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Ricky Martin is Back with New Album

(AP)—Ricky Martin is back with a new album he hopes will sway those who wrote him off as a one-hit wonder.

Martin's 1999 smash hit, "Livin' La Vida Loca" sold 15 millions copies worldwide, but his 2000 follow up, "Sound Loaded" dropped to 4 million.

His latest, "Almas del Silencio" (Souls of Silence), hits stores Tuesday. It's the first Spanish-language album for Martin, 31, in five years. It's also more introspective than much of his recent work.

"I really needed to go back to my focus, to my center, to the beginning," said Martin, who got his start 20 years ago as a child star in the Puerto Rican teen group Menudo. "I had the need to search within, and really dig deep, and find those emotions that, because of the adrenaline and the euphoria that I lived for a couple of years, were probably sabotaged."

As for "Livin' La Vida Loca," Martin said he doesn't miss it at all: "I lived it. I loved it. But it's the past."

Puerto Rican singer Ricky Martin performs in concert in Mexico City. The show is part of a tour promoting his new album "Almas del Silencio." (AP photo)



Petroleos Mexicanos to Invest in Oil Refinery

(AP)—Mexican state oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos or Pemex, will invest \$1.63 billion to expand its refinery in Minatitlan, company officials said.

Mexico produces far more crude oil than it can refine, exporting 130,000 barrels a day for refining

abroad and reimporting the finished petroleum products.

Pemex will begin seeking tenders for the refinery upgrade at the end of this month. Work is expected to start in October, and completion is slated for December 2007.

The expansion at Minatitlan, in

southeastern Mexico, calls for the construction of nine new plants. The project will raise the refinery's capacity for processing crude oil to 350,000 barrels a day from 200,000 barrels a day at present.

Processing of heavy Maya crude, which accounts for 70 percent of

Pemex's production, will increase to 60 percent from 32 percent now, said Juan Bueno, the head of Pemex's refining unit.

Once completed, Minatitlan will increase gasoline production to 150,000 barrels per day from 57,000 barrels daily.

RELIGION

Biblical Perspective on Health, Hope and Healing

Great men of God did not use alcohol

BY DR. RICK LEE

The four references to commands in regard to "leaven," which causes fermentation, are; Leviticus 2:11 and Exodus 13:6,7 - leavens (yeast causes fermentation) not accepted for sacrifice; Exodus 12:15,20, and Exodus 13:6,7 - Leavens forbidden in houses during sacred week before the feast of the Passover, which was held on the seventh day.

Also, the Bible tells us that the great men of God did not use alcohol but abstained from the use of it; Enoch, Noah, Daniel and the three Hebrew boys, Elijah, John the Baptist, Jesus, the Nazirites, Aaron, the priest (pastors of today) Samuel

and many others.

Until the discovery of the process of distillation of wine, circa 1500 AD, the word wine was used to designate fruit juices - "new or sweet" when preserved, "old or strong" when fermented. The context, or history indicates which is meant. While only a few of the several references to drink and drinking are cited in this study, there are many more in God's Holy Word, which is our Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth (BIBLE). I want to encourage you to study the Bible and help your fellow man and be ready to meet Him.

In regards to our health, let us see what the Bible says in this book of "Basic Instructions Before Leav-

ing Earth." The Bible makes it very clear that the human body is the temple - dwelling place for the Holy Spirit of God (1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Cor. 3:16,17; 2 Cor. 6:16). It is a scientific fact that alcohol destroys the brain, liver and other cells of the body. Health or disease begins at the cellular level. When we drink alcohol, we are destroying our foundation of life itself (Psalms 11:3). We know and understand that it is "through the frontal lobes and cortex of the brain are the instrumentality through which the spirit of God speaks to the soul of man." Even small amounts of alco-

hol affects first the nervous system, numbing the mind, causing the loss of spiritual perception. During pregnancy, if alcohol is consumed, an expecting mother risks the possibility of birth defects to her unborn fetus. With all the scientific data available concerning the affects of alcohol on the human body, and the spiritual affect of God's image defaced in the character of His children, do we really believe God condones the use of alcohol or are we slaves to appetite, passions and desires. To be continued next week.

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Memorial Planned for Cassandra Brown

The life of slain Portland Community College student and north Portland resident Cassandra "Cassie" Brown will be remembered with a memorial service at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2 at the PCC Cascade Campus.

The event will take place in the Borthwick Mall between the Student Services and Student Center buildings. The memorial will start with a tree planting ceremony in her honor, followed by light refreshments and a play by the Illumination Project on domestic violence in the dining room of the Student Center.

Brown was a student enrolled in

PCC's College Bound (alternative high school) program and would have received her diploma this June. She was interested in myths and legends of all cultures, world history, the environment, animals, spirituality and women's issues. Her immediate goals were to complete her high school education, earn an associate's degree at PCC and then continue her studies at Portland State University to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Brown's body was found dumped in the Willamette River. Her boyfriend was charged with the murder.

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