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PARTY NOISE: Keep the TV remote next to the champusine glass on New Year's Eve. NBC's The Tortight Show goes live at 11.28 p.m. EST with host Jay Leno, Kadeen Hardison reporting from Times Square, connections and Particular Spantants, singer Tracie Spencer and Rockapella. Fox counters at 11 p.m. EST with hosts Penn & Teller from Times Square, Southess of Jay London from the Ritx in New York and Sam Kinson from The Palace in Los Angeles and Guins N Roses on tape. Both air at the same time on the West Coast



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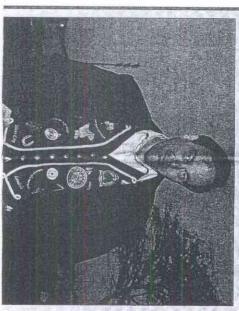
For his part, Kevin Costner (as Garrison) gives his most persususive performance since No Way Out. And in casting chutz, path worthy of Otto Preminger, Garrison himself plays Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The film is chillingly seductive, refuting the ussertion that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone gunnan — or that one so called 'magic butler' could do so much duringe to Kennedy and Texas governor John Connally. Other times, JFK feels

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si like a bill of goods. When someone speculates that a dead Osowald's palm print could have
been planted on the fatal rifle,
f, we see someone doing just that,
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As if Stone ever has — or
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movie, JFK is provocative, a
etchnical primer and an ensemble treat with unusually
owell-realized star cannose, it's
a provocative near-smash that,
like it or not, will endure as a
s must-see for years.

Oliver Stone's truth



outbreak of respiratory ills widespread

By Michelle Healy USA TODAY

Three-fourths of the house-holds in nearly all the USA's major cities are affected by colds, flu, brouchits or pneu-monie, says a national flu

Tracking service.

This is the most widespread finding of respiratory illnesses this early in a fin senson since the tracking service started it years ago, says Andrew Kress, EDN Corp, in Elkins Park, Pa, The market research company, which runs the Flu Activity Notification Program, provides information to the pharmaceutical industry.

er sign that this is shaping up to be a bad winter for flu. The flu season lasts from late November until around March.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control says more than 25 states, including Kentucky.

Louisiana, New York and Ohio,

The best protection remains the flu vaccine, says Dr. James Mason, Department of Health and Human Services.

This week, Mason assured the public that "the flu vaccine is safe," after reports that some prespective blood danors who had the immunization have tested false-positive for the AIDS virus.

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BLOOD SHORTAGE WORRIES: The American Association of Blood Banks is worried that blood domalions will full because some prospective donors who had flu shoet seeted false positive for the AIDS vrus. "We are concerned about....shortages" in communities where significant numbers have had fit shats, the group's president, Dr. Shannon Cooper, said Thurstby. The American Red Cross says it's too entry to know whether the problem of false test results would affect the amount of blood available during the holiday season. Both organizations emphasized there is no risk to the safety of blood supplies.

BRAIN GAMES; Mensa, the organization of people with high IQs, has graciously agreed to share its choices for the top five word and strategy games with the X-The gramms; Pyramils (Abdolene Games Corp., Grand Haven, Mich.); Clue: The Great Museum, Caper (Parker Brothers, Bewerly, Mass.); Lapis (Pango Inc., Fanwood, N.J.); SET (Set. Inc., East Laristing Mich.); and Master Labyrinth (International Playthings, Rivertale, N.J.).

THEYRE NO CHUCK & Di: Democracy and monarchy aren't an especially good mix, and a 59y reader survey demonstrates why. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Elizabeth Taylor were voted king and queen in the survey, sponsored by 59y and Crown Royal Canadám whistory, John F. Kennedy Jr. was named prince, and Madoma and Antia Hill tied for princess. The rest of the royal court Norman Schwarzboph, Inglight, Dan Quiyle, Işder, Pee-wee Herman and the Brady Bunch got votes in each category.

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By Mike Snider USA TODAY

People who are infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, cannot transmit it through sweat, a new study confirms.

