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MESSAGE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA STAFF

We're adjusting to the academic semester and plan to send out news emails on a weekly basis from here on out. Below are the headlines for the last two weeks. We apologize for the interruption in communications.

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Action Alert: A message from Sarjina Emy from detention

Tell ICE to free 19 yr old Sarjina Emy and her brothers (11, 13)

Please Sign a Petition Against Racist Monument in Denton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Feb 3rd, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive

Sun, Feb 3rd, @12:00pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: "La's Platicas" Tratado de Guadalupe y Hidalgo

Mon, Feb 4th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive

Mon, Feb 4th, @10:30am TEXAS / HOUSTON: Un Millon de Voces Contra La FARC

Mon, Feb 4th, @6:30pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: Int'l Woman's Day Meeting & Poster Unveiling

Mon, Feb 4th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

Tue, Feb 5th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive

Tue, Feb 5th, @8:00am HOUSTON / Houston Aeros Blood Drive

Tue, Feb 5th, @10:30am TEXAS / SAN ANTO: Int'l Woman's Day Meeting & Poster Unveiling

Tue, Feb 5th, @5:30pm TEXAS / LAREDO: TxDot Holding Meetings in South Texas for Proposed TTC-69 Corridor

Wed, Feb 6th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive

Wed, Feb 6th, @8:00am HOUSTON / Houston Aeros Blood Drive

Wed, Feb 6th, @5:30pm TEXAS / ROBSTOWN: TxDot Holding Meetings in South Texas for Proposed TTC-69 Corridor

Thu, Feb 7th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive

Thu, Feb 7th, @8:00am HOUSTON / Houston Aeros Blood Drive

Thu, Feb 7th, @12:00pm TEXAS / EDINBURG: Panel discussion on the Bush Administration's Attack on Civil Liberties

Fri, Feb 8th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive

Fri, Feb 8th, @8:00am HOUSTON / Houston Aeros Blood Drive

Fri, Feb 8th, @7:30pm COLORADO / DENVER: Cafe Cultura Poetry Slam

Sat, Feb 9th TEXAS / HOUSTON: 22nd Annual HHF Career and Education Day

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Mexican American Cultural Center Seeking Volunteers/Community Involvement

AISD Seeks Parents to Serve on 2009-2010 Calendar Committee

Immigration agents to work out of Travis County jail

Bilingual Tutors Needed at Metz Elementary

ACC TACHE presents Ruben Ramos - Fundraising Event

Short films needed recognizing single mothers and women filmmakers

March 2008 Austin Tour of the Movement for Justice in El Barrio (MJB)

Screening of "Harvest of Shame" at UT Austin - Jan 31

Take Down Asarco! in Austin - Please Support the Effort! - Feb 13

Texas Jail Project 2008 Blanket Drive

Presentation and Discussion on Proposed Nuclear Plants in Texas - Jan 31
Bus Riders Union Meeting - Feb 2
Texas Indigenous Council and Five Individuals File Free Speech Suit
Georgetown sued over protest ordinance
Openings at Cine Las Americas
Protest Georgetown Ordinance Turning Labor Contractors Into Immigration Agents - Jan 22
HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS
Protest in Spring this Saturday 2/2!
Agreement to Permanently Deliver Food to Day Laborers in Houston Area
Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Continues to Focus on the Need for More Hispanic Blood Donors
Big Bend Residents Protest Border Wall
Keep Houston Beautiful Day 2008 Mini Grants Available
May 1st walk for dignity and Justice for ALL
Tune in to the HIMC Radio Show Friday at 7:30pm
Youthful wave of Latino activists tackling both past, present issues
Houston SEIU Job Announcement
Townhall Meeting & Rally Against Chuck Rosenthal - Jan 29 & 31
Protest Anti-Immigrant/Anti-Mexican Legislation " Jan 22
ya es hora Ve Y Vota Briefing - Jan. 24
RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Salinas: We still want Clinton to visit Mission Superfund site
EPA to start dismantling Mission chemical mixing plant building this month
No Border Wall Strategy Meeting Sunday - Feb 10
Border fence lawsuits hit Hidalgo, Starr counties
Property Owners in Hidalgo & Starr Counties Sued by DHS
EDINBURG: Panel discussion on the Bush Administration's Attack on Civil Liberties - Feb 7
Sen. Hutchison asks President to Fund Levee Fence along Rio Grande
WESLACO: 3rd Annual Peace and Justice Gathering - Feb 16
Feds continue to file lawsuits for border fence
Sonia Nazario, author of Enrique's Journey at STC this Saturday, Feb 2

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Bush Admin. H2A Proposal is Nothing More Than Gutting of Existing Worker Protections
Sign the Lipan Apache Petition to Stop Construction of the Border Wall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Feb 10th, @8:00am TEXAS / SAN JUAN: Rio Grande Valley ACLU Organizing Meeting
Sun, Feb 10th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBj 'Share Life' blood drive
Sun, Feb 10th, @5:00pm TEXAS / WESLACO: No Border Wall Strategy Meeting
Sun, Feb 10th, @5:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Fair Food Dinner with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers
Sun, Feb 10th, @5:00pm TEXAS / WESLACO: No Border Wall Strategy Meeting
Mon, Feb 11th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBj 'Share Life' blood drive
Mon, Feb 11th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting
Tue, Feb 12th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBj 'Share Life' blood drive
Tue, Feb 12th, @6:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Community Meeting with Sheriff about getting ICE out of the jail
Tue, Feb 12th, @6:30pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO; FREE SPEECH COALITION :: Upcoming Press Conf & Meeting
Wed, Feb 13th TEXAS / EL PASO: Final Stand Against Asarco
Wed, Feb 13th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBj 'Share Life' blood drive
Wed, Feb 13th, @1:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Take Down Asarco! in Austin - Please Support the Effort!

Wed, Feb 13th, @6:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: Citizenship forum and voter's registration drive
Wed, Feb 13th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: US Senate Democratic Debate Coming to Austin!
Thu, Feb 14th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive
Thu, Feb 14th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Teatro Vivo's New Bilingual Comedy "Vecinos"
Fri, Feb 15th TENNESSEE / NEW MARKET: TRANSITIONS - Young Adult Leaders Gathering
Fri, Feb 15th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: KSBJ 'Share Life' blood drive
Fri, Feb 15th, @8:00am HOUSTON / HOUSTON: Majic 102.1 FM blood drive
AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
Feria para Aprender - Sat. Feb. 16
US Senate Democratic Debate Coming to Austin!
Community Meeting with Sheriff about getting ICE out of the jail - Feb 12
Austin Free-Net Nonprofit Software classes and events
Open space at the Mexican American Cultural Center
Cine Las Americas-Fundraising after Party *Chicha 56* - Feb 20
Get ICE out of Travis county jails - Feb 5
Upcoming Talks on Sexuality and Feminism
Teatro Vivo's New Bilingual Comedy Vecinos opens February 14!
EL PASO ANNOUNCEMENTS
El Pasoans to Rally in Austin against Copper Smelter
HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS
Benefit for Houston Family formerly detained at Hutto Family Prison: 2/9 @ MECA
Open to the general public: Citizenship forum and voter's registration drive
Benefit for Honduran family facing deportation, formerly Hutto detainees - Feb 9
Hands Off, the Peruvian Amazon is Not for Sale!
RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Marches Against the Border Wall
American Democracy vs. American Dictatorship
DHS sues UT System chancellor, TSC
No Border Wall group says vertical levee plan is still a border wall
Rio Grande Valley ACLU Organizing Meeting - Feb 20
Peña: Hillary Clinton coming to the Rio Grande Valley next Wednesday
Attorney: Feds not following law
Chertoff deal means no border wall in Hidalgo County
No Border Wall Strategy Meeting - Sunday Feb 10 / 5pm
Invitation to become involved in border wall opposition
Seeking entries for collection of Mexican, Mexican American/Chicano ghost stories, myths and legends
Fence / Levee combo may put communities and environment at risk
Chertoff to visit Valley to discuss border wall
Regents urge dialogue on border fence at UTB-TSC
Tamez sues Chertoff
Border wall, levees, among the topics as Noriega visits Granjeno
Call Out For Art Against the War
Chertoff heading to McAllen for border levee-fence talks
Texas Border Residents Take Homeland Security Chief to Court Over Land Seizures for Border Wall
Cameron County gives feds access to land
TRLA files motion on behalf of Valley landowner
A Report From the CIW March in the Valley
EDINBURG: Free Screening of "Fourth World War" - Feb 5
Boston Roundtable Final Report Available Online
SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE SPEECH COALITION :: Upcoming Press Conf & Meeting

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 8th Marks 40th Anniversary of
East Los Angeles Walkouts
Abraham Lincoln High School Hosts Event

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Los Angeles, CA, February 6, 2008 ---On Saturday, March 8, the Abraham Lincoln High School Alumni Association and Principal, James Molina, class of '64, will gather students, parents, school officials, community leaders and numerous illustrious alumni to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the events that signified the first major protest by high school students in the history of the United States and sparked the emergence of the Chicano Civil Rights Movement, which came to be known simply as the Chicano Movement.

The day's activities at Lincoln High, (3501 N. Broadway, L.A.) from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, will include many of the student organizers who have since become prominent in their fields and are still deeply committed to being catalysts of change, a fundraising event to help meet the needs of students preparing for their transition to college and a screening of the HBO film "Walkout" directed by Edward James Olmos, which depicts the event.

In March 1968 more than 1000 students walked out of Abraham Lincoln High School to peacefully protest educational inequality and racism in the public school system. They were joined by students from four other Los Angeles high schools (Belmont, Garfield, Roosevelt, and Wilson) inspiring similar protests at 15 additional high schools, including Huntington Park, Venice, Hollywood and San Fernando Valley schools. In all, over 22,000 students walked out.

The student actions and the Chicano Movement opened doors for equal opportunity in higher education to youth previously systematically excluded from those institutions. In 1969, UCLA's enrollment of Mexican students jumped from less than 100 to 1,900. In the years following the walkouts, college enrollment increased from 2 to 25% throughout the country. However recent statistics find that the quality of education minority students receive is still a critical issue.

Many of the students who participated went on to successful careers in politics, academia and the arts. Carlos Muñoz, Jr., one of the organizers of the walkouts and one of the thirteen arrested and then exonerated, is now Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley and will provide the keynote speech. A published author, Youth, Identity, Power: The Chicano Movement, political scientist, historian and journalist, Muñoz is an acknowledged expert on issues of ethnic and racial politics, multiculturalism and diversity, immigration, civil and human rights and affirmative action. In February, he will be honored with the Americans Who Tell the Truth Award that highlights important Americans whose dignity, courage, honesty, generosity, compassion, wisdom, tolerance, belief, and relentless quest for truth have shaped this country.

Moctesuma Esparza, award-winning filmmaker and community activist, who was indicted for his role, is dedicated to opening doors for Mexican Americans in Hollywood and transforming the stereotypical images of Latinos. Producer of such films as "Selena," "Gods and Generals" and "The Milagro Beanfield War," he is the executive producer of "Walkout" and has established a chain of movie complexes called Maya Cinemas.

Sal Castro, one of the few Mexican American teachers at Lincoln, now retired, mentored and inspired his students to believe in their own potential. He is still an active member of the community conducting annual Chicano Youth Leadership Conferences which began in 1963. His passion, love and guidance have literally changed the course of the future of this country by his commitment to helping Mexican-American youth become all that they can be.

Paula Crisostomo, one of the many the instrumental leaders of the infamous walkouts, is a longtime activist in the struggle for Latino equality and against racism. She went on to prominence in the school system and currently serves as the Director of Government and Community Relations for Occidental College in Los Angeles. Crisostomo provides leadership for the college's community outreach strategies, including neighborhood relations, local and federally sponsored services programs in education and local and state government relations.

Among other participants, Armando Vasquez-Ramos is a professor at Cal Sate University, Long Beach, and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mexican Cultural Institute of Los Angeles. Dr. Juan Gomez-Quinones, UCLA professor, is an American historian and poet who specializes in the fields of political, labor, intellectual and cultural history. Susan Racho, an award-winning Los Angeles-based veteran of film and television was the co-creator of the landmark Chicano television series "Reflecciones" and produced, wrote and directed THE BRONZE SCREEN: 100 YEARS OF THE LATINO IMAGE IN HOLLYWOOD CINEMA, an HBO/Cinemax presentation. Additionally, she is the producer/writer of æChicano! History of the Mexican Civil Rights Movement-Taking Back the Schools for PBS broadcast.

Forty years later we applaud their courage and their tenacity to unite and forge a new vision that will continue to promote educational reform, social justice and personal empowerment.

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Group protests Burger King labor policy
Coalition opposes chain's violation of tomato pickers' rights

<http://media.www.dailytexanonline.com/media/storage/paper410/news/2008/02/11/StateLocal/Group.Protests.Burger.King.Labor.Policy-3200662.shtml>

Scroll down for a great video!

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TITLE: NYTimes.com: Rules Eased to Expedite Green Card Applications *

WASHINGTON

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TITLE: EDINBURG: Screening of "Who Killed the Electric Car?" *

WHY DID GENERAL MOTORS STOP PRODUCING THE ELECTRIC CAR???

Find out when we screen;

œWho Killed the Electric Car?☒

Thursday, Feb. 21st

5-7pm

SBSC RM. 101

FREE PIZZA!!! FREE PIZZA!!!

Sponsored by: Students for Peace, the Young Democrats, M.E.C.H.A., the Political Science Association, the Pre-Law Society, & APORIA (The Philosophy Club)

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TITLE: EDINBURG: Victim's Rights Rally-Hidalgo County Courthouse Feb 19 *

We hope your organization can attend with CAFE Revolucion as we support victim's rights. Please invite your students, teachers, friends, family and co-workers. There's plenty of time for you to have a poster making meeting on Saturday, Sunday or Monday. Let me know if you'd like to help with minor organizational details.

Victim's Rights Rally

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 - Noon

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT DEFENDING JUSTICE!Error! Filename not specified.

WHAT: Victim's Rights Rally

WHEN: Tuesday, February 19, Noon (Gather at 11:50am)

WHERE: Hidalgo County Courthouse, 100 North Closner, Edinburg, TX

WHY: Sexual assault is the most under-reported crime. Yet when survivors do report, often times they are re-victimized by the criminal justice system. This includes victim blaming, language restrictions, barring victim's testimony and prejudicial authorities.

WE DEMAND JUSTICE!

Come with posters that display such sayings as:

Victims have a right to be believed.

Victims have the right to a fair and speedy trial.

Victims have a right to be respected.

HISTORY: A shocking decision was made by prosecutors in Nebraska who were unable to prosecute Pamiir Safi after the Judge ruled out too much evidence to continue the case. The third trial was slated to begin February 19 against

Safi who had been arrested for raping three women. One of these women was Tory Bowen whose case drew national attention after Judge Chevront barred her from using terms including rape, sexual assault, date rape drugs, and sexual assault nurse examiner in her testimony.

It is time for an even BIGGER and BOLDER presence to remind the courts that victims have rights too! Tory's case is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to injustice in the courtrooms that victims face every day.

We will NOT TOLERATE THIS KIND OF TREATMENT ANY LONGER!

A note from Tory Bowen:

It is time to take my case as a galvanizing moment - for victims should not be victims of the courts! The courts can not protect their states and citizens by executing 'justice' the way they did in my case. These things happen every day. It is up to us to let the courts know, that we won't take it anymore.

Thank you for your participation! Together we WILL make a difference. THANKS!!

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Shatter the Silence of Sexual Violence!

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TITLE: 3/14-15 LULAC National Women's Commission Annual Conference *

Join us in San Antonio, Texas The LULAC National Women's Commission Presents its Annual Conference
At the New
Grand Hyatt San Antonio Hotel
Adjacent to the San Antonio Convention Center
March 14-15, 2008

Dynamic Speakers - Charity Auction - Informational Workshops

For Conference Registration information visit www.lulac.org

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TITLE: EL PASO: UTEP Assist VP for Strategic Communications and Marketing *

Assistant Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing

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Purpose of position

Responsible for developing and implementing a strategic communications and marketing program to build the UTEP image regionally and nationally. Reporting to the Executive Vice President, the AVP will manage the Office of University Communications.

Essential functions

The Assistant Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing (AVP) will be charged with responsibility for developing, implementing, and managing a comprehensive integrated communications and marketing program. This strategic program will encompass marketing, media relations and publications and will be designed to ensure communication of institutional priorities in research, teaching and public service to key constituencies.

- **Develops and implements programs to market the University to various communities.
- **Manages the communication office, which is responsible for media relations and institutional publications for the campus.
- **Oversees development of unified campus-wide comprehensive marketing plan as well as marketing theme and design, including logos and other creative designs.
- **Directs the development of collateral material in support of marketing strategies including publications, videos, electronic communications, and multimedia presentations.
- **Develops and implements a comprehensive integrated communications plan for the campus, in consultation with the President, VP's, Deans, and campus administration.
- **Develops and implements plans for the use of electronic and web-based communication for implementation of public relations strategies.
- **Manages the public information function for the campus including developing public information policies and ensuring that the office complies with state and federal laws.
- **Manages the print and electronic publications function for the campus.
- **Directs internet communications for the campus to include policy development and compliance, training, coordination of administrative and academic communications, and direct homepage and portal development.
- **Advises campus department managers on strategies to communicate to target audiences and development of materials to build the University's image among those audiences.

Marginal/Incidental functions Other related functions as assigned.

Required qualifications

- **Bachelor's degree in a related field and a minimum of seven to ten years of communications, marketing, public relations related experience with increasing responsibility.
- **Thorough understanding of and experience in developing and implementing a comprehensive public relations program as well as strategic marketing plans.

- **Demonstrated experience in the development of print and web-based communications is important.
- **Branding experience.
- **Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- **Effective and persuasive public speaker.
- **Possess sound and seasoned judgment, creativity, intellectual curiosity, and an interest in diverse professional challenges.
- **Flexible and adaptable to be able to be responsive to short-term concerns while developing long range strategies.
- **Ability to think critically and quickly, and evaluate and synthesize complex issues and ideas.

Preferred qualifications

- **Experience in a higher education research university environment, although professionals with similar experience in other non-profit entities will be considered.
- **Advanced degree.
- **Bilingual (English/Spanish).

Working conditions Exposure to standard office conditions.

Security sensitive; conviction verification conducted on applicant selected.

The retirement plan for this position is Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS), subject to the position being at least 20 hours per week and at least 135 days in length. This position has the option to elect the Optional Retirement Program (ORP) instead of TRS, subject to the position being 40 hours per week and at least 135 days in length.

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TITLE: For Immediate Release: Jaguar Reserve Established in Sonora, Mexico *

NORTHERN JAGUAR PROJECT

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For Immediate Release, February 12, 2008

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Jaguar Reserve Established in Sonora, Mexico

Privately funded reserve will protect jaguars and imperiled species along U.S.-Mexico border

TUCSON, Ariz. - Jaguars in northern Mexico have a newly protected home today thanks to the official establishment of the Northern Jaguar Reserve in Sonora, Mexico. The 45,000-acre reserve, which provides a sanctuary for the world's northernmost breeding population of jaguars, is the centerpiece of a binational effort by the Northern Jaguar Project and Naturalia to safeguard and restore the jaguar in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands.

"This land is perfectly suited to support North America's largest wild cat," said Oscar Moctezuma, director of Naturalia, a respected Mexican conservation organization that will hold title to the property. "The Northern Jaguar Reserve is a dream come true for the many people who have worked hard for its establishment and, most importantly, for the endangered jaguar."

With assistance from the Northern Jaguar Project, Naturalia purchased the 10,000-acre Rancho Los Pavos in 2003. Located in a region of rich and abundant biodiversity, Los Pavos was the first ranch acquired to establish this viable jaguar reserve.

The Northern Jaguar Project spearheaded the purchase of the \$1.5-million Rancho Zetasora, the adjacent 35,000-acre ranch, with generous contributions from more than 600 individual donors and private foundations. The final payment for Zetasora was made at the end of January and completes the 70-square-mile reserve. The Northern Jaguar Reserve has the highest number of jaguar sightings in northern Mexico and is the only reserve where female jaguars have been protected.

"In this remote and rugged area of northern Sonora, a small population of 80 to 120 jaguars struggles to avoid extinction," said Diana Hadley, president of the Tucson-based Northern Jaguar Project. "The purchase of Zetasora is a crucial step in creating a reserve large enough to effectively protect jaguars as well as dozens of threatened and endangered species."

"With lengthy frontage on the Aros River, a single, often-impassable road, and deep canyons with deer and other prey, the reserve supports the best possible habitat for northern jaguars," said Moctezuma.

The Northern Jaguar Project has established a stewardship endowment fund to provide permanent support to guard the jaguar population, begin the process of ecological restoration, foster wildlife research, and continue educational and incentive programs with local ranchers to reduce poaching and to elevate public awareness for conservation.

"The Northern Jaguar Reserve presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save this species," said Hadley.

"Even if the border fence temporarily blocks jaguar migration, the reserve will help ensure a pathway for jaguars to again roam their former range in the southwestern U.S."

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TITLE: U.S. suit seeks access to Brownsville campus for border fence *

U.S. suit seeks access to Brownsville campus for border fence
School had sought compromise like one in Hidalgo County approved by Chertoff.

By Ralph K.M. Haurwitz

AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

When U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff visited the Lower Rio Grande Valley last week, he approved and touted a compromise in Hidalgo County under which fortified levees will double as a border fence.

On the same day, however, government lawyers acting at his request sued a college in Brownsville that had been seeking a similar compromise.

J. David Ake

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Michael Chertoff Homeland Security chief OK'd compromise for county.

(enlarge photo)

Juliet Garc a Campus president refused to give access.

The lawsuit, filed Friday in federal court in Brownsville, seeks 180 days of access to conduct surveys and environmental studies at the joint campus of the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

The case was filed two days after the UT System Board of Regents adopted a resolution urging negotiations and suggesting the Hidalgo County model be replicated, with concrete used to fortify levee walls that would double as a fence.

Juliet Garc a, president of the Brownsville campus, has refused to allow access by officials of the Homeland Security Department. She contends that the government's proposed route for the fence would jeopardize safety, inhibit use of a golf course, harm the ecology and disrupt the historical character of the campus.

Court papers filed by the government say access is necessary to comply with a congressional directive to secure the border with Mexico and to complete fence construction by the end of the year.

"Time is therefore of the essence," the government said in a motion seeking an order allowing immediate entry.

The government said it has deposited \$100 as "just compensation" for temporary access and will pay the campus additional money if its use of the property causes damage.

The lawsuit was filed against the 371/2 acres of land at issue, which is customary in a case of this type, said Nancy Herrera, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Houston. UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof and the Texas Southmost College District were named as "purported owners" of the property and "parties having or claiming an interest in said property."

No hearing date has been set.

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TITLE: Easy to help - National Network to End Domestic Violence *

The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) and The Allstate Foundation's Click to Empower campaign is still going strong! To date, more than \$45,000 has been donated by The Allstate Foundation because caring individuals like you have clicked to empower survivors of domestic violence!

Our goal is to reach the \$150,000 mark by the end of the month. Please help us meet this goal so that we can provide much needed financial aid to domestic violence survivors pursuing their educational and professional goals! Pass the word around to your family and friends today!

Please click the "Click to Empower" button at <http://www.clicktoempower.com> DAILY!
Forward this email to friends and family and encourage them to join this effort!

About ClicktoEmpower.com

For every click of the "Click to Empower" button at <http://www.clicktoempower.com>, The Allstate Foundation will donate \$1 (up to \$300,000) to the Education and Job Training Fund. This fund expands opportunities for survivors to achieve long-term financial security by providing direct grants to help them pursue their educational and professional goals. This fund enables domestic violence survivors to pursue long-term financial security by providing much needed assistance to address barriers often not covered within traditional financial aid resources. It covers education, training and job-related expenses including:

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TITLE: Low-income, minority T students less likely to have experienced teac *

Austin, Leander and Round Rock cited in statewide report for 'teacher quality gaps.'

By Raven L. Hill
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF
Friday, February 08, 2008

Achievement gaps between low-income and minority students and their peers in Austin and Round Rock can be attributed in large part to gaps in teacher quality and experience, according to a statewide report released Thursday.

An analysis of the 50 largest Texas school districts by The Education Trust, a Washington-based think tank, concluded that African American, Hispanic and low-income students almost without exception lack "the very resource that matters most to their academic success: strong teachers."

The report examined teacher credentials, experience levels, turnover rates and teacher pay for 2005-06. Researchers found that 42 districts across the state, including Austin and Round Rock, had disproportionate numbers of novice teachers those with less than three years of experience at predominantly minority and low-income schools.

Leander was included in the report, but it had more balanced numbers.

In Austin, predominantly minority and low-income schools were two or three times more likely than campuses with more affluent, mostly white students to have larger numbers of inexperienced teachers.

District officials said Thursday that its new bonus and merit pay initiative, which was praised in the report, should help to eliminate such disparities by improving salaries and working conditions.

"What we're trying to do ... (is) provide all teachers with supports to be successful," said David Lussier, a member of the district's strategic compensation task force.

Louis Malfaro, president of Education Austin, which represents 4,000 teachers and staff members, said the focus should be on retaining teachers.

"This idea that if we just forced good teachers to go to the hard schools, everything would be OK really misses the point," Malfaro said. "Those young, energetic, good-hearted teachers that haven't quite gotten as good as our more experienced teachers, if given the support, will become the master teachers and the expert teachers."

In Round Rock, about 16 percent of teachers at predominantly minority schools were inexperienced compared with 8 percent at less diverse campuses.

Round Rock Superintendent Jesús Chávez defended the quality of his teaching corps.

"I think the report does point to teachers in general seeking to work in better environments and less challenging conditions," Chávez said.

"That is an issue we face not only in Round Rock but in school districts across the state and across the nation."

Statewide, researchers found particularly egregious discrepancies at campuses that were predominantly African American: 49 percent of beginning English teachers and 42 percent of algebra teachers lacked certification in those fields.

Passing rates on state exams in part reflect those disparities, according to the report; less than half of African American and Hispanic ninth-graders passed the math section of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in 2006.

Paul Ruiz, a senior adviser at the Education Trust's Southwest office, said, "Many people are quick to attribute a school's performance to the home lives of its students, but the reality is that what schools do matters a lot."

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Sun Apr 27, PRFDance - Upcoming Taino Events and History *

Dear Friends,

"We the Tainos are still here!" If this expression fills you with surprise, awe, joy, or pride, then you will enjoy our upcoming events dedicated to our Taino heritage. On Sunday, April 27, come out to a Family Day and learn the ancient Taino ball game of Batu'. Information on this event, as well as the exciting announcement of our upcoming June production -- "Celebrando 2008 - Rediscovering Boriken" is below. In the meantime, enjoy this history that for some, may come as a complete and amazing surprise!

Christopher Columbus landed in Boriken (Puerto Rico) on his second voyage to the New World (November 19, 1493). It is written that by the mid 1500s (50 years), the native Taino population had been completely extinguished from the abuses of slavery and the introduction of European diseases (smallpox).

In reality, mountain cave petroglyphs testify that Taino families escaped high into the island's interior, the thick Cordillera Central mountain range. In addition, a census in 1514 found that 40 percent of the officially recognized wives of Spanish men were Taina. For this reason, it is no great surprise, (in retrospect) in his year 2000 National Science Foundation research, Juan Carlos Martinez Cruzado, Professor of Genetics at the University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez, found that 61 percent of all Puerto Ricans carry Amerindian mitochondrial DNA from their maternal lines!

We would like to thank El Concilio Guatu-ma-cu A Boriken and their Cacike Ca Ciba Opil (Website - <http://conciliotainopr.org/>) who are giving PRFDance back our "lost" heritage, so that we may preserve and hand it down to the next generation. We would also like to thank ALL the families, leaders, and organizations on Boriken and on the mainland who are likewise working in this effort. It is because of all of you, this new generation has a heritage to claim!

We the Tainos are still here! Our Taino culture survives in the families who escaped into the mountains many generations ago and still today preserve our traditions.

Dr. Ana Maria Tekina-eiru' Maynard, Founding Director
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TITLE: Florida Farmworkers, Austin Consumers Deliver Message to Whole Foods *

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FLORIDA FARMWORKERS, AUSTIN CONSUMERS DELIVER MESSAGE TO WHOLE FOODS HEADQUARTERS

Coalition of Immokalee Workers brings Campaign for Fair Food to Austin, presses Whole Foods for fair wages, transparency in tomato supply chain
Austin, Texas “ On Monday, February 11, a delegation from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) and the Fair Food Austin campaign will visit Whole Foods headquarters to encourage the world's leading natural and organic food retailer to take proactive measures to address sweatshop conditions in its tomato supply chain.

The CIW is an award-winning farmworker organization known for its exposure of several modern-day slavery operations in Florida agriculture. The CIW's Campaign for Fair Food appeals to major food industry players “ including fast-food giant Burger King and Austin-based retailer Whole Foods “ to leverage their market influence to demand full respect for the human rights of the workers who pick their tomatoes. Kate Kelly of Fair Food Austin states, “Last year, Whole Foods announced strict new criteria for products it purchases from the developing world. If Whole Foods can use its influence to improve wages and working conditions for workers abroad, it can do the same for tomato pickers in Florida.” Ms. Kelly continues, “As a good faith effort, Whole Foods should establish transparency in its tomato supply chain. In an industry plagued by one forced labor case after another, transparency is essential if Whole Foods wishes to guarantee its consumers slavery-free products.”

Carlos Perez de Alejo of Fair Food Austin adds, “A company such as Whole Foods that publicly commits itself to socially responsible purchasing practices should jump at the chance to partner with the CIW, a proven organization with a sustainable model for change in Florida's fields. This is a valuable opportunity for Whole Foods to enhance its reputation while doing the right thing.”

Background: Florida's farmworkers “ including the workers who pick tomatoes for fast-food giants such as Burger King and retailers such as Whole Foods “ face sweatshop conditions every day in the fields, including: sub-poverty wages (tomato pickers earn roughly \$10,000/year, according to the USDOL); no raise in nearly 30 years (pickers are paid virtually the same per bucket piece rate today as in 1980 - at the going rate, workers must pick more than 2.5 TONS of tomatoes just to earn minimum wage for a typical 10-hr day); and the denial of fundamental labor rights (no right to overtime pay nor right to organize).

In the most extreme cases, workers face actual conditions of modern-day slavery. The CIW has helped federal civil rights officials to prosecute five slavery operations “ involving over 1,000 workers “ in Florida's fields since 1997.

In 2005, the CIW resolved a four-year, nationwide boycott against Taco Bell when the fast-food leader and its parent company, Yum Brands, agreed to pay a premium for its tomatoes to directly improve workers' sub-poverty wages and work with the CIW to address the labor abuses endemic to Florida agriculture. In 2007, after a two-year campaign, the CIW reached a similar agreement with McDonald's, the largest fast-food chain in the world.

For these efforts, the CIW received support from the Editorial Board of the Austin American-Statesman, “Penny pinchers won't let tomato pickers have it their way,” (1/11/08). This is the CIW's first visit to Austin since 2005. For more information, visit <http://ciw-online.org>.

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TITLE: [sonjarocho] VII SEMINARIO ISLA DE TACAMICHAPAN, 22 al 29 de marzo *

Centro de Documentación del Son Jarocho
VII Seminario
El Son Jarocho
y otras culturas
22 al 29 de marzo 2008

Un campamento de aprendizaje y
Análisis de la cultura del sur de Veracruz
Historia y desarrollo regional,
conocimiento histórico
y práctico del son jarocho

Rancho Luna Negra, Isla de Tacamichapan, Jáltipan Ver.
Quienes participen conocerán al son jarocho en su historia, su estructura musical, aprender de sus
ejecutantes, su espíritu comunitario así como otras manifestaciones de la cultura de los pueblos del sur de
Veracruz. Vivirán unos días con músicos, bailarines, investigadores e historiadores, artesanos y
conocedores de la cultura regional, disfrutarán nuestra rica comida campesina. Estaremos conviviendo con
los pobladores de uno de los centros más importantes de la cultura Olmeca: San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan,
donde visitaremos el museo de sitio y fandanguaremos con los jaraneros del pueblo, quizá los más viejos
soneros de la comunidad jaranera. Todo ello mientras usted acampa a las orillas del río Chiquito, en la isla
de Tacamichapan.

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T3o Nato
D3a 28
fandango en San Lorenzo
centro de la cultura olmeca

La isla de Tacamichapan se encuentra ubicada en la regi3n Olmeca, colindando con San Lorenzo, uno de los lugares donde esta cultura alcanz3 su gran esplendor en los primeros intentos del hombre americano de formar sus sociedades. En la isla podemos apreciar innumerables mont3culos que nos hablan de un pasado misterioso poco estudiado.

San Lorenzo actualmente es un pueblo que fue refundado por jaltipanecos y colinda con la isla, en las riberas del r3o Chiquito. En la comunidad viven viejos jaraneros que han conservado la fiesta del fandango. Visitaremos este pueblo, su museo y realizaremos un fandango como cada a3o desde hace seis en esta comunidad con la participaci3n de los jaraneros de la comunidad y con la asistencia de todos los participantes del Seminario.

Este año también en el evento que era un fandango que solo se realizaba con los músicos de San Lorenzo Tenochtitlan y los participantes del seminario, será un fandango más grande con grupos de la región, todo esto gracias al compromiso y la motivación del pueblo de San Lorenzo.

Programa

5 de la tarde

Los Olmecas

Conferencia en el museo de sitio

Antrop. Esmeralda Robles

8 de la noche

Gran Fandango

JARANEROS DE SAN LORENZO TENOCHTITLAN

MAJAHUAL

LOS CAMARONEROS DE OJO DE AGUA

LOS CENZONTLES

SON DEL RIO

LOS COJOLITES

LOS CHOGOMEH

BEMBERECUA

SON DEL MAR

DON TAMARINDO

SON POLILLA

GRUPO CHILPAYAS

Músicos y bailadores participantes en el VII Seminario

Día 29

7 de la noche

Rancho luna negra

fiesta de clausura

Exposición

La isla de Tacamichapan

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LOS BAXIN

LOS COJOLITES

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Center for Mexican American Studies to Host Conference over *

œMexico Hoy Conference Planned

CMAS Conference to Focus on Major Challenges Facing Mexico and its People: April 17-18

(La Nueva Raza News Service) “ In November of 2007 the ex-Mayor of Mexico City, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, held his own El Informe, Mexico’s version of the State of the Union address, in spite of the fact that the United States government recognizes Felipe Calderon as the President of Mexico. A popular uprising occurred in the state of Oaxaca in southern Mexico in 2006 as Oaxaquenos called for the ouster of their state governor whom they claimed to be corrupt and repressive. After months of occupying the center of the state capital of the same name federal police arrived and after much difficulty dislocated thousands of street protesters. And on January 1st of this year hundreds of campesinos and their supporters blocked the international bridge linking Ciudad Juarez with El Paso, Texas bringing international commerce there to a temporary halt. In an effort to shine some clarity and analysis over these and other events, the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Houston is hosting its annual Spring Conference with the theme, Mexico Hoy: Economic Dependency, Social Inequality and Political Resistance in a Globalized World. According to the Center, a major conference over the political economy of Mexico is long overdue; particularly in light of Mexico’s proximity and long historical economic and political ties with the United States.

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Lorenzo Meyer, recognized as Mexico’s foremost historian and political analyst, will be the keynote speaker on Thursday, April 17th. Dr. Meyer is a professor at Mexico’s prestigious graduate school, El Colegio de Mexico, located in southern Mexico City and referred to by many as the œHarvard of Mexico. Dr. Meyer has written numerous books over Mexico and will be speaking about the controversy over the past presidential election which ended with much controversy leading to an œalternative government with Lopez Obrador as the head of state. Although ridiculed by the Calderon administration and some news outlets, hundreds of thousands of people throughout Mexico turned out to the Informe at the Zocalo where Lopez Obrador assessed the state of the country.

