

Honduran national team veteran **Milton "Chocolate" Flores** was gunned down in a hail of bullets Jan. 19 in San Pedro Sula. The 29-year-old Real Espana keeper was in his car talking to a prostitute in the early hours of the morning when members of a street gang fired 17 shots into the car. San Pedro Sula, Honduras' largest industrial city, has suffered from out-of-control violence in recent years. Flores had been expected to suit up for the Catrachos' first full international of 2003, their Feb. 1 match against Argentina.

Inter Milan signed Argentine star **Gabriel Batistuta** on loan from Roma for the rest of the Italian season. Inter's move to secure Batistuta was motivated by the urgent need to replace injured striker Hernan Crespo, Batistuta's longtime rival on the Argentine national team. Batistuta has spent much of the season on the Roma bench. He has proved a lethal striker against Inter with 16 goals in 20 games during his Serie A career with Fiorentina and Roma.

**Gianni Agnelli**, the guiding hand behind two of Italy's greatest sports institutions — Juventus and the Ferrari Formula 1 racing team — died Jan. 24 at the age of 81 after a long battle with prostate cancer. The death of *L'Avvocato* ("the Lawyer"), who transformed Italian carmaker Fiat into a global giant, is expected to open the door for his brother, Umberto, 68, to take over the Fiat group. Juventus, the 26-time Italian champion, has effectively been in the hands of the Agnelli family since 1923, when Gianni's father, Edoardo, was elected president.

**Cafu**, who captained Brazil to the 2002 World Cup title, is set to return to the stadium where he was presented the World Cup trophy. The 32-year-old Roma defender will join Yokohama F-Marinos of the J-League this summer.

**Farah Weheliye Addo**, president of the Somali Football Federation, has been banned by FIFA from soccer for two years following comments he made against FIFA President Sepp Blatter last year. Addo accused Blatter's backers of buying the 1998 presidential election that propelled the former FIFA secretary general to power.