

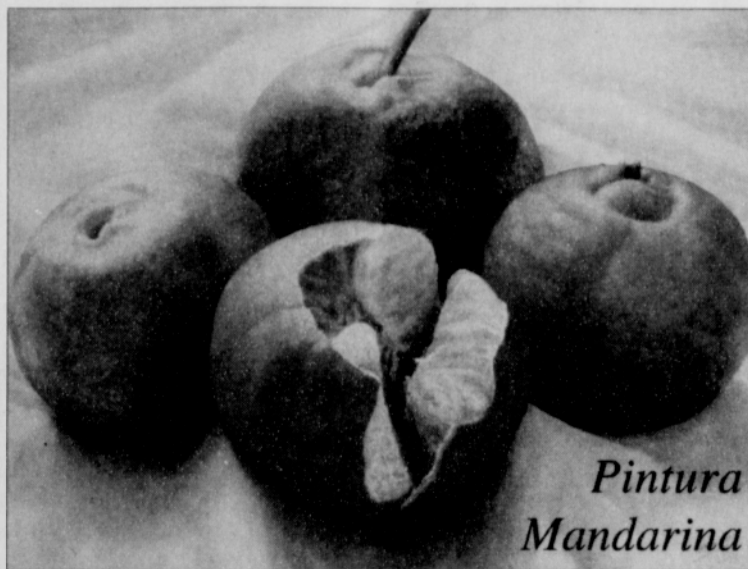
# EL OBSERVADOR



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## Onde Arte Latina Features Paintings

Javier Ramos, one of the most important painters in the Mexican art town of Ajijic, will have his exquisitely detailed portraits and still-life works featured at Onda Arte Latina Gallery at 2215 NE Alberta Street. The exhibit opens on Last Thursday, March 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. and continues until April 26. For more information, visit [www.ondagallery.com](http://www.ondagallery.com).



Pintura Mandarina

## Rally Recalls Police Shooting

### Death of Mejia Poot going on four years

On Friday, April 1, the Committee for Justice for Jose Santos Victor Mejia Poot and the Latino Network Red Latina are hosting a community rally on police accountability and other issues raised by the police shooting of Mr. Mejia. The gathering will take place at City Hall, 1221 SW Fourth Street, Portland, beginning at 5 p.m.

Mejia Poot was shot and killed in a psychiatric hospital by Portland Police Officer Jeffrey Bell following an attempt by Mejia Poot to leave the hospital. Mejia Poot had been misdiagnosed as mentally ill and placed at Gateway Psy-

chiatric Hospital.

Two days before his death, Mejia Poot suffered an epileptic seizure while boarding a Tri-Met bus, was beaten by Portland Police and taken into custody after failing to come up with 20 cents of the total bus fare.

Organizers are calling on the City of Portland for the creation of an Independent Civilian Review Committee to review police shootings. Four years after the death of Mejia Poot, there is no independent report issued on that shooting.

Although the Police Assessment Resource Center is expected to issue a report in May that might include the Mejia Poot case, organizers contend that is not enough.

"The reality is that city bureaucrats with their actions over the

past four years have sandbagged the possibility of a credible independent review," said Martin Gonzalez, spokesperson for the Committee for Justice for Mejia Poot.

Maria Lisa Johnson, executive director for the Latino Network, said "Mayor Tom Potter is engaging the city on setting priorities for the budget, and we believe that investing in the training of all police officers to respond to crisis and de-escalate conflict should be top priorities."

The Latino Network intends to present a letter to Mayor Potter addressing those issues on April 1, 2005.

Marchers from The Portland Peaceful Response Coalition are expected to join the rally at City Hall around 5:30 P.M.

## Bill Restricts Licensing

(AP) - A new bill being proposed in the Oregon Legislature would require driver's to show proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency as part of their application for a driver's license.

Oregon is currently one of nine states that do not have the proof of legal residency rule, which has become increasingly popular since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Proponents of Oregon's House Bill 2608 point out that the 9/11 hijackers had easily acquired driver's licenses from multiple states.

But critics say requiring proof of citizenship or legal residency to obtain a driver's license poses hardships for immigrants. It would make it difficult to cash a paycheck or open a bank account. And it would force immigrants to drive without a license or insurance.

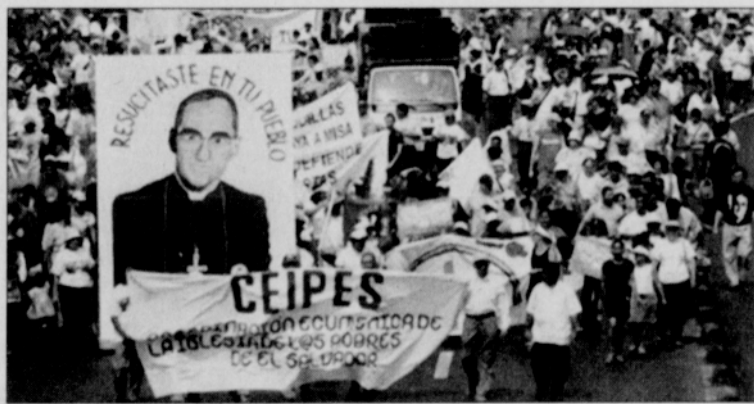
## Salvadorans Commemorate Romero's Death

(AP) - Activists from around the world gathered in this Central American country Thursday to remember Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, a human rights proponent who was gunned down 25 years ago.

The bishop had spoken out against alleged repression by the Salvadoran army at the beginning of the country's 12-year civil war between a right-wing government and leftist rebels.