Other notable speakers will be David Bacon, photo-journalist and author of the œChildren of NAFTA. His new book, œIllegal “ How Globalization Creates Migration and Criminalizes Immigrants will be out this coming August. Dr. Abelardo Rodriguez will speak about Mexico’s plan for national security within the context of U.S. “ Mexican relations. Dr. Rodriguez is from Mexico City and received his doctorate in international relations from the University of Miami. Dr. Rodriguez has written several books and various articles concerning U.S.- Mexico relations. Dr. Jeronimo Cortina, 2007-2008 Visiting Scholar for the Center for Mexican American Studies, will present a voting analysis of the 1994, 2000, and 2006 Mexican Presidential elections. Dr. Cortina, originally from Mexico City, comes from Columbia University where he received his doctorate in political science. Rice University professor and director of the Center for the Study of Women, Dr. Rosemary Hennessy, will be on a panel discussing attempts by female workers in the maquiladoras, Mexican manufacturing plants on the Mexican “ US border, to improve their salaries and working conditions. Joining her on the panel will be Marta Ojeda, director of Justice in the Maquiladoras. Other speakers will present over the growing auto industry in Mexico, an analysis of the Mexican family unit as compared with Mexican families in the United States, and a film over the causes of the popular unrest in the state of Oaxaca and it’s implications, and other factors associated with the lack of development in Mexico.

Mexico’s Future

One of the major goals of the Conference is to discuss the future of Mexico and its people given current economic policies as well as the current political machinations throughout the country. The Conference is free and open to students, faculty and the general public. For more information contact Lcano@uh.edu or call (713) 743-3133.

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events *

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Coalition of Immokalee Workers Petition Campaign

Sign the petition to steer Whole Foods in the right direction

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Mar 2nd ARIZONA / TEMPE: Tearing Down Walls, Building Bridges Teach-Ins

Sun, Mar 2nd, @8:00am TEXAS / RGV: Border Ambassadors "March 4 March 4"

Sun, Mar 2nd, @8:00am TEXAS / Marches Against the Border Wall

Sun, Mar 2nd, @11:30am ARIZONA / TEMPE: Unidos En Arizona Needs You!

Mon, Mar 3rd, @8:00am TEXAS / RGV: Border Ambassadors "March 4 March 4"

Mon, Mar 3rd, @8:00am TEXAS / Marches Against the Border Wall

Mon, Mar 3rd, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

Tue, Mar 4th, @8:00am TEXAS / RGV: Border Ambassadors "March 4 March 4"

Tue, Mar 4th, @8:00am TEXAS / Marches Against the Border Wall

Wed, Mar 5th, @8:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: First Friday Forum at St. Thomas University

Thu, Mar 6th, @7:00pm TEXAS / Loud & Proud!

Fri, Mar 7th, @9:30am TEXAS / HOUSTON: Coalition of Working People Meeting

Sat, Mar 8th CALIFAS / Mujeres de Maiz Women's ART Exhibit & Events in L.A.

Sat, Mar 8th TEXAS / SAN ANTO: 2008 International Woman's Day March & Rally

Sat, Mar 8th TEXAS / MCALLEN: Nde Daa Powwow

Sat, Mar 8th TEXAS / March Against the Border Wall

Sat, Mar 8th TEXAS / WACO: Waco Intertribal Powwow

Sat, Mar 8th TEXAS / ARLINGTON: NASA-AISES Scholarship Benefit Powwow

Sat, Mar 8th, @11:00am TEXAS / AUSTIN: Mural Re-dedication celebration

Sun, Mar 9th CALIFAS / Mujeres de Maiz Women's ART Exhibit & Events in L.A.

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Texas: Caucus to close Hutto on March 4th

Loud & Proud!

Collaborating with ICE Has Consequences

Register for the Texas DREAM Summit!

Mural Re-dedication celebration - Mar 8

Bluesprint Schools Documentary seeks community members for stories

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dist. 143 Children's Health Day

First Friday Forum at St. Thomas University

Coalition of Working People Meeting Announcements

¡Mexico Hoy! Conference - April 17-18

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comedy Club Presents: Charity Rocks Music Festival

SAN JUAN: 3rd Annual Meat Out!

March 4 March 4 "The whole enchilada"...

Press release: Urging Cameron County to reject levee border wall

BORDER WALL / LEVEE COMBO MAY PUT COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT RISK

Texas border. The past. The future. The present.
œMARCH AGAINST BORDER WALL SET FOR MARCH 8-16
Border Ambassadors "March 4 March 4" kickoff
SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS
THIS FRIDAY- OPENING NIGHT!::::: An Altar for Emma
2008 International Woman's Day March & Rally
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS AZTLAN
Unidos En Arizona Needs You!
National Human Rights Conference 2008
Letter from African American activists in solidarity with Mexican guest workers
CALIFAS: Mujeres de Maiz Women's ART Exhibit & Events in L.A.
Phoenix, AZ: The Local War on the Undocumented, a 2007 Retrospective
ARTICLES OF INTEREST
Seeking Students For Research on Student Activism
Anti-fence conference building unity among groups across U.S.
ICED Game
Holes in the Wall: Homeland Security won't say why the border wall is bypassing the wealthy
Att. High Schoolers: USAS/HOLA Nat'l Conference!
2008 TX Conference for Women Scholarship Application
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\$1.2 billion fence adds little or no security
Job Opps: 2 Positions DC-Mexico-Brazil - Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids
Human Rights classes next summer in San Salvador

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TITLE: La Nueva Raza News Needs You! *

Querida familia de LNR “

La Nueva Raza News is growing and is in need of your support.

We are a volunteer operation but are in need of financial contributions to keep this platform alive and running. We receive an average of 250,000+ hits a month from people who are steadily following the communities' efforts against injustice in its various fronts. We also have a newspaper (printed quarterly) which helps connect those of us who cannot access computers or the internet.

Please show your support for La Nueva Raza News by sending us a donation. Please keep in mind that a donation to La Nueva Raza News is a donation to all the grassroots community efforts we help promote. Our goal with LNR is to help amplify and connect the voices of our peoples in battle and to document the movimiento for the future generations.

Please click on the link below to show your support:

<https://www.paypal.com/us/prq/id=0bX4nREJ5B.1GY2hQJ2hEQQCgsx5687lqiXhxA>

The month of March will be a very busy one for us, as we will be conducting an open community meeting in Austin (during the NACCS Conference week) and announcing internship opportunities for those who wish to become a part of this historic media movement. We will inform you once we have solid dates and times.

The beauty in La Nueva Raza's online platform is that you have the ability to be active in the community from home! While this is no replacement for frontlines grassroots organizing, it forms a powerful part of the movimiento when all these efforts are combined.

We are ecstatic about the overwhelming support we've received from across the country. As a volunteer organization, we've reached a point where we see the need to become a more formalized operation to serve your needs. But in order to build a solid foundation, we need your support. Let's work together to combat the injustices we face in our comunidades. We can do this. Si se puede.

Please show your support for La Nueva Raza by contributing to our efforts at the link below:

<https://www.paypal.com/us/prq/id=0bX4nREJ5B.1GY2hQJ2hEQQCgsx5687lqiXhxA>

Dandoles gracias for the love and support you've shown us and

In Solidarity,

IRIS RODRIGUEZ

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TITLE: Please distribute! Call for poetry and art submissions for upcoming *

Querida familia “

Below and attached is a call for art and poetry submissions for an upcoming xican@ anthology put together by poetas insurgentes, a xican-indigena poetry crew.

Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2008.

Any help forwarding this to your contacts, listservs, and classes would be sincerely appreciated! Please feel free to contact us if we can help answer any questions.

¡Mil gracias por su apoyo!

Iris Rodriguez

poetas insurgentes

poetasinsurgentes@riseup.net

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poetas insurgentes

seeking poetry and art for upcoming xican@ anthology

"It is my sincere belief that the strongest part of our community is among the visual and performing artists, who are keeping the movement alive."

Sometimes There Is No Other Side: Chicanos and the Myth of Equality by Rodolfo F. Acuña

This is a call out to the entire Xican@ art community of all ages and backgrounds for the submission of poetry and visual art pieces. We are looking for work that will be medicine for our community and give strength to our people. Currently we are working on an anthology that contains a compilation of poetry and visual art.

We are interested in sowing the seeds of beauty in the gardens of our peoples. Help us water these seeds with your energy & will so that they may bloom into beautiful flowers. Please send us movimiento poetry & art so that we may give sustenance to our community through these flowers.

Please submit poetry and artworks to: poetasinsurgentes@riseup.net (see submission requirements at end)

Deadline for submissions: June 1, 2008

Everywhere that you find Xican@'s you will find flores that are specific to that community since they are sown in that particular environment through resistance. Let's begin the process of gathering our beautiful flowers so that we can all partake of their sweet fragrance; so they may give us strength to keep resisting the wasichu toxins that kill our peoples; so that our youth may know that they're part of a strong & beautiful people; so that our community can be proud of their identity and not succumb to pressures that tell them to lose their culture.

We need to weave a quilt of resistance that will provide protection for our babies from the thunderstorm of society. Through poetry and visual art we can spark this process. We're proposing flores para el pueblo as a way to do exactly this. A beginning point to build a movement from the bottom up and to the left. Please spread the word to the four corners of the world, so that Xican@s far & wide may know that the time is now.

Let's gather our beautiful flowers and share them with our people, with the future generations that are yet to come. Let's work this land so we may give a milpa to our babies filled with these flowers that they can take care of and add to.

Please submit poetry and artworks to: poetasinsurgentes@riseup.net (see submission requirements at end)

Join the poetas insurgentes listserv at: poetasinsurgentes-subscribe@yahoo.com

Check us out on myspace at: <http://www.myspace.com/poetasinsurgentes>

Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2008.

Desde el jardin,

poetas insurgentes

email: poetasinsurgentes@riseup.net

myspace: <http://www.myspace.com/poetasinsurgentes>

If you are interested in sharing your flowers with our community please read the following list of protocols for this project. Anyone that submits their flowers must agree with these protocols. Submission constitutes agreement.

Protocols:

- 1) written works must be submitted in Word format, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman, 1" margins
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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events *

MESSAGE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA STAFF

La Nueva Raza News Needs Your Support

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Call for poetry and art submissions for upcoming xican@ anthology

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Mon, Mar 10th TEXAS / AUSTIN: Latinitas Spring Break Camp March 10-14

Mon, Mar 10th, @8:00am TEXAS / Son Jarocho Encuentro/ Fair Food Action Against Whole Foods Corporate Empire

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AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Son Jarocho Encuentro/ Fair Food Action Against Whole Foods Corporate Empire

"Paz Sin Justicia" film screening - Mon 3/10

Peace Walk and Protest at Hutto, Taylor TX (March, 8)

Latinitas Spring Break Camp March 10-14

Borderlands Lecture Series: March 20th presents "Movement for Justice in El Barrio" (NY)

War of Movement Press Release

Bikes NO BORDERS Benefit show this Saturday!!!

CIW Action at Whole Foods Shareholders' Meeting in Austin

Deadline for Texas DREAM Summit Registration Approaching

Media Training in Austin

One Week Until Whole Foods Shareholder Meeting!

PAPA Attorney Position Available

International Campaign in Defense of El Barrio

Hutto Resolutions at March 4th Caucuses

Texas: Caucus to close Hutto on March 4th

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMSA RALLY & MARCH FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE--FRI. MARCH 14

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Court Rules Secretary Chertoff Violating Law In Building Border Wall

"Shadow of a Man" play seeking volunteers

Need Volunteers for March Against Border Wall

March Against the Wall starts this Saturday

EDINBURG: Screening of "Ghosts of Abu Ghraib" March 6

ATTENTION WALKERS! Information on "March Against the Wall"

"The Religious Case Against the War in Iraq"

National call for a moratorium on the border wall

Comedy Club Presents: Charity Rocks Music Festival

SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honoring the Animals Pow Wow

Mujeres en Marzo! :: Upcoming March Events at Esperanza

THIS SATURDAY: Women Will March!!! Int'l Woman's Day 03-08-2008

THIS FRIDAY- OPENING NIGHT!::: An Altar for Emma

2008 International Woman's Day March & Rally

FREE SPEECH COALITION :: Upcoming Press Conf & Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS AZTLAN

DENVER: Cihuatl Ce and Guerrilla Queenz at Cafe Cultura March 14

INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opening in Chiapas! - CASA Collective Facilitator

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Call for Applications- Latinas Learning to Lead

Border Wall Moratorium for introduction at the precinct caucus

Groups United to Fight Border Wall

LATEST RADIO SHOWS

Nuestra Palabra, Tue, March 04, 2008

Feminist Magazine, Wed, March 05, 2008

the ChaCha sessions

radio bomba sound system

Breakdown FM-Interview w/ Blu-LA Hip Hop is Back

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----Please forward and distribute----

poetas insurgentes

seeking poetry and art for upcoming xican@ anthology

"It is my sincere belief that the strongest part of our community

is among the visual and performing artists, who are keeping the movement alive."

Sometimes There Is No Other Side: Chicanos and the Myth of Equality by Rodolfo F. Acuña

This is a call out to the entire Xican@ art community of all ages and backgrounds for the submission of poetry and visual art pieces. We are looking for work that will be medicine for our community and give strength to our people. Currently we are working on an anthology that contains a compilation of poetry and visual art.

We are interested in sowing the seeds of beauty in the gardens of our peoples. Help us water these seeds with your energy & will so that they may bloom into beautiful flowers. Please send us movimiento poetry & art so that we may give sustenance to our community through these flowers.

Please submit poetry and artworks to: poetasinsurgentes@riseup.net (see submission requirements at end)
Deadline for submissions: June 1, 2008

Everywhere that you find Xican@s you will find flores that are specific to that community since they are sown in that particular environment through resistance. Let's begin the process of gathering our beautiful flowers so that we can all partake of their sweet fragrance; so they may give us strength to keep resisting the wasichu toxins that kill our peoples; so that our youth may know that they're part of a strong & beautiful people; so that our community can be proud of their identity and not succumb to pressures that tell them to lose their culture.

We are original inhabitants of this land; we are Nican Tlachah, indigenous people from this continent. Our stories for too long have been called the counter narrative to a Western master narrative. Well this is a lie. As indigenous peoples our stories, our history, is the master narrative. Our antepasados bodies are buried all throughout these lands and they have filtered into the soil. We literally are the dirt here, it is made of us, and we are of it. This is the connection we have to the land that roots us to this earth. The wasichu has only been here for 516 years & counting. They've managed to make us believe that history on this continent starts in 1492 but this is not so. They could not burn our beautiful cantos, danzas y ceremonias. Our history has been embedded in them and we still have them. This is our base, this is our strength. The time has come to build from this base a resistance for freedom. The resistance has always been here but we're in a plateau as a community. The Xican@ movement is still here, with us, today. It is up to us, the youth, to pick up the threads of resistance that have been laid down before us.

We need to weave a quilt of resistance that will provide protection for our babies from the thunderstorm of society. Through poetry and visual art we can spark this process. We're proposing flores para el pueblo as a way to do exactly this. A beginning point to build a movement from the bottom up and to the left. Please spread the word to the four corners of the world, so that Xican@s far & wide may know that the time is now.

Let's gather our beautiful flowers and share them with our people, with the future generations that are yet to come. Let's work this land so we may give a milpa to our babies filled with these flowers that they can take care of and add to.

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Join the poetas insurgentes listserv at: poetasinsurgentes-subscribe@yahoo.com

Check us out on myspace at: <http://www.myspace.com/poetasinsurgentes>

Deadline for submissions is June 1, 2008.

Desde el jardin,

poetas insurgentes

email: poetasinsurgentes@riseup.net

myspace: <http://www.myspace.com/poetasinsurgentes>

If you are interested in sharing your flowers with our community please read the following list of protocols for this project. Anyone that submits their flowers must agree with these protocols. Submission constitutes agreement.

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MESSAGE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA STAFF

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TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

SUBMIT NOW! El Rincon Del Diablo chapbook

Calls to Congress Needed Today! Fight the Shuler-Tancredo Bill H.R. 4088

Want to get your xican@ poetry and art published? Seeking submissions!

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Sun, Mar 16th, @4:00pm TEXAS / BROWNSVILLE: No Border Wall Festival, Join Us!

Mon, Mar 17th CALIFAS / Mujeres de Maiz Women's ART Exhibit & Events in L.A.

Mon, Mar 17th, @8:00am TEXAS / HOUSTON AEROS BLOOD DRIVE

Mon, Mar 17th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

Tue, Mar 18th TEXAS / AUSTIN: March 2008 Austin Tour of the Movement for Justice in El Barrio (MJB)

Tue, Mar 18th CALIFAS / Mujeres de Maiz Women's ART Exhibit & Events in L.A.

Tue, Mar 18th, @8:00am TEXAS / HOUSTON AEROS BLOOD DRIVE

Tue, Mar 18th, @10:00am TEXAS / AUSTIN: Get ICE out of Travis county jails

Tue, Mar 18th, @12:00pm TEXAS / EDINBURG: Platica - "What Everyone Should Know About Guantanamo"

Tue, Mar 18th, @5:00pm TEXAS / EDINBURG: Screening of "Sir! No Sir!"

Wed, Mar 19th CALIFAS / Mujeres de Maiz Women's ART Exhibit & Events in L.A.

Wed, Mar 19th, @8:00am TEXAS / HOUSTON AEROS BLOOD DRIVE

Wed, Mar 19th, @11:00am TEXAS / EDINBURG: Anti-War Events at UT Pan Am

Wed, Mar 19th, @7:00pm TEXAS / MCALLEN: Vigil for Peace

Thu, Mar 20th TEXAS / AUSTIN: Borderlands Lecture Series: March 20th presents "Movement for Justice in El Barrio" (NY)

Thu, Mar 20th TEXAS / AUSTIN: War of Movement Concert

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call to Action: Defend Immigrant Rights in Travis County!

Time Sen 3/15: LUPE Arte Leadership and Art Careers Seminar 2008

CIW, Fair Food Austin Picket Whole Foods Annual Shareholder Meeting

Movement for Justice in El Barrio Tour of Austin

Austin woman wins grant for immigrant detainee network

Oaxaca film screening at MonkeyWrench Books ATX 3/10, 8pm

Anti Death Penalty Alternative Spring Break

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nuestros Cuerpos, Nuestras Vidas!

AMSA Rally & March for Affordable Health Care

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BROWNSVILLE: No Border Wall Rally and Schedule of Events

EDINBURG: Anti-War Events at UT Pan Am

MCALLEN: Vigil for Peace - Mar 19
EDINBURG: Sex Trafficking: An Overview - Mar 20
Border Wall Protestors Urging Landowners to Join Class-Action Lawsuit Against DHS
Levee/border fence project stalls again
SAN JUAN: People for Peace and Justice - Monthly Meeting
MCALLEN: Affirmation Night In Celebration of Peace and Justice
Invitation to Cesar Chavez March 2008
No Border Wall Festival, Join Us!
Court Rules Secretary Chertoff Violating Law In Building Border Wall
SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS
Tejano Declaration of Independence - April 6
Call for Action! Take Action on the Parade Ordinance!
ARTICLES OF INTEREST
Hate Crimes Linked to Immigration
Arkansas Woman, Left in Cell, Goes 4 Days With No Food or Water
NPR: 'America's Toughest Sheriff' Takes on Immigration
USAS Is Hiring New Staff, Apply Before March 15!
Tennessee: Clarksville engages in racial profiling
VIDEOS OF INTEREST
Day 6 of the Border Walk, from Progresso: What the Rio Grande Valley Really Needs...
Border Walk Day 5: My Question Is
Ferraro's Legacy of Racism
Border Walk, Day 4
Why I'm Marching Against the Border Wall
Border Walk
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Interview with Del tha Funky Homosapien

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Friends and family “

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Click here for the recent writeup in the Rio Grande

Guardian: http://www.riograndeguardian.com/rggnews_story.asp?story_no=23 (Also attached.)

Check out www.Mission-Texas.com for more information on the situation.

If you have any questions, you can contact info@mission-texas.com.

Hope to see you there!

Iris Rodriguez
Mission Texas Coalition
www.Mission-Texas.com
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MESSAGE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA STAFF

La Nueva Raza News Needs Your Support

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Contact Congress and Demand that they Repeal Real ID Immediately

Get ICE out of Travis county jails

Sign on against the waiver and against the Border Wall

Wildlife Alert: Contact your Senators and Reps Today! Chertoff vs. Environment

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Apr 6th TEXAS / AUSTIN: The Austin Project Performances

Sun, Apr 6th HOUSTON / Houston Astros Blood Drive

Sun, Apr 6th TEXAS / AUSTIN: Inside Books 3 Day Work Party Starts Friday!

Sun, Apr 6th TEXAS / BIG SPRING: Big Spring Contest Powwow

Sun, Apr 6th, @8:00am TEXAS / HOUSTON ABC 13 BLOOD DRIVE

Sun, Apr 6th, @2:00pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: Tejano Day of Independence

Sun, Apr 6th, @7:00pm TEXAS / Screening of Mission contamination documentary at the Border Theater

Mon, Apr 7th HOUSTON / Houston Astros Blood Drive

Mon, Apr 7th, @8:00am TEXAS / HOUSTON ABC 13 BLOOD DRIVE

Mon, Apr 7th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

Tue, Apr 8th, @7:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: Screening of "BRAD" (one more night at the barricades)

Wed, Apr 9th, @7:00pm TEXAS / SAN JUAN: People for Peace and Justice Monthly Meeting

Wed, Apr 9th, @7:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Death Row Moms Speak: A Broken System - Crying Out for Justice!

Sat, Apr 12th, @9:00am TEXAS / RGV: No Border Wall Strategies Conference

Mon, Apr 14th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

Tue, Apr 15th, @10:30am TEXAS / EDINBURG: Forum on the border wall at UT Pan American

Wed, Apr 16th TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival

Wed, Apr 16th, @7:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Robert King of the Angola 3 to speak at UT

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AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 1 March in Austin!

The Austin Project Performances

Death Row Moms Speak: A Broken System - Crying Out for Justice!

Inside Books 3 Day Work Party Starts Friday!

Bilingual children's reading w/Carmen Tafolla this Saturday @ Resistencia!

Robert King of the Angola 3 to speak at UT

Dahr Jamail Thursday!

Meeting to Organize May 1 March in Austin

EL PASO ANNOUNCEMENTS

El Paso denies feds access to road for border fence

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Houston day laborers vote to form workers rights network

Houston Indy Media Center events for April
Coalition of Working People Events for April
Screening of "BRAD" (one more night at the barricades) - April 8
Call for Volunteers for Day Labor Rights Forum
RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Screening of Mission contamination documentary at the Border Theater this Sunday!
April 15 forum on the border wall at UT Pan American
People for Peace and Justice Monthly Meeting in San Juan - April 9
March for Womyns Rights in Alton this Saturday
Hidalgo County Judge's ridiculous statement regarding the waiver
Brownsville City Commission...did what?
No Border Wall Coalition: Chertoff's Border Wall Waiver is an Assault on the Rule of Law
Sierra Club press release regarding the waiver
View DHS Waivers in PDF format
Texas Border Coalition Outraged by Chertoff's waiver
AP: Federal agencies fighting over fence laws
Candidate for Field/Campus coordinator
No Border Wall Strategies Conference
Border Wall Survey by 7th Graders
Si Se Puede Learning Center needs your help!
SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS
Bombasta at First Friday!
Esperanza Center events and updates
Tejano Declaration of Independence Invitation
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS AZTLAN

Friends and family “

In addition to tonight's screening of the trailer for the upcoming feature documentary on the contamination in Mission at 7:00 p.m. the Border Theater in downtown Mission, there will also be a screening of Harvest of Redemption: Malas Fronteras, also produced by Alma Libre Films. (A brief synopsis is below.)

Hope to see you there!

Iris Rodriguez
Mission Texas Coalition

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Harvest of Redemption was filmed primarily in Rio Grande City with local cast and crew and stars Joey Partida (McAllen), J.R. Villarreal (Mission), Laura Perez (Mission), as well as features many other valleyites. Laura Perez (writer, producer, and actress) might be small of stature, but her heart and ambition are rooted in very strong moral ethics. She grew up in Mission, Texas and although she re-located to Hollywood, still embraces the values that were instilled in her childhood. For Perez, her love of film was cultivated in Mission and in particular at the Border Theater. Her father was the esteemed projectionist (in the late 60's)

and her filmmaking aspirations began to be forged as she watched movies as a teenager at the legendary theater, which is now unfortunately targeted for closure.

Harvest of Redemption, which was filmed in the Rio Grande Valley with local cast and crew, was Perez's first foray into producing. She feels every blessed to not only have started that journey (in her hometown), but to be able to come back and share the accomplishment with the community that made it possible. "Local venues like The Border that support film are integral to the artistic vitality of the community, and it must stay alive. I hope in some small way to be a part of that movement," sums producer Perez.

The indie film made with passion and a limited budget was filmed, in a large portion, in Rio Grande City with the gracious assistance of the RGC Historical Preservation Commission and the Brownsville Border Film Commission. Other Producers of the film include Valley natives Eddie Howell and Arturo Ayala.

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MESSAGE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA STAFF

POLL: How would you prefer to receive news updates from LNR? Your opinion counts!

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Tell The University of Montana To Respect Workers' Rights And Adopt The DSP!

TransgÃ©nicos: ¡Ni maÃ±z!

Tell The Univ of Montana To Respect Workers' Rights And Adopt The DSP! Stop Supporting Sweatshops

Abolish Juvenile Life Without Parole Sentences in the USA

Cipriana Jurado Liberacion

Apoya pronunciamiento por libertad a presos politicos

Get ICE out of Travis county jails

Sign on against the waiver and against the Border Wall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, Apr 14th TEXAS / SAN ANTO: LULAC National Women's Conference

Mon, Apr 14th, @4:30pm TEXAS / EDINBURG: Norma Cantu and CanÃcula: Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera

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Thu, Apr 17th ILLINOIS / CHICAGO: National Human Rights Conference 2008

Thu, Apr 17th, @6:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: Teach In on Direct Action

Fri, Apr 18th TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival

Fri, Apr 18th ILLINOIS / CHICAGO: National Human Rights Conference 2008

Sat, Apr 19th TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival

Sat, Apr 19th ILLINOIS / CHICAGO: National Human Rights Conference 2008

Sat, Apr 19th, @10:00am TEXAS / SAN ANTO: United San Antonio Pow Wow

Sat, Apr 19th, @1:00pm TEXAS / BROWNSVILLE: Earthfest & Danza Azteca Chichimeca

Sun, Apr 20th TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival

Sun, Apr 20th ILLINOIS / CHICAGO: National Human Rights Conference 2008

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Day Govalle Park 2008 - April 22

SAN MARCOS: Second Annual Native American Conference - April 16

Radio Bomba Soundsystem tonight @ 6pm-8pm

The Cipher Youth Make Their Austin Debut

Volunteers Needed for May 1 March- please distribute!

May 1 March in Austin!

EL PASO ANNOUNCEMENTS

FuÃ© Detenida La CompaÃ±era Cipriana

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

HPJC Calendar of Progressive Events - April 12, 2008 edition
FotoFest 2008 / US-Mexico Fingerprints: One Hundred Years of Reality
Teach In on Direct Action Thurs. 4/17/08 6pm UC Underground
Coalition of Working People Upcoming Events
Houston day laborers building solidarity network

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Norma Cantu and CanÁncula: Snapshots of a Girlhood en la Frontera
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SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are the San Antonio Brown Berets.
United San Antonio Pow Wow - April 19
Kimberly-Clarke Corp. and Congressman J. Sensenbrenner
LULAC National Women's Conference

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS AZTLAN

DETROIT: Incite! Women of Color Against Violence joins 2008 Allied Media Conference
CALIFAS: Tonantzin Ceremony - April 27
TUCSON: Peace and Dignity Benefit - April 25

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

No Border Wall Daily News Digest
No Border Wall Daily News Digest
International Boundary and Water Commission Primer
[CIW News] Student/Labor Week of Action galvanizes CIW petition drive on campuses across US

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Please sign petition! Chiefs jailed in Ontario for protecting resources from mining
Cameron County requesting proposals for levee/wall
Toxic chemicals are threatening farm worker children. We need your help.
Animal Abuse is not art! Please sign on!
Please sign the Don't Sacrifice Wildlife to Secure the Border
Students at Appalachian State Are Still Sitting In! Call the President of the UNC System!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Apr 20th NEW MEXICO / SANTA FE: Global Green Indigenous Film Festival
Sun, Apr 20th TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival
Sun, Apr 20th ILLINOIS / CHICAGO: National Human Rights Conference 2008
Sun, Apr 20th, @12:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: La Raza Justice Movement Floricanto
Mon, Apr 21st TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival
Mon, Apr 21st, @1:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Immigration enforcement proposal - Tx House State Affairs Committee
Mon, Apr 21st, @5:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Hopwood, Round II Information Session
Mon, Apr 21st, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting
Tue, Apr 22nd TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival
Tue, Apr 22nd, @6:00am TEXAS / Earth Day Govalle Park 2008
Tue, Apr 22nd, @6:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Earth Day Celebration and PODER's 17th Anniversary
Wed, Apr 23rd TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival
Thu, Apr 24th TEXAS / AUSTIN: 11th Cine Las Americas International Film Festival
Fri, Apr 25th ARIZONA / TUCSON: Peace and Dignity Benefit
Sat, Apr 26th TEXAS / SAN ANTO: San Antonio Fiesta Powwow

Sat, Apr 26th, @11:00am TEXAS / AUSTIN: Dia de la Familia at ACC Riverside Campus

Sat, Apr 26th, @7:00pm TEXAS / SAN JUAN: Screening of "Rendition"

Sun, Apr 27th, @10:00am CALIFAS / PANORAMA CITY: Tonantzin Ceremony

Mon, Apr 28th, @10:00am TEXAS / EDINBURG: Hearing on Impacts of Border Wall Construction

Mon, Apr 28th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dia de la Familia at ACC Riverside Campus - April 26

Lively exchanges over border wall, Dannenbaum, at Citizen's Forum

Hutto Protest and Vigil - May 24

May 1 March in Austin!

Hopwood, Round II Information Session

Guatemala, International Mining, and Autonomous Community Resistance

Cocina Latina this weekend!

Student/Farmworker Alliance - ATX upcoming events

Earth Day Celebration and PODER's 17th Anniversary

Immigration enforcement proposal - Tx House State Affairs Committee

Austin ISO Weekly Announcements for week of April 15

May 1 March and Rally for Immigrant Rights Volunteers Needed

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FuÃ© Detenida La CompaÃ±era Cipriana

El Paso denies feds access to road for border fence

El Pasoans to Rally in Austin against Copper Smelter

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

La Raza Justice Movement Floricanto - Sunday 4/20

"Wetback" should not count as a slur on race or national origin, according to Shipley Do-Nuts

Boycott Shipley's Donuts!

ALERTLa Migra Atacando Al Sueno Americano Hoy en Houston***ALERT***

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

In battle over Border Wall, the medium is the message

US to enter Tamez property on Tuesday

Nueva Onda Poetry Nights/Richard Sanchez/Sekula Memorial Library

BROWNSVILLE: 1st Annual Earth Fest

SAN JUAN: Screening of "Rendition" - April 26

Hearing on Impacts of Border Wall Construction - April 28

May 1 Action - Solidarity Network for International Work's Day, Immigration Day, and No Border Wall

SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 1 March and Rally in San Anto

Resist the System at Ruta Maya - May 10

We are the San Antonio Brown Berets.

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PUBLISHED: 4/20/2008 10:42:00 PM

TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - One more event to add for this week *

Compas “

FYI - Here's another event set for this week that we were just made aware of to add to this week's schedule:

Wed, Apr 23rd, @7:00pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: "A Celebration of Life of a Great Chicano Hero in America- Cesar E. Chavez"

In Solidarity,

Iris Rodriguez

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TITLE: FW: Help fight Ariz. bill to ban ethnic student groups like MEChA, B *

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-----Original Message-----

Subject: Help fight Ariz. bill to ban ethnic student groups like MEChA, Black Business Students Assoc.

Dear Friend,

I thought you might be interested in this United Farm Workers e-activism campaign.

Multiculturalism is a basic American concept. We value the beliefs, traditions, customs, arts, history, and folklore of the diverse cultures reflected throughout our nation. All this is being put at risk in Arizona, where last week the Appropriations Committee passed an amendment to a routine homeland security bill, SB 1108 that would prohibit students at the state's public universities and community colleges from organizing groups based on race (ie: groups such as MEChA, the Black Business Students Association, Native Americans United, etc.)

Please take action today. This bill could reach the Arizona House floor as early as this week.

According to newspaper reports, Rep. John Kavanagh (R-Scottsdale), a supporter of the measure called these campus organizations, "'self-defeating' and 'self-destructive' for students."

Self-defeating? Multiculturalism doesn't limit students. It gives them pride in who they are and enhances their being fuller people by fostering the concept of America being the land of opportunity. As Cesar Chavez said, "Preservation of ones culture doesn't mean contempt for others'."

These student groups are like any other school club or fraternity. They bring students together so they can achieve academic success. They offer a place to meet, make friends and support one another. Their goal is to help students succeed. For example, the members of the University of Arizona's MEChA chapter visit high schools to encourage students to attend college. They hold events and fundraisers to spread the message that education is the key to success.

The bill goes one step further. It also would ban public schools or colleges from including race-based classes or school sponsored activities. Officially the language says it would ban any activity "deemed contradictory to the values of American

democracy or Western civilization." However, the language is so broad, who knows what could be prohibited? Certainly Chicano studies, African-American studies & other ethnic studies programs will be put at risk.

Studies show that students who learn about their race and culture have a lower drop-out rate. In truth, if this bill passes it could cause a huge set back in our educational system. Please take immediate action. If you live in Arizona, e-mail your representatives immediately as well as the Speaker of the House. If you live outside Arizona, please e-mail the Arizona Speaker of the House today and let him know the eyes of the nation are on Arizona. To take action go to:

<http://www.ufwaction.org/campaign/sb1108?rk=n11pYBFqzpPrW>

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TITLE: AUSTIN: March for Immigrant Rights, May 1st *

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PUBLISHED: 4/27/2008 11:07:00 AM

TITLE: Movimiento News and Events *

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Help fight Ariz. bill to ban ethnic student groups like MEChA, Black Business Students Assoc.

Coalition of Immokalee Workers' petition to end slavery, Sign Today!

Voice your opposition to the Hutto family prison

Support Tamara Tal! - Arrested at BK protest in NC

Please sign petition! Chiefs jailed in Ontario for protecting resources from mining

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun, Apr 27th, @10:00am CALIFAS / PANORAMA CITY: Tonantzin Ceremony

Mon, Apr 28th TEXAS / HOUSTON: AAMA Blood Drive

Mon, Apr 28th, @10:00am TEXAS / BROWNSVILLE: "Walls and Waivers" - Congressman Grijalva Hearing

Mon, Apr 28th, @10:00am TEXAS / EDINBURG: Hearing on Impacts of Border Wall Construction

Mon, Apr 28th, @5:00pm TEXAS / AAMA Blood Drive

Mon, Apr 28th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

Tue, Apr 29th TEXAS / HOUSTON: AAMA Blood Drive

Tue, Apr 29th, @5:00pm TEXAS / AAMA Blood Drive

Thu, May 1st TEXAS / McALLEN: May 1 Action

Thu, May 1st TEXAS / SAN ANTO: May 1 March and Rally

Thu, May 1st NATIONAL / Peace & Dignity Journeys 2008 Begins

Thu, May 1st TEXAS / AUSTIN: May 1 March in Austin!

