — meaning that lawmakers would be able to leave town Friday for their summer recess as scheduled.

Asked about the prospects for House passage, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said: "I think it will sell itself. It's a fabulous agreement."

"The middle class is getting a good break in this deal, and they deserve it," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

The only initial discordant reaction came from some House liberals. Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., bolted from a meeting between Democrats and White House officials, saying, "I've heard all I want to hear."

President Clinton got word of the agreement while playing golf in Las Vegas, said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

"The president was pleased and is looking forward to a full briefing tomorrow," Lockhart said.

Highlights of the pact included a \$500 tax credit for many children; a \$24 billion effort to expand

health-care coverage for many of the 10 million uninsured American children; and a gradual 15-cent boost in the 24-cent-per-pack federal cigarette tax.

In the end, although Republicans made many late concessions, many major disputes were resolved with an everyone-wins approach. Underlining this, the five-year, \$85 billion net price tag for tax cuts set by the May balanced-budget agreement grew to about \$91 billion. Overall, some taxes were cut by about \$140 billion while others were raised by approximately \$50 billion.

Three of the most troublesome issues resolved Monday were over details of the children's tax credit, a children's health initiative and a dispute over welfare recipients taking subsidized jobs.

The GOP acceded to Clinton's demands for a \$24 billion, five-year effort to expand health-care coverage for many of the country's 10 million uninsured children. That amount was \$8 billion beyond what many Republicans preferred, but there was a catch. Clinton agreed to let states have more leeway than he preferred in deciding which services would be provided, such as mental health and dental coverage, though less state control than many Republicans wanted.

Republicans dropped their demand that welfare recipients taking subsidized jobs in the public and nonprofit sectors to be exempted from minimum wage and other worker protections. They argued that such requirements would make it harder to find such slots and hurt state efforts to trim welfare rolls.

And in a triumph claimed by both sides, there would be a \$400-per-child tax credit in 1998, rising to \$500 the next year, for children age 16 and under. It would apply to many families who earn as little as \$18,000 a year and owe little or no income tax, a victory for Clinton. But it would also go to single parents making as much as \$75,000 and couples making \$110,000, which Republicans wanted.

The package included about \$40 billion in education tax breaks, a key Clinton demand to which lawmakers added their own ideas. It contains the president's treasured

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Photo courtesy of Herman Goffberg

Herman Goffberg, left, and Alex Bourgerie, center, celebrate after a Penn State track meet in 1941. Goffberg recently paid Bourgerie's library fine — 55 years after it was due.

## Long Overdue

### Book fine, friendship returned

By JODI HANAUER  
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Imagine cleaning out your house and finding an overdue library fine, not a few weeks overdue but a few years — 55 years to be exact.

Most people who would find themselves in this situation would just laugh for a few minutes and then throw the fine out and forget about it. Most people does not include Alex Bourgerie.

Bourgerie hadn't kept in frequent contact with his friend Herman Goffberg of State College, but recently called him to tell the story of how he found the old fine and to ask him to go to Pattee and pay it off for him.

Bourgerie told his friend he was dying of throat cancer and he wanted to go out "clean" by paying off all his bills and not leaving any debts.

It was a very funny story, Goffberg said, so he agreed to go to the library to pay Bourgerie's 28 cent fine with the \$1 bill Bourgerie had mailed to pay the fine.

Goffberg said the employees at the library just laughed when he explained the bill to them and they signed a receipt that the fine had been paid off, although they didn't actually take the money.

Bourgerie discounted rumors that he did this primarily for a joke.

"It's not really a joke. I took it Please see OVERDUE, Page 2.

## CPA to put forth referendum on diverters

By MARK PARFITT  
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State College Borough residents may be faced with a referendum on November's ballot asking whether they want the East College Heights traffic diverters removed.

The referendum is being pursued by Citizens for Public Access (CPA), a political action group that created its charter and group structure last night.

"I've been told by (State College Borough) council the majority of the people in the borough are in favor of the diverters and we feel that's wrong," CPA president Rick Tetzlaff said. "The way to find out is to put it to the voters."

Although CPA has a week to assemble, collect signatures and file a referendum before the deadline for the November elections, its

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members plan to begin working today.

