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Former presidents praise Nixon at library opening

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — Richard Nixon, a political outcast no more, basked Thursday in the praise of three other men who held America's highest office during a cere-mony where the word Watergate was mentioned only once.

That mention, almost in passing, came from George Bush.

The president, and former presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan, along with their wives, joined to give the new Nixon Library and Birthplace a festive send-off. It was an occasion as red, white and blue as the thousands of balloons that were released at the end of the 21/2-hour

Never before have four presidents of the United States shared the same platform. Jimmy Carter, the fifth living president, sent his re-

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new type of telescope may allow ground observatories to see stars with a

greater clarity than the Hubble Space Telescope ever

negie Institution observatories, said in a paper to be published Friday in the journal Science that new tele-scope systems now being developed hold the promise of seeing stars as distant as those visible to a perfectly

Babcock said the new system uses a mirror that can

be warped, or deformed, in a systematic way to compensate for the distortion of the atmosphere. The proc-

ess is called "adaptive optics."

"Adaptive telescopes in the infrared will not match the resolution of the HST (Hubble Space Telescope), but in the visible they may exceed it," said Babcock's pa-

Horace W. Babcock, the former director of the Car-

could, and at a fraction of the cost, a researcher says.

come will learn of Nixon's six crises — the title of his first book — "and the seventh crisis, Watergate."

None of the other speakers mentioned the scandal that drove Nixon

For Nixon, it was a major milestone in his relentless drive for acceptance. The man who was elected with the most votes in history had been shunned by fellow Republicans at their national conventions and only in recent years has been invited to their functions.

This is a very special day for all of us," he told a crowd of more than 10,000. "Nothing we have ever seen matches this moment, to be wel-

comed so warmly."

Bush led the tributes to the 37th

Farthest stars become clearer

New telescope may improve sight from Earth

"To occupy this office is to feel a will he please stand up.

Bush said that visitors for years to me will learn of Nixon's six crises dents," he said. "Each of whom, in his own way, sought to do right and thus achieve good. ... Each wondered, I suspect, how they could be worthy of God, and man."

Bush, who as chairman of the Republican Party in 1974 urged Nixon to resign, urged visitors to the \$21 million library to "look at Richard Nixon the man.

Nixon, said Bush, "was the quintessence of Middle America" who touched a cord with millions of citi-

"He loved America's good, quiet, decent people; he spoke for them; he felt, deeply, on their behalf."

Ford, who served out Nixon's term, began his speech with "Mr. President, Mr. President, Mr. President. If I overlooked a president,

concepts fulfill their promise, there is still a need for observatories in orbit because the Earth's atmosphere scat-

ters light in some parts of the spectrum, such as the ul-

traviolet. Only telescopes in space, above the

But for visible light, he said, adaptive optics could allow ground telescopes to match or exceed the capabili-

"These are more than just dreams," said Babcock

America already is experimenting with adaptive optics and "has proven the value of these systems" in the in-

The European Southern Observatory in South

To adapt the technique for the visible spectrum will require more experimentation, he said, but researchers

tmosphere, could collect such light, he said.

have already proven elements of the system.

Louisiana abortion bill

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) Two leaders of the national a abortion movement are un fortable with Louisiana's posed new crime of "simple tery of abortion," but say they

support it if it becomes law.
Kay Reiboldt, co-chair of the conservative Eagle Forum, we Wednesday that the bill may in be "a good piece of legislation stopping abortion and (may) be the best piece of legislator go for a Supreme Court test." Co-chair Sandy McDade s however, that if the bill beco law, the forum will supporting challenge to Roe v. Wade, a 1973 Supreme Court decision which defined a woman's right abortion.

"If there's even a chance that can overturn Roe, we'll stand

hind it," she said.

The bill would prohibit abit tion except in pregnancies cause by cases of rape or incest or save the life of the mother. Al tionists would face fines of up \$100,000 and 10 years at hard

It was approved by the Leg lature in the closing days of its cent session and is now in

hands of Gov. Buddy Roemer. The Eagle Forum fully 80 ported an abortion bill approper earlier in the past session by Legislature but vetoed by Gor

Buddy Roemer.
That bill would have allowed abortion only to save the expertant mother's life.

"It might be better if we com back next year with another bill Reiboldt said.

However, she and McDate said they're not asking Roemers veto the bill. He has said he wo sign it, and must decide by 28 whether to veto it or let it come law without his signature.

Lawyers accuse guard of drug use

frared portion of the spectrum.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prosecutors accused one of Marion Barry's security guards of using cocaine Thursday, interrupting the guard's testimony as the leadoff defense witness in the mayor's drug and perjury trial.

Prosecutors also suggested that the guard, Washington police officer James Stays, had told another policeman the name of a Barry drug

supplier. Stays denied he had made such a statement, then the jury was sent out of the room before prosecutors made the drug-use allegation in remarks to U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

Jackson, rejecting defense objections, ruled that Stays could be questioned about using cocaine but suspended proceedings to allow him to consult with a lawyer

After a lunch recess, Stays twice denied using drugs when Assistant U.S. Attorney Judith Retchin asked about the subject. On further questioning from Barry attorney Robert Mance, Stays also denied talking to the other officer about a

ut in the visible they may exceed it," said Babcock's pa-er.

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the Hubble.

Outside the courtroom, Barry accused the prosecution of "satanic dirt-like tactics."

