

*Obituaries*

**Grandmother Remembered**

Audrey Mae Pryce

A funeral was held at the New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church in Portland on June 28, 2003 for Audrey Mae Pryce. She died June 22 at age 68.

She was born Nov. 15, 1934, in Baton Rouge, La. A homemaker, she moved to Portland in about 1959. In 1952, she married Willie; he died in 1963.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Pryce and Barbara Wells; sons, Kenneth James, Larry Pryce, Raphael James and Kevin James; sister, Eunice Ryles; 27 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Remembrances to the Portland Rescue Mission.

**Longtime Resident Dies at 76**

George Belgrave

A funeral was held last month in Cornerstone Community Church in Portland for George Belgrave who died June 19 at age 76.

Belgrave was born Sept. 6, 1926, in British Guiana. He immigrated to Portland in 1948 and was a machinist for Kay Manufacturing and a driver for Hertz car rental. He was a longtime member of the church. In 1950, he married Mary I. Matthews.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Malcolm Matthews, Carl Matthews and Norman Matthews; daughters, Deborah Belgrave and Jacqueline Belgrave; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Remembrances to the Cornerstone church.

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**Community Calendar**

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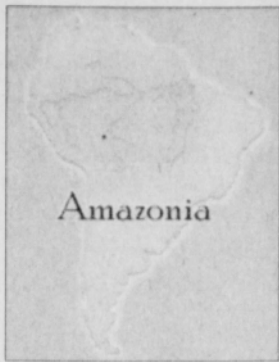
**Plan to Protect Amazon**

(AP)—Brazil announced measures to fight Amazon deforestation, days after researchers warned that development projects were destroying the rain forest at an increasing rate.

Environment Minister Marina Silva said the government would give Brazil's environmental protection agency Ibama \$7 million to help it crack down on illegal deforestation by loggers and farmers.

The government also will create a working group with the participation of 11 ministries, among them Agriculture, Science and Technology, Transport and Defense, to develop effective long-term measures to stop deforestation.

The government is requiring that



The Amazon Forest in the Amazon River basin which covers half of South America is being purposefully cut and burned down.



all infrastructure and land reform projects take environmental aspects into account to avoid further deforestation, said Ciro Gomes, minister of national Integration.

Experts say 16 percent of Brazil's 1.6 million square miles of Amazon rain forest have been destroyed. Many scientists believe the destruction is accelerating global warming.

**Sea Creature Found in Chili**



Two scientists measure a rare, giant octopus found dead on a beach in Los Muermos, Chile on June 29. The 39-foot-long carcass weighs about 13 tons. Elsa Cabrera, of the Cetacean Conservation Center, took samples of the creature to send to Italy, France and the United States to determine its species.

**Mexican Election Crosses Border**

U S candidate seeks seat in Mexican Congress

(AP)—Standing before a packed room decorated with his party's brightly colored signs, congressional candidate Jose Jacques Medina implores the crowd to give him its support in next month's election.

It's just another campaign stop, except that the election is hundreds of miles away in another country—Mexico—and the yellow and black signs adorning the restaurant's walls bear the emblem of the Party

of the Democratic Revolution, or PRD in Spanish.

Medina is one of six U.S. residents seeking a seat in Mexico's lower house of Congress in July's midterm election. A Los Angeles labor organizer who came to the United States 30 years ago, he is eligible to hold office in Mexico because that nation considers him a citizen. He was born in Mexico City in the regional district he hopes to represent.

Mexican voters won't directly vote for Medina and the other immigrant candidates, who are running for 200 at-large seats under a proportional representation system. Instead, their names appear on five

regional lists compiled by the political parties in order of preference. The party's share of the vote determines how many candidates are selected from each list.

Medina pledged he would bring immigrants' concerns to the Mexican Congress. There are about 9.1 million Mexican-born residents of the United States, including citizens of both countries.

"We don't have our own voices," Medina told the crowd, a mix of recent immigrants and long-time residents, all taking a break from their jobs in the Central Valley's fields, construction sites and service industry. "There's no representation."

**Dropout Rate Higher for Immigrants**

(AP)—Hispanics in their late teens born outside the United States are more than twice as likely to drop out of high school as U.S.-born Latinos, according to a recent

analysis of census data. Nearly 34 percent of Hispanic immigrants age 16 to 19 did not graduate or were not enrolled in high school in 2000, the Pew Hispanic Center

found; unchanged from 1990. Among U.S.-born Latinos of the same age group, 14 percent were dropouts in 2000, down from 15 percent a decade earlier.

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**Justice Forum to Tackle Barriers**

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Community leader and advocate Raina Beavers will host the event. Beavers combines a variety of skills, talents and interests into a multi-profession career as a talk show host, motivational speaker, youth specialist, program manager, and public relations professional.

For 11 years, she served as producer and host of "Northeast Spectrum," Oregon's only locally produced television program fo-

cusing on issues of relevance to the African American community. She also served 9 years as producer of the Pacific Northwest's largest Martin Luther King celebration, "Keep Living the Dream." In addition, Raina is a recognized youth leadership trainer, former Portland Rose Festival Queen, and an active, community volunteer.

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