"The referendum, in essence, would call for the removal of the diverters and also prevent the borough from blocking streets with diverters in the future," Tetzlaff said.

The borough installed the traffic diverters over a year ago in response to College Heights residents' concerns that excessive traffic was deteriorating their neighborhood. The diverters prevent

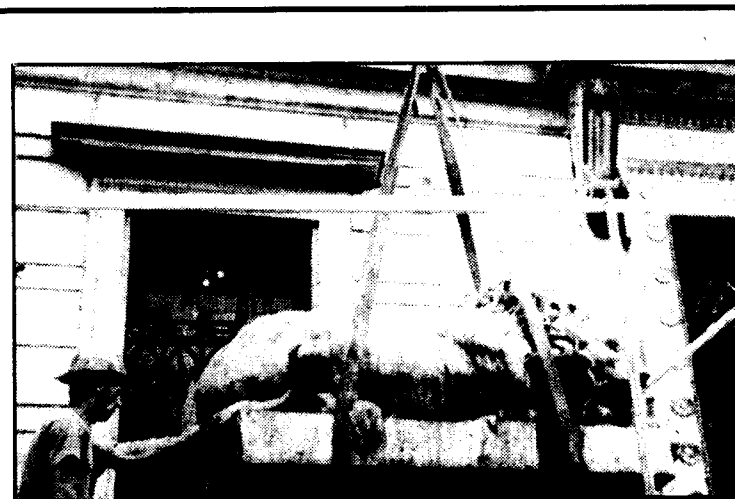
motorists from traveling through East College Heights to access Park Avenue and have created an increase of traffic on North Atherton Street.

Many residents outside College Heights have complained the diverters make it inconvenient for them to travel to University locations.

Ferguson Township's supervisors have discussed filing a lawsuit against the borough concerning the diverters. CPA members decided to support the township's decision to do that, but it also wants to proceed with its own plans to remove the traffic barriers.

Some CPA members were concerned that borough residents in other neighborhoods would not vote in favor of the diverter's removal because the residents feel

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AP Photo

## Mane attraction

Corcoran Gallery of Art workers remove a bronze lion from its pad looking toward the White House. The lion was thoroughly cleaned for the first time in a century yesterday.

## New heart treatment rejected

Government advisors reject a risky new laser treatment for heart angina.

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
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GAITHERSBURG, Md. — Government advisors yesterday rejected a revolutionary approach to treating heart angina — a laser that promised to relieve chronic patients' crippling pain by zapping up to 40 tiny holes into the heart itself.

Some patients clearly showed relief from pain, advisors to the Food and Drug Administration said. But the company seeking approval to sell the treatment, PLC Medical Systems, had serious deficiencies in its study, which could even pose a risk to already-sick patients, the scientists said.

"I have a close relative who needs this procedure. There's nothing I'd rather do than approve it," said Dr. Robert Califf of Duke University. But he called the data supporting the laser inadequate and troubling, and on a 9-2 vote, his fellow panel members agreed.

At issue was a controversial but long-awaited procedure called transmyocardial revascularization (TMR). By blasting tiny — one millimeter — holes into the left side of the heart, the procedure theoretically increases blood flow to portions of the muscle that have been severely damaged by advanced heart disease.

In the two-hour operation, doctors slice a 4-inch cut between the ribs to insert the laser, and then blast directly into the heart. The outer layers of the heart heal almost immediately but the beating heart forces these channels to stay open in the interior. The theory is these channels diffuse oxygenated blood into the oxygen-starved tissue and relieve the crippling chest pain known as angina.

About 150,000 Americans have end-stage coronary artery disease, which is almost always accompanied by angina. In some cases, patients are in such pain they can hardly walk.

The laser is intended for those who are not helped by standard medication, including nitroglycerin and other drugs, and who have already exhausted all surgical options such as bypass. Many patients with milder angina do receive relief from medicines.

A study of 198 patients found those who got TMR had fewer angina attacks than control patients who got standard medication. For those followed at least six months after the operation, 65 percent of the TMR patients had significant angina improvement while drugs helped just 10 percent of the control patients.

Then doctors measured blood flow through the heart. Among TMR patients, 60 percent of those whose angina improved significantly also showed a significant increase in blood diffusion.

But complicating that measurement are suggestions that the holes in the heart do re-close several months after surgery.