Experts have long believed that risk of infection by sweat is very low or non-existent. In a two-year study. Dr. Gary Wormer of New York Medical Coilege and others found to HIV in sweat from 50 people who had AIDS or were infected with HIV. The report is published in January's The Journal of Infectious Diseases. The results might be of particular interest to athletes, "because of the Magic Johnson story," Wormser suys. The NBA Palyers Association and the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Wednesday announced an AIDS education program that will reach all players by the lesgue's Feb. 5 AISan game. Players weren't unduly worded and the program when and the program that will reach all players by the lesgue's Feb. 5 AISan Goldberg but "the press had brought it up so it had to be addressed, It's file to see another report that confirms our current under-wy standing."

By Jefferson Graham USA TODAY

Mort Sahl

Comedian

Fired for his JFK theories, Stane is on the hot seat. Accused of rewriting his Lary by The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune, SpeakS about the movie, 3D week as Newsweek and Time book him to lask for the Marking of his film JFK, he left the heat intensity this week and the making of his film JFK, he left the heat intensity this week and time ook him to lask for creating characters that didn't exist and fictionalizing key elements of the story.

But like a man on a crustede, twice-wounded Vietnam ver Stone, 45, passionately behieves that he is right and they are wrong paractors, he contends, are members of the East Coast media establishment that reported Lee Barvey Oswald acted atome in Killing John F. Kennedy. To support Stone's version would be to admit they erred in reporting "feel obligated to defend my right to interpret history as an artist," says Stone. "I certainly think it's too dangerous to leave to newsment, who have done such a shouldy by not interpreting" what happened in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Stone's three-hour version focuses on real-life New Orleans District Attorney Jim Gartrean, portrayed by Kevin Costaner as a Jimmy Stewart-like good gay who fights the world virtually stanet in a quest to prove that the government (CIA, milliary) killed the president, and that Oswald

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By Matthew Rollston KISS FOR LUCK: Steve Martin plays father of bride Klimberly Williams.

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Mort Sahl, still speaking out

By Jefferson Graham USA TODAY

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Mort Sahl hasn't had a TV home since a Los Angeles TV station fired him in the 1960s.

But now, the comedian, controversial in the '60s for his outspoken views and contention that John Kennedy was murdered by the CIA and the Pentagon, (the reason KTTV axed him) finally has a TV arena where he can speak his mind, 38 years after starting his show-biz career.

Sahl now has a no-holdsbarred hourlong monthly show for the Monitor Channel, *Mort Sahl Live*, airing Saturday, 9 p.m. EST/6 p.m. PST.

Sahl, 64, first gained fame for being the first comedian to deal with topical, political material with an edge (he predates Lenny Bruce), as he stood onstage in his red sweater, holding the newspaper and commenting on current events.

He still has the sweater and the paper, and he still speaks out. This week he tackles the Anita Hill/Clarence Thomas hearings, Oliver North's book tour and the recession. Next month, he'll talk about Oliver Stone's JFK movie and the presidential campaign.

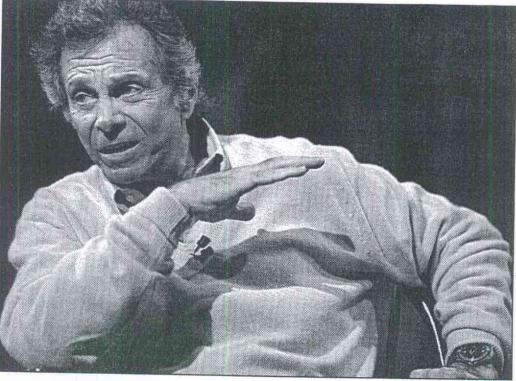
After some lean years, Sahl's career is picking up again, thanks largely to a 1988 PBS documentary about him. "It stirred everyone's conscience," he says. "It reminded people of how they once felt."

Sahl is a favorite of many comics. Woody Allen says it was Sahl who influenced him to get up onstage. "He was the best thing I ever saw," Allen told biographer Eric Lax. "Like Charlie Parker in jazz."

"Mort stood up against everybody," says comic Jonathan Winters. "Mort's a fighter, and he's as articulate today as when I met him in the '50s, standing in a red sweater at the (club) hungry i."

