



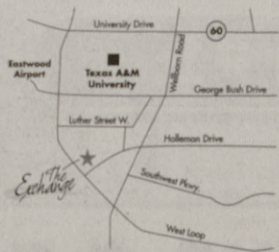
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## Trial begins in case of thirteen Iranian Jews accused of spying

SHIRAZ, Iran (AP) — An espionage trial of 13 Jews that threatens to cool U.S.-Iranian relations adjourned quickly after it began Thursday, with defense attorneys saying they need more time. A senior judicial official said later that four of the 13 had confessed.

Concern over the trial brought Western diplomats, foreign journalists and a human rights activist to the courthouse in Shiraz, 550 miles south of the capital of Tehran. Both the United States and Israel say charges that the Jews spied for the two countries are baseless.

The Revolutionary Court trial is closed to the public — including relatives and the media — for national security reasons, authorities say. The judge leads the investigation and hands down the sentence and verdict.

Shortly after the 90-minute court session was adjourned until May 1, provincial judiciary chief Hossein Ali Amiri told reporters that four of the defendants had confessed to espionage and that Judge Sadeq Nourani had ruled the confessions admissible. He did not say when the confessions, which were reported in the Iranian media last fall, were made.

Defense lawyer Esmail Naseri said the alleged confessions were "irrelevant" and inadmissible because they had not been made in the presence of defense counsel. Nothing about the purported confessions came up in court Thursday, he said.

Iran's state-run television, meanwhile, said Thursday night that "four Jewish suspects confessed to espionage in court today." The contradiction could not be immediately explained.

Washington has warned that the way the trial is held and its verdict could slow the thaw between the United States and Iran that has been under way since President Mohammad Khatami took office in 1997.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told a Senate committee Thursday that "of strong concern to me." She said the fact that the trial was postponed could be a positive step.

France, Germany, the United Nations and the International Criminal Court have either condemned the trial or called for a fair trial.

Only four of the 10 defendants in custody at the time of Thursday's court session, which lasted 90 minutes, were present. The judge wanted it this way, Naseri said. Three other defendants, who have been free on bail since February, were not at the courthouse, but it was not clear whether they appeared.



## Major Colombian heroin ring dismantled after 49 arrests

CALI, Colombia (AP) — Police dismantled what they called Colombia's leading heroin-trafficking ring Wednesday, making 49 arrests in pre-dawn raids in four cities backed by U.S. drug agents.

Dubbed "Operation Millennium II," the sweep coincided with a Washington visit by President Andres Pastrana to lobby U.S. lawmakers for approval of a \$1.7 billion aid package for fighting narcotics in this turbulent Andean nation.

Some 1,500 police officers took part in Wednesday's operation, which national police director Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano said demonstrates Colombia's "unbreakable will to keep fighting drug traffickers."

With the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration attache in Colombia seated at his side, Gen. Serrano paraded most of the suspects, including four women, before reporters in this western city.

The arrests show that "the mafiosos can't hide," said the DEA official, Leo Arreguin.

Arreguin said there were no plans to seek extradition for any of the suspects, including the purported ringleader, Nicolas Urquijo Gaviria, a cousin of the late cocaine lord Pablo Escobar Gaviria.

"He's the big cheese here," Arreguin added of the stocky and slightly balding 45-year-old Urquijo, who told reporters

he was innocent. "The rest are newsworthy. The and lower-level as far as we know."

The drug gang was capable of producing 100 pounds of heroin a month, which would represent about a fifth of Colombia's annual production, police said. They said the gang had shipped heroin to the United States, Spain, Holland and Italy.

Urquijo, whose mother is a former Escobar's mother, was captured in the western city of Medellin. He and his brothers were arrested Wednesday. Urquijo's watchmen to drug couriers to transport chemicals and laundering drugs, police said.