Thu, May 1st, @2:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: May 1st walk for dignity and Justice for ALL

Fri, May 2nd, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Sat, May 3rd, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Sat, May 3rd, @7:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Guatemala, International Mining, and Autonomous Community Resistance

Sun, May 4th, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Mon, May 5th CALIFAS / CALIFAS: CalacaPress May 5 Events

Mon, May 5th, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Mon, May 5th, @8:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: MEChA Meeting

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Tue, May 6th, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Wed, May 7th, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Thu, May 8th, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Fri, May 9th TEXAS / HOUSTON: At The Death House Door at Rice Cinema (feat. directors)

Fri, May 9th, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Fri, May 9th, @9:00am ILLINOIS / EDWARDSVILLE: Intl Indian Treaty Council Human Rights Forum

Sat, May 10th, @8:00am ARIZONA / ARIZONA: Walk for Human Dignity - Tucson to Phoenix

Sat, May 10th, @9:00pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: Resist the System at Ruta Maya

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opp: Bilingual Cancer Information Specialist

Volunteers Still Needed for May 1 March- please distribute

AUSTIN: Ain't No Time To Bullshit!!!

Press Conference for May 1 March this Wednesday at City Hall

Dia de la Familia at ACC Riverside Campus - April 26

Lively exchanges over border wall, Dannenbaum, at Citizen's Forum

Hutto Protest and Vigil - May 24

May 1 March in Austin!

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 1st walk for dignity and Justice for ALL

Upcoming Houston Indymedia Events you don't want to miss - Films - Workshops - Radio

AAMA Blood Drive - April 28 and 29

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAN JUAN: Screening of "Rendition" on Sat 4/26

BROWNSVILLE: "Walls and Waivers" - Congressman Grijalva Hearing

RIO GRANDE VALLEY: May 1 Actions

MCALLEN: Anti-Racism Workshop - April 25-26

Government takes first look at border fence opponent's land

No Border Wall Daily News Digest for April 21

SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Puro Conjunto Exhibition - May 2

May 1 March and Rally in San Anto

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS AZTLAN

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TITLE: May 1 Actions Across Tejaztlan and Compas en La Lucha List *

Here's a quick list of flyers for May 1 Actions across Tejaztlan. Click on the flyers for more info.

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HOUSTON:

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Environmental Justice / Justicia del Medio Ambiente

Greenpeace Mexico

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Capoeira da Rua
Immigrant Rights / Derechos de Inmigrantes
CRECEN - Centro de Recursos para Centroamericanos
FIEL - Familias Inmigrantes y Estudiantes en la Lucha!
Houston Sin Fronteras
National Alliance for Human Rights
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Music / M sica
Aztlan Underground
Bombasta
Pinata Protest
Indigenous Radio
Lady Binx of Almas Intocables
News Organizations / Noticieros
Puro Pedo Magazine
Rio Grande Guardian
The Alternative Media
Victor Hugo Castillo
We The People News
No Border Wall / No Al Muro
No Border Wall
The Comedy Club!
Poetry / Poes a
Cafe Cultura
Poetas Insurgentes
Politics / La Pol tica
Dos Centavos Blog
Fuerza Unida
La Raza Justice Movement
Los Mexican Minutemen
Marxist Reading Group
Para Justicia Y Libertad - XicanoPwr Blog
Radio
Davey D's Hip Hop Corner
Brown Beret Radio
Feminist Magazine Radio Show
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KPWR People Will Radio Station

La Onda

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From: Gloria Rubac

Here's another May 1 action, but in New York City:
Thursday MAY 1st
Stop the Raids & Deportations
Legalization Now · Justice for ALL
MASS RALLY for IMMIGRANT & WORKER RIGHTS
12 pm: Gather at Union Square, 14th Street & Broadway, New York City
4 pm: Rally & March

[Download fliers](#)

[Endorse the NYC protest](#)

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PUBLISHED: 5/6/2008 12:53:00 PM

TITLE: TAKE ACTION / SIGN PETITION to help fight Ariz. bill to ban Ethnic S *

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ETHNIC STUDIES and groups like MECHA and many others are under attack in Arizona. (More info at the bottom of this email.) PLEASE TAKE ACTION to support the communities and organizations who are resisting this racist bill. Please take a minute to sign these two petitions:

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Wed, May 14th TEXAS / Join the Pilgrimage for Immigrant Rights and Against Deportations

Wed, May 14th, @1:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: Hispanic/Latino Summit to address pressing social issues

Wed, May 14th, @6:30pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: Screening of "At the Death House Door"

Wed, May 14th, @7:00pm TEXAS / SAN JUAN: People for Peace and Justice Monthly Meeting

Thu, May 15th TEXAS / Join the Pilgrimage for Immigrant Rights and Against Deportations

Fri, May 16th TEXAS / Join the Pilgrimage for Immigrant Rights and Against Deportations

Fri, May 16th TEXAS / HOUSTON: Palestine Film Festival

Sat, May 17th TEXAS / Join the Pilgrimage for Immigrant Rights and Against Deportations

Sat, May 17th TEXAS / HOUSTON: Palestine Film Festival

Sat, May 17th, @9:00am TEXAS / Big Bend Border Wall Conference

Sat, May 17th, @1:00pm TEXAS / SAN BENITO: The People's Portable Printing Press

Sun, May 18th TEXAS / Join the Pilgrimage for Immigrant Rights and Against Deportations

Sun, May 18th TEXAS / HOUSTON: Palestine Film Festival

Sat, May 24th TEXAS / HUTTO: Hutto Protest and Vigil - May 24

Sat, May 24th, @12:00pm TEXAS / Hutto Freedom Walk and Protest Vigil

Wed, May 28th, @8:00pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: PIÑATA PROTEST @ JIGGERS

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

La Lucha Sigue: No ICE in Travis County Jails!

Hutto Freedom Walk and Protest Vigil - May 24

Blueprint Schools Documentary Project Needs Your Support

Cinco de Mayo Celebration at MACC

Job Opp: Bilingual Cancer Information Specialist

Volunteers Still Needed for May 1 March- please distribute

AUSTIN: Ain't No Time To Bullshit!!!

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the Pilgrimage for Immigrant Rights and Against Deportations - May 14 thru 18

Screening of "At the Death House Door" - May 14

Hispanic/Latino Summit to address pressing social issues - May 14

THE REVOLUTION (Casasola Museum) TOUR 1910- 2010

HPJC Calendar supplement: Palestine Film Festival

Houston ARAMARK workers NEED YOUR HELP!!!

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " April 30, 2008 issue

Sean Penn's Dirty Hands Caravan and Pat Padraja Team Up with Houston Environmental Groups
Meeting for Coalition of Working People
Moody Park Rebellion 30th Anniversary Show - May 9
May 1st walk for dignity and Justice for ALL
RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS
TRLA fights for landowners threatened by the wall
Eloisa Tamez's Presentation to Cameron County Commissioner's Court
SAN BENITO: The People's Portable Printing Press - May 17
ACLU To Hold Discussion Regarding Civil Rights in the U.S./Mexico Border - May 15
Opportunities to Work For Social Justice in RGV
MCALLEN: ACLU Community Discussion on Civil and Human Rights on Border
Walls and Waivers: Expedited Construction of the Southern Border Wall and the Collateral Impacts
SAN JUAN: People for Peace and Justice Monthly Meeting - May 14
BROWNSVILLE: No Border Wall Meeting with UT Law School Students
SAN JUAN: Nonviolent Resistance and the Border Wall - May 17
ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS AZTLAN
CALIFAS: Critical Resistance - Sep 26-28
INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
A muy pocos días...
ARTICLES OF INTEREST
PBS Now show investigates CCA tonight
Cop Watch Training Manuals
Navajo Fight Against Uranium Mines
La contratista de paramilitares que hizo fortunas en Iraq mira al sur
The Militarization of Mexican Society
ICE Targeting Children

Querida Familia de La Nueva Raza “
La Nueva Raza Issue #9 “ Summer 2008 has just been released!

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events *

MESSAGE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA STAFF

La Nueva Raza Issue #9 " Summer 2008 has just been released and we need help distributing! We need comadres and compadres to help spread the word! Contact editor@lanuevaraza.org to have some issues sent to you!

ALSO: Announcing first ever La Nueva Raza fundraiser/benefit in Houston, Texas! We'll send out flyers soon...

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Call To Action: ICE Out of Austin

PETITION AGAINST TRAFFICKING AND FORCED LABOR IN THE POST-KATRINA GULF COAST

Protest El Paso's Sham "Community Forums" on the Border Wall

Halt toxic waste dumping on O'odham ceremonial grounds

Action Alert: The Postville, Iowa, Community Needs Your Help

Whole Foods Breaks Their Promise

Protect Sacred Sites: Stop Toxic Dumping on O'odham Lands

Support the Anahuacalmecac, International Univ. Preparatory High School of N. America

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, Jun 11th, @12:00pm TEXAS / EL PASO: Border Patrol chief to discuss security

Wed, Jun 11th, @7:00pm TEXAS / SAN JUAN: PfpJ Monthly Meeting - June Reminder

Tue, Jun 17th TEXAS / EL PASO: Far West Texas Climate Change Conference

Fri, Jun 20th, @1:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: Tejano Center for Community Concerns 14th Annual Golf Tournament

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opp: Generation YW Youth Specialist - YWCA Austin

Ahora Si: articulo sobre la protesta contra la conferencia de seguridad fronteriza

Articles on Thursday's border conference protests

Blueprint Schools Broken Promises Documentary Project Fundraiser - June 7

Austin ISO Weekly Announcements

T. Don Hutto Protest - May 24

Blueprint Schools Documentary Fundraiser: "Shedding light & history between AISD & E. AUSTIN SCHOOLS

Film Sneak Preview; Executions Scheduled to Restart in Texas

Call to Action against Global Border Security Conference

Mitote CD Release!

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EL PASO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunity to question El Paso Border Patrol Chief about the wall

Far West Texas Climate Change Conference

El Paso Sector Border Patrol SBI Informational Hotline and Community Forums : MEETINGS

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bloodless Bullfight July 5, 2008 in Rosenberg, Texas

Tejano Center for Community Concerns 14th Annual Golf Tournament

Check Out Revolutionary Art from Oaxaca and Black Panthers - Opening Sat

HPJC Calendar of Progressive Events - June 1, 2008 edition

Upcoming Events at MECA

Hip Hop Poetry Slam featuring Capital X

CONCERT: Chicano Hip Hop & Rock en EspaÑol Band - May 24

HIMC Radio needs your support! Keep radical grassroots media on the Houston airwaves!

Saturday workshop to discuss nonviolent resistance to border wall

Upcoming Events at MECA

Univision Blood Drive

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAN JUAN: PfpJ Monthly Meeting - June Reminder

BROWNSVILLE/MATAMOROS: Velacion y Danza / June 7-8

WESLACO: D.I.Y. and Zine Fest - June 6

BROWNSVILLE: Equal Voices campaign coming to Brownsville

EDINBURG: Chalupa Night Fundraiser and Loteria - May 24

SAN JUAN: Screening of "Good Night, Good Luck" - May 24

ESCOBAR: EXPECT THOSE NOT ALLOWED ON EVACUATION BUSES TO BE DEPORTED

HURRICANE EVACUEES LEAVING THE VALLEY BY BUS WILL BE PRESCREENED FOR CITIZENSHIP

SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Mtgs from Esperanza Center

AIM Protest March - "Leave Our Ancestors' Bones Alone" - May 31

Bombasta Presents: A Special Pachanga Double Bill - May 30

Wolff wants commissioners to join suit against fence

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ACROSS AZTLAN

Two Years Later in Oaxaca: Part II

Fighting potential health horrors

Soboba, sheriff negotiate peace after shooting deaths

SlamNUBA needs your help!!

Help with the Nogales Soup Kitchen!

Brownsville, Texas -- Hope Park -- June 1

LA: Tune In! KPFC Featuring South Central Farmers - May 28

DENVER: Quetzalli Movie Night and Jam Session - June 12

TENNESSEE: Clarksville Free Women's Health Conference - May 30

Anti-Immigrant Legislation proposed in Louisiana

INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

La JBG El Camino del Futuro denuncia la incursi3n militar de 200 soldados

Mixtecs on the border fall on hard times

En estado cr3tico, las garant3as en Oaxaca, considera la CCIODH

CampaÑa contra el consumo de Coca Cola y Pepsi

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TITLE: Announcing first ever LA NUEVA RAZA benefit/fundraiser! Sat July 26 *

Announcing first ever LA NUEVA RAZA benefit! Sat July 26 @ 7pm - HOUSTON

The Underground Merger Presents a benefit and fundraiser for

LA NUEVA RAZA NEWS

Saturday July 26

Show starts @ 7 - 11:30 pm

Bohemeo's

708 Telephone Rd.

(inside the Tlaquepaque Plaza)

houston, texas

FEATURING:

Lady Binx & Jehuniko

(Almas Intocables/Houston, LA)

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Fri, Jun 20th, @12:30pm TEXAS / ACTION ALERT! ICE petition delivery June 20, 12:30p.m.

Fri, Jun 20th, @1:00pm TEXAS / HOUSTON: Tejano Center for Community Concerns 14th Annual Golf Tournament

Fri, Jun 20th, @9:00pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: BOMBASTA and the GROOVE MOVEMENT

Thu, Jun 26th, @7:00pm TEXAS / Announcing first ever LA NUEVA RAZA benefit! Sat July 26 @ 7pm - HOUSTON

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Thu, Jun 26th, @7:00pm TEXAS / WESLACO: Foro Comunitario Contra el Muro Fronterizo

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Solidarity Vigil for Fallen Janitor Wed 6/25 Noon

A Tribute to James Byrd Jr. Sat at Rice Cinema

Underground Merger - June 20 at the White Swan

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SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE DETAINED IN RAID-- PROTEST AT DETENTION CENTER ON SAT 10 AM

160 Arrested in Immigration Raid at a Houston Plant

More than 80 people showed up today to denounce the ICE RAIDS

Kids & Community -- Houston this Saturday at 2pm!!!

ARE WE SAFER AFTER WOMEN IMMIGRANT WORKERS ARRESTED IN THE ICE RAID?

Welcome to Houston the Caravanistas Going to Cuba

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RAYMONDVILLE: Detention center plans for Raymondville

Sale of [Cameron] county land approved for construction of border fence

Eight businesses fight for initial border wall construction

EL CALABOZ: Encuentro and Danza - July 18-20

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Witte Museum Protests Will Continue Every Saturday

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MESSAGE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA STAFF

SEE YOU SAT 7/26: LNR fundraiser/benefit in Houston on July 26! Click here to check out the flyer.
TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

1. It's happened again. Farm worker Ramiro Carrillo Rodriguez had died of heatstroke. Please help.
2. Rename Johnston High School to Cesar Chavez
3. Texas-Mexico phase of the border wall begins July 25 - NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT!
4. Accountability Campaign for U. S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez
5. Postville Community Needs Your Support -- End ICE Raids/Stop Detentions & Deportations!
6. PETITION OF COMPLAINT AGAINST MEXICAN CONSULATE ON IMMIGRATION RAID
7. Making Rep. Ciro Rodriguez Accountable
8. CALL TO ACTION BY THE TOHONO O'ODHAM INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AGAINST THE US-MEXICO BORDER WALL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu, Jul 17th, @1:00pm TEXAS / SAN ANTO: JULY 17 - Protest Ciro Rodriguez! No Border Wall! No Family Detention!

Sun, Jul 20th, @3:00pm TEXAS / MISSION: Anti-wall Activist Meeting and BBQ

Sun, Jul 27th, @5:00pm TEXAS / AUSTIN: Community Dialogue and Oral Traditional Teachings from Grupo Danza Azteca-Chichimeca

Fri, Aug 1st, @9:00pm CALIFAS / Noche de Joteria Fundraiser

AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Dialogue and Oral Traditional Teachings from Grupo Danza Azteca-Chichimeca SUN JULY 27

THIS FRIDAY: FREEDOM SUMMER / A Hip Hop for Justice Concert - July 11

EL PASO ANNOUNCEMENTS

UTEP Campus- Community Forum on Border Fence

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ORALE, THIS SATURDAY: LNR fundraiser/benefit in Houston on July 26! Click here to check out the flyer.

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Sign On Against the Basic Pilot/E-Verify program

Sign the Employee Free Choice Act!

Sign petition for Sanitation Workers fight for justice at Waste Management

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon, Jul 21st TEXAS / SAN ANTO: San Anto Action Alerts

Tue, Jul 22nd, @9:00am TEXAS / HOUSTON: Important July 22 meeting on ending childhood poverty

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Sun, Jul 27th, @2:00pm TEXAS / No Border Wall Between Amigos Prayer Vigil

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Sun, Aug 3rd, @2:00pm CALIFAS / SAN DIEGO: Save Friendship Park -- August 3

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SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd Annual Bilingual Symposium on Immigration - Oct 10-11

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Familia de LNR “

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Looking forward to the future and

In Solidarity,

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Pictures and videos are forthcoming...

TAKE ACTION / CAMPAIGNS

Urgent Action! in defense of Indigenous Mexican Pueblos

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue, Jul 29th, @6:30pm TEXAS / Houston's Raid Rapid Response Meeting

Fri, Aug 1st TEXAS / SAN ANTO: Macondo Libre

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AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rally to close Hutto Family Detention Center - Aug 16

ICE out of the Travis County Jail meeting

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El Paso-Border Wall-k...in August 19-23

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Houston's Raid Rapid Response Meeting tomorrow Tuesday July 29 @ 6:30 p.m.

JOE VAIL MEMORIAL SUNDAY JULY 27

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Immigrant Detention Concerns as Hurricane Dolly Arrives in South Texas

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Macondo Libre - Aug 1

THIS WEEKEND! GCAC'S TEEN ARTS PUENTES PROJECT IN THEIR SUMMER

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1. Visit the Yahoo Group and change your settings

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2. Email editor@lanuevaraza.org so I can alter your message settings to your liking. (Make sure to specify which one you'd prefer.)

The website is being reconstructed right now but the news will still continue to be sent through the listserv.

We'll keep you updated on our progress. :)

Thank you for all your support.

In Solidarity,

iris rodriguez

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Hola LNR familia,

Comenzando hoy, las noticias ser n disseminadas AL DIARIO por email. Necesitamos mantenerles informados con las noticias y acciones de la comunidad con mas rapidez.

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El sitio propio esta debajo de [reconstrucción](#) ahorita pero las noticias van a continuar siendo diseminadas por el listserv.

Les mantenemos al tanto sobre nuestro progreso. :)

Gracias por todo su apoyo.

En solidaridad,

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TITLE: LNR Listserv NOW OPEN! *

UPDATE FROM LA NUEVA RAZA NEWS:

The listserv is OPEN and AVAILABLE for members to email news/updated DIRECTLY to all members the list. You've been set up to receive notifications DAILY in one email (a compilation of all your postings.)

Again, you can choose to receive each one individually, weekly, however you prefer.

Once the website is up and running, LNR will archive the news and events like usual. BUT FOR NOW, the listserv has an archive that can be accessed through the Yahoo Groups feature.

Like always, if you need any help or clarification, just email editor@lanuevaraza.org.

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TITLE: RIO GRANDE VALLEY: LUPE presente! at on-line event now *

From the compas in the Rio Grande Valley...

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From: valleyworldpeacealliance@yahoogroups.com

[mailto:valleyworldpeacealliance@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of 555-1212

Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2008 1:51 PM

To: pfpjdiscuss@lists.riseup.net; valleyworldpeacealliance@yahoogroups.com; Fred and Cindy;

bk_cook@yahoo.com; annwcass@aol.com; Sister Moira; Michelle Pena; LDiener789@rgv.rr.com

Subject: [World Peace Alliance] LUPE presente! at on-line event now

LUPE and other from the valley are in Birmingham today for an Equal Voice for America's Families Campaign Convention. Watch it live at:

<http://www.onlinevideoservice.com/clients/equalvoice/lo.html>

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TITLE: DHS uses universities for lasers aimed at immigrants' hearts... *

HEADLINE:

UA will use \$16M grant to track migrants - Focus will be on developing security technology, gathering data about immigrants

QUOTE FROM ARTICLE:

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----- Original Message -----

Subject:[noborderwall] DHS uses universities for lasers aimed at immigrants' hearts...Date:Fri, 05 Sep 2008 17:58:10 -0500From:Jay J. Johnson-Castro, Sr.To:no wallShocking as it is...laser beams aimed at the hearts of immigrants...UA and UTEP involved...!!! jij

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At UA, research will focus on developing new security technologies, gathering data about immigrants and analyzing methods by which similar data have been gathered in past years, said Jay Cohen, the DHS undersecretary for science and technology.

"We want to know how many immigrants are coming, how many illegal immigrants, where do they go, what do they do, how do they support the economy," said Jay Nunamaker, director of UA's Center for Management of Information in the Eller College of Management.

Nunamaker will direct the National Center for Border Security and Immigration, Research at UA.

One of the security projects already under way is a laser doppler vibrometer, he said.

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Nunamaker said the goal is to make the laser beam that is aimed at the suspect's carotid artery invisible and have it be accurate up to 100 yards.

"We're trying to get a sense, 'Do people who are telling a lie give off different signals than people who are telling the truth?'" Nunamaker said.

Cohen said Congress "rightly decided" that more research was needed on borders and that "the two pillars of research are universities and laboratories."

Cohen added, "Human elements give us terrorists, and human elements will solve the terrorist (threat). We're looking for those technologies that will make the border more efficient (for legal commerce), more effective and more secure."

U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who attended the news conference opening the UA center, said that there is "always a struggle for balance" between security and individual liberty but that security is necessary to "expedite commerce and speed up legal traffic by detecting who is coming here legally and who is coming illegally.

"But post 9/11, we realize the homeland will (be) - and has been - attacked," she said. "Most of those people were coming for economic reasons, but some were coming in for criminal reasons."

Cohen said those who doubted there was a need for secure borders should remember that some of the Sept. 11 terrorists came through Canada. He said that drug trade is the biggest problem on the Mexico-U.S. border, but that "there's a fine line between a narco-criminal and a terrorist."

UA President Robert N. Shelton said he thought UA won the competitive grant because of the "strength of our scholarship" and UA's proximity to the border.

Students from "majors from all over campus" will have the opportunity to get involved in the six-year research project, Nunamaker said.

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TITLE: BORDER WALL NEWS: Major Setback for Border Wall Critics *

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From: noborderwall@yahoogroups.com [mailto:noborderwall@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of E. Elizabeth Garcia

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 3:05 PM

Subject: [noborderwall] News: Major Setback for Border Wall Critics
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Environment News

Judge Denies Request to Halt Border Wall Construction

In a major setback to critics of the Department of Homeland Security's border wall, a federal judge in Texas has denied a request to temporarily halt construction of the wall, which is fast underway in the El Paso area. Quietly issuing his ruling on Friday, August 29, just before the start of the Labor Day weekend, US District Judge Frank Montalvo turned down a request by the County of El Paso and other plaintiffs for a preliminary injunction.

Last June, the plaintiffs filed the request as part of a lawsuit that challenged the authority of the Department of Homeland Security and Secretary Michael Chertoff to waive dozens of federal environmental and other laws in order to pave the way for a new border fence.

In rejecting an injunction, Judge Montalvo cited, among other reasons, the 1996 immigration reform and other laws that gave broad powers to the Attorney General and later the Department of Homeland Security, as well as the Department of Homeland Security's contentions that undocumented immigrants cause environmental damages by creating new roads and trails, by leaving behind trash and by jeopardizing wetlands with invasive parasites and diseases.

"After carefully considering the parties' arguments, the Court concludes Plaintiffs fail to successfully develop their claim that preserving the waived laws outweighs the public's interest in securing its borders.." Judge Montalvo wrote.

Despite the adverse ruling, the lawsuit continues in El Paso federal court.

"The case is not over yet," said El Paso County Attorney Jose Rodriguez in a statement. "This lawsuit involves an unprecedented delegation of

authority by the Congress to the executive branch, because it allows DHS Secretary Chertoff to disregard long-standing federal laws that provide protection and benefits to the public and the environment."

Elhiu Dominguez, press affairs officer for the county attorney's office, said plaintiffs are weighing their options. Any appeal in the case will have to be made directly to the Supreme Court, Dominguez told Frontera NorteSur, but only after a ruling is made in the entire case. The danger, he added, is that the issue could become moot if the Department of Homeland Security completes the border wall by the end of the year as planned. "If the judge doesn't schedule a hearing before then, that will be the risk," Dominguez said.

In addition to the County of El Paso, other plaintiffs in the lawsuit include the City of El Paso, El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, Frontera Audobon Society, Friends of the Wildlife Corridor, Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, and Mark Clark.

-Kent Paterson

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To: noborderwall@yahoogroups.com

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August 26, 2008 - 7:03PM

Jeremy Roebuck

Joel Martinez

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TITLE: El Paso Valley protest walk videos *

Some footage from the El Paso/Valley No Border Wall protest...

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From: noborderwall@yahoogroups.com [mailto:noborderwall@yahoogroups.com] On Behalf Of Nat Stone

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 9:59 AM

To: noborderwall@yahoogroups.com

Subject: [noborderwall] El Paso Valley protest walk videos

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TITLE: RELATED NEWS: 5 plead guilty to enslaving migrant farmworkers *

http://www.mysuncoast.com/Global/story.asp?S=8939758&nav=menu577_2_1

See also: http://www.ciw-online.org/no_slave_labor.html

5 plead guilty to enslaving migrant farmworkers
Associated Press - September 2, 2008 5:54 PM ET

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Five people accused of enslaving Mexican and Guatemalan migrant farmworkers have pleaded guilty in federal court.

Prosecutors and lawyers for the Immokalee residents entered the agreement into court Tuesday in Tampa.

The original 17-count indictment came in January, alleging farm crew leaders Cesar Navarrete and Geovanni Navarrete beat a dozen workers, chained them up and locked them in boxes on the family property for two years. They also forced them to work in the fields, threatened them and kept them in increasing debt. Other relatives pleaded guilty to lesser charges. According to the Fort Myers News-Press, sentencing is set for December.

A sixth defendant pleaded guilty in May and faces up to 37 years in federal prison.

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TITLE: ICE State Repression in Mississippi Update *

ICE STATE REPRESSION UPDATE

Yesterday, there was a massive ICE Raid in Laurel, Mississippi. As promised we are keeping you posted with the latest information:

* Nearly 600 plant workers detained

* About 100 of the 595 detained workers were released for humanitarian reasons (many mothers that were fitted with electronic tracking devices)

* About 475 workers were transferred to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Jena, Louisiana.

* Nine youths under 18 were transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

* Many detainees are from Brazil, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Peru.

Please read the latest news and information regarding the ICE Raid that happened in yesterday in Laurel, Mississippi. You can also blog by visiting the ICE Raids Page.

Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (MIRA) has issued an emergency call for volunteer criminal attorneys to help represent the undocumented workers that now face criminal charges under SB 2988 (for more information please see USHRN release below). If you are a criminal attorney and/or would like more information on the legal team, please contact Patricia Ice at 601 940 6749.

MIRA is also calling for a repeal (see text below) of SB 2988.

You can contact Governor Haley Barbour at:

Telephone 601 359 3100

Fax at 601 359 3741

Email at governor@governor.state.ms.us,

The Latin American and Caribbean Community Center condemns the anti-immigrant and racist ICE raid that has occurred in Mississippi. These sweeps are meant to create fear and terrorize migrant communities whose only crime is to seek out a means of living for themselves and for their families in this industrialized country.

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TITLE: Student/Farmworker Alliance is hiring! *

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To: sfa-announce@lists.riseup.net

Sent: Monday, September 1, 2008 11:16:14 AM

Subject: [SFA-News] Student/Farmworker Alliance is hiring!

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<http://sfalliance.org/>

September 1, 2008

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:

Student/Farmworker Alliance (SFA) is currently hiring one full-time national co-coordinator to begin no later than January 2009. This position is based in Immokalee, Florida and requires a minimum two-year commitment. The application deadline is October 15, 2008.

We are:

SFA is a national network of students and youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields. We work with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a membership-led organization of mostly Latino, Haitian, and Mayan Indian low-wage workers based in Southwest Florida. Together we won the four-year Taco Bell Boycott in 2005, McDonald's campaign in 2007 and Burger King campaign in 2008. SFA is a founding member of the Alliance for Fair Food. We also work in close partnership with Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida.

You are:

- * A student/youth organizer with two or more years experience working for progressive social change.
- * Excellent communicator (written/oral) in English and Spanish w/ translating skills.
- * A skilled networker.
- * Organized, accountable, and self-motivated.
- * Willing to work long & unpredictable hours, including late nights and weekends.
- * Computer savvy (possibly with web design, desktop publishing, and bookkeeping skills).
- * Committed to anti-oppression, collective liberation and building diverse movement leadership.
- * A creative team player comfortable working as part of a collective.

Job description:

Staff is chosen by and accountable to the SFA Steering Committee and the CIW. The national co-coordinator is based in Immokalee and is responsible for SFA's day-to-day operations, including:

- * Communication (electronic, written, and in-person) with the CIW, SFA members and allies
- * Developing campaign strategy with a team of farmworkers and student & faith organizers
- * Campaign coordination & outreach
- * Tour, conference, and mobilization logistics
- * Fundraising and basic nonprofit administration
- * Facilitating workshops

- * Provide on-the-ground support to CIW
- * Materials production

To apply:

Send a resume, two letters of recommendation, a writing sample in English and Spanish, and a cover letter responding to the following questions:

- * What previous involvement have you had with SFA and CIW?
- * Why are you interested in working for SFA?
- * What strengths do you bring to the position?
- * Do you have experience living outside the US or working with immigrant communities within the US?
- * What motivates you to participate in the fight for social justice?

Application materials should be sent in Word or PDF format to organize@sfalliance.org. Application deadline is October 15, 2008.

SFA is an equal opportunity employer. People of color, women, working-class, LGBT and differently-abled persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, please contact us at (239) 657-8311 or organize@sfalliance.org or visit <http://sfalliance.org/>

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Student/Farmworker Alliance
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Immokalee, FL 34143

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TITLE: The Aura Estrada Prize for Female Writers *

In Solidarity,

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From: owner-mechacore@lists.cc.utexas.edu [mailto:owner-mechacore@lists.cc.utexas.edu] On Behalf Of carina

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 12:35 AM

To: mechacore@lists.cc.utexas.edu; soymechista@lists.cc.utexas.edu

Subject: FW: [apoc-nyc] aura estrada prize forwarded message below

> Date: Tue, 2 Sep 2008 21:36:18 -0700

> From: ihowen@gmail.com

> To: apoc-nyc@lists.riseup.net

> Subject: [apoc-nyc] aura estrada prize

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> http://www.auraestrada-prize.org/auraestrada-prize_eng.html

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> The Aura Estrada Prize will be awarded biannually to a female writer,

> 35 or under, living in Mexico or the United States, who writes

> creative prose (fiction or nonfiction) in Spanish.

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> The prize will include a stipend (how much depends on how much we are

> able to raise for the endowment, but we hope it will be approximately

> \$15,000.) It also, so far, includes residencies at three writers'

> colonies, Ucross in Wyoming, Ledig House in New York, and Santa

> Maddalena in Tuscany, Italy. Residencies can last up to two months

> each.

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> Granta en Espa ol will also publish an excerpt of the winner's writing.

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> The Aura Estrada Prize will be formally announced and opened to

> submissions at the Guadalajara Book Fair in November, 2008. That day

> the judges will be announced, as well as all pertinent details

> regarding the application process. The first Aura Estrada Prize will

> be awarded at the book fair one year later.

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> The prize was created in memory of Aura Estrada you can read about her

> life here, http://www.auraestrada-prize.org/aboutaura_eng.html

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> When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my

> vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid.

- > --Audre Lorde
- > Anarchist People of Color NYC List-serve.
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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Take Action for KB Workers this Labor Day! *

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From: owner-soymechista@lists.cc.utexas.edu [mailto:owner-soymechista@lists.cc.utexas.edu] On Behalf Of Naomi Caballero

Sent: Wednesday, September 03, 2008 11:16 AM

To: Mecha; Soymechista

Subject: Fw: Take Action for KB Workers this Labor Day!

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Workers Defense Project

To: ohmydaliness@yahoo.com

Sent: Monday, September 1, 2008 1:15:25 PM

Subject: Take Action for KB Workers this Labor Day!

Workers at KB Homes still go unpaid

Take action against wage theft, NOW!September 1, 2008

Stand up for working people on Labor Day!

Urge KB to be responsible for their contractors

How can you help? Send e-mails or call Roger Arriaga, Director of Local Government Affairs:

rxarriaga@kbhome.c

om 512-721-3543

TELL KB TO UPHOLD THEIR OWN PRINCIPALS AS AN INDUSTRY LEADER!

Who is KB Home?

* Ranked #1 Homebuilder in Fortune Magazine's 2008 list of America's Most Admired Companies

* Has been in the homebuilding industry for over 50 years

* Built 23,743 homes across the US in 2007

* 2007 revenues of \$6.4 billion

* KB claims have a proven commitment to community involvement.

(source:www.kbhome.com)Still no pay for builders of KB homes

Dear PDL Supporter,

As you may know, 7 workers who were hired to work on KB Home sites in South Austin were not paid for two weeks of work in April 2008.

Despite PDL's efforts to negotiate with KB and their subcontractors, these workers are still owed nearly \$7000 in back wages. We need your help to urge KB Home to be a good community partner by ensuring that all workers on their properties get paid! KB needs to hold their subcontractors and contractors accountable for adhering to all labor laws. Workers Defense Project protests at KB Workers and Community Supporters Protest at KB Headquarters

On August 7th, PDL held a protest

outside of the KB Home office in Austin to support workers. A delegation of workers entered and spoke with KB Homerepresentative ROGER ARRIAGA who said that KB was very concerned about the issue.

We need your help to follow-up with Mr. Arriaga and let him know that our community demands that KB demonstrate leadership in fighting wage theft on their properties! Your emails in the beginning of August sent a strong message to the company. They care about their image in the public. If you sent emails before, send a follow-up!

Send emails and make calls to Roger Arriaga, Director of LocalGovernment
Affairs:rxarriaga@kbhome.com 512-721-3543

The facts of the case:

- * In April 2008 Oscar Quezada, Manuel Santiago, Ramiro Mora, Jose Enrique Marmolejo, Miguel Valdez, Leonardo Pineda, and Marcelino Rosas were hired by a KB Home subcontractor to do framing and finish work on 7 properties in the Circle C development in South Austin.
- * The workers were never paid for their final two weeks of work at the KB Home properties. They are owed almost \$7000.00 in wages.
- * Each of the seven properties the workers worked on will sell for \$300,000-\$600,000. That's \$3-4 MILLION in profit for KB Home!

Take a stand against wage theft to protect working families!
For more information call Workers Defense Project at 512-391-2305
Workers Defense Project
P.O. Box 6423

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TITLE: Protest and Poetry Slam against Border Watch on Saturday, August 30 *

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On Behalf Of maria jimenez

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 8:38 AM

To: Youth_Coalition@googlegroups.com

Subject: [Coalition] FW: Protest and Poetry Slam against Border Watch on Saturday, August 30

It is a lot of fun...it starts at 8 am and goes on till the uS Borderwatch goes home...it is a fitting event for Labor Day...

Subject: Protest and Poetry Slam against Border Watch on Saturday, August 30

Date: Tue, 26 Aug 2008 20:25:49 -0500

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This past Saturday, about 40 day laborers and activists held an energetic protest against Border Watch at Gessner and Tanner in Houston. The racists had an awful morning. Even with leader Curtis Collier present, there were only 7-8 of them. Because we had a sound system and bullhorn, we were able to drown out Border Watch's ugly rants and project a strong, clear message of working class solidarity. We received a great deal of support from people driving by, and Border Watch knows this. It is only a matter of time before the racists will have to relocate.

Please join us this coming Saturday, August 30, at 8 am in front of the Texaco service station at 5700 N. Gessner, Houston, 77041. There will be a Poetry Slam in support of the protest, so everyone is encouraged to come out and express themselves.

In Solidarity,

Rona and David

for PWOC

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TITLE: Job opening in NYC - please forward! *

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From: Youth_Coalition@googlegroups.com [mailto:Youth_Coalition@googlegroups.com] On Behalf Of Sarah Taylor

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 5:39 PM

To: sfa-organize@lists.riseup.net; Youth_Coalition@googlegroups.com

Subject: [Coalition] Job opening in NYC - please forward!