Romero was slain down on March 24, 1980, while celebrating a Mass at a Catholic hospital where he lived.

Romero's assassin was never brought to trial, and a Roman Catholic human rights office has called on the Salvadoran government to reopen the investigations.



Hundreds of people march through the streets to honor slain Roman Catholic Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero in San Salvador, El Salvador, Thursday, March 24.

Processions and memorial services took place amid hopes that the Vatican will proclaim Romero a saint. Church leaders in Rome an-

nounced recently that they had begun the process of beatification for Romero, the last formal step before possible sainthood.

Children carried photographs of the cleric in a procession that began at the chapel and concluded at his tomb, housed in the central cathedral in El Salvador's capital, San Salvador.

Margaret Dexheimer, 52, and her husband, Lutheran Minister Guillermo Dexheimer, 48, both of Saint Paul, Minn., carried a bouquet of flowers and a 10-foot-tall painted portrait of Romero during their second visit to El Salvador to commemorate the bishop's death.

"Even though Msgr. Romero was killed a long time ago, people still remember him, even young people," said Jennifer Lau, 33, editor of a Canadian religious magazine.

## Nielsen Goes After Minorities

### Details plan to boost participation

(AP) - Nielsen Media Research outlined several steps recently to better reflect the television viewing habits of blacks and Hispanics, including paying families more to measure what they watch.

Nielsen also said it agreed with a task force's recommendation that it purposely oversample minorities in the company's research.

The company that has a monopoly on measuring TV viewing habits appointed a panel last year to recommend changes after concerns were expressed about its new technology (electronic meters, rather than paper diaries).

Some blacks and Hispanics say the new system undercounts them and, as a result, threatens the future of their favorite shows. The Fox network's corporate parent has supported these protest efforts.

The task force concluded Nielsen's new People Meter technology was superior to the old diary system, but that the company needed to do more to make sure minorities participate.

Nielsen said it agreed with the recommendation to pay more, and to reward individuals in a household instead of the family as a whole. Nielsen won't say how much families are paid—it's considered to be a nominal fee—and it also gives

gifts like backpacks or books to thank participants.

The company also plans to reward families who have a participation. While the People Meters electronically reflect what a TV set is tuned to, participants need to punch in codes to tell the company who in the household is watching.

Because minority homes tend to have higher "default" rates—meaning the data is no good because the codes aren't punched in—Nielsen said it would purposely sample more minority homes than it normally would.

That's expected to be controversial among its clients, spokesman Jack Loftus said. But Nielsen promised that it would weigh these numbers to make sure the final sample accurately reflects the population, he said.

"Cynthia Rotunno, executive director of the Don't Count Us Out coalition, said the task force had done outstanding work and made strong recommendations that should be quickly put in place.

"Given the history of Nielsen and its status as an unregulated monopoly, we continue to believe that the timely and continued implementation of these recommendations requires independent oversight," Rotunno said.

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## Light Poles to Showcase Local Artwork

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in designing and crafting structural and landscape metal works as well as creating unique furniture designs and interior elements.

"It is my personal mission to evolve the craft of designer and artist and experiment in the creative environments we live," Seale said. "My work is inspired by nature and community."

Four of the banners will contain "kinetic" reeds, branches, spirals, and drums—that will produce movement and sound during windblown days.

Art on Alberta is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the Alberta Street Art District's distinct culture and identity through public art, visual art and education activities.



Political Scientist, Rev. John Pearce

## Personal Editorial

### Opinion: Politics, Religion & Community

Hear on KKPZ, 1330 AM dial, 7:30 Sunday mornings; and worldwide via WWCR & WINB Radio

## "Black Man" Perspective

"I will make mention of Rehab {Egypt} & Babylon to them that know me. Behold Philistia {Palestine}; Tyre; with Ethiopia; this man was born there. And of Zion it shall be said, this and that man was born in her: **And the highest himself shall establish her {PSALM 87}.**" Note **The Black Empire Zion:** Jebusite, Canaanite, Hittite & Amorite families {Gen 10:6-20 and II Samuel 5:6}. All the above nations were people of color. Biblically, years later Israel linked to Zion thus: **"And thus saith the lord God to Jerusalem, thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan; thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother was a**

Hittite {Ezekial 16:3}." In Africa, I was told that the ancient West African father, Aduduwa, was the son of Ethiopia's Nimrod; from here, Blacks filled Africa.

Scholars say, **Hamites were Black.** Newsweek magazine dated Jan 11, 1988, verified that the human family started with a civilized African Origin {DNA studies}. Scientists have long said that the oldest "bone findings" were found in Ethiopia & Palestine. Note, Satan hates God & the Mind thereof, thus its even clearer to why he hates God's first thought of a civilized man, the "Black Man." Was America doing Satan's bidding when enslaving Africans?

When a nation openly campaigns, "Turn Back The clock;" meaning, turning the clock back to

Blacks having no voting rights - "Let My people Go!" Consistently, that nation unjustly attacks African Americans in high places like the CEO of Sallie Mea - "Let My People Go!" When this suppression by the few of the many declares a never ending War On Drugs - Drugs that are brought over on our major airlines {CNN News} - "Let My People Go!"

When this so called war, by law, automatically gives a wartime nation rights to attack Black youngsters in our streets, disregarding civil rights - "Let My People Go!" Is this a ploy of suppression starting with our young, desensitizing the population via TV media, "COPS," in order to raise a new generation of Blacks without rights? - Let My People Go!"



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