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American journalist dies, wife hurt in car accident

BOGOTA, Colombia — An American journalist who wrote for Time magazine and the United Press International news service during a 20-year career in Colombia died early Sunday in a car crash.

Tom Quinn, 53, and his wife were driving in Bogota when their car plunged 70 feet off a bridge onto a highway below.

Quinn died instantly. His Colombian wife, Zulma, was in a coma after surgery at a Bogota hospital, a hospital spokesman said.

The cause of the accident was not known. It was 2:30 a.m. and raining at the time.

At the time of his death, Quinn was correspondent for Bridge News, a financial news service, and wrote a column for El Tiempo, Colombia's most widely read newspaper.

As correspondent for Time until 1994, Quinn got two rare interviews with Gilberto Rodriguez Orejuela, a leader of the Cali drug cartel who was in hiding. Rodriguez was arrested last year.

In 1989, a report by a Time investigative team that included Quinn found evidence indicating Gen. Guillermo Medina Sanchez, then national police chief, had taken money from drug traffickers.

The Supreme Court opened an investigation based on the Time report, and Medina Sanchez was sentenced to six years in prison. In the mid-1980s, Quinn was jailed for more than two months for marijuana possession. He said he bought the marijuana as part of an investigative report on the drug trade.

Quinn also wrote for oil and other industry publications. He was an editor at The Colombia Post, an English-language newspaper in Bogota.

Quinn, of San Diego, Calif., arrived in Colombia in the early 1970s to study political science.

Dole outlines plan for campaign finance reform

NASHUA, N.H. — Keeping his focus on politics and funding, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole on Sunday proposed an overhaul of campaign financing to keep big money and foreign

interests out and "to preserve the American people's confidence in the system."

"We simply cannot allow the political influence of any American to be outweighed by foreign money," said Dole, seeking to capitalize on recent revelations that people with ties to an Indonesian conglomerate have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Democratic Party.

"In an American election, the voice of a single citizen must speak louder than the entire world," he told an audience of a few hundred who braved a driving rainstorm to hear his speech at Daniel Webster College.

President Clinton, campaigning in New Jersey and New York to raise money for Democratic candidates for Congress, urged supporters not to be overly complacent despite his healthy lead in national opinion polls.

"I'd like to celebrate, scream and shout, but it's not over yet. It's a long way from over," Clinton said in Teaneck, N.J.

Dole's running mate, Jack Kemp, had the same message as he made the rounds of Sunday talk shows — it's not over for the GOP ticket either. "We will win, and I believe that from the bottom of my soul," he said.

Vice President Al Gore, firming up core Democratic constituencies in Chicago, met with Hispanics and black churchgoers to tell them their support would be key on Nov. 5. "You can make the critical difference," he said. Under current federal rules, foreigners who are legal U.S. residents can donate money to American candidates, and in fact, Dole has received such donations himself.

Eight people die in Canada in chartered plane crash

EEL RIVER CROSSING, New Brunswick — A twin-engine chartered plane bound for Maine crashed in a field and exploded Sunday, killing all eight people on board.

The victims were all Americans, many of them Massachusetts police officers returning from an elk-hunting trip, according to Royal Canadian Mounted Police Inspector Jim Payne. Their names were not released.

The Piper Navajo was on its way from Anticosti Island in Canada to Bangor, Maine, when it radioed that it was having mechanical problems, police said.

The plane tried to head to nearby Chalo airport but went down a few miles away. It crashed shortly before noon, narrowly missing some homes in Eel River Crossing, a tiny community on New Brunswick's northern shore 250 miles northeast of Bangor.

The plane was a charter of Telford Aviation Inc., which is based in Waterville, Maine.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Clinton focuses on education in Yale address

BY SHARIF DURHAMS
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NEW HAVEN, Conn. — First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton told hundreds of Yale University students and town residents about her husband's commitment to education during a Friday afternoon address a block from her alma mater.

"He knows that your education is not just an investment in your future — it's an investment in the future of America," she said.

Clinton outlined President Bill Clinton's plan to help families fund a college education in her speech on the steps of City Hall. President Clinton's campaign promises included allowing tax free withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts for college education and providing Hope Scholarships for community college students.

Clinton also said she was excited about her husband's plan to give parents as much as a \$10,000 tax deduction for

college tuition. "As the parent of a child about to go to college we want this very much," she said.