Hola compa~er@s,

I just started as a year-long volunteer at Esperanza del Barrio in East Harlem as an organizer. Most of our members are recent immigrants from Mexico and Ecuador who sell food and artesanias in Manhattan. We're looking for a full-time executive director as soon as possible! Please, if you know of someone who might be interested, pass this along. Also, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Shalom,

Sarah Taylor

212-289-9025

info@esperanzadelbarrio.org

DESCRIPTION:

Esperanza del Barrio is a community membership organization that fights for economic power by empowering Mexican/ Latino immigrants of El Barrio and their families through community organizing, legal/political/health education and leadership development. Our members work collectively on issues such as the lack of self-sufficient economic alternatives and the harassment and discrimination by police and other local authorities. Esperanza del Barrio was founded in February 2003 by six Mexican immigrant street vendors who began organizing and learning how to defend themselves in response to police harassment. Our programs are diverse and focused in two main areas: organizing campaigns and complimentary programs.

We are looking to hire an Executive Director who will lead and manage the organization in achieving its mission, ensuring the effective delivery of high quality programs to Esperanza's constituencies, and guiding the organization's growth and transformation. The Executive Director will uphold Esperanza's vision and exemplifies its commitment to serving as a catalyst for change in the lives of Latino immigrants in New York City.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOLLOWS THESE ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Management and Administration: Oversees all organizational functions, including programs, budgeting, and fundraising; Works collectively with the Board and staff to implement programmatic changes; Manages and supervises all staff; Collaborates with the Board leadership in the preparation of the annual budget; Conducts all staff meeting; Maintains high quality programs and accountability procedures; Monitors the continuous evaluation of all organizational programming; Ensures that adequate funds are available to permit optimal functioning for all personnel and programming needs; Negotiates and signs all contracts.

Human Resources; Oversees the hiring, release, professional development, and evaluation of all staff; Maintains a climate that attracts and retains a diverse work force of high quality people with a focus on consensus decision making and staff empowerment; Ensures that regular employee evaluations are conducted with an emphasis on professional development; Ensures the development of an effective leadership team.

Board of Directors: Partners with Board of Directors, including intensive work with Board Committees and Board Leadership; Provides information and guidance to the Board to facilitate programs, policy, and fund development; Assists the Board in recruitment and orientation of new members and ongoing Board development.

Fundraising/ Development: Seeks new sources of funding, particularly from major donors Supervises and evaluates all development and fundraising work; Oversees the creation of organization's annual development plan, including donor solicitation strategy; Meets with major donors and prospects; Liaisons to key foundations, corporate, and government funders; Represents EDB at fundraising, foundation and donor events.

Financial Management: Partner with Board Treasurer to maintain internal control procedures; Co-Authorize disbursements, checks, and payments. Pay all bills and process request for payment; Prepare paperwork for weekly bank deposits Input monthly expenses in Quick Books for record keeping purposes. Manage grants and government contracts in Quick Books; Reconcile monthly to both the bank statement and to the general ledger accounts, then present those reconciliations to the Board of Directors at Board meetings.

Programs: Ensure the organization's program integrity and its ability to effectively respond to the members' needs; Coordinate programmatic issues to insure programs quality.

Community Relations: Develops and oversees implementation of a strategy to build the public visibility of the organizations; Serves as a lead organizational spokesperson to the public, funders' events, the media.

EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND

- ç Minimum of 2 years management experience, preferably in a nonprofit setting, with responsibility for operational capacity building, including fiscal management and budgeting, fundraising, people management, and programmatic oversight.
- ç Minimum of 2 years experience in fundraising, planning and strategic development, including major donors, campaigns and donor cultivation.
- ç Understanding of how to use political education and conscience raising in social justice work.
- ç Understanding of teaching and/or facilitation including youth educations and curriculum development.
- ç Clear understanding of the root cause of the oppression faces by Esperanza del Barrio members as a social and political issue that can be countered through individual and community empowerment, education and organizing for change.
- ç Ability to create and foster a respectful, multi-generational environment and circle of leadership.
- ç Extensive experience working with Boards of Directors.
- ç Experience in fostering collaboration and building alliances with other community based and social justice organizations.
- ç Involvement in settings that strive for equality and democratic values.
- ç Involvement in activist and progressive political issues.
- ç Understanding of the factors that impact the lives of Latino Immigrants communities in NYC.
- ç Track record of working with communities of color.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Ability to represent and advocate issues in various public forums
Ability in public speaking, written and oral communication and interpersonal relations
Ability to write clearly and informatively
Ability to motivate and develop staff and provide clear and decisive guidance in planning and decision-making
Ability to manage staff and organizational resources effectively
Ability to create and exemplify a positive team spirit and a collaborative environment
Ability to be flexible and to work in a multi-tasking fashion
Ability to manage and resolve conflicts and differences
Capacity for receiving feedback openly and without defensiveness
Self-aware
Respectful
Strength-based perspective

VALUES AND PERSPECTIVES

ç Clear understanding of oppression as a social and political issue that can be countered through individual and community empowerment, education and organizing for change.
ç Values collegiality and shared decision making.
ç Commitment to principles of respect, dignity, and self-empowerment.
ç Commitment to strong, democratic, consensus-based model, and work ethic.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

ç Knowledge of and theoretical understanding of the nonprofit sector, of socio-political issues, and of community organizing.
ç Spanish speaker required.

Additional Qualifications:

Graduate Degree (M.A. MSW or MPA or JD) preferred or substantial work experience along with a Bachelor of Arts/Science degree.

How To Apply:

Applicants please send your cover letter, resume, work salary history, and three references, and a recent writing sample before September 9th, 2008 to:

Luz Martin del Campo, Executive Director

Esperanza del Barrio
2290 Second Avenue, South Store
New York, NY 10035
Phone: 212.289.9025
Email: info@esperanzadelbarrio.org
www.esperanzadelbarrio.org

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TITLE: 9/1 @ 5pm - GRANJENO: Support Granjeno Day! *

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TITLE: AUSTIN: The Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program *

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On Behalf Of Rosario Martinez

Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 1:39 PM

Subject: Fwd: [LLC] Fw: The Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation (MALLF), I am pleased to provide you with information regarding the Moreno/Rangel Legislative Leadership Program. This program offers young Latinos an opportunity to hone their leadership skills by being immersed in the legislative process.

Attached to this email is a notice and application. We ask that you distribute this application to your students, as well as, post the notice in high traffic areas around campus. Please note applications must be postmarked no later than October 21, 2008.

Named after the longest serving Hispanic members of the Texas House of Representatives, Paul Moreno and the late Irma Rangel, the Moreno/Rangel Program places interns/fellows in the offices of members of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus " Texas House of Representatives (MALC).

Selected students will work as full-time policy interns alongside seasoned legislative staffers and also participate in weekly seminars designed to enhance their understanding of the legislative process through interactions with elected officials, state agency representatives, and other interns.

Each policy intern will receive a stipend of \$2,050 to assist with living expenses. The program begins on January 8, 2009 and ends Sine Die, June 1, 2009. Interns will be required to live and work full-time in Austin, Texas for the entire duration of the 81st Legislative Session.

We look forward to your students' applications. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (512) 499-0804, or by email at adelatorre@mallf.org <<http://mail.mallf.org/cgi-bin/compose.exe?id=010f6448aebfe94532cef09ad495e3b1246&new=&xsl=compose.xml&to=adelatorre@mallf.org>><<http://mail.mallf.org/cgi-bin/compose.exe?id=010f6448aebfe94532cef09ad495e3b1246&new=&xsl=compose.xml&to=adelatorre@mallf.org>> .

Sincerely,

Alberto de la Torre

Program Coordinator

Mexican American Legislative Leadership Foundation

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Cesar Chavez & the Common Sense of Nonviolence *

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On Behalf Of Naomi Caballero

Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 3:20 PM

Subject: Fw: Cesar Chavez & the Common Sense of Nonviolence

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From: Resistencia

To: Resistencia Bookstore

Sent: Friday, September 5, 2008 1:13:48 PM

Subject: Cesar Chavez & the Common Sense of Nonviolence

Red Salmon Arts /Resistencia Bkstr. September 2008 Calendar

Tuesday Sept. 9 - Red Salmon Arts presents a reading & book signing of Cesar Chavez and the Common Sense of Nonviolence (Univ. of New Mexico Press) by Jose-Antonio Orosco, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State University. 7pm

Cesar Chavez has long been heralded for his personal practice of nonviolent resistance in struggles against social, racial, and labor injustices. However, the works of Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. have long overshadowed Chavez's contributions to the theory of nonviolence. Jose-Antonio Orosco seeks to elevate Chavez as an original thinker, providing an analysis of what Chavez called "the common sense of nonviolence." By engaging Chavez in dialogue with a variety of political theorists and philosophers, Orosco demonstrates how Chavez developed distinct ideas about nonviolent theory that are timely for dealing with today's social and political issues, including racism, sexism, immigration, globalization, and political violence.

Jose-Antonio is also the director of the OSU Peace Studies Program and teaches the Peace studies seminar which focuses on the philosophical foundations for peace and justice studies and conflict resolution.

Friday Sept. 12 - Red Salmon Arts & the Indigenous Cultures Institute present a reading & book signing of Diadema (Florico Press), a novel by Xicanindio author Carlos Aceves (El Paso, Texas). 7pm

Diadema is a fictionalized account of actual events, which came together in Paseo, a Texas border town.

Mary Black receives a deathbed request from her best friend Diadema, to find a son that she gave up for adoption and let him know his mother always loved him. San Benito, across the U.S.-Mexico border, shares with Paseo centuries of history. Close by there is a set of small, strange, volcanic rock mountains, an ancient archeological site that also reminds Paseos of a deeper, mystical past. Mary leaves the Midwest and finds her way to Paseo where she meets Carlos Alvarado who embodies the many historical contrasts of the city. Carlos is obsessed about his Mexican Native heritage and frustrated with what he considers the colonized reality of the present. Haunted by his past involvement with the American Indian Movement he unwittingly leads Mary into a labyrinth of mystery and intrigue. Their search for Diadema intertwines with the theft of ancient skeletal remains from the local university museum, an L. A. medical examiner, and a Harvard anthropologist doing research at the site. The mystery of Diadema's name and efforts to find her son blend into the mythology of the Virgin of Guadalupe to give an insightful look at the underground Indian traditions that still permeate Mexican American culture.

"The spiritual path is the search for authenticity. From Mexican American to Chicano and finally Native American, the author of DIADEMA presents the steps one takes in traveling on this path that all of us must travel in our search for true meaning of who we are. Carlos Aceves paints a fascinating picture of a Southwest city (which we all know), a spiritual search for identity, the indigenous cultures of the area and a cast of characters who represent the people inhabiting this area." -- Pete T. Duarte, Former Professor at UTEP

In 1976 Carlos Aceves earned his Bachelor's degree in Journalism at the University of Texas at El Paso and took a position at El Paso Community College in video and graphic arts production. In 1990, after returning from a small gathering of Chicano educators in Arizona, he began work on establishing the Xinachtli project, a curriculum grounded in Mesoamerican spiritual tradition which contained complex systems of mathematics, philosophy, agriculture, and fine arts. This revelation about learning was a turning point for Aceves. After working sixteen years at El Paso Community College, he decided to change careers and dedicate his life to teaching children. He earned his elementary bilingual teacher certification and began teaching at Ysleta Independent School District in 1992. In 1995 he took a position as Elementary Bilingual Teacher at Canutillo I.S.D. where he currently works. Over the past fifteen years, Aceves has published articles in educational journals and other publications where he presents his research and views on society's impact on the Indigenous identity. www.carlosaceves.com

New & Recent Titles from Resistencia Bookstore

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Conjunto Norteno: Relatos para la plebada by Pablo Jaime Sainz (Calaca Press chapbook)

where the apple falls: poems by Samiya Bashir (RedBone Press)

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Prisoners of the War on Drugs by the Real Cost of Prisons Project (comic book)

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TITLE: ARTICLE: 'Mr. Chertoff: Tear down this wall.' *

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On Behalf Of Bryan Parras

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 12:37 PM

Subject: [Coalition] 'Mr. Chertoff: Tear down this wall.'

Jesse's down filming more border wall protest this week. This time, the focus is in the El Paso area. Here's a story with our good friend Jay Johnson-Castro. There is an audio clip for those who prefer to listen to Greg interview Jay at the following link.

<http://www.sacurrent.com/news/story.asp?id=69211>

'Mr. Chertoff: Tear down this wall.'

By Greg Harman

Walls are rising in the Rio Grande Valley. Contractors are sharpening their shovels downstream of El Paso. Texas is finally seeing what many dismissed as an unlikely event: The start of construction on hundreds of miles of hulking walls, fences, and barriers running along the Rio Grande.

In one week, what could be the last major push by Wall opponents kicks off on a lonely stretch of road between Big Bend country and El Paso del Norte, an isolated boundary where more than 50 miles are about to receive new, towering shadow effects.

Jay Johnson-Castro of Del Rio has been staging protest walks solo and en masse since Congress passed the Secure Fence Act and Bush signed it into law in October 2006, all in the hopes of raising the nation's awareness of Homeland Security's pet project now redefining our border.

How many miles have you walked yourself?

Somewhere around 825 miles since October 2006.

And what was it initially that switched inside of you that [said] this was something you had to do?

I live in what I consider a model border community, Del Rio and Acuña, and we do not consider ourselves separated. We recognize that there's this invisible, international boundary, and we have two forms of government, but when it comes down to We the People, we are a community. I could not deal with, without a certain amount of outrage, the idea that our government would put a Berlin-like wall between us. I said, 'Well, I'm going to do something really weird. I don't know what it is. Maybe I'll do a protest walk.'

It was the Secure Fence Act, but the majority of the plans I've seen are for something more substantial than people think of when they think in words like 'fence.'

Yeah, 'fence' is a branding. It is to deceive one's mind. We don't look at a prison and think 'prison fence,' we say it's a wall. It may be impenetrable, razor wire on top, surveillance and all of that, but you've seen the pictures of San Diego and Arizona. I mean we're talking about massive walls. Essentially, here in Del Rio, it was a replacement of a 15-foot fence with a 15-foot fence, and there was no extension of that. We didn't end up with a 62-mile wall.

Which you will be protesting up toward El Paso.

That will be a wall. That won't be a fence. That will be a massive barrier. Yeah, 56.7 miles. And they're preparing for it now.

How do you respond to people when they bring up the issue of terrorism? Is there any way a wall can keep the bad guys out?

I guess this has been one of the things I have tried to expose from the very beginning.

When I'm on the road, and I'm on the road a lot, I'm an avid listener of Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity. I feel it's an opportunity to see what the Dark Side is thinking.

You have a strong stomach.

(Laughing.) Well, it's a way of finding out what their plans are. I heard them saying, "Listen, we're losing ground on Iraq. We're losing ground on FEMA, Katrina. We've got all these sex scandals and corruption charges in Washington, so we need to kind of divert America's attention away from all those issues in order to stay in power mid-term elections. Let's regroup here and let's call the U.S.-Mexico border the terrorism pipeline." And that was the term that was being used in mid-2006 toward November: Terrorism, terrorism, terrorism.

We were able to get out the facts that that's not where the terrorism came in. The terrorism came in with legal approval of our best security forces, our intelligence. They knew who they were. They knew what they were doing. And they did not come in from Mexico. They would not be marching across cliffs and desert in order to bring in nuclear stuff here. They come in legally.

So terrorism is no longer in the equation. What is in the equation is the xenophobia, the Mexiphobia.

So when they talk in terms of the economic impact of human migration, you're saying what they're really talking about is code language for their own racism?

Of course. But at the same time, there's a deeper and darker picture. Defense contractors have been running this thing for a long time. You're talking about 66 percent of the staff that runs [Secure Border Initiative] are citizens, not government personnel, and they're related to defense contractors. Boeing, for instance, it's already got \$1.4 billion in contracts. They want this to happen. Then when you add into the equation Lockheed Martin and all these other organizations who are going to try to tap off the \$49 billion in bids that are going to go out, then you add in the arrival of Blackwater and DynCorp and you start seeing there's a shaping " we are in a militarized zone " but there's a shaping for a war zone. Another theater in which they can sell their products.

Is this [march] a final push to get the country's attention?

It is a major push. I don't know that it'll be the final push. It's part of our Last Stand, let's say. Texas is really the major battleground here. We have 64.7 percent of the entire U.S.-Mexico border, 370 miles of wall is supposed to have been built. We feel like we're prevailing. We take our losses in any war, but we're gonna win this war. ¢

For march information, contact Javier PÃ©rez at (915) 474-4930 or chamucos00@hotmail.com

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: For the Families of the Largest Immigration Raid in U.S *

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On Behalf Of Laura Boston

Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 9:55 AM

Subject: [Coalition] Action Alert for the Families of the Largest Immigration Raid in U.S. history!

From our sister worker center in Mississippi...

a call for donations to help victims of the recent ICE raid...

Laura Boston

Houston Interfaith Worker Justice, Organizer

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2906 Houston Ave, Houston, TX 77009

******ACTION ALERT******

Please Help Families Devastated by the immigration Raid in Mississippi

- Earlier this week the largest Immigration and Custom Enforcement (I.C.E.) Raid happen in Mississippi. To day about 600 people have been detained in this raid at Howard Industries, and over 500 people remain in custody in places as far from home as Jena, LA. (a federal detention center)
- Hundreds of school age children in these communities are without their parent or parents and without the resources necessary to meet the basic needs in these new school year.
- Several Hundred more smaller children and their mothers are left with out the wage earner and no way of knowing where to turn for help.
- With a possible hurricane hitting land next week, it is critical that we get resources and donations necessary to families in need NOW!

Families are in desperate need of your help, today.

[these are my suggestions, if you think we should provide other relevant info let me know, but let's keep it short]

PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OR MONETARY DONATIONS TO:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Father Ken Ramon-Landry

313 Walnut

Hattiesburg, MS. 39401

601-583-9404 (we are asking folks not to call but send, as we here on the ground are a bit over whelm)

List of items needed NOW:

- Diapers from size 1 to size 5, size 3 & 4 are the most requested.
- Non-Perishable food items for the Hispanic food palette
- Paper products
- Over the counter basic medicine; Tylenol for both children & adults, etc.
- Monetary donations to cover rent, utilities, food and health expenses
- Phone cards to call international : Mexico, Panama, Honduras, the Caribbean Island nations, south America.

- Gas cards

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Other community needs:

(these needs need to be coordinated with the churches)

- Volunteers to help in the coming weeks

- Medical & Mental Health folks

- Translators

- Transportation needs

- Money to pay legal fees

- Money to help those families with American children get passports

- Money to sustain those families while they wait for passports

- etc.

We as a community are all ready meeting to strategize later term needs. These are the needs today. PLEASE help, as we prepare for Disaster 2, the Hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico.

Please know that any and all Donations will be greatly appreciated.

I want to add my personal Thanks to each and everyone of you in advance.

Carinos Y un Abrazo,

Marie Thompson

The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.

EDWIN WAY TEALE, American naturalist and writer, 20th century.

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TITLE: Opportunity for undocumented students: Universidad Nacional de Colo *

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On Behalf Of Tatiana Medina

Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 11:48 AM

Subject: [Coalition] Opportunity for undocumented students: Universidad Nacional de Colombia en Florida

Dear members of the Coalition,

I just received information that the Universidad Nacional de Colombia is opening programs for undergraduate and graduate degrees. It is not a requirement to have a SSN, or a prove of imigration status. It is not exclusive to Colombians either. Their idea is to help in the education of all Hispacs who want to pursue a program of higher education. Please find the information below. I have some extra info but please visit their website or give them a call. Please lets spread the word. Its a great Opportunity!

Regards,

Tatiana Medina

UNAD- Florida ofrece programas de Master y Licenciaturas a los migrantes hispanos en los Estados Unidos. La Universidad Nacional Abierta y a Distancia UNAD, es una instituci3n universitaria p3blica colombiana, creada en el a3o 1981. En el a3o 2005, la UNAD ampli3 su presencia con la apertura de su sede en la Florida, teniendo como objetivo brindar una oferta educativa de f3cil acceso que permita a los colombianos en la zona mejorar sus oportunidades laborales y su calidad de vida.

La UNAD Florida, ofrece programas de m3jster y licenciatura no solo a los colombianos en Estados Unidos, sino a los migrantes hispanos que deseen iniciar sus estudios en un programa especifico o continuarlos mediante el sistema de homologaci3n de cr3ditos acad3micos.

La UNAD utiliza como mediaci3n pedag3gica para el proceso de aprendizaje de sus programas, la modalidad semi presencial y virtual, soportadas en una plataforma virtual s3lida. Los programas acad3micos se ofrecen en espa3ol y en ingl3s, teniendo como condici3n que al terminar su formaci3n los estudiantes deber3n ser profesionales biling3es.

Los programas ofrecidos por la UNAD en los Estados Unidos son los siguientes: M.A. Business Administration. M.A. Specialization in Higher Education. M.A. Specialization in Online Education. Psicolog3a Social. Comunicaci3n Social. Administraci3n de Empresas en Industrial. Administraci3n de Empresas en Comercial y Marketing. Ingenier3a de Sistemas.

Para mayor informaci3n, los interesados pueden consultar la p3gina Web www.cnadflorida.org/website/, contactar directamente a la instituci3n a trav3s de la direcci3n de correo electr3nico contact@unad.us , o visitar la sede ubicada en 1820 North Corporate Lakes Blvd. Weston, Fl. 33326. Tel3fonos (954)389.22.77 y (954) 389.45.28. Fax (954)389.05.06.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Immigrants and the GOP (Wall Street Journal) *

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On Behalf Of Anna Nunez

Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 1:39 PM

Subject: [Coalition] Immigrants and the GOP (Wall Street Journal)

This was a very POWERFUL opinion on immigration featured today's Wall Street Journal. I hope you won't mind me sharing.

Abrazos,

Anna Nunez

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The Wall Street Journal

August 30, 2008

REVIEW & OUTLOOK

Immigrants and the GOP

August 30, 2008; Page A10

While the Democrats were in Denver nominating Barack Obama, Republicans were busy writing their party platform. Not surprisingly, immigration was a sticking point. And while some of the more extreme proposals, such as denying citizenship to the U.S.-born children of illegal aliens, were defeated, the platform committee did vote to wall off Mexico.

The platform will go before the full Republican National Convention next week. And before approving it, the GOP would be wise to consider the demographic data that the Census Bureau released earlier this month. The media focused on Census projections that ethnic and racial minorities will comprise a majority of U.S. residents by 2042, thanks to higher minority birth rates, especially among Hispanics. But there's also a political lesson in these findings: A party that thinks it can win elections by alienating Latinos is going to be in the minority for a very long time.

A Pew poll released last month found that Hispanic registered voters favor Barack Obama over John McCain by 66% to 23%. That yawning gap almost certainly has less to do with Mr. Obama's appeal than with a perception -- courtesy of conservative immigration restrictionists -- that Latinos are not welcome in the Republican Party. Ronald Reagan regularly won a third of the Latino vote, and more than 40% of Latinos supported George W. Bush in 2004.

In recent years, however, and despite President Bush's warnings, many on the political right have tried to turn illegal immigration into a wedge issue, like guns or abortion. And while it hasn't produced victories at

the polls, this strategy has succeeded in alienating many among the country's fastest-growing voting bloc. By 2020, Hispanics are projected to be 20% of the electorate, up from 9% today.

"Latino voters have moved sharply into the Democratic camp in the past two years, reversing a pro-GOP tide that had been evident among Latinos earlier in the decade," according to Pew. "Some 65% of Latino registered voters now say they identify with or lean toward the Democratic Party, compared with just 26% who identify with or lean toward the GOP." The 39-point Democratic edge was 21 points as recently as 2006. It's an example of what can happen when Republicans lose their free-market bearings and start channeling cable news populists.

Restrictionists are also deluding themselves if they think sealing the border can reverse these demographic trends. Illegal border crossings peaked in 2000 under President Clinton. They're down by half under Mr. Bush. According to Census data, Hispanic population growth is no longer being driven by immigration, legal or illegal. Since 2000, it's been driven by the higher birth rates among Latino women already here.

To woo back these voters, Republicans needn't pander or abandon conservative principles. These are economic migrants who come here looking for work, not handouts, with labor participation rates that exceed those of the native born. But at the very least, the GOP must make Hispanics feel appreciated. And that's difficult to do when the party's attacks on illegal immigration end up demonizing Hispanic migrants.

Republicans might also keep in mind that most of the illegal Latino population in the U.S. is related to people here legally. To the ears of these legal immigrants, rants against illegals are attacks on a mother or father or sister or uncle -- not some abstract law-breaker.

Perceived animosity toward Latinos can also spill into other ethnic voting blocs. In the 1990s, Republican support in California for Proposition 187, a ballot initiative that denied illegal immigrants access to social services, not only hurt the party with the Hispanic electorate. It also led to a drop in GOP support among the state's Chinese and Koreans voters, even though many of them are small-business owners with a history of voting Republican.

About half of Latino voters are foreign born, which means they're relatively new to America and have yet to form strong party ties. These voters are up for grabs, and our politics will be healthier if both parties compete for their support.

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TITLE: Howard Industries ICE Raid Articles -THE MISSISSIPPI RAID: Bad, Good *

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On Behalf Of maria jimenez

Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 3:39 PM

Subject: [Coalition] FW: Howard Industries ICE Raid Articles -THE MISSISSIPPI RAID: Bad, Good & In Need of Help

Importance: High

Of all the bad news, the one good news is that the coalition, the Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance or MIRA, is one of the most well-grounded alliances in the country, mostly due to Bill Chandler who has been a union/community organizer for over 40 years.

Nonetheless, MIRA needs donations to assist families. If you want to donate please See www.yourmira.org for information on the "Relief Fund"

And also ask to be place on the list serv for MIRA News.

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Subject: Howard Industries ICE Raid Articles

Date: Fri, 29 Aug 2008 21:10:38 -0500

1. NEW YORK TIMES: Nearly 600 Were Arrested in Factory Raid, Officials

Say http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/27/us/27raid.html?_r=1&scp=1&sq=immigrants&st=cse&oref=slogin -- Federal officials on Tuesday revised upward to 595 the number of suspected illegal immigrants arrested this week in a raid on a Laurel, Miss., factory, making it the largest

On Behalf Of maria jimenez

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 5:32 PM

Subject: [Coalition] FW: Video on Howard Industries raid by Hattiesburg Gannett

U.S. government immigration raid on Howard Industries in Laurel On Monday, August 25, Homeland Security agents arrested 595 people suspected of being illegal immigrants at Howard Industries in Laurel

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TITLE: HOUSTON: PASSING A PRO DAY LABOR ORDINANCE IN LA--HOW? MEET CHRIS N *

On Behalf Of maria jimenez

Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 8:36 PM

Subject: [Coalition] PASSING A PRO DAY LABOR ORDINANCE IN LA--HOW? MEET CHRIS NEWMAN
ATTORNEY FOR NDLOM TUES 2 PM HIWJ

Importance: High

Chris Newman, attorney for the National Day Labor Organizing Network (NDLOM), will meet with advocates, organizers and activists to talk about the historic ordinance in Los Angeles that mandates business like Home Depot and Lowe's designate a shaded area, with restrooms, for day laborers. This is an unprecedented accomplishment in the defense of workers rights.

Chris has also litigated the Arizona law prohibiting the hiring of day laborers and many other municipal ordinances that prohibit the seeking of work on streets. NDLOM has a solid record of overturning these initiatives.

Here is our opportunity to ask: How are day laborers organizing in other parts of the country? What outcome can we expect of the legal challenge to the Arizona law? How was that ordinance passed in LA?

Please join us this coming Tuesday, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at the Houston Interfaith Workers Justice Center, 2906 Houston Ave, Houston 77009, Ph: 713-862-8222 for this important conversation about workers' justice.

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TITLE: HOUSTON: HIMC general meeting on Sept 13 - plus some other Indie med *

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On Behalf Of roblock@riseup.net

Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 11:32 AM

Subject: [Coalition] HIMC general meeting on Sept 13 - plus some other Indie media events in Houston

Howdy Everyone,

Houston Indymedia is getting its act back together on holding regular meetings and we'd love for you to come! in addition to our first general meeting that we've had in many months, there are a couple other events we'd like to make you aware of;

1. Come to our general Meeting Sept 13 at Sediton Books!
2. In-Between (Al Mabien): Iraqi Artists in Exile Sept 10th feat Iraqi Artists Nazar Yaha and Mohammed Al-Shammery and Director (and IMC volunteer) Tish Stringer
3. Ben Tecumseh DeSoto Understanding Poverty Photo Exhibit Curated by Clint Willour, Sept 12 at DiverseWorks
4. Check out coverage of the Democratic and Republican National Conventions at: <http://colorado.indymedia.org> <http://tc.indymedia.org> <http://indymedia.us>

1. Come Join Houston Indymedia on Saturday September 13th at 7:30pm at Sediton Books 901 Richmond (just east of Montrose) for our first monthly many in at least a handfull of months.

Houston Indymedia is an all volunteer collective of grassroots media activists using media to support and document movements for social and economic justice. We have run the Houston Indymedia website (<http://www.himc.org>) since 2001 and a weekly radio show on KPFT (currently at 7:30pm on Fridays) and monthly(ish) film series both since 2002. We are looking for the support of volunteers to keep these projects going and have a couple of special events this fall that we are hoping to

take on and bring to Houston.

We hope to host the Grassroots Media Justice Tour in October, and host workshops and other events to celebrate the Indymedia Network's 9th birthday in November. We also hope to better coordinate our volunteer coverage and training.

Come on out on Saturday, or get in touch if you have any questions:
houston@indymedia.org
or roblock@riseup.net 713-304-9837

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2.

Artist Rescue Mission Premiers
In-Between (Al Mabien): Iraqi Artists in Exile
Wednesday, September 10th - 7:30 pm - Rice Cinema

Special in person discussion with director Tish Stringer and Iraqi Artists Nazar Yaha and Mohammed Al-Shammery who appear in the film.

Directed by: Tish Stringer
2008, 30 minutes
Arabic and English with English Subtitles

In-Between documents the experience of contemporary Iraqi artists who are living in exile, most as refugees, awaiting welcome from host countries. Iraqi artists and intellectuals have suffered tremendously through decades of dictatorship, sanctions, occupation and fundamentalism. Shot in Syria and Jordan in November of 2007, In-Between shares artists' stories, describes their creative work, why they left Iraq, intentional destruction of culture, love for their country and hopes for the future. This short, produced by Artist Rescue Mission, is part of an on-going project documenting the Iraqi contemporary art community in exile.

Rice Cinema is Located on the Rice University Campus, Entrance #8
(University and Stockton Dr.)
For more information call 713-529-6900, or email threetrillion@yahoo.com

<http://houston.indymedia.org/news/2008/09/64743.php>

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3. Ben Tecumseh DeSoto Understanding Poverty Curated by Clint Willour

Friday, Sept. 12-Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008
Opening Reception Friday, Sept. 12th, 6 -8pm
DiverseWorks Main Gallery [<http://www.diverseworks.org/>]

Houston-based photojournalist Ben Tecumseh DeSoto opens the 2008-2009 DiverseWorks season with a multimedia exhibition that sheds light on the devastating impact of poverty in America. Understanding Poverty encompasses a 20-year investigation into life on the streets that began with DeSoto's 1988 encounter with two homeless Houstonians, Ben White and Judy Pruitt, while on assignment with the Houston Chronicle. DeSoto's ongoing relationship with the duo allowed him to document their incredible stories of hope and sorrow while exposing the self-perpetuating cycle of poverty, trauma and hopelessness that afflicts thousands of citizens living in the shadows in America's cities. DiverseWorks partners with the Houston Endowment to bring DeSoto's incredibly moving work to the DiverseWorks Main Gallery.

http://www.protest.net/HIMC/index.cgi?span=event&ID=1170224&day=12&month=&year=2008&state_values=

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<http://houston.indymedia.org>
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TITLE: HOUSTON: The Largest Book Fair in Texas - 9/20-21 *

From: Bryan Parras

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 10:32 PM

Subject: The Largest Book Fair in Texas

The Largest Book Fair in Texas

September 20 and 21, 2008

George R. Brown Convention Center, Hall A-3

1001 Avenida de las Americas

Houston, TX 77010

Admission is FREE

Local Host: Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Having Their Say

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Immigration Issue Sparks American Racism | Indian Country T *

On Behalf Of Patricia Lopez

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 10:38 AM

Subject: Fwd: [Historia] Editors Report | Immigration Issue Sparks American Racism | Indian Country Today | 8.15.08

Immigration issue sparks American racismby: Editors Report / Indian Country Today© Indian Country Today August 15, 2008. All Rights ReservedPerhaps the flare-up of the immigration issue started out more legitimately. Certainly there are serious problems with waves of hundreds of thousands of people entering any country illegally. But like the head of a monstrous snake coming out of a thorny bush, the issue has grown its own nasty viper. Immigration has become the new magnet of American racism.

It's time to recognize this evil trend, and confront it.

From the oh-so-patriotic "Minutemen," with their potential overlap to vigilante violence, to the actual rise in incidents of race crime against dark-skinned Mexican and other Hispanics, the evidence is that a climate of disdain and potential race and/or ethnic hatred is being generated in North America. This is very evident in the type of language and self-definition put up by not-so-unconsciously race-based pundits and politicians.

The issues generated by the inevitable trend to northern migration among people from Mesoamerica and South America are complicated. As usual, the North American mass media is loath to dig too deeply into its roots. Images of Mexican Indians jumping fences and crouch-running across open desert fields permeate the senses while the public is bombarded with way too many ill-informed and ill-conceived reports of major "threats," all designed to keep viewers and readers titillated. Ignorant ire seems to dominate as a result. In this age of super-vigilance, the issue of Mexican Indians coming north in waves of humanity whose bottom line or social safety net has been ripped out is ripe for alarmist warnings by pundits and politicians alike, too many of whom like to charge Mexican and other Latin American migrants with causing all kinds of malignancy to America's economy, culture and social character.

Legitimate debate points include the inherent right of countries to secure their borders; reading the actual impacts of a million new Latin American immigrants per year for the next 20 years on various job sectors, on costs of additional social services, on crime rates and criminal justice systems, very specifically on border communities; and considering what would constitute a humane, fair and sound long-term solution to the situation of the many undocumented migrants already in-country. When these types of questions are thought about rationally and fairly, progress can be made toward resolutions.

Tragically, this is not the trend of the national discourse. Instead, the knives are flying. In the national discourse, the migration north is equated with the threat of terrorist violence, with crime, with all manner of potential diseases and, worst of all, with the threatened disintegration of the national culture. Thus, the proponents of the English-only movement, who perceive the English language to be under assault by, primarily, Spanish, but by extension, all other languages - Native and non-Native - spoken by families in neighborhoods across the United States. In an era when most of the world has already accepted English as the lingua franca of business and science, and at a time when all immigrants to the United States clearly understand the importance of speaking English even though it is difficult for many adults, the rising wave of anti-Spanish language hysteria is indeed troubling.

Racism within the immigration issue is primarily directed at Latin American migrants coming north in search of economic opportunity. The shorthand language used has to do with the sense by Anglo-Americans that the country is changing as so-called Hispanics or Latinos make up an ever-larger proportion of the minority population which, combined with blacks and Asian-Americans, now threatens to become established as the "new majority" and make the Euro-American population essentially the minority. Thus one can hear the likes of pundit and erstwhile presidential contender Pat Buchanan bemoan the fact that "we are losing our country," shorthand in this case being that crucial "we" and all that such possessiveness implies.

Xenophobia directed at Mexicans has a long history in America. Anglo-America, after all, warred first with Spain and, later, Mexico for a century over more than a third of present-day U.S. territory. Stereotype and racial hatred, ethnic insults (Mexicans as a "mongrel race," etc.) - apparent requirements of war - layered into the social consciousness of Anglo-Americans.

