

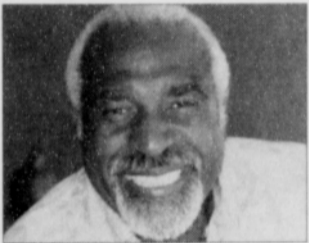
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An oil pastel and charcoal painting by Mauricio Arcesio.

North of South America

Two artists from the north of South America present their work this month at Onda Arte Latina/Cross Currents Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta St.

Mauricio Arcesio, born in Colombia, displays his organic imagery from travels and studies around the world, and Rita Urdaneta, originally from Venezuela, brings her strong design sensibility to luminous oil paintings.

Both have recently moved to the area and this is their first Portland gallery show.

A highly experimental artist, Arcesio has produced a wide range of paintings, drawings and prints using diverse media - charcoal, pastels, oils, acrylics and pencil on surfaces such as veneers, hand-textured and etched gatorboards, specialty papers

such as kozo papers and Japanese tree bark, papyrus and other textured materials.

Urdaneta studied painting and received her degree in graphic design in Venezuela and then continued her studies in Toronto, Canada. Her oil paintings on canvas have been displayed in private shows, and she is developing a distinctive abstract style.

Frida Kahlo: Her Life and Art

Art historian Hayden Herrera will discuss the life and art of Frida Kahlo, one of Mexico's most famous female artists, during a lecture at the Portland Art Museum on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 2 pm.

Along with her husband Diego Rivera, Kahlo helped define Mexican art during the 20th century. Her work, including the many self-portraits she created, combined influ-



Frida Kahlo

ences from indigenous Mexican culture with an often surreal and symbolic style, which drew from her complex life.

Kahlo had a tumultuous marriage with Rivera (they were married twice), suffered from polio as a child, and survived a severe car accident. She was also a well-known supporter of communism.

Herrera wrote narration for

the documentary film entitled "Portrait of an Artist: Frida Kahlo," which won the prize for Best Biographical Film at the Montreal Film Festival.

She has also published several books on Kahlo. Admission is \$5 for art museum members and \$10 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased at Museum box offices or at portlandartmuseum.org.

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Faulty Throttle Blamed for Air Crash

(AP) -- A lever to control engine speed was in the wrong position and probably a major cause of Brazil's disastrous air accident last month.

An Airbus A320 operated by Brazilian carrier TAM Linhas Aereas barreled off the wet runway upon landing at

Congonhas airport in Sao Paulo July 17, crashed into a cargo terminal and burst into flames. All 187 people aboard and at least 12 more on the ground were killed.

Data from the flight recorder suggests that the thrust lever for one of the turbines was in the

"accelerate" position when it should have been switched to idle, Folha de Sao Paulo newspaper reported.

The newspaper said a pilot error was likely but didn't rule out a failure of the aircraft's computer.

If confirmed, the report could

cast doubt on speculation that a slippery runway may have been a major cause of the accident. Aviation authorities were criticized for opening a recently repaved runway without grooves that allow rainwater to drain more quickly and help avoid skidding.

Bomb Outside Sears



Military examine the site of an explosion in Oaxaca City, Mexico.

(AP) -- A small leftist guerrilla group claimed responsibility for a homemade bomb that exploded outside a Sears store and another left outside a U.S.-owned bank in southern Mexico.

The statement by the People's Revolutionary Army, or EPR, said the action was intended "to hit the interests of Mexican and foreign oligarchy."

It was posted on Aug. 1, hours after the blast, on a web site that serves as clearing-house for Latin American leftist and guerrilla groups. EPR statements with similar language and style have been posted there in the past.

The bomb caused no injuries, but damaged an entrance to the Sears store, which is operated in Mexico by Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim. A similar bomb was deactivated outside the entrance of a nearby Banamex bank branch, officials said. Banamex is owned by Citigroup Inc.

The EPR took responsibility for bombing three gas pipelines in central Mexico in early July. In 2004, an EPR splinter group placed small bombs outside banks and an office of Telmex, Slim's telephone company.

Oaxaca has suffered more than a year of political unrest with numerous protests by anti-government groups.

Drug Raid Agents Killed

(AP) -- Two federal agents who took part in a raid that discovered \$205 million in cash in a Mexico City mansion were found beaten and shot to death last week in southern Mexico.

The bodies were found in Guerrero state, where they were gathering intelligence on drug traffickers, the Public Safety Department said.

Both officers took part in the seizure of more than 19 tons of a chemical intended for methamphetamine cartels in Mexico. They were also in the team of agents who raided Ye Gon's mansion where authorities in March found more than \$205 million in cash hidden in closets, the news release said.

The seizures led to last month's arrest of Chinese-Mexican businessman Zhenli Ye Gon by U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents in a suburban Washington restaurant.

He is accused in the United States and Mexico of supplying pseudoephedrine to Mexican cartels who then used the drug to make methamphetamine.

Guerrero, which includes the resorts cities of Zihuatanejo and Acapulco, has suffered from a wave of violence including decapitations, shootings and grenade explosions that authorities attribute to warring drug-trafficking gangs.

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