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Obituary Anthony "Stu" Brown March 17, 1977 - Sept. 8, 2002

A memorial service for Anthony "Stu" D. Brown, who was born March 17, 1977 and died Sunday, Sept. 8, 2002, will be held Friday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. at the House of Prayer, 735 N. Mason. Viewing will be held Thursday, Sept. 12 at Caldwell Funeral Home, 20 N.E. 14th.

He leaves to mourn a son, Anthony Brown Jr.; his parents, John and Debra Brown; two sisters, Deanna and Michelle Brown; a brother, John Curry Brown Jr.; grandparents, Howard and Julia Hornbuckle; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Stu, may you rest in peace.



Augustana Hosts Gospel Sensation

The uplifting message of gospel music will be delivered in grand style at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th, on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m., when Renee Ross, local gospel singer and writer, will release her debut CD "Passion."

The event will also feature the nationally and internationally acclaimed Disciples in Song, directed by Christor Lewis. Admission is free, but earlier arrivals are encouraged because seating is limited.

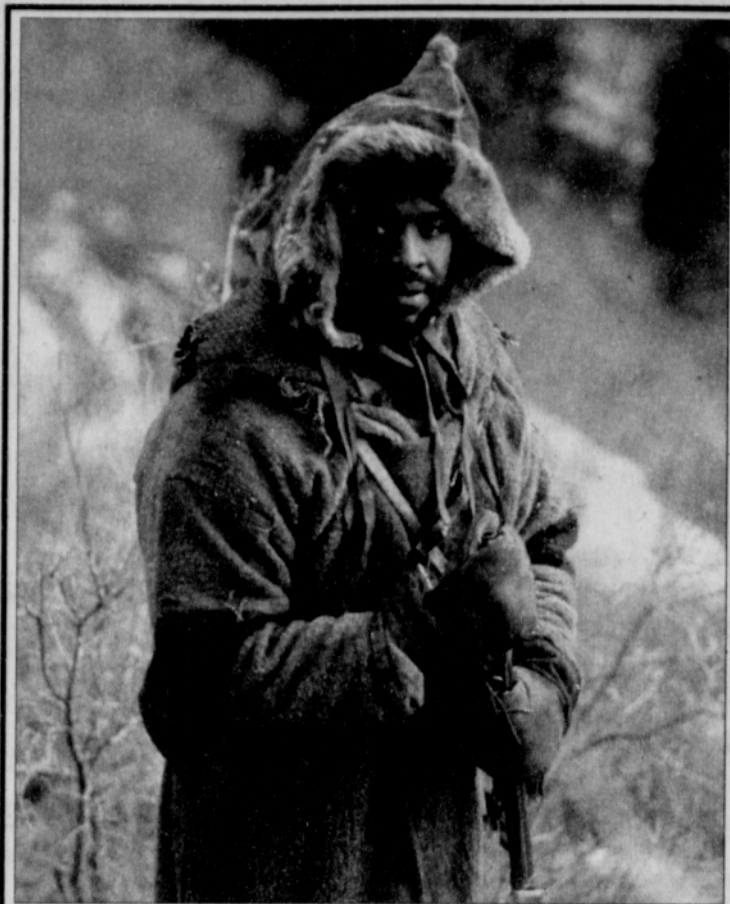
A native of Pine Bluff, Ark., Ross has made Portland her home since 1966. She has performed as a lead vocalist in local churches and groups, including the Ross Sisters, the Portland Mass Choir, the Richard Probasco Vocal Band, and the Disciples in Song. For the past three years, she has been a featured soloist at the Oregon Symphony's "Gospel Christmas"



Renee Ross

and for the past four years at Portland State University's "A Soul-Filled Messiah."

For more information, call Anna Stone at 503-502-8090.



Toby Tyler portrays the slave York in a movie depicting the journey West of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Black Actor in Bicentennial Role

continued from Metro winning film.

When asked about how the York role worked out for him, Tyler said that after studying Oprah, he "went deep and it just happened from there."

