

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

X-ray technician charged

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Wed, AAP — Larry Layton, an x-ray technician at the People's Temple commune, was ordered to stand trial before the Supreme Court for the murder of US congressman Leo Ryan.

Magistrate Krishna Veni Chinta made the ruling after a three-week preliminary inquiry.

Cyclone warning continues

BRISBANE, Wed, AAP — Brisbane's tropical cyclone warning centre is continuing its tropical cyclone watch for coastal waters from Cape Flattery to Innisfail in North Queensland.

It says that at 10am today, tropical low, formerly Cyclone Peter, was located 50km north northeast of Cooktown and almost stationary.

'Officially' dead

ADELAIDE, Wed AAP — A coroner in Australia has declared a man officially dead even though the mystery of his two-year-old disappearance remains unsolved.

Maria Della-Torre, 56, disappeared from the BHP company's single men's quarters at Whyalla in South Australia in October of 1976.

TV crew film UFO

WELLINGTON, Wed, AAP — Another unidentified flying object over New Zealand was filmed by a television crew early this morning.

The film, described by the cameraman as like an "illuminated pingpong ball with a tinge of red in the centre", was shown on national channel TV.

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Sid Vicious 'insane'

NEW YORK, AAP — A lawyer for British punk rock star Sid Vicious, accused of murdering his girlfriend, said today he would ask a court later this month to declare his client insane.

Vicious, 21, has previously pleaded not guilty to charges of stabbing 20-year-old Nancy Spungen to death last October in their Manhattan Hotel room.