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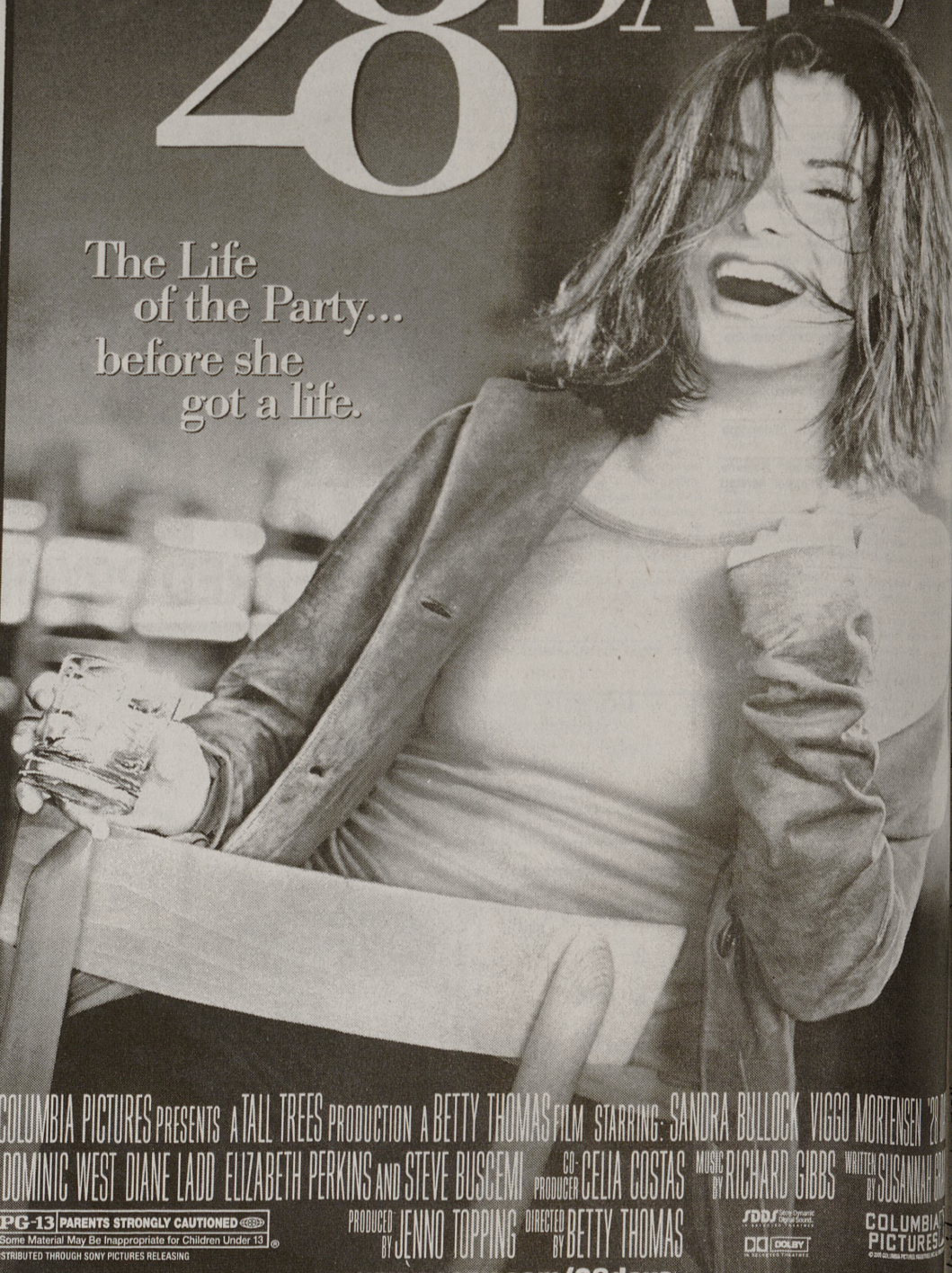
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