The Clintons and their daughter Chelsea visited Yale earlier this year as the family considered colleges to send Chelsea to next year. President Clinton has a 70 percent approval rating among Yale students, and the students who attended the speech showed their support by holding signs reading "Chelsea can be my roommate," and "Chelsea: '01."

Clinton said the government needed to support teachers through funding programs such as Headstart to ensure children are prepared for a Yale-quality education.

"We have to realize some young children need extra help to prepare for school," she said. "If a child cannot read by the time he leaves third grade he will fall further and further behind."

Adopting her husband's theme of building a bridge to the 21st century, Clinton said children, especially minori-

ties, need more exposure to the Internet and computer technologies.

"We cannot permit two classes of information haves and have nots to develop in America."

Clinton said she enjoyed returning to New Haven and speaking at a spot two blocks from where she met her husband while they attended law school at Yale. She used New Haven as an example of success in reducing crime. She said the community policing program, which includes students and community members, was helping solve the crime problem.

"Putting more police on the street, especially in the form of community policing, is working," she said. "The crime rate is going down."

She encouraged the crowd to take personal responsibility in helping solve the nation's problems. "Individual economic success is certainly important but not enough," she said. "There is a role for all of us to play."



HILLARY CLINTON spoke Friday.

Siler City receives grant to support violence awareness

■ Siler City was one of only three cities nationwide to be awarded the grant.

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The need to reduce domestic violence in the community is the reason for a \$245,000 grant Siler City recently received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC in Atlanta awarded the grant to Siler City, one of only three cities nationwide to receive money for research in domestic violence.

Miriam Infinger, development and community relations coordinator with the Family Violence and Rape Crises Services, said the primary use of the money would be to educate and teach prevention to all members of the community.

The grant's formal title, Zero Tolerance Project: Siler City's Coordinated Community Response to Intimate Partner Violence, illustrates best what Chatham County officials hope the program will become — a community working together to curb domestic violence, said Infinger.

Siler City was chosen for the project

because the CDC was looking for a rural community that was willing to work together to solve the problem of domestic violence and had a university nearby to complete the research component of the project.

The application for the grant was initiated by the Chatham Hospital, FVRC, Chatham Primary Care, the Siler City Police Department and the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

Infinger said the goals of the Zero Tolerance program were to establish a culturally diverse community coalition, develop a communitywide response that focuses on prevention and intervention of domestic violence.

Another goal of the program will be to evaluate the effectiveness of the program so as to determine how it would benefit other communities.

While the FVRC will not receive funding for already existing programs, part of the grant money will go toward starting a program for abusive men.

Many men who receive court orders to attend such programs do not do so because of the fact there are no existing programs within Chatham County, Infinger said.

"The CDC is looking to see what would happen if an entire community would join together to reduce domestic

violence," she said. "The mission is to develop a coalition made up of nonprofit and for-profit organizations, churches, health care providers, law enforcement and the courts, and the education system."

"If everybody in the community knows what domestic violence is and how to react when they encounter it, then maybe we can prevent it."

"Our hope is that what is learned in Siler City will flow out to the county and create an example for other rural communities throughout the country," Infinger said.

Ted Chapin, chief executive officer for Chatham Hospital, agreed, saying it was important for Siler City to become a model community.

"If we can pull this off, then the Siler City program could be a model for the rest of America," he said.

The role of Chatham Hospital will be that of principal investigator, Chapin said. The hospital will manage the money given by the grant and disperse it according to a budget.

Chatham will also work with the UNC Department of Family Medicine to organize research about the effectiveness of the program towards curbing domestic violence.

"We will be measuring everything we

do so as to evaluate the effectiveness of the program," said Dr. Phil Sherrod, a physician with Chatham Primary Care and director of the Chatham Project for the UNC Department of Family Medicine.

Sherrod said he became involved in the grant because of his own family practice and his work in the emergency room of Chatham Hospital.

"I see the end result of partner violence," Sherrod said.

"We were lucky to find money not usually available to address this problem that needs help."

Domestic violence is an important public health issue, Chapin said.

Chatham Hospital receives a number of partner violence cases in its emergency room, he said.

"It's not just the victims that need help; those who are doing the battering need to be addressed as well. This money will help us do that," Sherrod said.

When deciding if applying for the grant was important to Siler City citizens, planners got people in the community together to determine if it fit the community, Sherrod said.

Infinger said, "There is a belief held by many that domestic violence occurs in the urban areas when actually it happens throughout rural areas as well."



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