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"A George Winston-styled keyboard player, Hiel exhibits  
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**Jury convicts mafia boss**

'Teflon Don' Gotti may face life term for murder, racketeering

NEW YORK (AP) — John Gotti, the brash Mafia boss who blasted his way to the top of the nation's most powerful crime family, was convicted Thursday of racketeering and murder charges. He faces a life sentence.

"I'll be OK," Gotti told supporters after listening to the jury forewoman announce "guilty" on all 13 counts. His top lieutenant also was convicted.

The federal district court jury decided the mob boss had murdered five of his associates in the Gambino crime family.

The stunning verdict, after just 13 hours of deliberations, crowned the government's six-year crusade to put the "Teflon Don" behind bars. Three times since 1986, Gotti had beaten charges against him.

Gotti, 51, was done in by his own voice and the testimony of once-trusted underboss Salvatore

"Sammy Bull" Gravano. Gotti was heard on hours of secretly recorded tapes, openly discussing murder and other Mafia business.

"The Teflon is gone. The don is covered with Velcro, and all the charges stuck," said James Fox, special agent in charge of the FBI's New York office.

Gravano, 47, said he committed 10 murders at Gotti's direction and provided a chilling narrative of the killings that boosted Gotti to the position of mob boss.

Just before the jury forewoman read the verdict, Gotti was smiling confidently. He showed no reaction as she began announcing, "Guilty."

At one point, Gotti motioned to his lawyer to remain cool despite the result.

His attorney, Albert Krieger, sat dejectedly at the defense table as the word "guilty" echoed

through the courtroom. "I anticipated the jury would spend more time evaluating some of the issues," Krieger said.

Asked how Gotti handled the verdict, Krieger replied, "He is a realist, a person of enormous mental and emotional strength." The verdict will be appealed, he said.

"Our country is sick to the core if it is willing to pay for testimony by literally absolving a person of 19 confessed murders," Krieger said of Gravano's appearance.

Gotti and co-defendant Frank Locascio, who have been jailed without bond since the indictment was unsealed in December 1990, could be sentenced to life in prison.

"Today's verdict by a courageous jury is the end of a very long road," U.S. Attorney Andrew Maloney said. "Justice has been served, and it feels awfully good."

**Brown picks  
 Jesse Jackson  
 as potential  
 running mate**

Jewish group heckles candidate over choice

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Jerry Brown came in for a stinging round of heckling Wednesday from members of a Jewish community group over his choice of civil rights leader Jesse Jackson as a potential running mate.

"I understand the depth of the concern in the Jewish community," Brown, caught guard by sharp criticism,

stood at a campaign appearance before the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Brown's remarks were interrupted by state Assemblyman Dov Hikind who urged about 100 people on hand not to "sit back and listen to this."

"You insult the Jewish community by picking Jesse Jackson," Hikind told the former California governor.

The angry lawmaker asked to leave the room and members of the group escorted him to the door, but others in the audience demonstrated their happiness with the choice by singing and heckling throughout the 30-minute session.

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**Investigation fails to uncover  
 secret missile sales to China**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. investigating team returned from Israel with no evidence to support allegations that Israel had secretly transferred a U.S. Patriot missile or its technology to China, the State Department said Thursday.

"We consider the matter closed," spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said.

She remained silent about the department's thinking on a newly released official study that said a major recipient of U.S. weaponry has been transferring some equipment to third countries without authorization for nine years.

The report, released Wednesday, was prepared by the State Department's Inspector General's office as part of a routine audit of the department's bureau of political-military affairs. The bureau monitors use

of U.S. weapons exports.

"The report was not written to draw conclusions," Tutwiler said, adding that there are many differences of opinion about the findings in the 69-page document.

She refused comment on reports that Israel was the offending country. The Wall Street Journal, citing U.S. intelligence agencies, said in a recent article that Israel had secretly sold air-to-air missiles to China, anti-tank missiles to South Africa and cluster bombs to Ethiopia and Chile. Israel has received about \$1.8 billion in U.S. military aid annually for years, leading all other countries.

Tutwiler said the investigating team "found no evidence that Israel had transferred a Patriot missile or Patriot missile technology."

**Gifts prejudice choices  
 of doctors, survey says**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight out of 10 doctors say drug salesmen are offering gifts to encourage prescribing their wares, according to government investigators. The offers can be tiny, like a pen or a meal. Or they can be huge, like a trip. They are worth nothing or thousands of dollars.

"Some of these offers, in addition to being inappropriate, may be illegal," says a draft report by Richard P. Kusserow, inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The report does not name names. "We found that gifts and of-

fers of value related to studies, speaking engagements and program attendance are used by pharmaceutical companies to promote their drugs," the report said.

"We also found that promotional practices involving items of value appear to affect physicians' prescribing decisions," according to the draft report, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

Kusserow's office surveyed a thousand doctors nationwide and found that 82 percent of the 614 who responded reported getting offers between the fall of 1990 and the fall of 1991.

**Jobless claims climb  
 despite revival signs**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories rose 0.5 percent in February, the government reported Thursday. It was the second straight small gain and, analysts said, a fresh sign that the manufacturing sector was slowly reviving.

But another government report said first-time claims for jobless benefits rose for a second week in a row in mid-March as businesses continued to hand out pink slips despite the emerging economic recovery.

In its report, the Commerce Department said orders for both durable and non-durable goods rose to a seasonally adjusted \$236.4 billion, the second straight 0.5 percent advance after falling 3.7 percent in December.

"These data confirm that the manufacturing sector is improving, at a modest pace," said Marilyn Schaja, an economist with Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York.

**Harris' success beyond preseason expectations**

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though, because I've always wanted to play in front of all those people."

He said he has surpassed not only his expectations, but everyone else's as well.

"I wouldn't have imagined that I would be playing this good," he said. "I thought I would do well, but I never thought I would do this well."

Harris accomplished a rare feat for any player last week against Sam Houston State University when he hit for the cycle. His 4-for-5 performance still has not sunk in yet.

"It was like a dream," he said. "Even now, I still can't believe I did it. It's kind of

crazy because I never imagined that it could happen."

Hickey is expected back for the Aggies' series against the University of Texas next weekend, but Harris is not worried about it because he thinks his performance will keep him in the lineup.

He said Hickey's return will help the Aggies' offense.

"There are some players right now that are struggling, but they are going to come around," Harris said. "We're going to kick it into gear and really start doing well."

The first time the Aggies and the Red Raiders played this season, the Aggies swept a three-game series at Olsen Field.

A&M's Jeff Granger is scheduled to pitch

the opener for the Aggies. Granger is 4-1 the season with a 3.44 ERA and a team-leading 80 strikeouts. Tech will start Mark Bradenberg, who owns a 7-4 record and a 2.2 ERA, in game one.

For the Aggies to beat Tech, Harris said they must play good, fundamental baseball. "The pitchers just have to go out there and throw strikes, and the hitters just have to be aggressive and play hard," Harris said.

If the Aggies do that, he thinks they can continue their recent winning trend.

"We've been going out there with a lot of intensity," he said. "We've been going there and talking it up a lot."

Everybody's done their job, and we've been winning lately."

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Dr. Mauricio Obregon  
 Professor of History  
 University of the Andes, Bogota, Colombia

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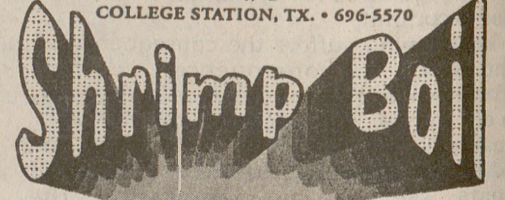
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