

## Crazy Burger Cafe accused of mocking mentally ill people

NARRAGANSETT, R.I. (AP) — The cuckoo clock on the wall and the Neurotic Burger on the menu of the Crazy Burger Cafe are about as funny as racial slurs, an advocate for the mentally ill says.

"Can you imagine calling your restaurant 'Nigger Burgers' or 'Faggot Burgers'? Of course not. ... That would be insulting and demeaning to African-Americans and gay Americans," Ann MacDonald wrote last week in a letter to the owner of the cafe.

MacDonald, vice president of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Rhode Island, wants the restaurant's name changed and its menu reworded to eliminate items like the Loco Burger and the Just Plain Nuts Burger.

"Frankly, we don't find it funny," she said.

Owner Michael Maxon said the that criticism is unfounded and that no one else has complained.

"My reaction is that basically I don't understand the analogy," he said. "Crazy simply describes someone who is enthusiastic, overexcited."

Maxon said the idea for the menu came while he was a cook at another restaurant and started creating unusual hamburgers, including salmon and pistachio burgers, eggplant and hummus burgers, and tuna and pesto burgers.

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"I just thought they are kind of crazy burgers," he said. "I don't see how any of that could be offensive."

## Retired man obsessed with eating, growing all types of garlic

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP) — Reuben Roehl celebrated his retirement last month with a big smile and a bad case of halitosis.

Roehl had long been looking forward to retirement so "he can eat all kinds of garlic whenever he wants and not offend people," says his wife, Joan.

Roehl planted cloves from a few heads of the more common strains of garlic a few years ago and harvested a couple of pounds. The next year, he planted a few more. Soon, the Roehls were giving away garlic to friends and friends of friends.

"We didn't know what to do with all the garlic," Jean Roehl said. "You can only give so much away."

Roehl admits he's a bit obsessed with the "stinking rose," as some call garlic.

In 1994, he grew 54 different strains. This year, his garden expanded to nearly a quarter of an acre, he's up to 57 strains.

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## Man, 27, convicted of slaying hears anger of victim's family



NORTHWEST

BEND (AP) — The relatives of a 22-year-old murder victim expressed their anger in court Monday

as the convicted slayer was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Travis Dwayne Peterson, 27, sat impassively as Steven Novakowski's family condemned him.

"Around home, you're referred to as Jeffery Dahmer," said Alice Novakowski, the victim's grandmother. "You're an animal. You're a satanist."

Steven P. Novakowski, the murdered man's father, looked straight at Peterson as he shouted epithets and castigated him.

"Bottom line, you're a coward," Novakowski snapped.

Prosecutors said Peterson, in July 1992, lured Novakowski to a brush-covered hill near Redmond. He took out a knife and mutilated him, stabbed him to death and dismembered his body, stashing some parts in a volcanic crevice south of Bend.

Novakowski had been living with Peterson's uncle and aunt, Ron and Roberta Bishop, in Redmond after leaving the Navy earlier that year.

An accusation by Ron Bishop, 52, that Novakowski had had sex with two young family members prompted the slaying, prosecutors said.

Criminal trials are pending for Bishop, who is charged with aggravated murder, and for Shawna Davis, Peterson's girlfriend.

Davis, 28, has been charged with murder for allegedly watching the killing without acting to stop it.

Peterson has agreed to testify in any further proceedings.

## Federal judge orders smaller settlement for implant injuries



NATIONAL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A federal judge on Monday finalized details of a scaled-back breast implant injury settlement, allowing

women to reject the deal and file their own lawsuits if they believe payments are too low.

The settlement, reached Oct. 1, covers about half of the 444,000 women covered by the old \$4.25 billion deal, which collapsed due to lack of money.

The boards of breast implant manufacturers Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Baxter International Inc. and 3M Co. and their insurers must now approve the deal finalized by U.S. District Judge Sam Pointer.

Under the settlement, women who can prove they had breast implants made by the three companies could receive payments of \$10,000 to \$750,000, based on their health and age.

## Garry Kasparov keeps world chess title, may win millions

NEW YORK (AP) — Garry Kasparov retained his world chess title Monday when he held on to draw the 17th game of his championship match with Viswanathan Anand to make the score 10-7 in his favor.

The winner of the 20-game contest must score 10.5 points, but match rules state that in the event of a 10-10 tie, Kasparov retains his title.

It is Kasparov's fifth successful defense of the title he won in 1985.

The 18th game, scheduled for Tuesday, will decide the division of the \$1.35 million prize fund, which was reduced from \$1.5 million.

## Emperor, dictator hospitalized Monday and remains in coma



WORLD

BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) — Former emperor and dictator Jean-Bedel Bokassa, who was accused of killing, torturing and even eating his opponents during a 14-year reign, collapsed Monday and was hospitalized

The 74-year-old Bokassa suffered a brain hemorrhage and was in a coma and reported in grave condition at Bangui's central hospital, doctors and relatives said.

Bokassa was an army lieutenant colonel when he seized power Jan. 1, 1966, six years after the country gained independence from France. He proclaimed himself Emperor Bokassa I in 1976, then was ousted in a French-sponsored coup in 1979.

After living seven years in exile in France and Ivory Coast, Bokassa returned to Central African Republic to face trial on charges of murder, torture and cannibalism.

In a three-month trial, prosecutors claimed Bokassa's palace was filled with evidence of atrocities, including the frozen body of a teacher hanging on a freezer hook and mounds of human flesh prepared for roasting.

Witnesses testified Bokassa enjoyed fooling foreign dignitaries by serving up human flesh as roast beef.

A tearful Bokassa denied the allegations but was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in 1987. The sentence was commuted to 20 years in prison, and he was freed in September 1993 when the ruler at that time, Gen. Andre Kolingba, celebrated his 12th anniversary in power by releasing most of the country's prisoners.

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