# EL OBSERVADOR

## 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)



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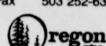
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#### Petroleos Mexicanos to Invest in Oil Refinery

(AP) — Mexican state oil mo- abroad and reimporting the finished nopoly Petroleos Mexicanos or petroleum products. Pemex, will invest \$1.63 billion to company officials said.

oil than it can refine, exporting is slated for December 2007. 130,000 barrels a day for refining

Pemex will begin seeking tenexpand its refinery in Minatitlan, ders for the refinery upgrade at the end of this month. Work is expected Mexico produces far more crude, to start in October, and completion

The project will raise the refinery's capacity for processing crude oil to Pemex's refining unit. 350,000 barrels a day from 200,000 barrels a day at present.

The expansion at Minatitlan, in which accounts for 70 percent of barrels daily

southeastern Mexico, calls for the Pemex's production, will increase construction of nine new plants. to 60 percent from 32 percent now, said Juan Bueno, the head of

Once completed, Minatitlan will increase gasoline production to Processing of heavy Mayacrude, 150,000 barrels per day from 57,000

# 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 preserved, "old or 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 ing are cited in this study, there are our foundation of life itself (Psalms Passover, which was held on the seventh day.

Also, the Bible tell's 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 Nazarites, Aaron, the priest (pastors of today) Samuel of "Basic Instructions Before Leav-

Until the discovery of the process of distillation of wine, circa to designate fruit juices

- "new or sweet" when strong" when fermented. The context, or history indicates which is meant. While only a few of the several references to drink and drink-

many more in God's Holy Word, which is our Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth (BIBLE). I want to encourage you to study strumentality through which the tional Naturopathy and can be 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

ing Earth." The Bible makes it very hol affects first the nervous sysclear that the human body is the tem, benumbing the mind, causing temple-dwelling place for the Holy the loss of spiritual perception. 1500 AD, the word wine was used Spirit of God (1 Cor. 6:19; 1 Cor. 3: During pregnancy, if alcohol is

16,17;2Cor. 6:16). It is a scientific fact that al-When we drink alcohol, we are destroying

11:3). We know and understand that it is "through the frontal lobes be continued next week. and cortex of the brain are the inman." Even small amounts of alco- rleeohwc@juno.com

consumed, an expecting mother risks the possibility of birth defects cohol destroys the to her unborn fetus. With all the brain, liver and other scientific data available concerncells of the body. ing the affects of alcohol on the Health or disease be- human body, and the spiritual afgins at the cellular level. fect 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

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#### Memorial Planned for Cassondra Brown

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

Borthwick Mall between the Student Services and Student Center buildings. The memorial will start with a tree planting ceremony in her Portland State University to obtain 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 diplomathis June. She was interested in myths and legends of all cultures, world history, the environment, animals, spirituality and women's issues. The event will take place in the Her immediate goals were to complete her high school education, earn an associate's degree at PCC and then continue her studies at 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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