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Arafat backs down over cousin's promotion

Yesterday Palestinian president Yasser Arafat finally agreed to cancel the controversial appointment by which his cousin Moussa Arafat had been appointed Palestinian security chief. The president's cousin, whose promotion had sparked a violent revolt in Gaza among militants who considered it to be blatant cronyism, has now been returned to his previous post of head of military intelligence in Gaza.

Discotheque doormen to require official certification

The Catalan government has declared that it will pass a law today by which all doormen and bouncers at discotheques and clubs in Catalonia will require official documentation to do their job as "access controllers". Establishments not complying with this requirement will be fined, though a government spokesman has said that "no firms will be fined until Autumn", while doormen will also be given until the same period to get the required documents in order.

Jewel of modernism to reopen as hotel

Renovation of Casa Fuster cost hotel chain 68m euros



A symbol of bourgeois Catalan opulence is to reopen as a five-star hotel. The Casa Fuster in Passeig de Gràcia, designed by the modernist architect Domènech i Montaner in 1911 is now owned by the Hoteles Center chain which is offering guests a chance to savour a piece of architectural history for 1,700 euros a night. In the

early 1960s there were plans to demolish the building and replace it with a skyscraper but it was saved following a campaign led by the magazine *Destino* which led its then owners Enher, the energy firm, to have a change of heart and convert it into offices. The current renovation has cost the hotel chain 68 million euros.

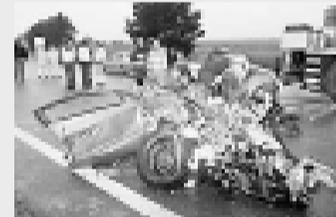
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