

# Vatican rejects U.S. bishop's sexual abuse proposals

**INTERNATIONAL**  
**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — The Vatican has rejected some proposals in the U.S. bishops' new clerical sex abuse policy, fearing they could deny accused priests their rights under universal Roman Catholic Church law, church sources say.

The Vatican planned to make its response public today, but sources familiar with the document said the Holy See would caution America's bishops against implementing some of the more controversial elements of the hard-line policy.

The U.S. bishops adopted the plan in June in response to enormous pressure that they take a tough stance against abusive clergy and stem the scandal that has shaken many American Catho-

## around the world

lics' faith in the church leadership.

Bishop Wilton Gregory, head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, met with Pope John Paul II on Thursday to discuss the Vatican's response to the norms, or the parts of the policy that affect church law.

Among other things, the U.S. policy requires dioceses to remove guilty priests from church work and, in some instances, from the priesthood itself.

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** — In a sign Indonesia is clamping down on Islamic militants after deadly bombings in Bali, officials said today a hardline Muslim cleric was a suspect

in bombings two years ago and may be arrested after weekend questioning.

Police have declared Abu Bakar Bashir, the alleged leader of the militant group Jemaah Islamiyah, a suspect in a spate of church attacks across Indonesia in 2000, Brig. Gen. Edward Aritonang told The Associated Press.

Bashir has not been linked to the Bali bombing that killed at least 183 people and wounded about 300 more on Saturday, but officials say there is evidence Jemaah Islamiyah was involved. The dead and wounded were mostly foreigners.

Indonesia has come under enormous international pressure in recent days to

move against Jemaah Islamiyah, which is said to be linked to al-Qaida, and neighboring governments have urged Indonesian authorities to arrest Bashir.

## NATIONAL

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Ira Einhorn, the onetime counterculture guru who fled the country and spent nearly 17 years on the run in Europe, was convicted of bludgeoning his former girlfriend and stuffing her corpse in his closet a quarter-century ago.

Einhorn, who publicly preached peace and love, was sentenced to life in prison without parole Thursday for first-degree murder in the 1977 death of Holly Maddux. He planned an appeal.

"For the first time in his spoiled, selfish, egotistical life, he pays the price,"

said the victim's brother, John Maddux.

Einhorn was a 1970s guru who held "be-in" events, counted Jerry Rubin and rock star Peter Gabriel among his acquaintances and later consulted with large companies on New Age trends.

Einhorn vanished on the eve of his 1981 trial and lived in England, Ireland and Sweden under pseudonyms before authorities caught him at a converted windmill in the south of France, where he lived with his Swedish-born wife.

Einhorn insisted he was innocent, maintaining he last saw the 30-year-old Maddux as she left to make a phone call and had no idea how her body turned up in a trunk inside his closet.

**PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)** — Calling the case of two teenage brothers con-

victed in the fatal bludgeoning of their father "unusual and bizarre," a judge tossed out the convictions and ordered prosecutors and defense attorneys to try to resolve the case in mediation.

Circuit Judge Frank Bell said Thursday the boys' rights were violated in part by the way prosecutors simultaneously presented two contradictory theories of the crime.

Prosecutors won the conviction of Alex, 13, and Derek King, 14, last month by arguing that Derek swung the aluminum baseball bat that killed their father. In a trial that ended a week earlier, the prosecution's star witnesses testified an adult friend committed the crime.

The judge said he will order a new trial for the boys, and will appoint a mediator who will try to work out a deal.

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