Salient points of this history not told by the conqueror were articulated in a recent New York Times essay by Tony Horwitz. To be faulted for too brazenly bypassing the indigenous perspective, Horwitz recounts accurately that North America's first European explorers and settlers were not English-speaking, but were from Spain. Horwitz: "Four of the sample questions on our naturalization test ask about Pilgrims. Nothing in the sample exam suggests that prospective citizens need know anything that occurred on this continent before the Mayflower landed in 1620."

So who led the first confirmed European landing on North America? Horwitz: "A Spaniard, Juan Ponce de Leon, who landed in 1513," more than a century before the Pilgrims, "at a lush shore he christened La Florida." Horwitz reminds us that "the Spanish became the first Europeans to reach the Appalachians, the Mississippi, the Grand Canyon and the Great Plains. Spanish ships sailed along the East Coast, penetrating to present-day Bangor, Me., and up the Pacific Coast as far as Oregon."

There is much history - centuries old and some quite recent - that does not enter the national discourse. Fast-forward to 2006, 12 years after NAFTA. It was the North American Free Trade Agreement, memory recalls, which ushered in the Zapatista Army of Indian peoples in 1994. The Zapatistas challenged even the federal army of Mexico militarily, while pointing out that loss of lands was displacing Indian peasants, who were migrating north in droves.

What's the connection? Since the advent of the lopsided, so-called free trade agreement, where U.S. corn and bean producers get to keep their government subsidies while poor and modest Mexican Indian farmers lose theirs, the bottom has fallen out of the regional and local farming villages. While these Indian villages have always experienced poverty, most have been self-sufficient, at least in producing and providing and sustaining from the basic Indian foods of corn, beans and other produce, chicken and pigs, the occasional cattle. That's the traditional Indian homestead for most of southern Mexico, Guatemala and elsewhere among agricultural communities in Mesoamerica and South America. This is the stalwart bastion of the mostly self-sufficient safety net upon which the people have depended for millennia. Indian people, real Mexican Indians - Maya, Zapoteca and other indigenous peoples, with distinct languages and varieties of ethnicity and oral tradition - have been severely displaced and dislocated over the past decade. U.S. trade policy has a whole lot to do with it.

These are the bulk of the millions of new migrants inexorably making their way north. These are the Indian refugees displaced from their lands by the destruction of the old ejido systems, the privatization of water and lands, and the demolition of a national economy that, up to 10 years ago, could make sense of the ancient Indian agricultural and gastronomic complex of the corn tortilla and the bean, grown and consumed locally and regionally. This is the dislocation of replacing this kind of agriculture - as foundation and safety

net of rural peoples - with export-oriented agri-business, such as is more possible in the north of Mexico where, generally, the mestizo and Spanish identity have rolled over most of the Indian consciousness of land self-sufficiency.

The climate of fear and loathing in the United States against this mass of dislocated humanity - a direct result of one-sided trade deals that dismiss the needs of whole regions - is presently fueled nightly most prominently by CNN's Lou Dobbs. Dobbs' program is regularly preoccupied with the troublesome illegality of the northward migration and its growing demographic. Dobbs' reporting is mostly accurate, but his tone and point of view heighten the potential for virulence. With violence against Mexicans and other Hispanics on the rise in the United States, it behooves commentators of Dobbs' caliber to provide the fullest possible understanding of the forces at work that drive so many Mexican Indian people to migrate at this time in history.

Dobbs reports on opinion and impacts in the United States but has yet to wonder on the causes of this constant northbound stream of people, how it originates in the indigenous southern region of Mexico and into Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. And, most importantly, why? Why are these American indigenous people - traditionally attached to their places of origin - so driven these days to pick up and trek north in larger and larger numbers, consistently facing violence, starvation, dehydration and death? What are the conditions they are leaving behind? Who caused those conditions that callously condemn whole peoples to severe economic misery?

We say a better understanding of this complex issue is required before we allow racists to pit good people against good people, as if different mother tongues must necessarily be a source of insult and injury.

This editorial, by Jose Barreiro, originally appeared in Indian Country Today on July 19, 2006 [Vol. 26, Iss. 6]. It received a 2007 Unity Award in Media in the Editorial Writing in the Minority Audience division. The awards are given annually by Lincoln University. The former senior editor of ICT, Barreiro is now director of the Office of Latin America at the National Museum of the American Indian. Please visit the Indian Country Today website for more articles related to this topic.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Mexicans deported from US face shattered lives *

From: Maria Sofia Corona

Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2008 5:29 PM

Subject: Fw: Mexicans deported from US face shattered lives

This article was sent to you by someone who found it on SFGate. The original article can be found on SFGate.com here:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/n/a/2008/08/24/international/i103928D92.DTL>

[Print This Article]

Mexicans deported from US face shattered lives

By JULIE WATSON, Associated Press Writer

Sunday, August 24, 2008

(08-24) 10:39 PDT TIJUANA , Mexico (AP) --

The towering black gate opens silently to an alley with walls of corrugated metal. Scrawled in large white letters on one wall is: "The End."

For those deported from the United States , the words are an unnecessary reminder. Nearly every hour of the day, guards unlock this gate that leads back into Mexico , clicking open the padlocks hung on each side, in each nation.

Every time the gate slams shut, it wipes out a dream, divides a family, ends a life lived in the shadows of the law.

On average, 700 Mexicans expelled from the United States walk through this gate daily, according to Mexican government figures. They include farmers, construction workers, prisoners, nannies, children, entire families.

A few steps from the gate, American tourists pose for photos in front of a stone relief. They are oblivious to the men, women and children sadly shuffling into a homeland many risked their lives to leave.

U.S. deportations have jumped by more than 60 percent over the past five years. Mexicans accounted for nearly two-thirds of those deportees, helping to roll back one of the biggest migrations of recent history. All along the border, shelters once full of people trying to cross into the United States are now home to thousands of deportees who sleep on mattresses strewn inches apart on cement floors.

In a week spent at the Tijuana gate, The Associated Press watched busload after busload of deportees arrive, some in a daze, still stunned over their sudden expulsion. Many stumbled over the Mexican official's question, "Where are you from?" after spending decades in the United States .

The faces of those who stream through reflect how tough and far-reaching the U.S. crackdown on illegal immigration has become.

Among them are young people. There were more than 18,000 repatriations of children under 18 to Mexico this year, and in more than 10,000 cases they were alone, according to the Mexican government.

There are also criminals. The U.S. does not break down figures by country, but it has deported about 55,000 prisoners so far this year. One man walked through the gate in slippers with 80 cents in his pocket, after being picked up by police during a violent fight with his wife in their backyard.

And there are women, with more than 40,000 repatriations since January " about 13 percent of all cases, according to the Mexican government. Sometimes the women are dropped off alone, at night. The U.S. Border Patrol in Washington says the safe repatriation of women is a major concern, but acknowledges there is no overall policy along the 2,000-mile border.

Mexico must now deal with a population that it has long ignored. And those returning must deal with Mexico, a land that for many now seems foreign. The challenge starts the day they walk through the gate the U.S. Border Patrol calls Whiskey II, military code for west of the port of entry.

Tuesday morning.

At 11:03 a.m., six teenagers " three girls, three boys " line up at the gate, accompanied by a Mexican Consulate official.

"Where are you from?" the Mexican immigration official asks each one after calling off their names.

Paola Riveras' face is puffy and red from crying.

Three hours ago, the 16-year-old had jumped into the long line of Mexicans waiting to go to school, work or shop in California. When it was her turn to stop before the U.S. immigration agent, she panicked and kept walking.

He yelled "Stop!" three times. Finally, he stepped in front of her and told her to put her hands behind her head.

Riveras told him in Spanish that she had no visa and sobbed.

She says she only wanted to see her mom, who went illegally to Los Angeles when Riveras was 8 and left her with her father in Chimalhuacan, a slum outside Mexico City. When he died in December, her mother asked Riveras to come live with her. Now Riveras is not sure what she will do.

In the first six months of this year, 18,249 youths under 18 were sent back to Mexico by the U.S., according to the Mexican government. Those numbers may include youths detained more than once. U.S.

immigration authorities say they do not keep figures on minors.

The teens are escorted to a Mexican government trailer where a psychologist and social worker help them call relatives. Some nap on bunk beds covered in Porky Pig and Donald Duck sheets. Others watch "Ice Age" on the TV.

After calling her aunt in Tijuana, Riveras wipes her nose and dries her tears with a tissue. She says she can't go back to Chimalhuacan. She keeps thinking about the explosive fight when her dad's family told her that her mom doesn't want her, that she has formed another family in Los Angeles.

"I just want to study and be with my mom," she says.

Wednesday morning.

The prisoners arrive at the gate chained together at 10:43 a.m., some still in gray prison pants and black slippers. Once released, they scramble for the pile of paper bags on the ground that contain their few belongings " a belt, diabetes medicine, a few coins.

A Mexican official checks off their names on a clipboard as they file into the country.

The men do not know what they will do next. Residents of the already violent city of Tijuana also wonder what will become of the ex-cons filling the city's shelters.

Almost a third of the 278,000 people deported in 2007 were prisoners. Last year, the U.S. started speeding up the removal of prisoners and deported a record 95,000 after they served their sentences. The U.S. also has detained or deported 10,000 gang members since 2005.

Alejandro Fonseca was convicted on drug charges and deported last year. He now lives in Tijuana with his American wife and three U.S.-born children.

They have survived by eating at the Salvation Army shelter in a rough Tijuana neighborhood near the border. But his 13-year-old daughter has missed a year of school. She cannot go to school in Mexico because she does not speak Spanish.

Fonseca says the new life has been hard on his family, but has also forced him to give up his drug habit.

"A lot of guys try to run the same game that they ran over there, but they end up falling on their face," says Fonseca as he waits for dinner at the shelter.

Fonseca is searching for work in the impoverished city, but even filling out an application is difficult.

Fonseca has spent 30 of his 31 years in the United States, so English is his main language.

"You see, we know Spanish, but we don't know the exact words, and when we try to explain to somebody something, they're like 'huh?'" he says.

Thursday morning.

Battling with crutches, Nestor Ortiz struggles to line up at the gate at 11:30 a.m. after being returned for the third time in 10 days.

Ortiz worked in the U.S. for a decade. Then a police officer pulled him over and found out he had no driver's license, which he couldn't get because he was illegal. The life he had created suddenly ended.

Desperate to be with his family again, he first walked across the desert in Arizona after paying a smuggler \$3,000. The next time, he went in a car driven by an American resident. And then he scaled a 20-foot-high corrugated metal wall marking the border between Tijuana and San Ysidro and jumped from it.

He winces each time he moves the throbbing leg he crushed. Both his feet are swollen.

Mexican immigration officials help the cabinet finisher from La Habra, Calif., into the back room of their office.

He still has not had a chance to take off his bracelet from Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, where he woke up this morning, three days after doctors put in a metal plate that runs from his hip to his ankle.

"What can I do? I don't know anyone here," says Ortiz, 39.

An ambulance pulls up to the Mexican Migration Institute's office. Paramedics warn if he does not keep the swelling down, he risks losing his foot.

"They shouldn't have deported you so soon after your surgery," the paramedic tells him.

The divorced father phones his two sons in California.

"I'm not coming back," he says, choked up as he talks to his 17-year-old son by phone from Tijuana's Salvation Army shelter. "I can't walk. Both my feet are in bad shape."

He asks Juan to consider moving to his hometown of Tlalneantla, on the edge of Mexico City.

The conversation turns tense. Juan has lived in the United States since he was 7 and doesn't want to leave his friends.

"I think you should not be alone over there," Ortiz says, sighing. "Finish high school and then you can come here. At least here you have your grandparents, your cousins. Over there, what do you have?"

Ortiz breathes in deeply, holds his brow and reels in his overwhelming grief.

He tells his other son, 23-year-old Nestor, to cancel his father's gym membership, put the Chevrolet Suburban in his name and take Juan to live with him.

"Be good, son," he says. "Keep working, be careful and keep your chin up."

Around 9:30 p.m. Thursday, six women and a 7-year-old girl arrive at the gate. Migrant activists have repeatedly urged the United States not to deport women and children at night along the violent Mexican border.

Dominga Bejar, 37, stops after walking through the gate blasted by floodlights. She needs a place to stay and is nervous about grabbing a taxi by herself.

"It's really dangerous here," she says. "I'm really scared to go outside."

Blanca Villasenor, who runs a Mexican border shelter, says women are continually dropped off after 9 p.m.

"They deport them at any hour, at 10 p.m., at midnight, and in some cases they wind up in the street or they sleep in the offices of Mexican immigration agents," she says.

Julius Alatorre, an officer for the San Diego border control, says the policy is "to try our best not to bring women or juveniles after dark," but sometimes the women want to go back immediately. The private security firm Wackenhut Corp. transports most of those returned to Mexico, he says. Wackenhut did not respond to requests for comment.

Bejar says she hasn't seen her American-born 15-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter in Montclair, Calif., since she left them with her husband to attend her father's funeral in January in Colima. Now she is determined to get back to Montclair, where she has lived for 16 years.

"I'm going to cross," she says defiantly after being caught with a fake passport. "I don't know how, but I'm going to make it."

A volunteer with the Casa de Migrante standing at the gate offers her and several deported men a ride to the Tijuana shelter.

Friday morning.

Ten-year-old Edgar from the Pacific coast state of Michoacan stands at the gate and stares ahead with big brown, panic-stricken eyes. Clutching a Sponge Bob Square Pants comic book " a gift from the Mexican consulate official " he tries to fight back tears. He wants to know where his mom is.

Edgar hasn't seen her since she dropped him off the previous day at a female smuggler's house in Tijuana . They spent the night practicing saying his fake name and answering other basic questions in English. They got in line at the port of entry around 8 a.m. The smuggler told U.S. officials she was his mom and was taking him to school in San Ysidro. They showed a real visa with Edgar's photo on it.

Edgar didn't flinch and said his name perfectly: Manuel Flores. But then the official asked for his teacher's name, and his grandmother's. Edgar stammered. The official asked them to step aside, and then he detained them.

Maria Guadalupe Rios, coordinator of child protection services in Baja California , says parents no longer want to return to Mexico to visit their children for fear they will not be able to get back across the fortified border. So they are increasingly forcing their children to come live with them illegally in the United States . If a child is returned to Mexico several times, child protection services takes the child into custody temporarily and talks to the family.

"It's a humiliating experience," she says. "It's a noble thing that they want the family to be reunited, but they are exposing them to danger."

Edgar says his younger siblings recently made it and are with his dad in California . His mom is waiting for him to get across before sneaking in herself. But he's afraid to try again.

"I just want to go back (to Michoacan) with my mom," he says after a social worker contacts his mother.

As Edgar peers from the window of a Mexican government trailer, guards from both countries shut the gate once again " silently closing the door on the American lives of one set of deportees before the next busload arrives.

<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2008/08/24/international/i103928D92.DTL>

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Health care rally, voter registration, criminal justice ref *

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL RALLY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Note that this is a change from what was announced in the newsletter. We couldn't get the area in front of Houston City Hall the week before. It will run from 4 to 6 p.m. We need a BIG BIG BIG turnout to demand that real reform "Medicare for ALL" is put at the top of the national agenda. Please publicize this event in all your communications. Also, if you want to be listed as a sponsor (contributions \$50 and up), contact Cathy Courtney at ckorrf@earthlink.net.

VOTING REGISTRATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 6. ARE YOU INVOLVED?

Nothing is more important than a huge turnout of working people and the poor at the polls on November 4. It will mean a new day in Harris County. And it will make a big difference from the top of the ticket the U.S. Congress to the Texas Legislature. Our Coalition is committed to involving in the political process those who need decent public policies the most.

Here are actions you can take right away.

1. Take responsibility for your place of worship.

Make sure there's a stack of registration cards by the doors into the sanctuary, and make sure your minister is urging everyone to sign up AT THEIR CURRENT ADDRESS.

2. Join our Coalition's "Registration Celebration" at Cuney Homes Saturday.

Rev. Vincent Fana is the coordinator of this work, which we call POP (Power of Participation"see most recent CWPP newsletter for more on POP). Cuney Homes is a 550-unit complex on Alabama St. in the Third Ward near TSU. This Saturday (August 30) from 8 to 11 a.m. Volunteers will be knocking on every door in the complex. On subsequent Saturdays we'll be working at apartment complexes in the Southwest part of Houston. Contact Fana at 713.256.5740 or mwfana@yahoo.com to get signed up and on board.

3. Work with Houston Votes on every Saturday.

Houston Votes can get you into the action in two ways: block walking in selected areas or staffing certain public sites. The area and sites change from weekend to weekend.

This coming Saturday and Sunday volunteers are meeting at the Pasadena Mall in front of Macy's at 10 a.m. before going out to drop literature and registration cards at doors until 1 p.m. Contact Dee Young at 281.702.7864 or dee@houstonvotes.org.

The public sites at which Houston Votes has secured permission to register voters either Saturday or Sunday or both are listed below. Just go out to one near your home.

Sharpstown Mall 7500 Bellaire (Sat only Aug 30) 10-6
Save-a-lot Food store 6910 Capitol (Sat Aug 30 and Sun Aug 31) 10-6
Kroger 2300 Gessner (Sat Aug.30) 10-6
Wal-Mart Neighborhood Store (Sat Aug. 30) 10-6
Kroger Wirt/ Westview (Sat Aug. 30) 2-5
Fallas Paredes 290/Bingle (Sat. Aug.30 and Sun. Aug.31) 10-6
Fallas Paredes 45/Tidwell (Sat. Aug 30 and Sun. Aug 31) 10-6
Wal-Mart 3506 Hwy 6 (Sat. Aug 30 and Sun. Aug 31) 10-6
Wal-Mart 9460 W. Sam Houston (Sat. Aug.30) 10-6
25th Annual Labor Day Soccer Tournament Bear Creek Park (Sat-Mon) all day
Rock The Bayou Across from the Astrodome formerly Astro World (Fri-Mon) all day

CWPP PLATFORM FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Below is a flyer listing the five reforms we are calling on candidates for Harris County Judge, District Attorney, Sheriff, and Criminal Court Judges to sign onto. We distributed a flyer with this reform platform at a candidates' forum last night (Tuesday, August 26), and put it into the hands of the candidates for County Judge, DA, and Sheriff. We have meetings scheduled with DA candidate Brad Bradford and Sheriff candidate Adrian Garcia to determine their positions.

Please note that there will be candidates forums on Tuesday night, September 23 at University of St. Thomas and Tuesday night, September 30 at Church of Good Hope on North Braeswood just east of 288.

It would be good if you use the text below to make up a flyer and begin distributing it.

[first side]

Good Criminal Justice Leadership Is Not Enough.
We Need New Policies in Harris County.

Yes, we want a fair-minded district attorney, sheriff, and criminal court judges. But we need good policies as well as good people. Coalition of Working People and the Poor believes that the following policies will go a long way to end the systemic injustice of the Harris County criminal justice system.

ç Public Defenders Office: Poor defendants need lawyers who are on their side. Harris County now uses court-appointed attorneys, whose loyalty is to the judges they depend on for work instead of to their clients. We live in the only large city in the nation without a public defenders office.

ç Independent Citizens Review Board: Law enforcement can be brutal, even

murderous. But complaints against misconduct by police or sheriff's deputies are handled within their departments. The fox is guarding the henhouse. We need an outside citizens board to investigate and judge complaints, and call for disciplinary action, removal, or even criminal prosecution when justified.

¢ Ticketing Option: Arrest can be a terrible burden in time and money. Texas peace officers can write tickets instead of hauling people to jail for many nonviolent minor crimes. This would also ease the problem of jail overcrowding. It's time officers made this procedure the rule, not the exception.

¢ Personal Recognizance Bonds: Posting bail is hard on poor people. If they can't afford it, they sit in jail even if they are innocent. If they can scrape the money together, it puts a big dent in their monthly budget. In most cases cash bail isn't necessary to make sure people come to court for trial (the only legitimate purpose for bail). If people have roots in the community and they pose no realistic flight risk, they should be able to get out on a signature bond.

¢ Expanded Use of Drug Courts: Drug courts are an alternative to regular criminal courts. They lead to comprehensive supervision, drug testing, treatment services, and family and community interaction. Drug laws in Harris County are unfairly applied, forcing disproportionate numbers of people of color into prison. A different approach helps the public, too: Texas offenders completing drug court programs have a 29% re-arrest rate compared to the overall average of 59%. Harris County judges can divert more nonviolent drug offenders to the drug courts, but they aren't doing so. It's time they all did.

DEMAND THAT ALL THE CANDIDATES SUPPORT THESE CHANGES.

Coalition of Working People and the Poor
(see reverse side for our coalition's membership)

[second side]

Coalition of Working People and the Poor

Catholic Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's Office of Justice and Peace
Children at Risk
Children's Defense Fund
CRECEN/America por las Todas
Dominican Sisters
First Unitarian Universalist Church
Gateway to Care
Harris County AFL-CIO
Houston Area Urban League
Houston Metropolitan Baptist Ministers' Alliance
Houston Peace and Justice Center
Houston Interfaith Worker Justice
Houston Votes

Knowledge-First, Inc.
Live Oak Friends Meeting
Mennonite Central Committee
NAACP-Houston Branch
National Nurses Organizing Committee
Nigerian Christian Association
Northwest Community Baptist Church
Pax Christi Houston
Real Urban Ministry, Inc.
RESULTS
Service Employees International Union, Local 100
SEIU Local 1/Janitors for Justice
Texans Together
Third Ward Community Cloth Cooperative
Veterans for Peace-Chapter 12
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Houston Chapter

We are committed to new economic policies guided by the values that all deeply caring people share. To that end:

- We will educate the public about the way all too many of their elected officials are working in contrast to the public interest;
- We will organize and energize the rapidly increasing number of people being harmed to advocate for themselves and their families;
- We will hold elected officials accountable for their decisions.
- We will challenge and invite conscientious Americans who may not be directly impacted to advocate for their fellow citizens.

From "For a Caring Nation," the identity and mission statement of the coalition.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: [ISO] Announcements 8-28-08 *

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS -- August 28, 2008

International Socialist Organization -- Austin, Texas branch

For more information, e-mail us at austinsocialist@hotmail.com
For directions on how to unsubscribe from this list, see the end of this note.

--- ISO MEETING TONIGHT ---

This Thursday, August 28, 7:00 PM
UT campus, Parlin 206

With study group on Frederick Engels' The Origin of the Family, Private Property, and the State

Available here: <http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1884/origin-family>
See also: http://isreview.org/issues/02/engles_family.shtml

Parlin Hall is in the northwest corner of the South Mall, the grassy lawn south of the UT Tower.
See a map at: <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/par.html>

--- ISO PUBLIC FORUM IN TWO WEEKS ---

CAPITALISM AND CRISIS:
THE CASE FOR SOCIALISM

Thursday, September 11, 7:00 PM
UT Campus, Parlin Hall, room 206

Socialism is based on the idea that we should use the vast resources of society to meet people's needs. If people are hungry, they should be fed; if people are homeless, we should build homes for them; if people are sick, the best medical care should be available to them. Socialism would take the wealth of the rich and use it to meet the basic needs of all society.

Instead of that kind of society, we have been through years of war for oil and empire, decades of rollbacks on workers' wages and living-standards, attacks on civil rights and women's rights, cuts in health-care, and more. On top of this, the growing economic crisis -- foreclosures, food and fuel inflation, and increasing unemployment -- are calling into question the ability of the system as it is currently set-up to function at all.

Come to this forum to discuss how we can organize a society without war and racism, a society based on human need instead of corporate greed.

--- ARTICLES ON THE NEW SOCIALIST WORKER WEB SITE ---

Check out the new Socialist Worker web site, with all the hard hitting analysis and reporting on politics and struggle, now updated daily!

<http://socialistworker.org>

ELECTION 2008: BETWEEN RHETORIC AND REALITY

As you listen to the Republicans pilloried at the Democrats' Denver convention, pay close attention to what Obama says he'll actually do if he wins this election.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/08/26/rhetoric-and-reality>

THE ANTIDOTE TO HOPE

Joe Biden is supposed to bring "foreign policy experience" to the Democratic ticket, but what he really brings is support for the Democrats' most conservative policies.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/08/25/the-antidote-to-hope>

CELEBRATING A VICTORY IN TEXAS

Bryan McCann reports on a victory over the Texas execution machine.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/08/26/celebrating-a-victory-in-texas>

A NEWER WORLD ORDER

Lee Sustar looks at the political impact of Russia's invasion of Georgia.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/08/21/a-newer-world-order>

--- OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS ---

Friday, August 29, 9:00 PM

SCREENING OF WHEN THE LEVEES BROKE

On the third anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, watch Spike Lee's acclaimed documentary.

Location: Treasure City Thrift, 1720 E. 12th St.

Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 PM

WE CAN STOP THE WAR !

CAMPUS ANTIWAR MOVEMENT TO END THE OCCUPATION KICK-OFF MEETING

Since the war in Iraq began in 2003, over one million Iraqis have been killed and five million have been displaced by violence. Over 4,000 American troops and an untold number of civilian workers have died. Our government has spent one trillion dollars on war while schools and social services here in America crumble, and the "War on Terror" has led to the scapegoating of Arabs and Muslims and the surveillance of

American citizens. Both Democrats and Republicans talk of maintaining a long-lasting presence in the Middle East. The time to get involved is now! Come to CAMEO's Fall Kick Off meeting to learn what CAMEO is about, why we say Troops Out Now!, the work that we have done, and what students can do to stop this war.

Location: UT campus, Parlin 208

More info: antiwarcampus@yahoo.com

Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 PM

THE SYSTEM IS BROKEN:

WHY YOU SHOULD OPPOSE THE DEATH PENALTY

The capital punishment system is plagued by wrongful convictions. Innocence, racism, lack of adequate defense, mental illness, and numerous crime lab scandals, have all helped to create a system rife with error. In addition, not much is being done to reduce the causes of crime. The death penalty is not the solution to societal problems. The CEDP is a group dedicated to ending capital punishment and reforming the justice system. Come to a kick-off meeting to find out about joining our group or for a simple discussion on this issue.

Location: UT campus, CMA 3.112

Sponsored by Campaign to End the Death Penalty. More info: cedpaustin@gmail.com

Saturday, September 13, 3:00 PM

MARCH & RALLY: DROP ALL THE CHARGES IN THE "YOGURT SHOP CASE"

In 1991 four Austin girls were killed in an local yogurt shop. After an eight year investigation plagued with leaks, false confessions, and insufficient evidence, four young men were arrested for the murders. Two of them were eventually released for lack of evidence. Michael Scott and Robert Springsteen were tried and convicted, not on the basis of any evidence, but because of "confessions" coerced by Austin police. Several years and two overturned convictions later, Travis County officials are planning to re-try Michael and Robert, despite new DNA evidence that proves definitely that they are innocent. This is madness -- Travis County must release them now! Supporters of Michael Scott and Robert Springsteen will hold a march and rally in Downtown Austi.

Gather in front of the District Attorney's office (11th & Guadalupe) at 3:00 pm at. We will then march to City Hall on Caesar Chavez for a 4:30 pm rally.

Sponsored by Campaign to End the Death Penalty. More info: cedpaustin@gmail.com

More info on the "Yogurt Shop Defendants": <http://yogurtshopjustice.blogspot.com>

Sign an on-line petition here: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/dropallcharges>

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 PM

AUSTIN IMMIGRANT RIGHTS COALITION GENERAL MEETING

Members and non-members are invited to participate in AIRC's general meeting. Topics will include: ICE in the Travis County Jail update, 2009 legislative session, Raids preparedness.

Location: Cristo Rey Church, 2215 E. 2nd St.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to caroline@austinirc.org with language preference.

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: SATURDAY - Free Speech Coalition Meeting -10am *

FREE SPEECH COALITION MEETING!

THIS SATURDAY! 10:00am ESTE SABADO!YOUR INPUT AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED!!!

Free Speech Coalition Meeting

Saturday, August 30, 2008

10am @ Esperanza

At this special meeting, we will work to finalize decisions about the slogan for our community education campaign, and to make plans for distributing information. This is an essential step as we work to bring more people into the struggle to defend the right to street marches in San Antonio.

The next Free Speech Coalition meeting will be the

REGULARLY SCHEDULED 2nd TUESDAY of the MONTH

Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30pmLAWSUIT to Defend Free Speech

On November 29, the Intl Woman's Day March & Rally Committee and the S.A. Free Speech Coalition filed a lawsuit against the City of San Antonio, challenging a new City ordinance that requires march organizers to pay thousands of dollars to march on the streets. Behind this lawsuit is a community of thousands who have signed onto the Free Speech Coalition and are working to inform others about the City's violation of our basic rights, and to overturn this ordinance.WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Join the FREE SPEECH COAL.
- Gather signatures
- Donate to the lawsuit fund
- Write a letter to the editor
- Join the Teatro Callejero committee
- Host a cafecito in your home
- Post info about the lawsuit on your website, MySpace, or blog
- Come by the Esperanza to volunteer with phone calls, data entry & moreClick here to learn more about this issue.

Click here to join the S.A. Free Speech Coalition online.

Click here for a printable Coalition sign-up sheet.

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

922 San Pedro Ave ¢ San Antonio TX 78212

(entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

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TITLE: MEXICO: Ciber-noticias, tercera edici3n, agosto 2008 *

Ciber-noticias, tercera edici3n de agosto 2008
No a incineradora de basura en Guanajuato
Por los hijos de Calder3n
La instalaci3n de una planta incineradora en Celaya, Guanajuato, violar3a el Tratado de Estocolmo que firm3 M3xico para disminuir y eliminar emisiones de 12 sustancias t3xicas que provocan c3ncer o malformaciones gen3ticas desprendidas de la quema de basura. M3s informaci3n aqu3.
Este sitio est3 hecho para que el presidente Calder3n reflexione sobre lo errado de su pol3tica forestal.
Pero como no lo har3 por nosotros,
¿lo har3 por sus hijos?

Juega, ve el video y divi3rtete con un poco de humor negro... muy a la mexicana.
Greenpeace pide velocidad a las negociaciones sobre cambio clim3tico
S3lo para chavos
A pesar de los progresos obtenidos en Ghana -como el papel de M3xico en construir puentes de negociaci3n entre los pa3ses desarrollados y en v3as de negociaci3n- a3n faltan propuestas claras sobre qu3 tecnolog3as limpias ser3n transferidas a los pa3ses m3s pobres.

En diciembre de este a3o los gobiernos volver3n a reunirse en Poznan para darle continuidad a las negociaciones sobre el cambio clim3tico.
La 3ltima ronda de reuniones previas est3 llegando a su fin y a3n no se ve la voluntad de los gobiernos para reaccionar acorde a la urgencia que significa el cambio clim3tico global. M3s informaci3n aqu3.
¡Gracias a todos los que nos han respondido!

Greenpeace busca crear un programa para ni3os y j3venes, por lo que te pedimos que nos des ideas y sugerencias de cinco actividades que quieras hacer con nosotros (por ejemplo: pic-nic en la Marquesa, feria ambiental, cine-debate, etc.).

¡Escr3benos ya! Las ideas m3s creativas ser3n publicadas y realizadas.

Por favor menciona tu edad y estado en tu mensaje.

greenpeace.socios@greenpeace.org
Greenpeace M3xico ahora tambi3n en: ¡GP en la web cambia de cara!

Te invitamos a unirte a nuestro grupo de esta gran red virtual. Conoce a otros que comparten tus ideas gustos, aficiones y que adem3s, como t3o, son tambi3n parte de Greenpeace M3xico.

Invita a otros, mira los videos y actualizaciones
uactualizamos diariamente para ti.

Observa los videos m3s interesantes que muestran el trabajo de nuestra organizaci3n
d3a a d3a
En Greenpeace estrenamos nuevo dise3o, tenemos nuevos colores y herramientas para que navegues por nuestro sitio, estrenamos la secci3n de "Ecogu3as" y un nuevo formato para que tus amigos se conviertan, como t3o, en ciberactivistas. ¡Corre la voz!

Observa los cambios y est3 al pendiente... ¡que GP en la web se renueva!

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Hurricane Gustav Threat: Your Support Urgently Needed! *

On Behalf Of INCITE!

Sent: Saturday, August 30, 2008 7:22 PM

Subject: [incite] Hurricane Gustav Threat: Your Support Urgently Needed!

Updates located at this website:

<http://incite-national.org/index.php?s=137>

Dear INCITE! friends and supporters,

On the eve of the 3 year anniversary of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and subsequent government criminal negligence and assaults on the low income people of color on the Gulf Coast, our sisters from INCITE! projects in New Orleans (including the local chapter, the Women's Health and Justice Initiative, and the New Orleans Women's Health Clinic) are bracing for the potential landfall of Hurricane Gustav, which is currently projected to hit the Louisiana coast on Monday or Tuesday at a category 4 or 5. Voluntary evacuation of New Orleans has already begun, and mandatory evacuation could be declared as early as today. INCITE! organizers in New Orleans have made over 700 phone calls to women of color and their families that make up the constituency of the New Orleans Women's Health Clinic, working to prepare and implement evacuation and safety plans.

Your assistance is urgently needed to help the low-income women of color and their families evacuate safely if need be, stay safe for the duration of the evacuation, and return to the city as soon as possible so as not to fall prey to the pushout that has kept so many folks from being able to return to New Orleans since Katrina. Local organizers are using whatever resources and funds at their disposal to help women and their families evacuate, bond people being held in Orleans Parish Prison out, and support those who make the choice to stay in whatever way they can.

Your support is urgently needed: financial donations of any size are needed and would be greatly appreciated.

Donations online are preferred because we can more quickly send the funds to our folks in New Orleans.

You can send your donation to INCITE online by going to this website:

<http://incite-national.org/index.php?s=137>

Click the Donation button

Put New Orleans in the "Purpose" line

Or you can write a check directly to WHJI and send it to:

PO Box 51325

New Orleans, LA 70151

This money will go directly to supporting the hundreds of low income women of color that are the constituency of the New Orleans Women's Health Clinic.

Once again, the particular vulnerability of low-income women of color and single female-headed households (including folks with disabilities, seniors, undocumented immigrant women, and incarcerated

women) has been erased in the face of disaster and overlooked in the days leading up to the storm. With few resources, facing challenges and concerns for their families of their own, INCITE! New Orleans and WHJI have stepped in to fill the gap. Please send all your support, solidarity, sisterhood and strength their way, and join us in hoping for the safety and well-being of the people who are already suffering from Gustav in Cuba, Jamaica, and Haiti, and willing the storm to subside or veer off safely before it strikes the Gulf Coast.

We will keep you posted as things develop.

peace,
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INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence is a national activist organization of radical feminists of color advancing a movement to end violence against women of color and their communities through direct action, critical dialogue and grassroots organizing.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: ICE accused of tracking immigrants at Head Start *

From: Anna Nunez

Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2008 7:19 AM

Subject: ICE accused of tracking immigrants at Head Start

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/5974692.html>

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

ICE accused of tracking immigrants at Head Start

Group says it's harming kids of illegal migrants, who then avoid the centers altogether

By GEORGIA PABST Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Aug. 31, 2008, 6:53AM

MILWAUKEE, WIS. " Immigration enforcement officials are now targeting migrant and seasonal Head Start centers in some states as part of efforts to track down illegal immigrants, the executive director of the National Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Association says.

Yvette Sanchez, president of the Washington, D.C.-based association, was in Milwaukee recently for a meeting of the national board of directors at United Migrant Opportunity Services Inc.

She said immigration surveillance is emerging as one of the top three issues for the group, comprising migrant and seasonal Head Start directors, staff, parents and friends. Financial appropriations and the need for more bilingual materials are the others, she said.

"Several kids and babies died in the fields because parents were fearful of sending them to Head Start," she said in an interview.

"Since early 2007, many of our programs started to notice that Border Patrol of Immigration and Customs Enforcement vehicles were parked outside their centers, and some were following buses picking up children," she said.

Jason Ciliberti, supervisory Border Patrol agent in Washington, D.C., said it's not the agency's policy to stake out Head Start centers.

"It could have happened if we believe there was an immigration violation afoot, but it's not our policy or practice, I believe."

Gail Montenegro, a spokeswoman with ICE in Chicago, said: "Generally, our operations avoid actions at school settings. ... However, we will take into custody during these targeted operations anyone encountered who may be in the country illegally."

