

# Police pursue carjacking murders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police asked for the public's help Monday in finding the killers of two students who were shot to death for their car, while in Japan, anguish over the deaths of Takuma Ito and Go Matsuura continued.

The Japanese-born Ito, and Matsuura, a U.S. citizen who grew up in Japan, died Sunday, two days after they were shot in a supermarket parking lot.

The two 19-year-olds were film students at Marymount College, a private liberal arts school in Rancho Palos Verdes. They had stopped at the market in nearby San Pedro on their way to a spring-break vacation.

The shootings were front-page news in Japan, where U.S. Ambassador Walter Mondale publicly apologized on behalf of President Clinton.

"Gun Society ... Another Tragedy, in Los Angeles," said a headline in the Japanese newspaper *Sankei Sports*.

"For a car?" the newspaper asked.

Ito's 1994 Honda Civic was recovered a short distance from the supermarket. Police said they dusted it for fingerprints, but offered no new details on their investigation.

They did appeal for the public's help in cracking the case, and the FBI offered its assistance, said agency spokesman John Hoos.

The shopping center where the carjacking occurred is "a relatively safe area," Marymount President Thomas McFadden told a news conference.

"I shop there often," he said.

He called the killings "a horrendous, terrible, random act of violence" and said counselors would be available for students when they return from spring break next Sunday.

Marymount's 750 students, a quarter of them foreigners, are warned about crime in Los Angeles, but none of those who met with staff Monday expressed a desire to leave, McFadden said.

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Only two weeks ago, Ito's parents had expressed concern about his staying in Southern California, said faculty adviser Pat Kelly. But Ito was adamant about remaining in the world's film capital, she said.

Kelly said she would remember Ito and Matsuura for their sense of humor, passion for film and love of America.

"Go was the deadpan humor of the two," she said. "Takuma was very funny, outgoing."

Meanwhile, Los Angeles tourism officials watched warily for developments in the aftermath of the shootings. More foreign tourists come to Los Angeles from Japan than any other country, said Michael Collins, senior vice president of the Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau.

A half-million Japanese visited Los Angeles last year and spent about \$480 million, he said.

Japanese authorities urged nationals visiting the United States to take precautions after the slayings of a 25-year-old Japanese exchange student last year in Concord, Calif., and a 16-year-old high school student in Baton Rouge, La., in 1992.

Masakazu Kuriyama was killed in a robbery at a train station in Concord last August, and Yoshihiro Hattori was shot by a Baton Rouge homeowner when he went to the wrong house looking for a Halloween party.

The latest killings also focused renewed attention on carjackings in the Los Angeles area, which had 1,985 of them last year, according to the FBI. That's more than any other U.S. metropolitan area.

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# Disney World may add new park

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Live gorillas and exotic animals may join Mickey Mouse and Goofy at Walt Disney World.

Disney World plans a fourth theme park by the end of the decade, and one of the possibilities is animal conservation, said Jane Adams, Disney's manager of media relations.

"We are on track, but no final decision has been reached yet," Adams said Monday.

She would not disclose other themes Disney is exploring for the new park, which would join Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom, the futuristic Epcot exhibition center, and Disney MGM Studios on the property of the resort in central Florida.

Disney has hired former San Diego Zoo chief Rick Barongi, but Adams would not confirm if he was hired specifically for the new park. Barongi is working on "a number of animal-type projects," Adams said.

Disney now has live tortois-

es and other exotic animals at Discovery Island, another attraction at Disney World.

The new theme park would have an environmentalist feel, showing how careless logging can produce erosion and how rare species can be preserved through breeding, *The Orlando Sentinel* reported Saturday.

Small groups of visitors are previewing a promotional video for the attraction, the *Sentinel* said. Adams would only say that "tapes are shown on a regular basis" to tourists.

Roller coasters, other thrill rides and dinosaur exhibits also would be a part of the new 500-acre park, which could open as soon as 1997, according to the *Sentinel*.

The proposed park would be divided into several lands off a central village, much like the Magic Kingdom.

Visitors would enter through a garden and cross the Safari River, which meanders through the park, to Safari Village and its Tree of Life.

From the park's hub, visitors could fan out to four themed lands: the Beastly Kingdom, Dinoland, Africa and Asia.

Disney's confirmation that it is considering another new theme park comes just after it approved plans to build an American history park near Washington, D.C., in northern Virginia.

Virginia has agreed to provide Disney with \$160 million in incentives. Construction is scheduled to start next year.

Far away — both geographically and financially — is Euro Disney, a debt-plagued amusement park outside Paris. Euro Disney has closed a hotel, eliminated about 900 jobs, reduced off-season fees, postponed expansion and sought a cash infusion from creditor banks to keep from falling into bankruptcy.

The company said earlier this month that 1 million fewer visitors passed through the gates at Euro Disney this year than last.

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# New Easter craze: Chocolate bats

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Traditionally, rabbits get all the attention at Easter time, out-muscling other critters for the affections of chocolate lovers. This year, there's an alternative — chocolate bats.

With peanut butter ears. "We've been trying to do things that will help people perceive bats in a different light," said Heidi Hughes, a volunteer for the Bat Hotline.

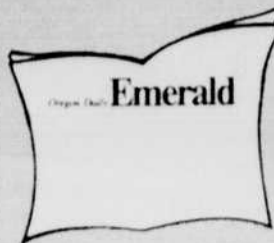
The Easter Bat idea came from Tom Valego, president of the Rockville-based American Bat

Conservation Society.

The group hired Silver Spring sculptor George Carr to design the bat and a confectioner Tom Wilbur of Portland, Maine, to make them edible.

"We're out of stock right now," Ms. Hughes said. "We're totally overwhelmed with sales."

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