On Dec. 23, 1953, Sahl made his debut at that now-defunct San Francisco club.

When other comics were telling wife jokes, Sahl talked about things younger audi-



MORT SAHL: His brand of political humor and his career are on the upswing with a new cable show.

He's no fan of 'JFK' film

When Mort Sahl began questioning the Warren Commission's findings that a lone gunman killed President Kennedy, work dried up. They said he wasn't funny anymore.

But Sahl was obsessed with finding out what really happened in Dallas. He quit show business and moved to New Orleans, where he volunteered as an investigator in District Attorney Jim Garrison's case against a local businessman he said was in on a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

That case is the subject of director Oliver Stone's new JFK film. But Sahl, who's read the script but hasn't seen the movie, has nothing good to say about it — even though it would appear to vindicate what he said in the '60s.

He cites a joke about a guy who comes to see Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, and says, "The good news is that Oliver Stone wants to do a movie on your life. The bad news is that Kevin Costner is going to play Hitler." And that about sums it all up."

JFK is too fictionalized, says Sahl. "Having been there, I can tell you that the real story is so much more interesting. Why aren't the facts enough?"

ences could relate to: politics, jazz and sports cars.

Sahl's formula is "to approach people as if you were talking to them one on one, with more intimate conversations." Time called him "Will Rogers with fangs," and Sahl became friends with John F. Kennedy, writing speeches and jokes for the new president.

His career nose-dived once he began speaking out on the assassination conspiracy, but he feels Watergate and the Iran-contra affair vindicated his assertion that the government doesn't always tell the truth,

Now, he counts former President Reagan and President Bush among his friends, after appearing at a charity function with Reagan when he was the governor of California. Nancy Reagan invited him to dinner, and they became friends.

Has Sahl sold out?

"I stand for the same stuff today that I did then," he says, denying he's a Republican. "I'm a radical."

Sahl still makes a steady living working political functions, occasional concerts and the Monitor show.

"The thing is not to bend, keep your point of view and survive on your own terms," he says. "Look at what I went through and look at what I have now. I've got myself, and my principles were not put into escrow."

▶ 'JFK,' the movie, 1D

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in the shooting of the president. Some's viewpoint is the opposite of the one set forth in 1964 by the Warren Commission, which said a lone gumman did kill the president. That finding has been debated ever since, spawning a cottage industry devoted to various constitution. e president

in-your-face films (Phinton)
Wall Street, The Doors, Born
on the Fourth of July) invited
public debate. Viewers either
love his films — or hate 'em.
"You don't go unscathed
when you step out, and Oliver
steps out," Costner says. "He's a
forward-motion guy with his
subjects and storytelling,"

JFK's storytelling air-and't is
making waives at previews.
Problem No. 1: Stone pains
Garrison as the first — and
only — cilizen to speak out
atout it the commission. The not surprising, as multiple Academy Award winner Stone is a director who seems to thrive on controversy. His past in-your-face films (Platoon, spiracy theories.

JFK is easily the most controversial film of the year —

about the commission. The iruth is that Mark Lane's 1986 book Rush to Judgment came first, and comedian Mort Sahi's carreer came to a halt when he attacked the commission on stans. Garacters to make the commission of the commission.

Problem 2: Characters are created and composite situations are invented to make a better case for Stone's contention that the military killed JFK because he wanted to withdraw from Vietnam and they wanted their war. attacked the commission on stage. Garrison's case wasn't announced until 1967. Problem 2: Characters are

they winted their war.

In a key seeme, Garrison
goes to the Weschington Monument and meets "Mr. X," who
edis why JfR was killed. It's
depicted as a turning point for
Garrison, who then believe,
without a doubt, that the goverrument ordered the assussiontion. Yet in real life, Garrison
never went to Washington to
meet X; Stone did, in 1888.
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unit, Eurel stuck to the facts."

Lane hasty seen the film, but he read two drafts of the script and met with Stone's people about including benial research claiming the CIA killed Kennedy. But no deal was struck because Stone wanted the right to foctonalize it. Lane says. "I didn't make a deal with Stone, therefore I don't exist in the Hollywood he Hollywood

version."

