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Mexican front-runner shot dead

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) - The man expected to become Mexico's next president, Luis Donaldo Colosio Murrieta, was shot to death yesterday during a campaign appearance in the border city of Tijuana, the Mexican office of the presidency said.

Colosio, candidate of Mexico's governing party, was rushed to Tijuana General Hospital with gunshot wounds to the head and upper body. The attorney general's office said the gunman and an accomplice were arrested.

An unidentified surgeon, interviewed on the Telemex network, said Colosio's wife, Diana, and a Roman Catholic clericman were summoned into the operating room. Leovano Saez, Colosio's campaign press secretary, said he died at 8:10 p.m. Tucson time.

Mexican TV reported two people were involved in the shooting and that both were arrested. Their identities were not immediately known. In Mexico City, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari went on national radio and lambasted the attack as an "infamous act."

Colosio's death was confirmed by an official statement from Salinas' office. "This is an attempt against a noble human being, a good man who sought only to serve his country," Salinas said in a brief message before the death was announced. He said he had ordered his attorney general to Tijuana to head the investigation.

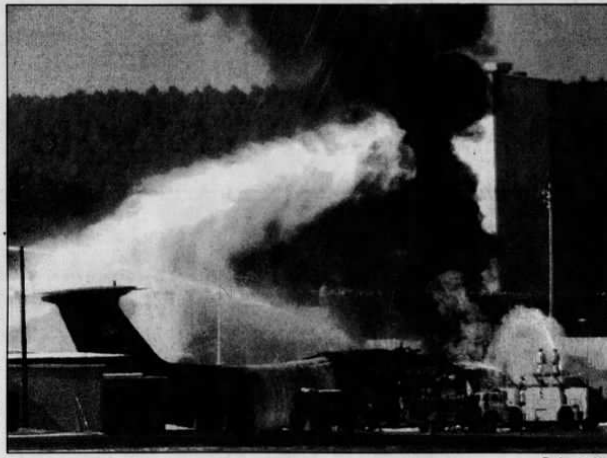
In Arizona, Gov. Fife Symington said he was "horrified and deeply saddened." ("Luis Donaldo Colosio was a wonderful man and Mexico has lost a great leader. We will miss him greatly," said Symington, who knew Colosio and his father, Luis Colosio Ferrandez. Symington, reached at his home last night, said he had hoped to work closely with the Sonoran native. "I was so excited about the opportunity of working with him," Symington said. "He represented a truly unique opportunity for us to build an even deeper relationship with our friends in Mexico.")

'Nanny' flub is costly for Clinton aide

WASHINGTON (AP) - A top White House lawyer was forced to surrender key responsibilities yesterday after embarrassing President Clinton by failing until recently to pay Social Security taxes for a family nanny.

William Kennedy III, one of three Rose Law Firm partners brought to Washington by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, paid his 1992 taxes just before he began working as associate White House counsel in February 1993. But he did not pay his 1991 taxes until three weeks ago, the White House acknowledged.

"It was an \$800 mistake," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said. It cost him his main duties supervising the issuance of White House passes and reviewing the background of presidential appointees for embarrassing episodes, such as failing to pay back taxes.



Debris from the crash ignites a C-141 transport plane preparing for takeoff for paratrooper exercises at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

Planes collide, 1 falling on air base; 16 die

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AP) - An Air Force F-16D collided in the air with another plane while trying to land yesterday and crashed to the runway in flames, spewing debris that ignited a huge transport plane and skidding into a staging area filled with paratroopers. Sixteen people were killed and 82 injured.

The two pilots aboard the F-16D ejected successfully and the other plane, a C-130 transport, landed safely with five crew members aboard, said Air Force Brig. Gen. Bobby Floyd. All seven crew members were in good condition.

The fatalities were on the ground and in the C-141 transport plane that was preparing to take off with paratroopers for training exercises, said Gene Benson, deputy chief of public affairs at nearby Fort Bragg. Most of the injuries consisted of burns and broken bones.

The bulk of the fighter plane skidded past parked transport planes and into a staging area where paratroopers were preparing for exercises. "It was very, very horrible. You can't really explain it. I can't believe it actually happened." After the pilots ejected, the F-16D crashed and burst into flames, sending engines and sheared metal flying, Floyd said. The crash occurred about 2:30 p.m.

Woman has to give away \$60 million in foundation funds by the end of 1996

By N.R. Kleinfield 1994 The New York Times NEW YORK - Irene Diamond has \$60 million and less than three years to get rid of it. Of course, everyone should have her problem. Such charming circumstances make her limitless popular. Scarcely a day goes by that applicants don't write or call beseeching her for money.

Diamond, the widow of multimillionaire builder Aaron Diamond, is now the final arbiter of the work of the Aaron Diamond Foundation, which a decade ago chartered an unorthodox destiny for itself. Unlike most foundations, which seek to exist in perpetuity, annually distributing just a small percentage of their wealth and thus never dulling their philanthropic glow, the Diamond Foundation chose to have a constructed, but lively, life.

Once it had received its major financing of \$150 million from Chinitarov History Museum and the Dance Theater of Harlem. The answer is about 1,200 investors in a public "no." "It's a difficult morale situation in the office," McGee acknowledged, "because we're mostly saying no these days." Diamond is a small, gracious, chirpy woman who looks perhaps no more than a half-step at the age of 83. She very much runs the rather lean foundation - just 11 staff members - but happily tolerates dissent.

WEATHER

Gusty winds. Today is expected to have increasing high clouds with southwest winds of 20 to 30 mph, gusting to 45 mph. Look for a high in the mid-70s, and an overnight low in the upper 40s. Yesterday's high was 77, and the low 51. Details on Page 11A.

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Tumor cells assessed Prostate cancer. A way of counting the deaths of tumor cells may give physicians an idea whether a prostate cancer patient should be treated aggressively, researchers say. Page 8A.

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Gene research called health insurance threat

WASHINGTON - When the health insurance company returned her check, Theresa Morell, a young Ohio civil rights lawyer, was bewildered. "I thought I passed my physical with flying colors," she said. When she heard she was being denied coverage because of her father's illness, she was enraged. The child of a parent with Huntington's disease has a 50-50 chance of inheriting the gene that causes the incurable disease.

A health reform bill that meets President Clinton's goal of guaranteed insurance coverage for a House panel. Page 5A. For Huntington's and Lou Gehrig's diseases, cystic fibrosis and malignant melanoma. Now they may be close to isolating a breast cancer gene. More discoveries are expected, as the federal government's Human Genome Project works to identify all 100,000 genes in the human body by the year 2005. So far, about 4,000 genes have been found. While the breakthrough offers hope for eventual prevention or cure of genetic maladies, they present immediate health insurance problems for people whose genes are suspected of being defective. "Perfectly healthy people are treated as if they are ill," said Dr. Paul Billings, a professor at See GENETIC, Page 2A