In testimony before the congressional subcommittee on work force protections in May, ICE officials were provided with a list of dates and places regarding ICE activities near migrant and seasonal Head Start programs in Florida, Tennessee, Georgia and New Mexico, according to a letter sent to ICE officials in Washington by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

"We ask that ICE enforcement and intimidation tactics near migrant and seasonal Head Start centers cease immediately," U.S. Reps. Joe Baca, D-Calif., Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., and Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, wrote.

"Parents were fearful of going to the centers or letting their kids get on the bus, and enrollment went down in some parts," Sanchez said.

In Tennessee, one family took their baby with them to the fields and left the baby in the truck where the baby died, she said.

Not a requirement

The criteria for participating in migrant and seasonal Head Start programs is low family income and agricultural employment, she said. "Since the Head Start program was started in 1965, we have never asked families if they are citizens, and it's never been a requirement," she said.

Migrant and seasonal Head Start programs operate in 39 states and serve more than 30,000 migrants and 3,000 children of seasonal farm workers, she said.

Migrant and seasonal Head Start programs serve children from 6 months to school age and also provide a variety of health and transportation services.

United Migrant Opportunity Services operates Head Start programs in Wisconsin that serve 530 children.

Cris Cuevas, director of the United Migrant program, said centers here have not been targeted by immigration officials.

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TITLE: HOUSTON: HPJC's Calendar of Progressive Events - August 31, 2008 edi *

On Behalf Of Herbert Rothschild

Sent: Sunday, August 31, 2008 5:41 PM

Subject: [hpjc-calendar] HPJC's Calendar of Progressive Events - August 31, 2008 edition

A version in MS Word is attached.

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " August 31, 2008 issue

Submit your event notices to hpjc-calendar-owner@yahoo.com.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

September 18. Michael Klare reception and lecture. Klare is an important analyst of U.S. foreign and military policy. For more on Klare, view the Wikipedia article at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Klare. For more on the events, see below under September 18.

October 4. Rally for universal health care. This is a major undertaking by Coalition of Working People and the Poor and Health Care for All Texas. We need a massive turnout to force consideration of single payer coverage (Medicare for everyone), the only workable solution to our miserably unfair and costly health care system. For more information, see below under October 4.

ELECTION DATES

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: September 5

Last Day to Register to Vote: October 6

First Day of Early Voting: October 20

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: October 28

Last Day of Early Voting: October 31

Election Day: November 4

VOTER REGISTRATION WORK

Volunteers with Houston Votes are going door-to-door each Saturday in search of some of the over one million eligible voters not registered in Harris County. Each Saturday, there is a brief training, and coffee and doughnuts before folks hit the streets around 10:15 a.m. Teams of two are assigned to each street and work across from each other distributing literature and registration cards. At 1 everyone meets for lunch. For those who want to carpool to the site, a van will leave from the Houston Votes office at 411 Cavalcade (two blocks west of Fulton on north side of street). To help this coming Saturday or any Saturday into October, call Dee Young @ 281-702-7864 or send an e mail to Dee@houstonvotes.org.

TEXAS EXECUTIONS

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that lethal injection isn't cruel and unusual punishment, the Texas death machine is up and running again. There will be a vigil on the day of each execution. In September they will be held at 5:30 p.m.-6:20 at Dominican Sisters, 6501 Almeda at Holcombe. September 18th (Joseph Ries), 19th (Gregory Wright). Before you come out, contact Burnham Terrell to learn if there has been a stay of execution: burnhamterrell@att.net, 713/921-0948.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

Ben Tecumseh DeSoto: Understanding Poverty "September 12 " November 1

Houston-based photojournalist Ben Tecumseh DeSoto opens the 2008-2009 DiverseWorks season with a multimedia exhibition that sheds light on the devastating impact of poverty in America. Understanding Poverty encompasses a 20-year investigation into life on the streets that began with DeSoto's 1988 encounter with two homeless Houstonians, Ben White and Judy Pruitt, while on assignment with the Houston Chronicle. DeSoto's ongoing relationship with the duo allowed him to document their incredible

stories of hope and sorrow while exposing the self-perpetuating cycle of poverty, trauma and hopelessness that afflicts thousands of citizens living in the shadows in America's cities. For opening, see September 12 in EVENTS section below.

SPEAKER AND FILM SERIES

Since 2001, HCCS' Northwest College has presented 'THE REEL' in both fall and spring semesters. These events are open to the public as well as the students. For the complete fall schedule, see below after the EVENTS section.

EVENTS

Environmental Injustice in Texas “ Friday, September 5

First Friday Forum features Evelyn Merz, president of the Sierra Club of Houston. She will lead a discussion of environmental injustice in Texas, concentrating on air, water, habitat loss and fragmentation, and waste and recycling. Attendees will consider a map of environmental injustice in Texas. A key question will be: who is responsible for remedying environmental injustice. 7:30 p.m. in Ahern Room of Crooker Center at Un. of St. Thomas, 3909 Graustark (parking in Moran Center Parking Garage on Graustark).

Screening of 'Kamp Katrina' “ Tuesday, September 9

This award-winning cinema verite documentary follows a small group of people who have taken refuge in a garden transformed into a tent city by an extraordinary New Orleans couple, Ms. Pearl and her husband, David. Filmed over six months in New Orleans' Bywater/Upper Ninth Ward, 'Kamp Katrina' focuses on the dialectic

between madness and hope in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Free, but donations welcome. 7 p.m. at River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray. For more information, visit <http://www.houstonculture.org/film>.

Screening of 'Intimidad' “ Wednesday, September 10

'Intimidad' is a story of life on the Mexico-Texas border, as the filmmakers follow a family on their quest for financial security in Reynosa. Cecy and Camilo, ages 21, recently moved to the border from Santa Maria, Puebla with a dream to save money, buy land, and build a home. A year later they return to their rural hometown to reunite with their two year-old daughter Loida. What seems like a satisfying reunion turns into a confusing dilemma that transforms the course of their marriage. Both the family in the film and the directors documented 'Intimidad' over the course of five years, lending the story to an intimate, dream-like impression. Free, but donations welcome. 7 p.m. at River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray. For more information, visit <http://www.houstonculture.org/film>.

Screening of Pilger's 'The War on Democracy' “ Thursday, September 11

The Houston Peace Forum presents this film by internationally famous journalist and documentary filmmaker John Pilger and Chris Martin. It's set in Latin America and the U.S. and explores the historic and current relationship of Washington with countries such as Venezuela, Bolivia and Chile. Refreshments at 7:15 p.m., screening at 7:30. A discussion will follow. First Unitarian Universalist Church, Room 302, 5200 Fannin. For more information, contact Pat Nichols, 713/681-6267, nicholspat@awesomenet.net.

Opening of Ben Tecumseh DeSoto: Understanding Poverty “ Friday, September 12

For more on the show, see above under PHOTO EXHIBIT. 6-8 p.m. at DiverseWorks Main Gallery, 1117 East Freeway. For more information, call 713/223-8346.

Postville: Immigrant abuse beyond America's backroads “ Wednesday, September 17

The recent raid on a meat-packing plant in Postville, Iowa revealed abuse of immigrant workers both by their employer and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials. Stephen Bloom, professor of journalism at Un. of Iowa and author 'Postville: A Clash of Cultures in the Heartland,' and Erik Camayd-Freixas, asso. prof. of Latin American literature at Florida International Un., who served as an interpreter for the workers following the raid, will discuss the event and its implications. 7 p.m. at Rothko Chapel, 1406 Sul Ross. For more information and to RSVP on-line, visit www.rothkochapel.org.

Protest Against Sweatshop Labor use at UH “ Thursday, September 18

The Student Government Association, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate all voted to have the University of Houston sign on to the Designated Supplier Program, which commits buyers to avoid sweatshop labor for their apparel. UH Chancellor and President Renu Khator will not allow that to happen. She even refused the recommendation of her hand-picked 'apparel task force' to affiliate with the third party independent labor monitoring organization Worker Rights Consortium. On September 18 Khator will take part in an 'investiture' ceremony at Cullen Auditorium, where she will be officially sworn in as President and Chancellor of the University of Houston. Protestors will stand outside to make her commitment to injustice known. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by UH Students Against Sweatshops. For more information, email uofh.sas@gmail.com.

Reception for Michael Klare hosted by Sissy Farenthold “ Thursday, September 18

Sissy Farenthold is hosting this reception in honor of Michael Klare in the party room of her residence high-rise, Lamar Towers, at Buffalo Speedway and W. Alabama. Proceeds of the reception will benefit the anti-war and peace work of the Houston Peace and Justice Center. \$35 to attend; \$100 patrons will receive an autographed copy of Klare's latest book, 'Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy.' By early September it will be possible to register on-line at www.hpjc.org. Or call 281/414-1386.

Michael Klare on resource wars “ Thursday, September 18

Five Colleges professor of Peace and World Security Studies, Klare is defense correspondent of The Nation magazine, and author of numerous books in the area of foreign and military policy. His most recent books are 'Resource Wars,' 'Blood and Oil: The Dangers and Consequences of America's Growing Petroleum Dependency,' and 'Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy.' Klare teaches at Hampshire College, Amherst College, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He serves on the boards of directors of Human Rights Watch and the Arms Control Association. He is a regular contributor to many publications, including The Nation, TomDispatch, Mother Jones, and is a frequent columnist for Foreign Policy in Focus. Sponsored by Houston Peace and Justice Center, Veterans for Peace-Chapter 12, and Oil Patch Democrats. 7 p.m. in Fondren Hall of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main. Park in the lot across from the church on Fannin St. For more information, call 281/414-1386.

Award-winning foreign affairs journalist Robert Fisk “ Sunday, September 21

Described by the New York Times as “probably one of the most famous foreign correspondents of Britain,” he has had over thirty years of experience in international reporting in Belfast, Sarajevo, Beirut, and Baghdad. His understanding of journalism is “that it must challenge authority “ all authority “ especially when governments and politicians take us to war.” He is considered the world’s most decorated foreign correspondent, having received numerous awards including the British Press Award’s International Journalist of the Year seven times. His publications include The Point of No Return: the Strike Which Broke the British in Ulster, In the Time of War: Ireland, Ulster and the Price of Neutrality, Pity the Nation: Lebanon at War and The Great War for Civilization: the Conquest of the Middle East. 3 p.m.: 'Don't Trust the Press: Why Intelligence Sources Are Not Good Enough;' 7 p.m.: 'The Lessons of History: Why We Should Not Have Invaded Iraq.' Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. For more information, call the Chapel, 713/524-9839.

TCEQ hearing on toxic wells in Montgomery

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Grassroots Leadership fights family detention *

FAMILIES BEHIND BARS IN AMERICA?

Dear Friends,

If you watched Democracy Now! last month, you saw Grassroots Leadership organizer Luissana Santibañez talking about her mother's experience with a for-profit immigrant detention center. Luissana's family is not the only one to be devastated by detention. Now, the United States is keeping entire families locked up in for-profit detention centers.

The T. Don Hutto Family Detention Center in Taylor, Texas incarcerates children and their parents in a converted medium-security prison. The Corrections Corporation of America, a for-profit private prison corporation, makes money on every child incarcerated at Hutto.

Many families at Hutto came to the United States fleeing persecution. Asylum-seekers fleeing civil conflict in Eastern Africa, Iraqi Christians fleeing religious persecution, and Central Americans seeking refuge from drug, gang and domestic violence - they all entered America with hope for a better life.

No one should profit from children behind bars. This spring, Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced plans to build three new family detention centers, expanding the system of family detention made infamous at Hutto.

Grassroots Leadership, along with our ally Texans United for Families, is launching a national campaign to end the detention of immigrant families. We are pushing for programs that keep families together and out of jail. These alternative programs are more humane, far less costly, and effective at ensuring that immigrants attend their immigration court hearings.

Grassroots Leadership needs your help to close Hutto and stop the growth of family detention. Please donate now.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.

Bob Libal
Texas Campaigns Coordinator
Grassroots Leadership

View Hutto: America's Family Prison a video documentary on how family detention impacts immigrant children.

Arrange a screening of Hutto: America's Family Prison and discussion with your community group or in your place of worship.

Contact Texas organizers Bob Libal or Luissana Santibañez
(512) 499-8111

Please help us build a movement to end family detention.
Forward this message.

Thank you.

Si Kahn
Executive Director
Grassroots Leadership

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Performing for Peace in the Heart of Houston! Oct 4 *

Subject: Performing for Peace in the Heart of Houston!
Greetings!

The Houston division of the SGI-USA, a non-profit world peace organization, is presenting the 2008 Culture Festival entitled "Performing for Peace" coming up on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at a beautiful new outdoor venue on the lawn of the Dow School in historic Sixth Ward neighborhood. Your readers (or listeners/viewers) will love to know about this festival that celebrates and encourages peace through culture and the arts. The 2008 Culture Festival is free and open to all.

See the official press release (attached and pasted below) for details. I've also attached a web resolution photo of the Taiko drumming group for your use. Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or if you would like a high resolution photo.

Thank you and take care!
Regards,
Brittane Lewis

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Media Contact: K.C. Scharnberg

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Indigenous Dignity Day /Dia De La Raza - 10/12 *

From: Antonio Diaz

Sent: Tuesday, September 02, 2008 7:52 PM

Subject: Fw: Indigenous Dignity Day /Dia De La Raza Oct. 12th 2008 San Antonio TX.

Indigenous People were here to meet Christopher Columbus and all other Immigrants on 1492 and there after. We are organizing a March and Rally for Oct.12Th 2008. As descendants of the original inhabitants of this Continent we are Celebrating our heritage and Honoring our Ancestors. Our Ancestors as the first "Working Class" of this Continent created much of what is in use today. We call on the support of all Unions to join our March and Rally. The displacement of our Ancestors from our lands is a historical fact , that is yet to be taken into account by this and all other Immigrant Governments that divided our Ancestors Lands amongst themselves and legislate Laws that criminalize the descendants of the original inhabitants. Our Ancestors were Human before any ships landed on our Ancestors shores. We proclaim Ancestral Land Rights , the right to migrate anywhere on this continent with out being hunted down , detained ,incarcerated, deported ,removed. We call on all upholders of Human Rights to join us on Oct. 12Th 2008 to protest for Human Rights. @p.m. at Columbus Park located at Martin and Santa Rosa downtown San Antonio. Start organizing a Human Rights March in your area for Oct. 12Th Indigenous Dignity Day/Dia de La Raza.

Antonio Diaz

Founder: Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice San Antonio TX.

Organizer: Free the Children Coalition

Spokesperson: Texas Indigenous Council

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: NEXT WED:: Noche Azul: CD Release Concierto! *

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center invites you to celebrate 1 year of ...Noche Azul de Esperanza 1 year Anniversary!
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Wednesday
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922 San Pedro Ave ☿ San Antonio TX 78212
(entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

210.228.0201

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TITLE: AUSTIN: : Immigration, Generational Detachment and Getting (Re)membe *

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DDCE Fall Lecture Series

"The Coyoauhqui Journey: Immigration, Generational Detachment and Getting (Re)membered in Mexico"

Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D.

Associate Vice President for School Partnerships,

Division of Diversity and Community Engagement

Director of the Texas Center for Education Policy

Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Professor, Department of Educational Administration

September 9, 2008

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Texas Union, Santa Rita Room (3.502)

Angela Valenzuela's presentation will cover her year as a Fulbright scholar in Mexico. Aside from conducting formal research on the topics of immigration, human rights, and binational relations, Valenzuela made an astonishing discovery. On Good Friday, she discovered a very old and large extended family that has lived in the remote Sierras of Mexico's Southern state of Guerrero for close to two hundred years. This discovery led Valenzuela to make reference to the Aztec deity, the Coyoauhqui, who was decapitated and quartered by her brother who successfully terminated her dominion. Valenzuela uses her personal experience to recast the U.S. assimilation experience as one of spiritual, psychological, and familial dismemberment. Valenzuela shares what it means to be (re)membered in the deeply-rooted, life-and thought-world of her family in Mexico.

Sponsored by

the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and the Center for Mexican American Studies

of the College of Liberal Arts at

The University of Texas at Austin

For more information about the event

please call 512-471-4557 or visit the following web

sites: www.utexas.edu/depts/cmas/ or www.utexas.edu/diversity/

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Raise Your Voices for Justice & Human Rights *

Join the Human Rights
Immigrant Community Action Network

Help build a HURRICANE for Justice & Human Rights! In This Issue Organizing Communities for Justice & Human Rights: Stop the Raids Tell Your Story, Track & Denounce Abuses Tell Your Story, Track & Denounce Abuses

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HURRICANE trainings are offered in a workshop setting or through a webinar telephone conference call. [Click Here to Sign Up for a Hurricane Training](#) Or to [Schedule a Workshop in Your Community!](#)

Haga clic aqui para ver el horario de entrenamientos.

SCHEDULE A TRAINING WORKSHOP: NNIRR offers a training workshop for community members and groups to learn how to incorporate the monitoring and documentation of human rights into your work. This workshop will help you strengthen and expand the community's organizing strategy for the changes it wants.

Please inquire to schedule monitoring & documentation training workshop in your community. [Click here to Email us!](#) The workshop can be done multi-lingually and in English or Spanish.

WEBINARS: Through our on-line and in-person trainings, you can learn to use the Martus communications database, learning the basic functions, as well as helping you set up your own account and connecting you to the Martus server. Hurricane provides Martus, a basic tool to track, document and communicate human rights violations.

SIGN-UP HERE for an introduction to Martus and Hurricane. Please indicate the training date in the subject-line of your email. Conference call webinar training:

- Tues, Sept. 9, 2:00-3:00 pm PST
- Tues, Sept. 16, 2:00-3:00 pm PST
- Tues, Sept. 23, 2:00-3:00 pm PST
- Tues, Sept. 30, 2:00-3:00 pm PST

SIGN-UP HERE for advanced webinar training for HURRICANE members. Please indicate the training date in the subject-line of your email:

- Wed, Sept. 10, 10:00-11:00 am PST
- Wed, Sept. 17, 10:00-11:00 am PST
- Wed, Sept. 24 10:00-11:00 am PST

Please reserve your space in the webinars, RSVP to: lrvivas@nnirr.org
Or call (510) 465-1984 ext. 304

REMEMBER: You can also contact us to set up a time and date that is convenient for your organization or community. [Click here to email us to set up a Hurricane workshop training session!](#)

If you haven't done so already, NNIRR invites you to sign up now and join Hurricane, filling out and sending us the form via fax or email. [Click here to contribute to the 100 Stories project or to join Hurricane.](#)

Contact the HURRICANE initiative:

Tel (510) 465-1984 ext 304 & 305

Email: [Laura Rivas Irivas@nnirr.org](mailto:Laura.Rivas.Irivas@nnirr.org)

Or Arnoldo Garcia agarcia@nnirr.org Haga clic aqui para leer este mensaje en espaÃ±ol

Dear NNIRR compaÃ±eras & compaÃ±eros,

Our heart and solidarity goes out to the communities of color, working people and immigrant communities in the Gulf Coast who have been hit hard by natural and social disasters. First, on August 25, ICE unleashed a repressive immigration raid against workers in Laurel, Mississippi; 595 were arrested. Then a few days later, with the trauma of Katrina still fresh in our communal memory, the threat of Gustav hurricane forced hundreds of thousands to flee the region.

To prevent a greater disaster, here at the National Network, we believe that we need to build a hurricane for justice and human rights together!

Over the past year, NNIRR launched its new initiative, Hurricane: the Human Rights Immigrant Community Action Network, to work with communities to track, report and seek redress for abuses committed against immigrant and refugee members of our communities.

Hurricane promotes and strengthens community organizing for justice. Hurricane is providing training in monitoring and documenting human rights violations to scores of community groups and organizers.

You and your organization are invited to participate in the trainings or schedule one today. [Click here to register for Hurricane training and networking opportunities.](#)

Hurricane offers tools, workshops and dialogue so that together we can determine the changes we want and how we're going to get them.

Community leadership and participation and leadership is at the heart of Hurricane. This is the key to tracking human rights violations and working together to decide how to stop and prevent abuses.

Please contact HURRICANE at:

Tel (510) 465-1984 ext 304 and ext. 305

Email: [Laura Rivas Irivas@nnirr.org](mailto:Laura.Rivas.Irivas@nnirr.org)

Or Arnoldo Garcia agarcia@nnirr.org

Organizing Communities for Justice & Human Rights: Stop the Raids This fall, Hurricane members, along with other groups that are tracking and reporting human rights violations, will have a key opportunity to expose the abuses as part of a NNIRR campaign to stop immigration raids.

Raids are just the tip of the iceberg of human rights abuses and violations plaguing our communities. ([Click here to see NNIRR's chronology of immigration raids.](#))

How big is the detention and deportation system and how do raids fit in the system? For example, the Department of Homeland Security deported over 276,000 immigrants in 2007. Less than 1.5% (one and half

per cent) of those deported in 2007 were through ICE raids. DHS reported 4,077 persons deported through ICE raids alone (See: www.ice.gov/doclib/about/ice07ar_final.pdf).

DHS/ICE uses raids to deliberately send shock waves through communities, threatening them and perpetuating massive rights violations with impunity.

By demanding an end to immigration raids, we expose the mammoth system of prisons, policing, criminalization and militarization that allows the government to deport hundreds of thousands every year violating their rights.

Stopping raids and ending detentions and deportations are key to demanding a fair and just legalization. In order to get the type of legalization that will improve the lives of immigrant families, communities and workers, we must also demand the restoration of civil rights and liberties, the protection and expansion of labor rights, family reunification, and ending the backlogs and expanding legal ways for people to enter the country.

Ending raids also means decriminalizing immigration status and demilitarizing immigration and border control. U.S. immigration laws, policies and border security deliberately send migrants to their deaths, buttressing the exploitation and abuse of immigrants at the U.S. border and in the interior.

That's why we need to track and report abuses and together decide the changes we need. Raids are the culmination of systematic abuses that are taking place where people live, work, worship, study and play. Click here to report a raid or other abuse or human rights violation committed against members of our community.

Tell Your Story, Track & Denounce Abuses

Hurricane works! Earlier this year NNIRR released Hurricane's first human rights report covering 2006-2007, *Over-Raided, Under Siege: U.S. Immigration Laws and Enforcement Destroy the Rights of Immigrants*, documenting some 200 raids and over 100 stories of abuse provided by community organizations and members from across the country.

Over-Raided, Under Siege exposes five trends of abuses, including raids, intensification of immigration control at the workplace, increased detentions and deportations, border militarization and violence against migrants, and the escalation of immigration police collaboration with local, county and state governments. To read or download a copy of the report, click here:

"First MEChA Meeting of the semester!" on Monday, September 8 at 8:00pm.

Event: First MEChA Meeting of the semester!

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What: Club/Group Meeting

Host: MEChA Rocks Your P****e Face!

Start Time: Monday, September 8 at 8:00pm

End Time: Monday, September 8 at 9:00pm

Where: Pearce Hall (1st floor of Tx Union) UT Austin

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Path to Peace stroll on 9-11 *

The San Antonio Vigil for Peace (SVP) was created immediately after the 9-11 attacks. It meets every Thursday from 4 to 5pm at the corner of W. Commerce and S. Flores behind the city council chambers.

SAVP and the Mexican American Peace Project TV program (8:30pm on Fridays on channel 20) are sponsoring the first annual æPath to Peace Stroll. Its goals are to honor the victims of the 9-11 attacks and to promote peace. It will start at the regular SAVP rally site at 4:00pm on 9-11-08. We will walk single file on the inside of the sidewalk to the Alamo Plaza Park.

Please join us. Create your own signs. Wear pink

There will be a meeting on the steps of City Hall, Thursday, Sept.04, 2008 at 5:00pm. A last minute planning meeting will be held Monday, 9-8-08 at 11:30am at La Posada Del Rey restaurant on Basse Rd. One block west of Broadway.

Please forward this information to your friends and family and have them join us.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: After the Raids - NAM *

After the Raids

Colorlines, News report, Valeria Fernandez ,

ERASMA ZUNSN LOPEZ lives a cautious life since the day she was arrested during an immigration raid almost two years ago. Now, doors are always double-locked and curtains are shut at her home. She lives near a police station in Greeley, Colorado, and she shivers any time she sees a police officer. She rushes back into her house when a white van approaches the station. She cries often for no immediate reason. Recurring nightmares haunt her. She no longer takes her eight grandchildren to the park a few blocks away. Her worst fear is to be separated from them again.

Lopez was one of 262 people who were arrested in 2006 when federal immigration agents raided the Swift & Company meatpacking plant in Greeley where she worked. About 1,300 workers were arrested at six of the company's sites nationwide. Since the raid, justice has been postponed for at least 32 immigrant families like hers who live in legal limbo while they wait to see an immigration judge in October.

"They are stuck," said Ricardo Romero, a Colorado immigrant rights activist. "They can't work...what the hell are you doing giving them court dates two years after they've been arrested?"

"We used to have two checks coming in, now it's only one...we're limited in food [and] clothes, and gas is expensive." Many of the workers arrested in Greeley were Mexicans and Guatemalans, but the group also included Hondurans, Ethiopians and Laotians.

Among those from Mexico and Guatemala were many indigenous peoples from those countries who lived in families here with mixed documentation status. While they may not be citizens, they have U.S.-born children and spouses, or siblings who are citizens. Most of those arrested that day signed documents for voluntary deportation. Others, like Lopez, chose to fight in court to stay, even if their likelihood of winning was remote. Some who were deported have already crossed the border again and are back with their children and working in Greeley's underground economy.

Al Frente de Lucha, a nonprofit organization run by Romero, has been helping 17 families with supplies and food coupons with the support of a local church, but help is running out.

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Lopez worked for nine years at the Swift plant. It was a tough and dirty job, but it paid. She cleaned cattle carcasses with a knife, taking out hairs, grease and sometimes excrement. Her chest often hurt from the weight of lifting and turning the carcasses, and it still does.

The morning of the raid, the assembly line stopped earlier than usual, Lopez recalled. Workers were summoned to the cafeteria for a break.

After getting out of her metallic protective gear, Lopez heard the turmoil from a distance.

"La migra! Es la migra!" It was too late to get away.

"Where are you going?" asked one of the security guards.

"I'm going to the restroom," she answered.

She admits now that she was lying. "I was too afraid they'd take me away. I wouldn't see my grandchildren."

Her husband, Jorge Martinez, arrived in disbelief at the plant as he saw his wife carried into one of the last buses; she was handcuffed at her hands and feet.

Several families live together in one house out of fear that another raid will come. "They were taking them like criminals," described Martinez. "They had helicopters [and] vans. Children were crying outside, 'mamÃ¡, papÃ¡.' Police were pushing the desperate crowd back." He had never seen anything like that in his 20 years of living in the U.S.

A couple of blocks from his house, ICE was knocking on doors and taking people from their homes.

That very day, Martinez went to school to pick up his niece's 9-year-old son. She had also been arrested and, shortly after, deported. Like many other people, she came back across the border, breaking a foot on the trip across.

"There are still children to this date [who] don't have their parent by their side," Martinez said with sorrow and anger. "Who gave them a diaper, a taco? Who cared to pick them up from school? Can't the government see what it's doing to its own children?"

Martinez's and Lopez's stories reflect the complicated maze of legalizing one's status. Originally from Chiapas, Mexico, Martinez had recently become a U.S. citizen and applied to legalize his wife's status. Because Lopez had entered the country illegally, she would have to go back to Mexico and wait until the process was completed, which would take years. The very same regulations requiring immigrants to return to Mexico also bar them from returning to the U.S. if they entered the country and remained illegally.

"I didn't want to separate the family, nor take my grandchildren to a land that is not their own," said Martinez.

Life has changed dramatically since the raid.

"We used to have two checks coming in, now it's only one," said Martinez. "We're limited in food [and] clothes, and gas is expensive." He works the 10 p.m.-to-7 a.m. night shift at the local Wal-Mart, waxing floors for \$11.50 an hour.

"If I don't work those hours, I can't buy a gallon of milk," said Martinez, a U.S. citizen who now supports his eight U.S.-born grandchildren and won't allow his son and two daughters, who are undocumented, to work with fake papers.

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The town of Greeley itself also hasn't been quite the same since las redadas (the raids). Commerce City, the local flea market, doesn't see as many Latino families as there used to be, according to Martinez. "The color of our skin condemns us," he said about his fear of being detained by the police even though he is a U.S. citizen.

Greeley has always been a city split in two. The western side is where most of the white population concentrates, and Latinos largely live on the eastern side near the giant Swift & Company meatpacking

plant. The town has long been an agricultural hub, and in recent decades the meatpacking industry has attracted an immigrant workforce. Latinos are about one-third of the almost 94,000 residents in the town.

The raids brought to the surface the divisive politics behind immigration.

"Most people realized they were hiring all kinds of workers there, some documented and some not, but they were winking or pretending it wasn't happening," said Steve Brown, a retired pastor from Family of Christ Presbyterian Church. "When the raid happened, it got ugly. We started seeing articles saying 'Send them all home,' 'Kick the illegals out of here' [and] 'They don't have rights.'"

Tom Selders, the city's two-term Republican mayor, didn't get reelected after speaking out against the raids in Washington D.C. and endorsing a Senate immigration reform proposal that was equated with amnesty. Critics of the mayor and supporters of federal worksite enforcement blamed illegal immigration for a rise in violent crime in the town and \$36 million in uncollected bills at the local hospital. Weld County District Attorney Kenneth Buck was involved in the prosecution of 20 identity theft cases related to the raids and even suggested establishing a local Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office.

Over the last two years, ICE—the interior enforcement arm of the Department of Homeland Security—has stepped up its worksite crackdowns, nearly doubling the number of workers arrested. Immigrant workers are increasingly criminally charged with identity theft for using fraudulent social security numbers and a fake name to get a job.

Meanwhile, only about 90 owners, supervisors or hiring officials were arrested in fiscal year 2007, compared with nearly 4,900 arrests that involved undocumented workers, fake document providers and others, according to figures from ICE. In the first quarter of 2008, 75 owners were arrested, compared to more than 3,675 workers.

In May, ICE agents arrested 389 workers when they raided the Agriprocessors Inc. meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa. More than 297 workers were criminally charged and sentenced during the same month in mass judicial hearings.

The increased crackdown and criminalization of workers are drawing criticism from immigrant rights advocates, who are fearful that this will become the future trend for law enforcement. A report produced by the National Council of La Raza in conjunction with the Urban Institute documents the inadequacy of government provisions for tending to the needs of families and the children caught in the middle of these raids. The report estimates that there are 5 million children in the country who are citizens and have at least one immigrant parent who is undocumented.

As a result of the increased crackdown, local communities like Greeley have been left to improvise solutions.

Shortly after the raids, Ricardo Romero realized he needed to move quicker than most organizations do to get aid to families. He managed to raise \$30,000 worth of food, baby formula, diapers, clothing and other items. But that's no longer the case.

"The money is dried up after so long we don't have any money coming," he said.

The Family of Christ Presbyterian Church, a 60-member congregation, received a \$15,000 grant from the national Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund in 2007. They were able to help more than 24 families for a period of a year with \$100 food coupons, but the money ran out at the beginning of June.

"People are frightened to seek help," said Ann Ratcliffe, a church member and local resident who helped with the efforts. "We're trying to figure out what our next step will be."

Families like Marina Vicente's rely heavily on this aid. She is a stay-at-home mother with four children. "Thank God people like Ricardo help us," said Vicente, who is part of the K'iche' community in Greeley that was largely impacted by the raids. "I don't have work. It's only beans and tortillas."

Vicente was six months pregnant when ICE detained her at the meatpacking plant. The emotional ordeal was so massive she had a nervous breakdown. She was afraid it would hurt her baby, but her daughter Laura, who recently turned a year old, is healthy.

"I'm traumatized with what happened. I'll beg God so I can forget," said Vicente, whose court date is in October. "I was raised to earn my food with the sweat of my brows; if they decide to send me back, I'll leave."

There are jobs available in Greeley, but many immigrants won't dare take them. Some families have started selling Mexican and Guatemalan homemade tamales. Others have taken on informal work cleaning yards or doing domestic and handyman work. A couple decided to take the chance of working in the carrot fields. Several families live together in one house out of fear that another raid will come.

"If times are bad here, can you imagine how much worse it gets in our countries?" said Ernesto Sichy Garcia, a Guatemalan immigrant. He and his wife, Isaura Sontay, were arrested in the raids. They don't have children, but sometimes they still find it hard to pay rent. A local banker gave them a place to live and often excuses them when they are late with a payment.

Garcia started working at the Swift plant two years before the raid because a friend convinced him he could make more money than working on the ranches, where he made between \$5 and \$7 an hour. "I was paying taxes I could never claim," he said.

After being held for four months in an immigration detention center in Texas, Garcia returned to find that many of his Guatemalan family members were gone. "They didn't explain anything to us; just 'sign here,' and that's the end of it," he said. "I wasn't about to sign anything without an explanation."

Many families are anxiously awaiting the October decision of a judge who will dictate their future in the U.S. Lopez clings to the hope she will be allowed to stay to continue to raise her grandchildren. "If Gods grants me this wish, I [will] stay here," she said.

Valeria Fernández is a reporter for La Voz newspaper in Phoenix, Arizona.

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NAM immigration coverage

When An Immigrant Mom Gets Arrested

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Air, Arsenic and Asarco (El Paso) *

September 4, 2008

Air, Arsenic and Asarco

by Kent Paterson

As El Paso Doctor Elaine Barron reminded the audience, what we produce, what we consume, what we discard, and what makes us sick are all ultimately connected. Speaking in Sunland Park, New Mexico, before an August meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee for the Improvement of Air Quality (JAC), a binational US-Mexico organization that advises environmental policy-makers on issues of concern in the Paso del Norte region, Dr. Barron sketched the links between toxins like arsenic and diseases such as diabetes. She emphasized how air pollution, for example, can trigger respiratory disorders in children.

"I see it everyday," said the borderland physician, adding she notices a rise in children with irritated eyes visiting her hospital during the border city's Ozone Action Days.

In rapid-fire sequence, Dr. Barron laid out the possible environmental health consequences of mounting pollution. Citing a recent study of 11.7 million cases of seven chronic diseases in Texas in 2003, Dr. Barron said the economic toll topped more than \$92.5 billion in losses from worker absenteeism and other impacts. If present disease trends continue, she warned, the economic costs to the state could reach \$242 billion in 2023.

A major issue, Dr. Barron said, is the assault on public health from the combined effects of pollutants we live with every day—dust, chemicals, heavy metals and the like. Complicating the panorama, she added, are matters of life-style, genetics, topography, temperature, and climate change.

Dr. Barron urged decision makers to take a second look at utilizing cumulative risk assessment studies, a policy framework considered by the Clinton administration but abandoned in recent years, according to the environmental health advocate.

"Public health should be touched by politics," Dr. Barron contended.

JAC co-chair, William Luthans, an official with Region 6 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, agreed that modern times present tricky scenarios for environmental policy-makers who confront problems that can't always be pegged into a simple square. That's why the federal agency regards PM 2.5, for instance, as not a single pollutant but as a whole class of contaminants. "That's the nature of the challenge we face," Luthans said.

In the growing, cross-border Paso del Norte region, environmental challenges run a broad gamut from air pollution to clean water to toxic waste clean-up and more.

In Ciudad Juarez, a new organization made up of private businesses, environmental advocates and government officials, Ciudad Juarez Pro-Aire has emerged with a new proposal to help make the Mexican city's air cleaner. At the JAC meeting, a representative of Baker & McKenzie, an international law firm active on climate change and other issues in 70 nations, unveiled the proposal on behalf of the Ciudad Juarez group.

Denisse Varela, a Ciudad Juarez attorney for Baker&McKenzie, said a major goal of Ciudad Juarez Pro-Aire is to set up an environmental trust fund that will provide money for a cleaner air basin. According to a Juarez Pro-Aire document distributed at the Sunland Park meeting, financing for the fund could come in part from a new tax on gasoline and diesel approved by the Mexican Congress in September 2007. A small portion of the proceeds is earmarked for the Federal District and the states. According to Ciudad Juarez Pro-Aire, other sources of funding could flow from State of Chihuahua and municipal coffers.

