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 ARKETS**  
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**DOW**  
 13,010.14  
**+51.70**

**NASDAQ**  
 2,596.81  
**+3.43**

**S&P 500**  
 1,439.70  
**+6.43**

**6-MO T-BILLS**  
 3.44%  
**-.16**

**30-YR T-BONDS**  
 4.48%  
**+.01**

**CRUDE OIL**  
 \$98.03  
**+3.39**

**GOLD**  
 \$790.30  
**+13.50**

**EURO**  
 1.4815  
**+.0148**

## Liberty Bowl gets DOJ visit

Key ADA inspection was 2-3; ruling date unknown

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ed States Department of Justice of-  
 inspected Liberty Bowl Memorial  
 m and its Americans with Disabil-  
 ct issues during a low-key visit this

month, a step toward closure on a long-  
 running saga.

The DOJ's mandate on stadium im-  
 provements — though there's still no in-  
 dication when it will come — is consid-  
 ered a major factor in the city's decision  
 whether to renovate the 42-year-old Lib-  
 erty Bowl or replace it.

An especially high cost — in dollars  
 and seat loss — could nudge Memphis  
 Mayor Willie Herenton to renew his call

for a new stadium.

"They're in a better position to produce  
 some report in the future," City Atty. El-  
 bert Jefferson said Tuesday while he  
 briefed the City Council parks commit-  
 tee. "They have come in, they've obtained  
 additional information they needed, they  
 looked at a lot of the drawings, they spoke  
 with the engineer who drafted the various  
 options (for ADA compliance) and they  
 took that into consideration. ... It's part of

their due diligence."

But Jefferson said the city has no in-  
 dication when the DOJ will respond.

The Justice Department officials, mak-  
 ing their visit without public or media  
 fanfare, toured the stadium Nov. 2 and  
 returned Nov. 3 for the University of  
 Memphis-East Carolina football game.

Three days after that visit, responding  
 to one in a series of occasional requests

Please see **STADIUM, C2**

### COFFEE BREAK

## Wireless warehouse technology on display

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IF YOU WANT to see the  
 future of wireless technology  
 in warehousing, drop by the  
 Hilton Memphis Nov. 29 for  
 free workshops and lunch  
 presented by

Motorola/Symbol and ADC  
 Integrated Systems Inc.  
 Motorola/Symbol will  
 display handheld and forklift  
 wireless computers, barcode  
 scanners and radio frequency  
 identification equipment from  
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a truck in  
 the Hilton lot.

A noon luncheon will  
 include presentations on  
 wireless applications for  
 warehousing and  
 manufacturing.

The hotel is at 939 Ridge  
 Lake Blvd.

Please RSVP for lunch by  
 sending e-mail to  
 rmliner@adcisi.com.

For more information, call  
 327-9946, ex. 101

### Paragon branching out

Paragon National Bank has  
 plans to open its fifth branch  
 next year.

The office will be at 4515  
 Poplar on the ground floor of  
 the five-story office building  
 near Oak Court Mall.

Paragon signed a 10-year  
 contract with RMR  
 Investments Co. LLC to lease  
 3,507 square feet in the 60,000  
 square foot building.

The banking center is  
 scheduled for a June 2008  
 grand opening.

### On the express track

Plan  
 Express was  
 named the  
 fastest  
 growing,  
 private quick  
 printing  
 company in  
 the nation,  
 according to  
 Inc  
 Magazine.

Overall,  
 out of 5,000  
 private  
 companies,  
 Plan Express  
 finished No.

2,398 with a revenue growth  
 of 147.1 percent since 2003.

The company said the rapid  
 growth can be attributed to its  
 national business model,  
 which allows customers to  
 take advantage of its state-of-  
 the-art technology and Plan  
 Room, which allows  
 subcontractors to view specific  
 building plans in a secured  
 online area, and saving time  
 during the bidding process  
 and allowing for a quicker  
 completion of a project.

## Flexible fliers



Photos by Matthew Craig/The Commercial Appeal

Applebaum, followed by his mother, Jill Applebaum, heads to his car at the Memphis International Airport carrying her bichon frise, Joli. The pair  
 eled from West Bloomfield, Mich., Tuesday for a Thanksgiving visit.

## Travelers book, arrive early, plan B in hand

BY JANE ROBERTS / robertsj@commercialappeal.com

TWO THINGS TO KNOW about this year's Thanksgiving air travelers:  
 They booked early, and they have contingency plans.

"We live in an environment now where  
 planes are full every day of the week, and  
 on holidays, they're beyond capacity. It  
 means your ability to respond is limited,"  
 said Vicki Rush, CEO of A & I Travel.

If they have that intense look in their  
 faces, it's because people know anything  
 can go wrong, she says, and are trying to  
 be prepared.

### TIPS FROM NORTHWEST AIRLINES

■ Arrive at least 75 minutes prior  
 to domestic departures; 120 minutes  
 prior to international departures.

■ Liquids in carry-on must be  
 packed in 3-ounce or smaller  
 containers that fit easily in a clear,  
 one-quart, zip-top bag.

■ Put your name and phone



Smith  
 Scarborough,  
 a freshman at  
 Rhodes  
 College, checks  
 his  
 paperwork  
 after  
 checking in  
 for his flight  
 home to  
 Sealy, Texas,  
 for  
 Thanksgiving.  
 For his carry-