

staff photo by Irene Mees

Carlos King, 3, a Bryan resident, enjoys hot, homeade biscuits at Mom's restaurant

## Charges dropped m cocaine seizure

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. deral charges have been with the seizure of 214 pounds forcaine worth \$55 million on probabilities.

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U.S. Customs officials in ouston at the time said it was he Southwest's largest cocaine seizure and called it a major victory in the war against interna-

nonal drug smuggling.
But U.S. Attorney William Lutz said the announcement rom Houston was premature. "We, at this point, have dis-

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the evidence we had on it required further investigation,"
Lutz said Tuesday. "Basically, at Castillo-Vitales, a Mexican against three men that point, we didn't have a national, listed his address as La

> problems were complicated by a ombia, but listed a Jamaica, strict speedy trial statute which N.Y., address at the time of their requires that the case be tried no arrests more than 70 days after charges

Mauricio, 19, and Jose Luis Cas- because of a lack of evidence. tillo-Vitales, 29 — were arrested June 21, about two weeks after Sept. 24 dismissing the charges the cocaine was found near the against the Ricos and said it was eastern New Mexico community not in the interest of justice to issed (the charges) because of Santa Rosa. Police said it pursue the matter.

Belle, Fla. Authorities said the He said the government's Ricos originally were from Col-

U.S. District Judge Juan Burciaga of Albuquerque signed an The three men — Jose order Sept. 3 dismissing the in-Domingo Rico, 41, his son, dictment against Castillo-Vitales

He signed another order

## Mom's is back in business

by Robert McGlohon

Battalion Staff
After a two-week layoff due to serving again.

homestyle food in her house for 50 years. But due to poor health, Mom sold her house and business in September to Donald and Betty Mahan.

But customers need not worsays the food is still the same. Hall, a senior geology major from Dallas, also is one of the location for 25," he said. "Maybe

Hall says the only change is

tea in mason jars. has been the head cook at Mom's

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Mahans that Mom's health was On Wednesday, the meal cona change in ownership, Mom's is failing and that she wished to sell sisted of meatloaf, country-fried her business. So they bought it.

Mom is Vera Carleton, a Mr. Mahan, who has known Bryan resident who has served Mom for more than 15 years, said he wasn't motivated by money when he bought Mom's

"I'm not here to get rich or famous or nothing," Mahan said. "I'd just like to carry her Steve Hall, a regular at tradition on. There's a lot of his-Mom's for the past three years, tory and fame behind the lady.

four student boarders who lives one out of five of the old Aggies at Mom's (they're looking for a would say no if you asked them if they'd ever eaten at Mom's." Viewed from the outside,

that the restaurant now serves Mom's looks like an ordinary white frame house in a residen-One of the reasons the food is tial section of downtown Bryan. still the same is that Mom's still And it also doesn't look much has the same cook. Nell Garcia like a restaurant on the inside.

The dining room is like that for the past seven years and she of a normal home. It has only staved on after the change in about six tables, each sitting six.

Customers are served family-In September, Garcia told the style and can eat all they want. steak, vegetables, macaroni and Mr. Mahan, who has known cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade biscuits, iced

tea and dessert — all for only \$3.

"If a man wants filet mignon or cavier, he wouldn't come here," Mahan said. "It's not that type of business. We've got good homestyle food.

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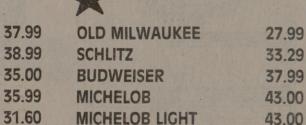


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