Stone hus been labeled paranoid, which iris him. Before
the USA TODAY interview, his
publiciat called to ask the puper's position on the Warren
Commission. A few days afterward, Sone — encountered in
a hotel — smiled and said,
"You're going to write a negative story, aren't you?"

les dubling his movie Pancing
With Facts.
"What can I say? It's been
done in movies," Stone says.
"Missing, Reds, Silkovoot, The
Killing Fields, they were all
criticized for condensing.

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changing facts, shifting things around so it would be a drasence of all those movies is sence of all those movies is sence of all those movies is they give a real truth.

If doesn't say all the begin and if you consider the say and the begin in the story, "he adds. But I doesn't opening the movie with the says we see that I violate in the says of the

what does stone want to happen with JPK? For former CIA director George Bush to make some sort of statement? Says Stone: "He doesn't know, Most of the people with the consciousness for the American public, as their Ruesian counterparts said with the KGB, to say 'Enough. We want to see the files." With a vote in Congress, they could be opened to the populary of the consciousness for the American public, as their Ruesian counterparts said with the KGB, to say 'Enough. We want to see the files.' With a vote in Congress, they could be opened

For now the married father of two (his 7-year-old son Sean plays Garrison's son in IFA) is looking forward to getting off the battlefeld. The Doors and IFA were filmed back to back, there have been 18-hour day, the editing room and he's looking forward to a vacation maybe a year. This despite commitments to produce another Vietnam movie, a film biography of slain gay rights acother Vietnam movie, a film biography of slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk and possibly to direct a film about an Asian-

ito's fired of talking ("I think a movie should speak for itself") and looks forward to letself") and looks forward to letting the public, instead of the
media, vole on JFK.

"My beart is beating," he
says, "I'm looking out across
the Rubicon there, I see the enenry forces all drawn out. It is
the day, and I look forward to
buttle. There's some blood in
store and a to of hurt, but at
the end of the day, the firm will
get to the other side and stand
the test of time,"

What made things even harder; Sugal, 35, and boy-friend Jack White watched the baby's image on a monitor, "It was a girl," Sagal says.

Sagal had a miscar-riage earlier in the year, but the second pregnancy seemed to go well.

Four weeks into fining, his first-draft script got leaked to the press. "We had a mini-in distry devoted to destroying the crecibility of this film before the care out." Stone says. "Instead of spending so much energy saying "Stone's interpretation of history is faction, which it is not, why don't they devote the same energy to asking why Kennedy was lifed?" A May '91 Washington Post poil found just just, of the warren Commission, 56% believed a conspiracy, lifes the commission, 56% believed a conspiracy killed JFK.
So. apparently, did some in Congress. In 1976, a brusse sub-commistee said there "probably" was a conspiracy, fles from that debate have been seeded until 2029.

The loss of the baby, she says, "Is as real to me as any death has ever been. She was a very important person in my life, and she was here for a very short time."

Prince at his pique

Sagal's pregnancy Stillbirth ended BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE FAMOUS AND THE FASCINATING

Married . . . With Chil-drot's Katey Sagal ddarf miscarry Oct 13, she says in the Dec. 28 Tv Gride. She had a stillbrth. "I gave birth to a child that is not here noday," she tells the magadae. "I experienced the kicking, the labor, and then

By Scott Downle, Colobrity Photo SAGAL AND WHITE: Reported miscarriage was actually a stillbirth.

"I always thought when I got
to be an adult, tragedies
wouldn't huppen," says Sagal,
a.k.a. Peg Bundy on Fox's hit
show. "Being a grown-up
t caught me by surprise."
— Craig Wilson

PRINCELY PREFLOCATIVE: Shapping Price for Janu-Voguer required a fix of patience from photog Herb R Said Ritts to Prince, perchad on the adge of a planto, Lock great You look so easy. Prince walked of the pe-with no explanation, telling Ritts, Burn those negatives You set

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Stone Phillips is becoming NBC's rock of Gibrailar.

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