The surprise developments came as Retchin began cross-examining Stays, a member of the elite 24-member security detail that accompanies Barry to all his public and private functions. All members are police officers

The jury heard only this exchange on the sub-Retchin: "Did you tell Detective Goodwine (an-

other security officer) that Willie Davis supplied Mr. Barry with cocaine?" Stays: "Me? No."

After jurors were sent out of the courtroom, Retchin told the judge, "The government has evidence that this witness has used cocaine."

The issue came up after Stays testified he knew Willie Davis, a man whom government wit-

Mayor Richard Arrington, has not been called to

nesses have testified used cocaine with Barry. Davis, a former aide to Birmingham, Ala.

After a 30-minute recess, Jackson ruled, of the protests of Barry attorney R. Kenned Mundy, that Retchin could pursue her line questioning.
"I deem Miss Retchin's cross-examination

Mr. Stays to be related to the credibility of witness," Jackson said. "The defense has asked prosecution witnesses, at great length, about their prior drug use."

Mundy argued that Stays had no knowledge

Barry's drug use and had not told other secu officers the name of anyone supplying drugs the mayor.

Stays at one point had demanded to takeau nalysis test to determine whether he used du when asked about it by other police detection working on Barry's case, the mayor's attorn

"He is anxious to come in here and answer and lay any rumors to rest," Mundy said.

"Officers from the Internal Affairs Divis have informed me that he (Stays) was not will to take a urinalysis," Retchin retorted.

Flight 232 survivors return to crash site

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — A year after they tumbled out of the smoke-choked fuselage of a shattered jumbo jet into a hot corn field, survivors of United Flight 232 returned Thursday to give prayers of thanks and sympathy.

A memorial service, forced into an airport hangar by heavy rains, coincided with the moment a year ago when the plane tumbled in flames while attempting an emergency

Many cried quietly as the Rev. Gregory Clapper, a United Methodist minister from Le Mars, led the as-

t's been an emotional roller coaster for all of us, but even so, the remembering has been an important part of the healing process.'

> - Al C. Haynes, United captain

sembled survivors and families of victims in part of the 23rd Psalm. Some survivors described feelings of

When Air National Guard jets roared off to form a "missing man" formation, some clasped hands over ears and held clenched fists to their

"It's been an emotional roller

coaster for all of us, but even so, the remembering has been an important part of the healing process," said United Capt. Al C. Haynes, who led the crew of the DC-10 in guiding the plane to the airport, where it cartwheeled while attempting the emer-

gency landing.

Haynes told the crowd of several hundred it was important for all involved to deal with the painful memories of the crash.

"Somehow, we must find a way to take them away from our present and make them part of the past,"

Many survivors said returning to the site of the crash helped them deal with tragedy

"I wanted my boys to know that Sioux City is a place where normal things happen, that it's a place of mending as well as catastrophe," said Brownell Bailey of Bowmar, Colo.

Bailey's wife, Francie, was one of 112 people who died when the plane crashed after an engine broke apart, severing a hydraulic system that controlled the plane. There were 296 people aboard the July 19, 1989,

Survivors and their families, plus Sioux City rescuers, were allowed to walk around the crash site Thurs-

"I have a lot of memories of some pretty gruesome things, and we both feel guilty that we walked away un-harmed while so many others didn't," said Sharon Bayless, who with her husband, Brad, of Littleton,

Colo., escaped with minor injuries. "I knew it would be hard to come back," she said.

Soviet newspaper reveals Gorbachev's private life for first time to Russians

MOSCOW (AP) - Mikhail S. Gorbachev's 79-year-old mother only recently got a new color television to replace her old black-and-white set, still bakes her own bread and complains that her son

In an unusually revealing story about the family of a Soviet leader, the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda reported Thursday that the only privilege given to Maria Pantelyevna Gorbachev are the KGB agents who provide security down the road from her small house in the southern Russian village of Pri-

The KGB is there not so much to guard her from the many journalists who find their way to the farming village where Gorbachev was born, but to keep ordinary citizens from pestering her with petitions for her son, the newspa-

per said.
Until recently, the private lives of Communist Party leaders and their families rarely appeared in the state-run media, but under Gorbachev's policy of greater openness, or glasnost, many restrictions have been lifted.

Although the Western media have reported on Gorbachev's roots and his family, such information is unfamiliar to Soviet

Thursday's front-page article, titled "Home of the President," was complete with an old photograph of a young, plump Gorbachev reclining in a field wearing a

jaunty beret. Gorbachev's widowed mother, the newspaper said, still does the chores around the house and bakes her own bread, even though a collective farm bakery

was built several years ago to feed the village's 3,000 people.

A new paint job on her house and the color TV that recently replaced the old "Rekord" model black-and-white set "have not cost the state or the party one ko-peck," wrote Komsomolskaya Pravda correspondent O. Shapo-

Not long ago, a rumor spread that Mrs. Gorbachev was moving to Moscow and selling her house,

the newspaper said.

Residents of Privolnoye were ready to make inquiries abou buying her house, but she told Nikolai Dorokhov, her neighbor and secretary of the party organi zation of the collective farm:

"I have already lived in Mos cow. I don't see my son here and! wouldn't see him there. He leaves home at 6 a.m. and returns late in the evening. ... I will not go any

where. Gorbachev last visited his birth place 31/2 years ago, the newspaper reported, and while he was there spent only 40 minutes in side his house and another 40 minutes talking to villagers.

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