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# EL OBSERVADOR

## Photographer Brings Women's Lives into Focus



A photography exhibit calling attention to the precarious situation of indigenous women in Mexico opens at this week's Last Thursday art walk at Onda Arte Latina/Cross Currents Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta St.

An artist's reception will be held Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the exhibit "Mujeres indigenas de Mexico" by Pepe Moscoso continuing through July 24.

Whether exploited in the home or workplace, many native women are at serious risk of violence and abuse; and international organizations such as Amnesty International have focused on the Mexican government's complacency in dealing with femicide in Ciudad Juarez and Chihuahua.

In black and white and in color, these photographs also show the beauty and dignity of women's everyday lives and community rituals. Moscoso's trained eye captures details of setting and expression, which are not often noticed.

Born in León, Guanajuato, Moscoso studied photography in Mexico and Canada. While living in Oaxaca, he worked for the newspaper "El Oaxaqueño," reporting for two sections of the paper. He taught photography classes at the Universidad Anahuac de Oaxaca, the Centro de Arte Sachon, the Casa de la Cultura Oaxaqueña and



Indigenous women of Mexico is the subject of a photography exhibit by Pepe Moscoso Paniagua.



A month-long photo exhibit at Alberta Street's Onda Arte Latina/Cross Currents Gallery will feature the beauty and dignity of everyday life in Mexico.

was co-director of the EFE School of Photography. He also showed his work at galleries and commercial venues in the area.

In Portland, Moscoso is a reporter for Hispanic newspapers and magazines and a photography instructor.

In July of last year he was invited by the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber to mount an exhibit of his work called "Latin Touch" at the Portland Convention Center. In October, he had his first show at Onda - Day of the Dead photographs - and was part of a group show with a similar theme at the Sixth Street Gallery in Vancouver.

## 'Golden Era' Entertainer Remembered

(AP)-- Mexican mariachi singer and actor Antonio Aguilar, who recorded more than 150 albums and began his acting career during Mexico's "Golden Era" of cinema, has died in Mexico City. He was 88.

Aguilar died June 18 after a long fight with pneumonia, Medica Sur hospital spokeswoman Shere Sanchez said.

Born in the northern state of Zacatecas, Aguilar recorded with his traditional mariachi group for 50 years and sold more than 25 million records. His hit songs include "Triste Recuerdo," "Albur de Amor," "Gabino Barrera" and "Puno de Tierra."



A man near the Basilica of Guadalupe in Mexico City reads a newspaper announcing the death of Mexican mariachi singer and actor Antonio Aguilar. (AP photo)

He appeared in 167 films, including "The Undefeated" starring John Wayne.

In 2000, he got a star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Aguilar's son, singer Pepe Aguilar, is also one of Mexico's best-known performers and has been nominated for a Latin Grammy six times.

The elder Aguilar was the first Mexican artist to mix concerts with rodeos in shows that featured his actress-singer wife, Flor Silvestre, his two children and a group of dancing horses. In the 1970s, he took his show to major cities in the United States and Latin America.

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## Passengers Storm Brazil's Airports

(AP) -- Authorities have beefed up security at airports across Brazil to protect airline workers from fist-waving passengers angered by flight delays, the latest problem to hit the country's aviation system.

The crack down came after passengers shouted and tried to storm ticket counters June 20 at Brazil's airports to demand transfers to other

flights. The problems continued the next day, with more than 400 of 1,100 flights scheduled between midnight and 3 p.m. delayed for more than an hour and about 100 others canceled, according to Infraero, the nation's airport authority.

The Air Force, which oversees Brazil's air traffic control system,

issued a statement blaming the delays on problems with radar screens and a communications link failure.

Brazil's aviation system already was plagued by delays, some due to a work slowdown by air traffic controllers protesting expected disciplinary measures against the leaders of a March 29 strike.

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