A gas station cashier testified Monday that Danny Monroe interviewed him inside the station on the night of the Los Angeles riots last year and that Williams earlier had threatened to attack and kill people.

That testimony was the first prosecution witness to directly identify either of the two defendants on trial for attempting to kill Los Angeles police officers and two firefighters as they passed through the intersection of Florence and Normandie avenues as rioting broke out on April 29, 1992, in response to the acquittal that day of four police officers charged in the beating of black motorist Rodney King.

Gaynor, who was threatened to kill people is critical to prosecution's efforts to establish the defendant's intent — a necessary element in the charge of willful, deliberate and premeditated murder.

Quintana, 22, said Williams and several other attackers chased his booth after beating Danny, breaking buffet-plate glass with bricks and smashing a light bulb. He said he fled to a bathroom, but half-assaults removed the door from its hinges, dragged him out, kicked, beat and robbed him of between $900 and $1,500 of his personal money.

Williams, he said, slammed his face into a window.

AFL-CIO President Rules Out NAFTA Compromise

By Thomas W. Lippman and David Hoffman

**WASHINGTON**

Participants in the Middle East peace negotiations said Tuesday they expect Israel's new PLO accord to mark agreement with the Palestinian Liberation Organization to be signed in Washington on Thursday.

In the question of who will sign for the PLO, some officials said that because Israel has not formally recognized the PLO, the agreement will be signed on its behalf by the head of the PLO in exile, Yasser Arafat.

The agreement between parties in the Middle East peace negotiations is to be the Middle East's most improbable enemies throwing a share of the pie. The accord is to provide the PLO with a home of its own, a place where it can thrive and grow.

For the PLO, the agreement is another step toward its goal of statehood, and for Israel, it is a measure of progress toward peace.

Both sides have been working hard to make sure that the deal is fair to both sides. The PLO has been pressing for more rights and freedoms, while Israel has been trying to maintain its security and sovereignty.

The agreement is expected to be signed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat. It is a major step toward ending the 30-year conflict in the Middle East.

AFL-CIO President Luis Turrubiates said Tuesday that Labor would make a decision early next week on whether to sign the agreement.

The U.S. government, which has played a major role in the negotiations, has said that the agreement is a significant step toward peace in the Middle East.

**Skin Test Would Allow Quick Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease**

By Timothy M. Belyes

**WASHINGTON**

A new skin test may allow rapid diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and may also be able to predict who will develop the disease, a finding that may one day lead to new treatments for the disorder.

Alzheimer's, which affects as many as four million Americans, producing memory loss and eventually death, can now be diagnosed only by excluding all other possible diseases.

This discovery, if confirmed, could provide a big step forward in our fight against Alzheimer's disease, said Dr. Michael Greicius, acting director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. Research at the institute under his direction could speed up the search for a skin test.

Researchers have been intensively seeking new diagnostic techniques to complement a number of potential treatments for the disorder. So far, none has proven very effective.

The hope is that these treatments will be much more effective if they are started early in the disease. But it has been impossible to test such a theory because of the inability of clinicians to identify Alzheimer's victims at an early stage.

**WEATHER**

**Emily Heads Northeast**

By Michael Morgan

**NEW YORK**

While Hurricane Emily is expected to move away from the U.S. mainland by noon, weather experts say the Northeast is in for a few days of rough weather, with the region facing a possible front to bring rain and snow showers.

The front is expected to bring across the Northeast and turn into a cold front, bringing with it a high chance of rain and snow showers. The front is also expected to bring gusty winds, with a high chance of wind gusts up to 30 mph.

In the coming days, the region can expect a high chance of rain and snow showers, with a high chance of wind gusts up to 30 mph.