Ciudad Juarez Pro-Aire seeks funding for cleaner taxis and buses, better air conditioning systems, vehicle upgrades, and renewable energy sources for maquiladora plants. The current, polluting urban

transportation system results in "reductions in the quality of life of the inhabitants of Ciudad Juarez," the group notes.

In an interview with Frontera NorteSur, Varela said Ciudad Juarez Pro-Aire is shooting for the signing of a collaborative agreement among the municipal, state and federal governments before the year ends. The next key step would be the creation of the trust fund, which is expected to be administered by a private bank. Varela said details about contracts, commissions and fees still need to be worked out, but trust fund proponents want loans kept in the three or five percent interest rate range- a figure far below what Mexican banks currently charge. Until now, no exact amount of how much money the trust fund will raise and disburse has been determined, Varela added.

"Unfortunately, the quantity that we are seeking for the trust fund might not resolve the problems 100 percent," Varela said, "but it could be a good catalyst for a good percentage of these (environmental) problems to be tackled."

In an important statement, the JAC took on the controversy over the mothballed Asarco smelter in El Paso. Responding to widespread public concerns, the JAC passed a resolution by a vote of 18-0 that calls on the co-chairs of the US Border 2012 Program Air Policy forum to encourage federal and state governments with jurisdictional authority over the old Asarco plant to take actions in favor of public health and the environment. Abstaining from the vote were the Texas Commission in Environmental Quality and the City of El Paso, both of which have pending legal issues with Asarco, and a representative of private industry. The JAC recommended that regulators review air quality permit activities; assess whether legacy issues of lead, arsenic and other contamination pose continued environmental hazards; determine if a partial or full clean-up of the smelter site is warranted; and assure public oversight of air pollution emissions as well as air quality monitors the smelter will need to operate if it reopens. In the interest of public transparency, the JAC endorsed the creation of a binational Asarco citizen's advisory committee to oversee the smelter's operations.

Although the TCEQ granted Asarco a five-year air quality permit earlier this year, uncertainty prevails over whether the plant will actually reopen and begin smelting copper again. Asarco's proposed sale for \$2.6 billion to Sterlite Industries, a subsidiary of the London-based Vedanta Resources company associated with Indian billionaire Anil Agarwal, was publicly announced last May.

Curiously, the deal did not include the El Paso property, which stayed in the hands of longtime owner Grupo Mexico. During the recent battle over corporate control of Asarco, Grupo Mexico said it did not intend to reopen its El Paso facility and would work with US officials to clean up the property. A bankruptcy judge now is weighing the offers for the Asarco.

Commenting on Asarco's smelting of military and other wastes in El Paso during the 1990s, the JAC recognized that "trust in future operations has been undermined by past findings of illegal hazardous waste processing and legacy effects of previous facility operations."

Attending the meeting, Sierra Club activist Bill Guerra-Addington urged the JAC to stay on top of the hazardous waste issue, which local environmentalists are still trying to get to the bottom of after many years. "It needs to be acknowledged by every one of you what happened with Asarco," Guerra-Addington said.

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TITLE: Two Articles About Immigrants--Mississippi and Texas *

Dear Friends,

Here's two articles in the recent issue of Workers World newspaper regarding immigrants in the US. One is about the raid in Mississippi and the other a ;short report about a Houston struggle. Click on the headline to see full article or go to www.workers.org.

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Lesson of ICE arrests in Laurel, Miss.

Attacks on immigrants hurt all workers

At the very same time that the Democratic Party was making great promises to the people of this country at its convention in Colorado, the largest immigration raid to date was taking place in Laurel, Miss....

Workers fight to get paid

Several months ago, the owner of La Pupusa Loca restaurant in Houston started making excuses for not paying the workers...

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TITLE: ARTICLE: "Disrespect for human beings is in the DNA of the current s *

On Behalf Of Greg Rodriguez

--- On Fri, 9/5/08, coaimmwkr wrote:

From: coaimmwkr

Subject: [ciw-announce] "Disrespect for human beings is in the DNA of the current system," Editorial

To: ciw-announce@yahooogroups.com

Date: Friday, September 5, 2008, 12:13 PM

The Ft. Myers News-Press published a scorching editorial yesterday on the most recent slavery case out of Immokalee, excoriating the Florida agricultural industry for its dependence on "a culture of human exploitation and disrespect for the law."

You can find the editorial, entitled, "Purge US of shame of slavery," at the CIW website, <http://www.ciw-online.org>

Here's an excerpt:

"The successful prosecution of five Immokalee residents on slavery charges is satisfying, but the brutal details of their treatment of farm workers show how warped the agricultural labor system is...

This is among six slavery cases the Coalition of Immokalee Workers has helped prosecute, freeing more than 1,000 people. Coalition member Gerardo Reyes asked Tuesday, "How many more workers have to be held against their will before the food industry steps up to the plate and demands that this never - ever - occur again in the produce that ends up on America's tables?"

Go to the CIW website, <http://www.ciw-online.org> , today for the full editorial. While there, you'll also find a link to the US Justice Department's press release announcing the convictions.

Thanks - Coalition of Immokalee Workers

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TITLE: How to Post on LNR *

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TITLE: ARTICLE: La Rayuela de Javier- El arresto de Amy Goodman-A MUST FOR *

From: javier rodriguez

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Subject: Fw:La Rayuela de Javier- El arresto de Amy Goodman-A MUST FOR LATINO MEDIA

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La Rayuela de Javier

Carajo! Aquí está lo que no publicó Univision y Telemundo nacional. En Los Angeles, la excepción fue el noticiario "En Contexto" de Ruben Luengas. Se dice pues, que la censura la están dirigiendo los directores/productores de noticias nacionales de corte conservador, republicanos y de la vieja guardia del exilio cubano. Con razón.

Escrito el 6 de septiembre de 2008 ' Opinión '

Amy Goodman*

¿Por qué fuimos injustamente arrestados?

Saint Paul. La represión a los periodistas practicada por el gobierno es una auténtica amenaza a la democracia. Durante la Convención Nacional Republicana, que se celebró esta semana en Saint Paul, Minnesota, la policía atacó sistemáticamente a los periodistas. Fui arrestada junto con dos de mis compañeros, los productores de Democracy Now! Sharif Abdel Kouddous y Nicole Salazar, cuando estábamos haciendo la cobertura informativa del primer día de la convención. He sido injustamente acusada de un delito menor. Mis colegas, que simplemente estaban informando, podrían ser acusados de provocar disturbios, un delito mucho más serio.

Las convenciones nacionales demócrata y republicana se han convertido en caros y prolongados eventos de teatro político, básicamente, cuatro días enteros de publicidad para promocionar a los principales candidatos a la presidencia. Del otro lado de las rejas de seguridad, se han convertido en importantes encuentros para los movimientos de base, para que la gente se reúna "en medio de las banderas, banderines, banderolas y guirnaldas" para expresar los derechos enumerados en la Primera Enmienda de la Constitución: "El Congreso no aprobará ninguna ley que establezca la adopción de una religión o la prohibición del libre ejercicio de la misma; o que coarte la libertad de expresión o de prensa, o el derecho del pueblo para reunirse pacíficamente y solicitar al gobierno la reparación de agravios."

Detrás de toda la hipocresía patriótica que acompaña a las convenciones, y los miles de periodistas y trabajadores de los medios que acuden a cubrir los eventos organizados para la ocasión, ocurren serias violaciones del derecho básico a la libertad de prensa. Aquí, en las calles de Saint Paul, la prensa tuvo la libertad de informar sobre los eventos oficiales de la Convención Nacional Republicana, pero no la libertad de informar sobre la violencia policial y los arrestos generalizados llevados a cabo contra aquellos que habían venido a hacer una petición a su gobierno, manifestándose.

El primero de septiembre era el Día del Trabajo (celebrado en Estados Unidos), y se estaba llevando a cabo una manifestación contra la guerra que contaba con una gran asistencia de gente, con familias de esta misma ciudad, estudiantes, veteranos y gente de todo el país que se había dado cita para oponerse a la guerra. Los manifestantes superaban enormemente en número a los delegados republicanos.

Había un ambiente positivo y festivo, unido a una creciente ansiedad por la trayectoria que estaba tomando el huracán Gustav, y por si Nueva Orleans sería devastada una vez más. Más tarde, durante ese mismo día, se produjo una manifestación espontánea no autorizada. Los policías "uniformados con equipamiento antidisturbios, cascos, protectores para la cara, porras y latas de gas pimienta" cargaron

contra la manifestación. Condujeron a manifestantes, peatones que pasaban por ahí y periodistas que estaban trabajando hasta un estacionamiento; allí los rodearon y empezaron a esposarlos. Nicole estaba grabando la escena. La grabación de su propio arresto, muy violento, resulta escalofriante. Policías con uniforme antidisturbios la atacaron, y le gritaron: «Contra el suelo». En la grabación se puede escuchar la voz de Nicole, repitiendo claramente «¡Prensa! ¡Prensa! ¿A dónde se supone que vamos?». Estaba atrapada entre los coches estacionados. La cámara cae al suelo en medio de los gritos de dolor de Nicole. Le golpearon la cara contra el asfalto, estaba sangrando por la nariz y tenía la bota o rodilla de un pesado agente sobre su espalda. Otro agente la tiraba de la pierna. Sharif fue lanzado contra una pared y pateado en el pecho; su brazo estaba sangrando.

Yo me encontraba en el Xcel Center, sede de la convención, entrevistando a los delegados republicanos. Acababa de entrevistar a la delegación de Minnesota, cuando recibí una llamada telefónica que me informaba que Sharif y Nicole habían sido brutalmente arrestados, en todo sentido. El cineasta Rick Rowley, de Big Noise Films, y yo fuimos caminando hasta donde se suponía que estaban mis compañeros. Sin aliento, llegamos al estacionamiento. Me acerqué a la barrera de policías antidisturbios y pedí hablar con el oficial a cargo, diciéndoles que habían detenido a periodistas acreditados.

No habían pasado unos segundos cuando me agarraron, me arrastraron hacia el otro lado de la barrera policial, me retorcieron los brazos, poniéndome a la fuerza tras la espalda, y me esposaron con unas rígidas esposas de plástico que se clavaban en mis muñecas. Pude ver a Sharif con el brazo cubierto de sangre y su acreditación de prensa colgando del cuello. Volví a decir que «¡Somos periodistas acreditados, y fue ahí que un agente del Servicio Secreto se acercó y me arrancó del cuello mi acreditación de prensa para la convención. Me llevaron al garaje de la policía de Saint Paul, donde se habían habilitado jaulas para detener a los manifestantes. Se me acusó de obstrucción a las tareas de un oficial de paz. Nicole y Sharif fueron llevados a prisión, acusados de provocar disturbios.

El ataque y posterior arresto contra mi persona y los productores de Democracy Now! no fue un suceso aislado. Una organización de videastas llamada I-Witness Video (Video soy testigo) había sufrido una redada dos días antes. Integrantes de otro grupo de documentalistas, el Colectivo Glass Bead, fueron detenidos, y sus cámaras y computadoras fueron confiscadas. El miércoles, I-Witness Video sufrió otra redada y finalmente fueron obligados a dejar la casa en la que habían montado su oficina. Cuando le pregunté al jefe de policía de Saint Paul, John Harrington, cómo se supone que deben trabajar los periodistas en semejante atmósfera, sugirió: «Incorporando a los periodistas como acompañantes de nuestra fuerza de patrullaje».

La noche del lunes, horas después de que fuéramos arrestados, y después de una gran protesta pública, Nicole, Sharif y yo fuimos liberados. Así fue nuestro Día del Trabajo. Gajes del oficio.

* Amy Goodman es la presentadora de Democracy Now! www.democracynow.org, noticiero internacional diario emitido en más de 700 emisoras de radio y televisión en Estados Unidos y el mundo.

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Esperanza Center Upcoming Events, Community Mtgs y mas! *

MEETING REMINDERS...Las Calles No Se Callan!

Our Streets Will Not be Silenced!

~ ~ ~

The work of informing a larger, and deeper conciencia continues!

Join the community struggle to Free Our Speech! Mon, Sept 8th

6:00pm

@ La Esperanza

(922 San Pedro)

Int'l Woman's Day March

Planning Committee

Meeting Tue, Sept 9th

6:30pm

@ La Esperanza

(922 San Pedro)

IWD Planning Com &

SA FreeSpeech Coalition

Meeting! *****! *****! *****! *****! *****! *****! *****! Wed, Sept

10th 8pm @ La Esperanza

Noche Azul de Esperanza:

1 Year

Aniversario

\$5 suggested donation

+ concessions sales!

September's Noche Azul celebrates 1 year of cantos y cuentos with Azul y special guests!! *****!

*****! *****! *****! *****! *****!

Friday, Sept 12th 6pm-7pm

@ Main Plaza (Cathedral Stage)

Main Plaza Conservancy presents 1st Annual Latino Music Festival

featuring

Las Tesoros del Westside

"Blanca Rosa" Rodriguez, Janet "Perla Tapatia" Cortez

Rita "La Calandria" Vidaurri,

Beatriz "La Paloma del Norte" Llamas,

+

Saturday, Sept 13th 6pm-7pm

@ Main Plaza (East Stage)

1st Annual Latino Music Festival continues with ...

... Azul!! *****! *****! *****! *****! *****!

*****! Saturday, Sept 13th 10am-10pm

@ Plaza Guadalupe

16 de Septiembre!
Annual Parade 10am: Brazos & Guadalupe St.
Festival 11am to 10pm: Plaza Guadalupe

Support local food vendors!
Help fund community projects!

BOOTH #10: Fuentes y Sanchez Lanier Scholarship Fund ~ Chalupas!

