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# Texas executes killer by injection

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) —** Convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr. was executed by lethal injection early Tuesday, becoming the first U.S. prisoner to be put to death by that method, according to Tim Davis, a state trooper at the governor's mansion in Austin.  
The injection of sodium Pentothol was administered at 10:09 p.m. PST, and the 40-year-old Brooks was pronounced dead seven minutes later.

Prison authorities conferred with Gov. William Clements at 10:01 p.m., and were informed that no stay had been granted. Brooks was the first black and only the sixth person to die since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed reinstatement of the death penalty in 1976. Texas' last execution was in 1964.  
Former Tarrant County District Attorney Jack Strickland, who prosecuted Brooks, joined the requests for a stay of ex-

ecution. He argued the disparate sentences for Brooks and an accomplice were unfair as each was convicted on the same evidence of the same acts.  
The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the latest appeal did nothing to show that the evidence failed to support the conviction as well "as the jury verdict that his crime and his criminal potential warranted the capital sentence."  
Brooks was among 172 peo-

ple, including two women, under sentence of death in Texas. Previously, Texas carried out its executions by electrocution. Brooks has said he preferred lethal injection.  
Last week, Brooks wed with Vennessa Sapp, a 27-year-old Fort Worth nurse who met him as a pen pal while he was awaiting trial.  
Brooks had said his religion had been preparing him for death.

## Appeals court upholds suburb's handgun ban

**CHICAGO (AP) —** A federal appeals court Monday upheld the nation's toughest gun ordinance, ruling that the Chicago suburb of Morton Grove acted within its authority when it banned the sale and possession of handguns.  
In a 2-1 decision, the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected arguments that the ordinance enacted last year violated provisions of the state and federal constitutions that guarantee the right to bear arms.  
Justice William Bauer, who wrote the 18-page majority decision, said he agreed with a U.S. District Court ruling which held that the village acted within the police powers granted by the state constitution in outlawing sale and possession of handguns by anyone except law enforcement officers and registered gun collectors.  
While "history may prove that the ordinance cannot effectively promote peace and security for Morton Grove's citizens," it does not violate either constitution, Bauer said.  
In a sharply worded dissent, Justice John Coffey called the majority ruling "a new nadir for the fundamental principle that 'a man's home is his castle.'"

## Blast inside Belfast disco caves in roof, five dead

**BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) —** A bomb blast brought the roof down on the crowded dance floor of a bar frequented by British soldiers Monday night. Police said at least five people were killed and the count was expected to rise.  
An unknown number of people were trapped beneath the collapsed roof. "Casualties are being ferried to hospital in a fleet of ambulances and so far five have been confirmed dead," a press officer at Belfast police headquarters said.  
Mairad Peoples, owner of a nearby hotel, said, "I saw people being carried out but they were so badly mutilated I couldn't look. The whole place in the function room where the disco was held appears to have collapsed.

are fighting to drive the British from Northern Ireland and unite the predominantly Protestant province with the overwhelming Catholic Irish Republic.  
The police press officer said the bomb went off without warning during a regular Monday night disco dance at the Droppin Well Bar — regularly used by British troops stationed at a Royal Air Force base at Ballykelly, 50 miles northwest of here.  
Press Association quoted a witness as saying, "It is sheer bedlam. The place has caved in and the police and army are trying to keep everybody back from the scene."

## Man questioned about car bomb

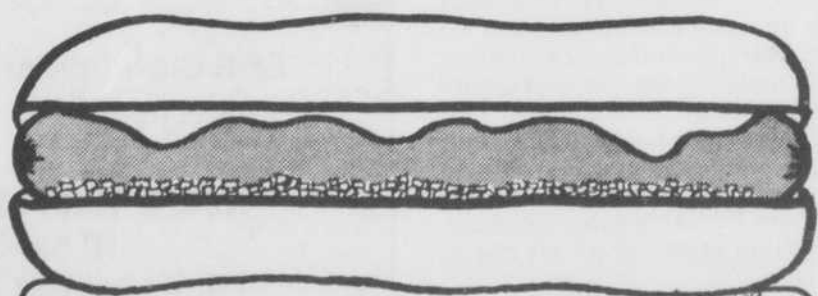
**SPRINGFIELD (AP) —** A man who had made threats against a Springfield millworker killed by a car bomb last week was questioned by Springfield police over the weekend, police said Monday.  
Brian Riley, Springfield police chief, said the man was not arrested and is not a prime suspect.  
"We have interviewed him just as we have interviewed other people," he said. "We don't have anything that would lead us to believe he did it."  
Robert E. Harris, 36, died Thursday about 11 hours after his car exploded as he prepared to leave the all-night shift at Rosboro Lumber Co., where he had worked for 17 years.  
His widow, Barbara, has confirmed that a former boyfriend of their 16-year-old daughter had made threats against Harris.

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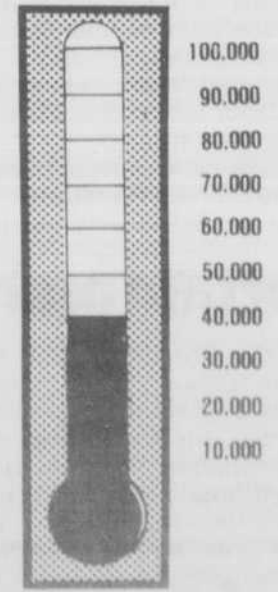
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