Tyler credits his mom for helping him achieve success. When he was a child, she would read to him from *1001 Things About African American People*. This was a wonderful part of his upbringing he has never forgotten.

Growing up in the wake of the Civil Rights Era also inspired him. He believes "This was a great time in terms of changes in African American history."

What lies ahead for Toby Tyler?

"As a tribute to York, I found it hard to let go of the role, keeping my beard and long hair for some time after the production ended," he said.

Since then, Tyler is continuing forward on his long time goal of writing, producing, and directing.

Recently, he finished two new scripts: One a religious satirical comedy, and the other a story of a Louisiana fighter in the 1960s

who holds on through struggles to make positive life changes. Tyler likes to "sink his teeth into roles that touch people."

He also expressed an interest in films or roles "in areas like history that can educate children and make a difference in their lives." Tyler plans to play a small role in each of his films. His quick wit, affection for African American history, and his diverse background in terms of writing, acting, directing and producing make him a player to keep an eye on in the future. His sense of working in films that focus both on education and depicting great characters of history help us savor that which should never be forgotten: Our rich heritage and the people who made it happen.

National Geographic's *Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West* is playing in major cities throughout the United States and is the first in a series of events celebrating the 2003-2006 bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It is an absolute must-see for everyone. Young and old alike, you are guaranteed to enjoy this movie. Don't miss this one. Be a part of the journey that changed America.

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Baha'i Discuss World Peace

Creating unity despite culture, race, gender or religion will be the topic of upcoming programs by the Portland Baha'i Center, 8720 N. Ivanhoe.

The first subject of discussion will be "The Destiny of America and The Promise of World Peace" on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The facilitator is Donna Stewart, a graduate medical student who has a strong interest in this topic.

"We will have a very interactive discussion," said Stewart. "We will focus on hope, and why Americans have so much to feel hopeful about. We will emphasize the contributions Americans of all races and religions can make to helping about peace among all the nations."

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Harlene Finn at 503-245-6744 or go online to www.pdx-bahai.org.

Ministries Offer Volunteer Opportunities

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon offers many opportunities for people to volunteer their time and make a difference while gaining career experience or growing in their own professions.

"In the wake of Sept. 11, people have felt a strong sense of community and a real desire to help others," said Mindy Becker, EMO human resource manager.

Becker said that because Oregon's economy is at a low point, there are many professional people who have lost their jobs and consequently, have time available to devote to others who are going through a medical and/or economic crisis themselves.

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Brazil Creates Tropical National Park

(AP) — A northern swath of Amazon rainforest bigger than Maryland and likely containing a treasure trove of undiscovered

animal, insect and plant species became the world's largest tropical national park Thursday.

President Fernando Henrique

Cardoso signed a decree creating the Tumucumaque (too-moo-koo-MAH-kee) Mountains National Park covering a virtually uninhabited region of virgin rainforest in Amapa state, along Brazil's northern borders with Surinam and Guyana.

Tumucumaque, which means "the rock on top of the mountain" in the language of the Apalai and Wayana Indians, covers 9.6 million acres of forest-blanketed mountains with granite outcroppings rising up to 2,300 feet above the forest canopy.

"With the creation of Tumucumaque Mountains National Park, we are ensuring the protection of one of the most pristine forests remaining in the world," Cardoso said. "Plants and animals that may be endangered elsewhere will continue to thrive in our forests forever."

The move is one of several environmental measures the government is preparing ahead of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which started on Monday in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Cardoso also signed several laws regulating the use of genetic material gathered from Brazil's immense variety of plant and animal species.

At the 10-day summit, Cardoso is expected to announce the Amazon Region Protected Areas program, putting nearly 200,000 square miles — including Tumucumaque — under federal protection in national parks and sustainable development reserves.

Tumucumaque park is 568,000 acres larger than Slonga National Park in the Democratic Republic of Congo, previously the world's largest tropical park.

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