BOOTH #12: Rinconcito de Esperanza ~ Candy!!~~~~~!~~~~~!~~~~~!~~~~~!
~~~~~!~~~~~!~~~~~!~~~~~!Wednesday, Sept 17th 7pm-8:30pm

@ UTSA -1604 Campus  
University Center Ballroom Rm 1.106\*\*\*

The Bible in Public Schools:  
A 1st Amendment Guide  
An Audience Participation Forum

SPEAKERS: LISA GRAYBILL, ACLU of Texas Legal Director  
REV. JACK FERGUSON, Attorney and Baptist Minister

Presented by: ACLU UTSA Chapter, Americans United for Separation of Church and State SA, and Dee Villarrubia

\*\*\* DIRECTIONS:

- 1.Exit UTSA Blvd. 2.Drive to 2nd entrance, Edward Ximenes Ave. 3.Turn right.
  4. Park in Visitor Parking Garages on levels L or R.
- ALL METERED PARKING \$1 PER HOUR  
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center  
922 San Pedro Ave ☿ San Antonio TX 78212  
(entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

**210.228.0201**

**NUMBER:** 119

**PUBLISHED:** 9/7/2008 3:08:00 PM

**TITLE:** Se reacomodan carteles en Mexico \*

Los hermanos Beltrn Leyva crean nueva organizacin y controlan a gente de El Chapo  
Se reacomodan carteles: el del Golfo, el ms violento; pierde fuerza el de Sinaloa  
– El Lazca y El Coss disputan Veracruz, Yucatn, Michoacn y Quintana Roo: fuentes oficiales  
Gustavo Castillo Garca

Ampliar la imagen

El cartel del Golfo es la organizacin ms violenta y peligrosa, a pesar de que su liderazgo se ha atomizado, y el de Sinaloa, que dirige Joaqun El Chapo Guzmn Loera, se debilit al separarse del grupo de los hermanos Beltrn Leyva, revelan informes gubernamentales.

Fuentes de la Secretara de Seguridad Pblica (SSP) federal y de la Procuradura General de la Repblica (PGR) sealaron que se debe considerar que los hermanos Beltrn Leyva han conformado una nueva organizacin, debido a que controlan ahora a los operadores regionales de El Chapo y tienen redes propias de acopio y distribucin de drogas en el pas sosteniendo alianzas tanto con parte del cartel del Golfo como con el de Jurez.

En cuanto a la organizacin delictiva del Golfo, desde la extradicin de Osiel Crdenas Guilln a Estados Unidos en enero de 2007, una fraccin ha quedado en manos de Heriberto Lazcano Lazcano, El Lazca, ex miembro de fuerzas especiales del Ejrcito, y otra de Eduardo Costilla, El Coss.

Segn los funcionarios federales, el grupo dirigido por El Lazca ha ampliado, con base en la violencia, su rea de influencia y ha avanzado hacia la zona norte del pas, teniendo centros importantes en Coahuila, Durango y Sonora. Tambin tiene presencia en Guerrero, Michoacn, Guerrero, Tabasco y la pennsula yucateca.

Reportes oficiales consideran que la decapitacin de 12 personas en Yucatn en das pasados est enmarcada en la lucha intestina del cartel del Golfo, toda vez que los ejecutados fueron sealaros como colaboradores de Los Zetas, al servicio de Heriberto Lazcano y la fraccin al servicio de El Coss.

Tambin hay pugnas por el control territorial entre estos grupos en Veracruz, Yucatn, Michoacn y Quintana Roo. Adems destaca la area disputa que han mantenido con el cartel de Sinaloa.

Respecto de esa organizacin delictiva de Sinaloa, los informes oficiales mencionan que El Chapo Guzmn mantiene una estructura operativa con Juan Jos Esparragoza Moreno, El Azul, uno de los viejos lderes del narcotrfico en Mxico, e Ismael El Mayo Zambada, as como con varios de sus familiares, como operadores regionales.

La informacin obtenida seala que la banda de El Chapo mantiene como principal centro de operaciones el estado de Sinaloa, donde ya enfrenta problemas con sus antiguos aliados por el control de zonas de produccin y trasiego de estupefacientes, lo que ha generado violencia en los ltimos meses.

Asimismo, se han detectado alianzas entre facciones del cartel del Golfo y el de Jurez, que dirigen Vicente Carrillo Fuentes y Vicente Carrillo Leyva, hermano e hijo, respectivamente, de Amado Carrillo Fuentes, El Seor de Los Cielos, para mantener bajo control de la familia Carrillo el estado de Chihuahua, toda vez que sicarios de la organizacin criminal de Sinaloa han pretendido establecerse en ese lugar. Los Carrillo Fuentes, segn un reporte de la Secretara de Seguridad Pblica federal del ao pasado, mantienen alianzas operativas con Eduardo Gonzlez Quirarte y Clemente Soto Pea, y presencia en Chihuahua, Durango, Jalisco y Coahuila; en esta ltima entidad con el apoyo de grupos de Heriberto Lazcano.

Por lo que respecta a la organizacin de los hermanos Arellano Flix, de acuerdo con los reportes oficiales, enfrenta una lucha intestina por el control de la banda, y aunque se considera que ha sufrido bajas sensibles en sus mandos, mantiene operaciones principalmente en Baja California Sur y Baja California.



**NUMBER: 120**

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**TITLE: ARTICLE: Alaska Sounds like Aztlan -- Secessionists Go Mainstream \***

Alaska Sounds like Aztlan -- Secessionists Go Mainstream

New America Media, Commentary, Roberto Lovato, Posted: Sep 04, 2008

NEW YORK -- Sarah Palin's repetition (5 times) of the word "Alaska," her home state, during her acceptance speech last night may actually have sounded to some Latinos like "Aztlan," the mythical homeland of the Aztecs. If Lou Dobbs and other political prognosticators are right, Latinos' interpretation of the Republican vice presidential nominee's references to her home state were not simply the product of bad English-to-Spanish translation (Spanish language media's payback for years of garbled, sometimes horrific, Spanish-to-English translations in mainstream media, perhaps?), but something else, something much more nefarious: the mainstreaming of secessionist sentiments.

Palin's personal connections to the Alaska Independence Party (AIP), which has, since 1978 sought the Last Frontier states' separation from these United States, have brought state secessionist sentiments onto the national political stage like no candidate since Alexander Stephens and his Confederate President Jefferson Davis' did in the lead up to the civil war. Palin and her husband, Todd, the "First Dude," may well have their greatest appeal among Latinos in the south-western United States if we are to believe Lou Dobbs, Michelle Malkin, Pat Buchanan and many other conservative commentators and politicians who rail daily against what they believe is the upcoming conflict sparked by Latinos' lust to reclaim their former land.

Just a week before Palin's speech, for example, a videotape was released in which New York Congressional candidate Jack Davis decried how "in the latter part of this century or the next, Mexicans will be a majority in many of the states, and could therefore take control of the state government using the democratic process." And, he added: "They could then secede from the United States, and then we might have another civil war."

For almost a decade now, the careful research, in-depth investigations and the almost daily denunciations of the commentators have detailed a Southwestern Latino, especially "illegal" Mexican, plot to secede from the United States in what has become popularly known as the "reconquista," or reconquest.

According to Malkin, "Aztlan is a long-held notion among Mexico's intellectual elite and political class, which asserts that the American southwest rightly belongs to Mexico. Advocates believe the reclamation (or reconquista) of Aztlan will occur through sheer demographic force." Like most of the commentators and pundits, Malkin has the uncanny ability to divine the workings of the Latino immigrant mind, without speaking Spanish. And after years of careful study of the Latino Fifth Column, Malkin and other Latino experts will surely be alarmed by how Palin's speech shortened the distance from cold Alaska to sunny Aztlan.

Meanwhile, the major and minor Latino organizations and Latino leaders allegedly spearheading this invisible demographic empire, (all of whom are more careful and surreptitious than Palin and the First Dude about any statements or ties to secessionist groups), may be inspired to go public by the Palin's links (ie; Todd was a card carrying AIP member in 1995 and 2002) to an organization with 13,681 registered members whose political platform calls for securing the "complete repatriation of the public lands, held by the federal government, to the state and people of Alaska."

Sarah Palin's mantra-like repetitions of the Aztlan-sounding "Alaska" may finally provide the conservative commentators their most definitive lead in their relentless hunt for the secessionist menace. The big difference is that the more dangerous secessionist movement will not be led by white people belonging openly to an actual political party whose candidates (including a former governor) and initiatives are included on state voting ballots, a secessionist party ignored by the media and lauded loudly by politicians like Palin for their "inspiring convention," and encouraged by her to "keep up the good work."

Instead, the imminent and potentially catastrophic urge to unmerge will be realized by poor, brown-skinned secessionistas, especially those "illegal" Latinos that syndicated multimedia stars like Glenn Beck regularly tell us are silently, secretly waiting to come out of their closet of illegality by taking back the Southwest. "You've got people coming here that have no intention of being Americans. They say, you know, 'Hey, this is our land. We deserve it back.'"

Though they have spared us the pain of focusing on the lesser, whiter of the secessionist threats, Dobbs, Malkin, Beck and their peers must be credited for their pre-emptive strikes against a threat that has yet to come out of its separatist cave -- but which may finally do so in no small part thanks to the secessionist leanings of a candidate who promises to "put America first" when she starts working the White House.

Palin's rapid and apparently non-vetted rise to political prominence may, however, also reveal contradictions in some of these same pundits who've denounced those carrying the "reconquista" gene.

Though he has for many years made regular statements and written many books and articles about how Latinos are bringing about "the complete Balkanization of America," MSNBC commentator Pat Buchanan himself has ties to the secessionista-friendly GOP vice presidential candidate and her hombre. Just last week Buchanan confessed to MSNBC's Chris Matthews that Palin "was a brigadier in 1996 as was her husband ... They were at a fundraiser for me. She's a terrific gal, she's a rebel reformer."

Unfortunately for Buchanan and his conservative commentator peers, Palin may turn out to be more rebel than reformer as rural and big city Latinos in the Southwest start hearing calls to create the Aztlan Confederacy in her stump speeches about small town Alaska.

Whatever the outcome, we are fortunate to have political observers and politicians that are so committed to the cause of racial and political unity.

NAM Contributing Editor Roberto Lovato blogs at ofamerica.

**NUMBER: 121**

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**TITLE: MUSICA: Pure Tejano Radio \***

Here's a Tejano radio station that's streaming on the internet:

LINK: [www.PureTejanoRadio.com](http://www.PureTejanoRadio.com)

"Broadcasting digitally LIVE from Austin, Texas, the hottest Tejano hits are now delivered straight to you via the internet on [PureTejanoRadio.com](http://PureTejanoRadio.com). You'll hear Tejano music non-stop, back-to-back, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Bringing you the best in Tejano, Cumbias, Oldies, & Freestyle music."

**NUMBER: 122**

**PUBLISHED: 9/7/2008 8:16:00 PM**

**TITLE: BARACUDDA BARBIE'S BAD BOOK BAN. \***

The stuff that comes from my home town of Wasilla...!!!

<http://williamsboard.com/topic/70258/&r=38>

<http://community.adn.com/adn/node/130537>

Judge for yourself.

<http://www.time.com/time/politics/article/0,8599,1837918,00.html>

Feel free to share...

Jay

**NUMBER: 123**

**PUBLISHED: 9/7/2008 9:34:00 PM**

**TITLE: Please Post: Never too late to make a U-turn, by Alberto O. Cappas \***

An excellent book for our young people and parents.  
Please help in getting this book into our schools, institutions and communities.

Never too late to make a U-Turn  
A book about "Critical Thinking" for our young people  
Please share with our African American & Latino youth and their Families:  
A positive journey for our students and young people...

Please join the movement against ignorance  
by sharing this important book with our communities:

Book By Poet/Writer Alberto O. Cappas  
Never too late to make a U-Turn:  
An Educational Pledge and 15 Questions to Self-Development

For Schools: Teachers, Parents, & Students:  
"One cannot keep hope alive if no plan of action is in place"  
<http://www.lulu.com/content/162948>

Visit the author's website:  
[www.AnEducationalPledge.Com](http://www.AnEducationalPledge.Com)

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Except from the book:  
An Educational Pledge

I pledge to maintain a  
Healthy Mind and Body  
Staying away from the Vice of drugs  
I pledge always to try my Best to understand  
The importance of Knowledge and Education  
I pledge to paint a Positive picture of where I plan to be in the future  
Not allowing obstacles to stop the growth of my Plans  
I pledge to seek Answers to Questions,  
With the understanding that they  
Will lead to other discoveries  
I pledge to work Firm  
With the Awareness and Confidence  
That firm work Today will serve  
As the Seeds for my strong Tree tomorrow  
A Tree that no one will be able to tear down  
I pledge to learn proper languages,



Beginning with my Mother's  
Always prepared to Appreciate others  
I pledge to gain a better understanding of Me  
By understanding my Cultural roots  
I pledge to fully accept Me as a human being  
A Rainbow of many cultures and colors  
I pledge to overcome any Personal misfortunes  
Becoming Stronger from such misfortunes  
Always striving to become  
A wise person.

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[www.aneducationalpledge.com](http://www.aneducationalpledge.com)

Pssst...Have you heard the news? There's a new fashion blog, plus the latest fall trends and hair styles at [StyleList.com](http://StyleList.com).

**NUMBER: 124**

**PUBLISHED: 9/8/2008 9:53:00 AM**

**TITLE: AUSTIN: La Voz de Austin September 2008 \***

Attached find the September 2008 Edition of La Voz de Austin by Alfredo Santos.  
If the attachment does not come through, you can also access it directly at:  
[http://www.lavoznewspapers.com/La\\_Voz\\_de\\_Austin\\_September\\_\\_2008.pdf](http://www.lavoznewspapers.com/La_Voz_de_Austin_September__2008.pdf)

**NUMBER: 125**

**PUBLISHED: 9/8/2008 9:54:00 AM**

**TITLE: AUSTIN: DDCE Fall Lecture Series (Valenzuela, 9/9/08 - TOMORROW) \***

On Behalf Of Patricia Lopez

Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 9:00 AM

Subject: Fwd: DDCE Fall Lecture Series (Valenzuela, 9/9/08 - TOMORROW)

A friendly reminder!

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DDCE Fall Lecture Series

"The Coyolxauhqui Journey: Immigration, Generational Detachment and Getting (Re)membered in Mexico"

Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D.

Associate Vice President for School Partnerships,

Division of Diversity and Community Engagement

Director of the Texas Center for Education Policy

Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Professor, Department of Educational Administration

September 9, 2008

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Texas Union, Santa Rita Room (3.502)

Angela Valenzuela's presentation will cover her year as a Fulbright scholar in Mexico. Aside from conducting formal research on the topics of immigration, human rights, and binational relations, Valenzuela made an astonishing discovery. On Good Friday, she discovered a very old and large extended family that has lived in the remote Sierras of Mexico's Southern state of Guerrero for close to two hundred years. This discovery led Valenzuela to make reference to the Aztec deity, the Coyolxauhqui, who was decapitated and quartered by her brother who successfully terminated her dominion. Valenzuela uses her personal experience to recast the U.S. assimilation experience as one of spiritual, psychological, and familial dismemberment. Valenzuela shares what it means to be (re)membered in the deeply-rooted, life-and thought-world of her family in Mexico.

Sponsored by

the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and the Center for Mexican American Studies

of the College of Liberal Arts at

The University of Texas at Austin

For more information about the event

please call 512-471-4557 or visit the following web

sites: [www.utexas.edu/depts/cmas/](http://www.utexas.edu/depts/cmas/) or [www.utexas.edu/diversity/](http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/)

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**NUMBER:** 126

**PUBLISHED:** 9/8/2008 10:07:00 AM

**TITLE:** MUSICA: "Se Que Triunfare"" \*

VIDEOCLIP VARIOS ARTISTAS UNIDOS "SE QUE TRIUNFARE"

TONY MELENDEZ,EL CHAPO DE SINALOA,MARIO QUINTERO,JENNI RIVERA,Y HOROSCOPOS DE DURANGO,UNIERON SUS VOCES PARA MANDAR UN MENSAJE,AQUI TIENEN SU VIDEOCLIP© 2008 YouTube, LLC

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**PUBLISHED: 9/8/2008 10:21:00 AM**

**TITLE: ARTICLE: Effort on Immigration Courts Faulted \***

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Effort on Immigration Courts Faulted

By Spencer S. Hsu and Carrie Johnson

A two-year-old Bush administration effort to improve the nation's backlogged immigration courts has not adequately increased oversight of immigration judges, tightened the appeals process or consistently sought funding for new judges, according to a report.

**NUMBER: 128**

**PUBLISHED: 9/8/2008 10:27:00 AM**

**TITLE: AUSTIN: Mexica Herbology Workshop - Sat. Sept. 20th and 27th \***

From: Laura Rios

Sent: Monday, September 08, 2008 10:24 AM

Subject: Mexica Herbology Workshop - Sat. Sept. 20th and 27th

Mexica Warriors, Rosa Tupina Yaotonalcuahtli-Orta and Antonio Tzakam Tenek Calli Acatzin Ortainvite you to spend a day learning about MEXICA HERBOLOGY at the KALPULLI TEOKALLI TEOYOLOTL CENTER.

Tupina and Acatzin will present to you the wisdom about ancient herbs and treatments based on the Mexicayotl. They will guide you to prepare tonics, tinctures, ointments, and soaps based on the teachings of their ancestors. Learn how to take care of Mother Earth and yourself in a natural way! Join us in this day full of knowledge. Call us for our schedule of upcoming workshops!

When: Sept. 20th and 27th, 2008

Time: 9am to 5pm

Place: 10708B Slaughter Creek Dr. Austin, TX 78748 (Home of Kalpulli Teokalli Teoyotl)

Cost: \$95 payable the day of the workshop (materials and certificate provided)

Registration: Please call Tupina at 510-307-6588 or Acatzin 510-307-6541 or email us with your information: [tupinarosa@yahoo.com](mailto:tupinarosa@yahoo.com) LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE. Coffee, pan dulce, fruit, juice lunch and drinks provided.

Please include your name, address, occupation, phone number, email and any special dietary or physical needs when registering by email. Tlazocamati!

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Laura Rios

KALPULLI TEOKALLI TEOYOLOTL

510-307-6588

510-307-6541

10708B SLAUGHTER CREEK

AUSTIN, TEXAS 78748

[laura.k.rios@gmail.com](mailto:laura.k.rios@gmail.com)

**NUMBER: 129**

**PUBLISHED: 9/8/2008 12:41:00 PM**

**TITLE: [Fwd: Wasilla, Alaska] \***

These folks from my childhood hometown of Wasilla truly believe that their church is God's epicenter of Alaska, that Alaska is the epicenter of the US and the US is the epicenter of the world.

The first video is short...and home crafted...less than 2 minutes. But it does include a video recently produced by Palin's church.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VtF7Ypr1hY&feature=related>

This 10 min. video pulls a lot of pieces together that not even corporate media will touch...yet!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K\\_1Eit0pxM&eurl=http://www.alternet.org/rights/97939](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K_1Eit0pxM&eurl=http://www.alternet.org/rights/97939)

I disagree with the war mongering theocrats who would build "iron curtains" of "apartheid", for profit immigration internment camps and conduct a campaign of terrorism right here in America. No where in America is their extremist theocracy more apparent than here on the border, the only militarized zone in the United States.

I love the border and I personally think our borderlands are the blend and the confluence of all the Americas...Alaska to Argentina. We who live here on the confluence continue to have the history making opportunity of standing up to and showing the Federal government...and the world...how people of all faiths and ethnicities can get along...in solidarity and amistad. Even to stand up against the assault of tyranny and apartheid brought upon us by the greedy and corrupt military-industrial forces that rule our country...in the name of some hateful God...and that are preparing our borderlands for the next military conflict.

In solidarity...

Jay

**NUMBER: 130**

**PUBLISHED: 9/8/2008 3:48:00 PM**

**TITLE: AUSTIN: Student/Farmworker Alliance Meeting - 9/11 @ 5:30pm \***

AUSTIN: Student/Farmworker Alliance Meeting - 9/11 @ 5:30pm

Event: SFA meeting

What: Club/Group Meeting

Host: Student/Farmworker Alliance - ATX

Start Time: Thursday, September 11 at 5:30pm

End Time: Thursday, September 11 at 6:30pm

Where: UT Campus, Parlin 206



**NUMBER: 131**

**PUBLISHED: 9/8/2008 6:22:00 PM**

**TITLE: HOUSTON: HPJC's Calendar of Progressive Events - September 8 edition \***

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Herbert Rothschild

Subject: [hpjc-calendar] HPJC's Calendar of Prtgressive Events - September 8 edition

As always, a version in MS Word is attached.

Please support this calendar and other services that Houston Peace and Justice Center renders to Houston's communities of conscience. Make a donation (or join HPJC) on-line at [www.hpjc.org](http://www.hpjc.org). While at the site, check out the useful information on the Resources for Activists menu.

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " September 8, 2008 issue

Submit your event notices to [hpjc-calendar-owner@yahogroups.com](mailto:hpjc-calendar-owner@yahogroups.com).

#### HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

September 18. Michael Klare reception and lecture. Klare is an important analyst of U.S. foreign and military policy. For more on Klare, view the Wikipedia article at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael\\_Klare](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Klare). For more on the events, see below under September 18.

October 4. Rally for universal health care. This is a major undertaking by Coalition of Working People and the Poor and Health Care for All Texas. We need a massive turnout to force consideration of single payer coverage (Medicare for everyone), the only workable solution to our miserably unfair and costly health care system. For more information, see below under October 4.

#### ELECTION DATES

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: September 5

Last Day to Register to Vote: October 6

First Day of Early Voting: October 20

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: October 28

Last Day of Early Voting: October 31

Election Day: November 4

Early voting locations will be found at the very bottom of this calendar.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION WORK

The non-partisan non-profit Houston Votes is doing important work prior to October 6 getting some of Harris County's 900,000 unregistered voters on the rolls. The staff has particular sites scheduled each weekend (principally shopping centers with mainly lower-income customers) at which you can show up. Also, it is directing a door-to-door operation. There is a brief training, and coffee and doughnuts before folks hit the streets around 10:15 a.m. Teams of two are assigned to each street and work across from each other distributing literature and registration cards. At 1 everyone meets for lunch. For those who want to carpool to the site, a van will leave from the Houston Votes office at 411 Cavalcade (two blocks west of Fulton on north side of street). To help either at a site or with the block-walking, call Dee Young at 281/702-7864 or email her at [Dee@houstonvotes.org](mailto:Dee@houstonvotes.org).

#### TEXAS EXECUTIONS

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that lethal injection isn't cruel and unusual punishment, the Texas death machine is up and running again. There will be a vigil on the day of each execution. In September they will be held at 5:30-6:20 p.m. at Dominican Sisters, 6501 Almeda at Holcombe. September

10th (Charles Hood), 17th (William Anthony), 18th (Joseph Ries), and 19th (Gregory Wright). The best way to participate in these witnesses is to ask Burnham Terrell to put you on his email list. Burnham monitors the status of appeals to stay executions, and will notify everyone on his list by 4:45 p.m. on the day if there has been a stay of execution or if the vigil has been cancelled because of very bad weather. To get on the list, call 713/921-0948 or email [burnhamterrell@att.net](mailto:burnhamterrell@att.net).

#### PROGRESSIVE FORUM SPEAKER SERIES

This series (not to be confused with Wally James' long-running KPFT radio show by the same name) this fall has scheduled Markos Moulitsas (September 22), and Eleanor Clift and Ernie Manouse (October 22).

Moulitsas is founder and editor of Daily Kos, the most widely read political blog with an astounding 14 to 25 million unique visitors a month. Clift is a panelist on PBS' McLaughlin Group, contributing editor

of Newsweek, and a Fox News analyst. Manouse, who will introduce her, is host of

Houston PBS's InnerVIEWS. Regular tickets are \$14, \$24, \$34, \$44, and \$54. All seats are in prime orchestra level, no balcony seats. A limited number of patron seats at \$74 include private patron reception with Eleanor Clift, a complimentary autographed book, commemorative bookplate, and center-front seating.

Discounts of 10% are available off all regular price levels except patron for students, educators including teachers and administrators at all levels, seniors 65 and older, and groups of 10 or more. A valid ID is required at the door. For the hearing impaired, free headsets are available from the ushers. Tickets are available at the door on event night. Prior to event night, they can be purchased on-line

at <http://www.progressiveforumhouston.org/> or by phone at 832-251-0706. See below under September 22 and October 22 for more information on the speakers.

#### PHOTO EXHIBIT

Ben Tecumseh DeSoto: Understanding Poverty “ September 12-November 1

Houston-based photojournalist Ben Tecumseh DeSoto opens the 2008-2009 DiverseWorks season with a multimedia exhibition that sheds light on the devastating impact of poverty in America. Understanding Poverty encompasses a 20-year investigation into life on the streets that began with DeSoto's 1988 encounter with two homeless Houstonians, Ben White and Judy Pruitt, while on assignment with the Houston Chronicle. DeSoto's ongoing relationship with the duo allowed him to document their stories of hope and sorrow while exposing the self-perpetuating cycle of poverty, trauma, and hopelessness that afflicts thousands of citizens living in the shadows in America's cities. For opening, see September 12 in EVENTS section below.

#### SPEAKER AND FILM SERIES

Since 2001, HCCS's Northwest College has presented 'THE REEL' in both fall and spring semesters. These events are open to the public as well as to students. For the complete fall schedule, see below after the EVENTS section.

#### EVENTS

Pete Seeger: The Power of Song on KUHT “ Monday, September 8

A troubadour for human rights, racial justice, and peace, Seeger went from the top of the hit parade to the top of the blacklist, banned from commercial television for more than 17 years. PBS's American Masters series will air the first authorized film documenting Seeger's experience and contributions. It includes recollections and tributes from the many artists he influenced “from Bob Dylan to the Dixie Chick” and materials drawn from a remarkable historical archive that Seeger himself, now almost 90 years old, helped create. 9-11 p.m. on Channel 8.

Screening of 'Kamp Katrina' “ Tuesday, September 9

This award-winning cinema verite documentary follows a small group of people who have taken refuge in a garden transformed into a tent city by an extraordinary New Orleans couple, Ms. Pearl and her husband, David. Filmed over six months in New Orleans' Bywater/Upper Ninth Ward, 'Kamp Katrina' focuses on the dialectic

between madness and hope in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Free, but donations welcome. 7 p.m. at River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray. For more information, visit <http://www.houstonculture.org/film>.

#### Screening of 'Intimidad' “ Wednesday, September 10

'Intimidad' is a story of life on the Mexico-Texas border, as the filmmakers follow a family on their quest for financial security in Reynosa. Cecy and Camilo, ages 21, recently moved to the border from Santa Maria, Puebla with a dream to save money, buy land, and build a home. A year later they return to their rural hometown to reunite with their two year-old daughter Loida. What seems like a satisfying reunion turns into a confusing dilemma that transforms the course of their marriage. Both the family in the film and the directors documented 'Intimidad' over the course of five years, lending the story an intimate, dream-like impression. Free, but donations welcome. 7 p.m. at River Oaks Theatre, 2009 West Gray. For more information, visit <http://www.houstonculture.org/film>.

#### Screening of 'In-Between: Iraqi Artists in Exile' “ Wednesday, September 10

Artist Rescue Mission (ARM) premieres this film produced locally by ARM and directed by Tish Stringer. "In-Between" chronicles the lives of Iraqi artists exiled in Syria and Jordan. Two of the exiled artists in the film will attend the premier. Mohammed Al Shammarey and Nazar Yahya will discuss their arts of bookmaking, painting, and video as well as their experiences as Iraqi artists. Stringer is a Houston-based anthropologist with expertise in radical cinema collectives and video activism. After the film, the artists and director will unfold the crisis, culture, and context of art in Iraq since the U.S. invasion as a prelude to the coming exhibition of Iraqi art at the Station Museum. 7:30 p.m. at Rice Media Center (take Entrance 8 off University Blvd. at Stockton). For more information, contact Michael Woodson, 713/444-2477 or email [threetrillion@yahoo.com](mailto:threetrillion@yahoo.com).

#### Screening of Pilger's 'The War on Democracy' “ Thursday, September 11

The Houston Peace Forum presents this film by internationally famous journalist and documentary filmmaker John Pilger and Chris Martin. It's set in Latin America and the U.S. and explores the historic and current relationship of Washington with countries such as Venezuela, Bolivia, and Chile. Refreshments at 7:15 p.m., screening at 7:30. A discussion will follow. First Unitarian Universalist Church, Room 302, 5200 Fannin. For more information, contact Pat Nichols, 713/681-6267, [nicholspat@awesomenet.net](mailto:nicholspat@awesomenet.net).

#### Opening of Ben Tecumseh DeSoto: Understanding Poverty “ Friday, September 12

For more on the show, see above under PHOTO EXHIBIT. 6-8 p.m. at DiverseWorks Main Gallery, 1117 East Freeway. For more information, call 713/223-8346.

#### Grassroots Electoral Strategies at HAT “ Tuesday, September 16

The Houston Area Table (HAT) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to fostering communication and cooperation among Houston area progressive groups. HAT meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. September's meeting focuses on the efforts underway in Harris County to engage citizens in electoral politics. Topics covered will be Voter Education, Early Voting Strategies, and Getting Out the Vote. Panelists include Linda Cohn, League of Women Voters, Rev. Vincent Fana, Coalition of Working People and the Poor, and Richard Shaw, Harris County AFL-CIO. Lunch is free; RSVPs strongly urged by September 12. Noon at Jobing.Com, 3115 Allen Parkway, Ste. 300. Parking is behind the building on Rosine St., a small street that parallels Waugh one block west. If you're traveling on Allen Parkway heading west, turn south on Waugh, then take the first two right turns you can take and you'll be there. RSVP to Nicole Porter, 713/782-8833, [nicole.porter@texasnstogether.org](mailto:nicole.porter@texasnstogether.org).

#### What non-profits can do to advance their policy agendas “ Tuesday, September 16

This is a workshop put on by Alliance for Justice, a progressive-oriented organization that gives technical assistance to non-profits on a range of topics. A major focus is promoting our political involvement—meaning lobbying on issues and non-partisan electoral involvement. All too many of us are under the impression that lobbying will jeopardize our 501(c)(3) status, and that any involvement in elections is a total non-no. These are incorrect notions that can impede our effectiveness. BUT there are

limits, and it is important to learn what is and is not permitted. This workshop, which is free, could mark an important turning point in your work. 7-9 p.m. at United Way, 50 Waugh Dr. To register, contact Nicole Porter, 713/782-8833, [nicole.porter@texanstogether.org](mailto:nicole.porter@texanstogether.org).

Postville: Immigrant abuse beyond America's backroads " Wednesday, September 17

The recent raid on a meat-packing plant in Postville, Iowa revealed abuse of immigrant workers both by their employer and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials. Stephen Bloom, professor of journalism at Un. of Iowa and author of 'Postville: A Clash of Cultures in the Heartland,' and Erik Camayd-Freixas, associate professor of Latin American literature at Florida International Un., who served as an interpreter for the workers following the raid, will discuss the event and its implications. 7 p.m. at Rothko Chapel, 1406 Sul Ross. More more information and to RSVP on-line, visit [www.rothkochapel.org](http://www.rothkochapel.org).

Peace Soldier project by Uba " Wednesday, September 17

In celebration of the International Day of Peace (see September 21 below), this exhibition will get open in Houston prior to traveling to other cities. The works will feature a collection of photo/essay portraits of soldiers developed in collaboration with a wide range photographers across the U.S., plus installations by Anti-Advertising Agency and Textual Healing. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Art Storm Gallery, 4828 Caroline St. For more information and to RSVP for the opening, email [rebecca@uba-foundation.org](mailto:rebecca@uba-foundation.org).

Protest against sweatshop labor use at UH " Thursday, September 18

The Student Government Association, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate all voted to have the University of Houston to sign onto the Designated Supplier Program, which commits buyers to avoid sweatshop labor for their apparel. UH Chancellor and President Renu Khator will not allow that to happen. She even refused the recommendation of her hand-picked 'apparel task force' to affiliate with the third party independent labor monitoring organization Worker Rights Consortium. On September 18 Khator will take part in an 'investiture' ceremony at Cullen Auditorium, where she will be officially sworn in as President and Chancellor of the University of Houston. Protestors will stand outside to make her commitment to injustice known. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by UH Students Against Sweatshops. For more information, email [uofh.sas@gmail.com](mailto:uofh.sas@gmail.com).

Reception for Michael Klare hosted by Sissy Farenthold " Thursday, September 18

Sissy Farenthold is hosting this reception in honor of Michael Klare in the party room of her high-rise residence, Lamar Towers, at Buffalo Speedway and W. Alabama. Proceeds of the reception will benefit the anti-war and peace work of the Houston Peace and Justice Center. \$35 to attend; \$100 patrons will receive an autographed copy of Klare's latest book, *Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy*. Register on-line at [www.hpjc.org](http://www.hpjc.org) or call 281/414-1386.

Michael Klare on resource wars " Thursday, September 18

Five Colleges professor of Peace and World Security Studies, Klare is defense correspondent of *The Nation* magazine, and author of numerous books in the area of foreign and military policy. His most recent books are 'Resource Wars,' 'Blood and Oil: The Dangers and Consequences of America's Growing Petroleum Dependency,' and 'Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy.' Klare teaches at Hampshire College, Amherst College, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He serves on the boards of directors of Human Rights Watch and the Arms Control Association. He is a regular contributor to many publications, including *The Nation*, *TomDispatch*, and *Mother Jones*, and is a frequent columnist for *Foreign Policy in Focus*. Sponsored by Houston Peace and Justice Center, Veterans for Peace-Chapter 12, and Oil Patch Democrats. 7 p.m. in Fondren Hall of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main. Park in the lot across from the church on Fannin St. For more information, call 281/414-1386.

The International Day of Peace observance " Sunday, September 21

The International Day of Peace, established by the United Nations in 1981, is a day of celebration and reflections across the globe on peace. This year the Decade of Nonviolence-Houston and the Rothko Chapel will host an interfaith healing ceremony for building community. Clergy and lay people are invited to start the day in the Chapel courtyard by the reflecting pool. There will be a Native American healing ceremony and then prayers and rituals from other faith traditions. Also, all congregations are encouraged to mark the

International Day of Peace in some appropriate way in their services on this weekend. 7 a.m. at the Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. For more information and to participate in the program, contact P.K. McCary, 713/893-1304, perri@thepeacehour.org or Cindy Hyde, 713/641-5630, cynthia.hyde@hubinternational.com.

Award-winning foreign affairs journalist Robert Fisk " Sunday, September 21  
JUST ANNOUNCED:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th there will be a No Border Wall Rally in Austin at the Capitol beginning at 4 p.m. Information will be forwarded once it becomes available.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: No Border Wall  
Subject: [noborderwall] Please help with anti-wall initiatives

Hello all,

We have posted the details of the anti-wall Letter-Writing Campaign and the Border Documentation Project on the No Border Wall Take Action Blog:

<http://noborderwall-take-action.blogspot.com/>

You can forward this link to group leaders, and they can use it to order an activist kit, including the slideshow CD.

The slideshow will help us educate people about the border wall and get more anti-wall letters in to Congress, but we need your help to get it out there. Please think of the activists, educators and groups with whom you have contacts, and help us distribute this kit through those networks. If you are involved in a group, please make time in your next meeting to view the slideshow and write letters to Congress. The slideshow has been posted on Youtube, but we were not able to post it with very high quality. Take a look if you like, but if you will be presenting to a group, please order a presentation quality CD. The slide show is in two parts:

Part 1:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SN6kMFuEfU8&eurl=http://by132w.bay132.mail.live.com/mail/ApplicationMain\\_13.1.0132.0805.aspx?culture=en-US&hash=2201879156](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SN6kMFuEfU8&eurl=http://by132w.bay132.mail.live.com/mail/ApplicationMain_13.1.0132.0805.aspx?culture=en-US&hash=2201879156)

Part 2:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uHPI7qdMJ98&NR=1>

Thanks,  
Stefanie

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LaNuevaRaza.org

**NUMBER: 133**

**PUBLISHED: 9/9/2008 12:21:00 PM**

**TITLE: HOUSTON: "Chauihui Yei" Mexica Danza on Sunday 9/4 @ 3pm \***

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Deniz Lopez

You are invited to "Chauihui Yei" on Sunday, September 14 at 3:00pm.

Event: Chauihui Yei

What: Performance

Host: Mexican Arsenal

Start Time: Sunday, September 14 at 3:00pm

End Time: Sunday, September 14 at 8:00pm

Where: M.E.C.A.

To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=40189154248>

Thanks,

The Facebook Team

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**NUMBER: 134**

**PUBLISHED: 9/9/2008 12:22:00 PM**

**TITLE: AUSTIN: Immigrant's Rights Coalition general meeting reminder: Sept. \***

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Caroline Keating-Guerra

Subject: AIRC general meeting reminder: Sept. 16

Please distribute! There will be free pizza and soda!!

General Meeting of  
the Austin Immigrant

Rights Coalition

Tuesday, September 16

7-9 p.m.

Cristo Rey Church (2215 E. 2nd St.)

Topics will include:

ICE in the Travis County Jail update

2009 legislative session

Raids preparedness

\*If you would like to attend, please RSVP to  
caroline@austinirc.org with language preferences.  
Members and non-members are invited to participate  
in AIRC's general meeting.\*

Asamblea General de la  
Coalición por Derechos de  
los Inmigrantes de Austin

martes, 16 de septiembre

7-9 p.m.

Iglesia Cristo Rey (2215 E. 2nd St.)

Asuntos incluirán:

ICE en la cárcel del condado de Travis

Sesión Legislativa de 2009

Preparación para redadas

\*Si le gustaría asistir, favor de email caroline@  
austinirc.org con su preferencia de idioma.  
Miembros y no-miembros son invitados para participar



en la asamblea.\*

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**NUMBER: 135**

**PUBLISHED: 9/9/2008 1:41:00 PM**

**TITLE: ARTICLE: Whole Foods, CIW agree to work in partnership for fair food \***

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Greg Rodriguez

Date: Tue, Sep 9, 2008 at 1:34 PM

Subject: Whole Foods, CIW agree to work in partnership for fair food!

Whole Foods, CIW agree to "work in partnership to help improve wages and working conditions for Florida tomato pickers"!...

Go to the CIW site, <http://www.ciw-online.org> , now for all the details.

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Gerardo Reyes of the CIW: "With this agreement, the Campaign for Fair Food has again broken new ground. This is not only our first agreement in the supermarket industry but, in working with Whole Foods Market, we have the opportunity to really raise the bar to establish and ensure modern day labor standards and conditions in Florida."

Here's the press release in its entirety:

Whole Foods Market Signs Agreement with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to Support "Penny-per-Pound" Tomato Program in Florida

Company Also Exploring Program to Help Guarantee Ethical Sourcing and Production in the U.S.

AUSTIN, TX (September 9, 2008) " Whole Foods Market, the world's leading natural and organic foods supermarket and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), the Florida-based farm worker organization spearheading the growing Campaign for Fair Food, announced today that the two will work in partnership to help improve wages and working conditions for Florida tomato pickers.

According to an agreement signed this week, Whole Foods Market will support the CIW's "penny-per-pound" approach for tomatoes purchased from Florida, with the goal of passing these additional funds on to the harvesters.

"With this agreement, the Campaign for Fair Food has again broken new ground," said Gerardo Reyes of the CIW. "This is not only our first agreement in the supermarket industry but, in working with Whole Foods Market, we have the opportunity to really raise the bar to establish and ensure modern day labor standards and conditions in Florida."

"We commend the CIW for their advocacy on behalf of these workers," said Karen Christensen, Global Produce Coordinator for Whole Foods Market. "After carefully evaluating the situation in Florida, we felt that an agreement of this nature was in line with our core values and was in the best interest of the workers."

Additionally, Whole Foods Market is exploring the creation of a domestic purchasing program to help guarantee transparent, ethical and responsible sourcing and production, using the company's existing Whole Trade Guarantee program as a model. Whole Trade Guarantee, a third-party verified program, ensures that producers and laborers in developing countries get an equitable price for their goods in a safe and healthy working environment. The goal is to purchase Florida tomatoes from growers that will implement a similar program. "We are especially excited about working with the CIW to develop this domestic 'Whole Trade-type' program," said Christensen.

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We'll have more analysis of this important new agreement in the days ahead, and more news as the Campaign for Fair Food continues to gain ground in the struggle to win fair wages and humane working conditions in Florida's tomato fields. Thanks - Coalition of Immokalee Workers

**NUMBER: 136**

**PUBLISHED: 9/9/2008 5:59:00 PM**

**TITLE: ARTICLE: Politicians should be responding to border wall concerns \***

On Behalf Of panchofx

Subject: Politicians should be responding to border wall concerns

Summary: Politicians should be responding to border wall concerns

By K. Rod Summy

K. Rod Summy speaks at a No Border Wall rally at UTPA in July. (Photo: RGG/Steve Taylor)WESLACO, September 8 - During the past year, many of us have submitted letters to our elected representatives expressing our concerns regarding the manner in which the border wall or fence is being constructed in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Most of our letters of concern have gone unanswered although we have received a few vague responses which appear to be standard form letters which have little or no relevance to the concerns we expressed. This indicates to that our letters are not getting past your staffers, so I am expressing these concerns again by way of this Open Letter to Texas Politicians, which includes all of our senators and representatives in the U. S. Congress, the Governor of Texas, and our local county officials involved in the border wall project. One of the primary concerns expressed in our previous letters relates to the fact that construction of the border wall in Hidalgo County was originally scheduled to begin on 25 July 2008 " a date which lies in the middle of our annual hurricane season.

Less than one week after letters requesting a congressional investigation or reevaluation of the border wall project in south Texas were sent to Mr. Richard Stana, of the Government Accountability Office in Washington (with copies to both Texas senators), the LRGV region was impacted by Hurricane Dolly, a category 2 storm which made landfall on 23 July and caused extensive flooding in most of Cameron County and within large areas of central Hidalgo County.

Approximately two days after the landfall of Hurricane Dolly, and while Dolly's floodwaters were still rising in most areas of the LRGV region, DHS contractors began excavating the flood-control levees at Granjeno for implantation of the concrete border wall. Since that time, additional large-scale construction projects have been initiated along levee systems located east of Santa Ana NWR near Alamo and south of Donna and Weslaco.

It does not seem to have dawned on any of the decision-makers in the border wall project that we are still in the middle of our annual hurricane season, and they seem to be oblivious to the fact that NOAA has warned that 2008 will probably be an unusually active hurricane season.

To appreciate why we are so concerned about this situation, images of the flood-control levees at Granjeno (located four miles south of Mission) were taken on September 1, 2008 " the same day that Hurricane Gustav made landfall on the Louisiana coast.

The images were taken from the back yard of a local resident and show the north face of a levee under construction. The images showed how loose and friable the soil on this side of the levee appears to be, which suggests that it has been destabilized to a considerable extent as a result of construction activities. When this same section of the Granjeno levee system is viewed from the floodway located to the south, several disturbing observations are evident. First, the extent of border wall construction which has occurred in this area during the past six weeks " i.e., since 27 July - is substantial, although the concrete border wall itself appears to be far from complete.

More importantly, a huge gap exists between the concrete border wall and the south face of the original (now excavated) levee which shows the same evidence of destabilization (loose and friable texture) as the north side discussed previously.

After viewing these images, we can visualize how a "flood-control" levee in this destabilized condition might perform if we are impacted by another hurricane this year and areas such Granjeno are subjected to

torrential rainfall and the floodway to the south becomes submerged in deep water exhibiting strong currents and eddies.

You will probably begin to understand why we are so concerned about this situation and why we are making so much noise about it.

In a meeting held in Edinburg during early-June of this year, our local Hidalgo County officials assured us that construction of the border wall will not destabilize our flood-control levees in any manner - they even stated that levees under construction would be checked and certified as being stable (at least 15 of our members were present at this meeting and can verify that these statements were made).

Ladies and Gentlemen - senators, representatives, Governor, and locals - it does not take a rocket scientist or a hydrologist or a civil engineer to figure out that the "flood-control" levees are in a highly destabilized condition as a result of border wall construction and will probably not hold up to runoff produced by a heavy afternoon thundershower, much less to floodwaters produced by a major tropical storm or hurricane. This is a very dangerous situation. We have already been impacted by one hurricane this season and recent NOAA satellite images of the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico resemble an "assembly line" of tropical storms and hurricanes, any one of which could head our way. If this occurs, we will have a week at most to prepare for it, and we see no way that destabilized "Humpty-Dumpty" levees such as those that now occur at Granjeno and other areas can be "put back together again" in time to avert major flooding.

In all of our previous correspondence, we have simply asked that one or more of our elected public officials take the initiative to address this problem before a genuine disaster occurs here. The solution to this problem is simple " use your influence and power or introduce legislation to postpone any further construction of the border wall in the LRGV region until the 2008 hurricane season ends in November. If this is not done, we are facing the distinct possibility of having 30-plus miles of our flood-control levees in Hidalgo County disrupted to the extent of those at Granjeno during the most dangerous time of the year (the hurricane season peaks during mid-September).

And, politicians, while you are at it, you might want to assess the ramifications of the recent decision by DHS officials to construct a traditional metal border fence (in lieu of a concrete border wall) in neighboring Cameron County in order to reduce costs. What everyone involved had better be aware of is that the metal border fence has caused at least three major floods this year in cities located in Arizona and/or adjacent areas of Mexico - e.g., the failure of runoff from a 2-inch rain to flow under the border fence in Nogales, Arizona resulted in floodwaters up to 8 feet deep in neighboring Nogales, Mexico during July, 2008.

If DHS mandates the construction of the less-expensive fence in Cameron County, then it is essentially mandating the construction of a structure known to be dangerous through an entire Texas county without the approval of local citizens.

If things go wrong, and a lot of property is damaged and/or lives are lost because of this structure, the U. S. government will face a public relations meltdown and the local officials and contractors who constructed the fence will very probably spend their retirement years in poverty and possibly in jail.

We support efforts to secure the international border with Mexico, but we also expect and demand that government programs in our area be conducted in a manner that does not place our homes and lives at undue risk.

K. Rod Summy is an associate professor of biology with specialties in entomology and remote sensing technology. He lives in Weslaco, Texas.

**Write K. Rod Summy**

**NUMBER: 137**

**PUBLISHED: 9/9/2008 6:03:00 PM**

**TITLE: DENVER: Cafe Cultura 4th year anniversary this Fri @ 7:30 pm \***

On Behalf Of Cafe Cultura

To: Cafe Cultura Promotions

Subject: Cafe Cultura 4th year anniversary this Fri @ 7:30 pm La Academica 9th and galapago!!!!!!!

COME CELEBRATE CAFE CULTURA'S 4th YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!!!!!!!!!

Spread the word...Bring your family & friends!!!!

Note: Make sure to come on time to sign up and get a good seat. As always, we welcome anybody who is willing to help in the organization of the event.

WHEN 2nd Fri. of every month (September 12th, October 10th) @ 7:30 pm

NOTE: WE WILL ALSO HOST ANOTHER CAFE CULTURA AT METRO STATE 10/11/2008!!! KEEP POSTED FOR INFO AND FLYER!!!!!!

WHERE: Denver Inner City Parish/La Academia

9th Ave & Galapago St .

(2 blks east of Santa Fe on the NE corner)

WHAT: All ages Open Mic Night

SEPT FEATURE: 2 female emcees!

Alicia Casias aka lil' innocent & Lydina

Come express yourself creatively or just chill with your people

Everyone is welcome!

For more info: [cafe\\_cultura@yahoo.com](mailto:cafe_cultura@yahoo.com); 720-436-1830

[www.myspace.com/cafecultura](http://www.myspace.com/cafecultura)

**NUMBER: 138**

**PUBLISHED: 9/9/2008 6:06:00 PM**

**TITLE: ARTICLE: Midwife Delivery Can Lead to Passport Denial \***

From: anna.nunez@yahoo.com

Midwife Delivery Can Lead to Passport Denial

By Spencer S. Hsu

The State Department is denying passports to people born in southern Texas near the border with Mexico if they were delivered by midwives, citing a history of birth certificate forgeries there for Mexican-born children dating to the 1960s, according to U.S. officials.

**NUMBER: 139**

**PUBLISHED: 9/9/2008 7:31:00 PM**

**TITLE: SAN JUAN: REMINDER \*\* PFPJ MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER \***

On Behalf Of Erik Carlos Toren

Subject: [World Peace Alliance] REMINDER \*\* PFPJ MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER

PfPJ Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10th, 2008

Wednesday

7PM

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County Bldg.

1401 S. Nebraska Avenue

San Juan

Please send agenda items.

AGENDA ITEMS THUS FAR:

- \* Update on anti-war events and organizing
- \* Movie Night " Next Movie? Etc.
- \* Organizing against the Border Wall " Report from Resist the Wall coalition
- \* Anti-Death Penalty work
- \* UT Pan Am CIA "ethics" conference

For more information, contact PfPJ at:

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[peoplepeacejustice.blogspot.com](http://peoplepeacejustice.blogspot.com)

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**NUMBER: 140**

**PUBLISHED: 9/10/2008 9:14:00 AM**

**TITLE: ARTICLE: Bush's border fence to cost extra \$400 million \***

On Behalf Of No Border Wall

Bush's border fence to cost extra \$400 million

By EILEEN SULLIVAN " 9 hours ago

WASHINGTON (AP) " The Bush administration needs an extra \$400 million to complete its fence along the country's southwestern border, and government investigators say that may not even be enough to finish construction by the end of this year.

To complete the 670-mile fence " already half built " the administration has asked Congress to approve the use of \$400 million set aside for other programs, mostly surveillance technology projects along the U.S.-Mexico border, Jayson Ahern, the deputy commissioner of Customs and Border Protection, told The Associated Press Tuesday.

Higher costs of fuel, steel and labor have led to the \$400 million shortfall, Ahern said.

"If we run out of money, unfortunately the construction will have to stop," Ahern said. He said it is not known exactly how much extra it will cost to build each mile of the fence, because the costs differ due to varying terrain and environmental issues.

Ahern is scheduled to testify on Capitol Hill Wednesday about the fence's funding shortfalls. At the same hearing, Congress' investigative arm, the Government Accountability Office, will also tell lawmakers that the administration risks not meeting its deadline to complete the fence by the end of the year because of staffing shortages and complications with acquiring the land necessary to build the fence.

The concept of a border fence took on new life after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, which revived the heated immigration debate. Intelligence officials have said the gaps along the southwestern border could provide opportunities for terrorists to enter the country.

Critics have said the fence presents an inconsistent message about a country founded by immigrants and priding itself on opportunity.

The fence is not intended to stop illegal immigration altogether, but rather make it more difficult for people to enter the country illegally, administration officials say..

The entire plan for security on the southwestern border includes additional Border Patrol agents, more enforcement of immigration laws, a physical fence and a high-tech "virtual fence" with surveillance technology.

The administration learned the high-tech portion of the fence is more difficult than anticipated after its 28-mile test of a virtual fence in Arizona. Lawmakers have hammered the administration for what they consider a failed virtual fence plan, but Ahern and other officials have said that criticism is not fair.

While there are still plans to install virtual fencing along other parts of the border, the administration thinks it's more important to use the money set aside for technology in order to complete the physical fence, Ahern said.

As for completing the fence by end of the administration, Ahern said, "We still have many challenges that remain to be overcome." Among those challenges are getting court orders to build on certain lands. "And that's out of our control," he said. He said staffing shortages, however, are not a problem.

The fencing plan affects about 480 landowners who live along or near the southwestern border. Some citizens are faced with moving out of their homes and selling their property to the government because the placement of the fence would significantly affect the value of their property. Others could accept a government payment as compensation for reduced value. As of August 26, the administration had 269 pieces of property it still needed to acquire from landowners, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Since 2006, Congress has appropriated \$2.7 billion for the fence. But there's no estimate how much the entire system " the physical fence and technology " will cost to build, let alone maintain.

Border fences have been sprouting across California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas for decades " dating to the 1940s, when the International Boundary and Water Commission, an agency that deals with border issues, built 234 miles of fence to keep out foot-and-mouth disease.

As a result, the U.S. fence is a patchwork of old and new construction and in varying states of repair; the only consistency is a uniform ugliness. Over the years surveillance cameras, ground sensors and unmanned aerial drones have been used in spots along the border. But the current building spree is the first comprehensive federal push to seal the entire stretch with either physical fencing or detection and surveillance technology.

If Congress does not approve the use of an additional \$400 million to build the physical fence, Ahern said, "We will exhaust our moneys and go as far as we can."

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**TITLE: TAKE ACTION: IFCO/Pastors for Peace CALL TO ACTION FOR CUBA!! \***

IFCO/Pastors for Peace  
CALL TO ACTION FOR CUBA

Dear Friends,

Like all of you, IFCO has been watching with heavy hearts as Hurricanes Gustav, Hannah and Ike have ravaged the Caribbean.

IFCO is organizing a variety of disaster responses this week.

Here is how you can help:

1. Help us organize an IFCO-Pastors for Peace Construction Brigade of 30-50 skilled carpenters, electricians, plumbers, etc. They and a small number of support individuals will travel to Cuba for approximately two weeks to assist in the reconstruction of social projects-i.e. schools, hospitals, medical facilities, home for the elderly, etc

This brigade will arrive in Cuba with tools and humanitarian aid collected from our friends.

As usual this aid will be delivered to the Ecumenical Distribution Committee which will distribute the aid wherever it is needed most.

2. Help us organize a mini-caravan to gather aid that Cuba says they need.

3. Send a generous donation. IFCO has established a Hurricane Relief Fund to respond as best we can to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Cuba.

The magnitude of need in Cuba has reached historic proportions. Each of us can contribute in some way to the recovery effort. You have helped us in the past.

Our friends in Cuba need our support now more than ever before.

Please be as generous as you can. Send your tax-exempt contributions to IFCO, 418 W. 145th Street, New York, NY 10031 212-926-5757 by phone or by snail mail or donate online at our website.

Let us help Cuba rebuild with no strings attached!

All contributions are tax deductible. IFCO is a 501c3 non profit organization.

And please dont forget to urge other people of faith, conscience and good will to contribute in any way possible to this effort.

Important: Please designate all contributions with the word Hurricane. Do not use the word "Cuba" in the subject notation line of your check or with an online donation.

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U.S. teen: 'I felt like there were no dreams for me'

\* Story Highlights

\* 3 million U.S. citizen children are believed to have one undocumented parent

\* Julie Quiroz, 13, was born in the U.S. but had to return to Mexico with her mom

\* "I never belonged there ... I'd just come home, sit down, cry," she says

\* Thanks to a philanthropist, Quiroz was able to come back to study; but without mother

By Thelma Gutierrez and Wayne Drash

CNN

WAXAHATCHIE, Texas (CNN) -- Julie Quiroz clutches her teddy bear crying.

"Mommy," she says softly, as her mother wraps her arms around her and rubs her back. One of her brothers tries to console her. "You're going to come back," he says.

The 13-year-old Quiroz begins to walk away to catch an airplane from Mexico to the United States. Within moments, she rushes back to her mother's arms.

"Mommy," she says again, tears streaming down her face.

Quiroz is one of an estimated 3 million American children who have at least one parent who entered the United States illegally, according to the Urban Institute, which researches and evaluates U.S. social and economic issues. In Quiroz's case, she was born in Washington state, lived there her entire life and went to school there. But her mother, Ana Reyes, entered the United States illegally before Quiroz was born and U.S. immigration officials caught up with her last year on her birthday. Watch how deportation separates family >

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"I was there when they handcuffed her," Quiroz says. "I was there when they took her down."

Two of her brothers, who had come with their mother to the United States when they were young children, also were taken into custody.

It was the start of a downward spiral for Quiroz. When her mother and brothers were deported, Quiroz and her 6-year-old, American-born sister had no choice but to return to Mexico City with them.

Her seventh-grade year was spent in a classroom where she didn't understand the language.

"I never belonged there," she says. "I'd just come home, sit down, cry. I'd say, 'Mom, I can't do it.' ... I can't read or write Spanish."

She adds, "I felt like there were no dreams for me."

Stories like these are becoming more common, immigration analysts say, with American children caught in the middle of their mother or father's illegal status. A report last month in the Journal of the American Medical Association said these children face "increasing risk of family separation, economic hardship and psychological trauma."

"It's really hard to imagine something that can be more traumatic than to be forcibly separated from their caregiver. That's the enforcement climate that we're operating in now," says Miriam Calderon, the associate director for education and children's policy at the National Council of La Raza, the largest Hispanic advocacy group in the United States.

Calderon says the nation needs to enforce immigration laws <http://topics.cnn.com/topics/immigration> , but currently there is a lack of a "consistent and comprehensive standard to ensure that children will be protected" when undocumented parents are taken into custody.

"Until a major immigration reform is enacted, the country will continue to cope with challenges resulting from the presence of roughly 12 million undocumented immigrants in our workforce and in our communities," said Janet Murguia, the president of NCLR, before Congress in May.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement [http://topics.cnn.com/topics/u\\_s\\_bureau\\_of\\_immigration\\_and\\_customs\\_enforcement](http://topics.cnn.com/topics/u_s_bureau_of_immigration_and_customs_enforcement) says it's simply enforcing the laws on the books.

"ICE agents and officers are sworn to uphold all of our nation's immigration and customs laws," ICE press secretary Kelly Nantel said in a written statement. "We cannot pick and choose the laws we enforce. Parents make decisions that affect their families everyday.

"There are known consequences for violating our nation's immigration laws. It's unfortunate that parents choose to place their children in these difficult situations."

For Quiroz, her journey from America to Mexico City took an unexpected turn when her plight caught the attention of Joe Kennard, a land developer and Christian philanthropist. Kennard reached out to Quiroz's mother and told her the teen could live with his family in Texas and enroll in school there.

"You can make all the arguments that [the mother] deserved what she got because she was an adult, she made the choice, she was here illegally," Kennard says. "But why [punish] the children? They're innocent and they're born here and they're U.S. citizens."

His group, Organization to Help Citizen Children <http://www.helpcitizenchildren.org/> , works with churches along the U.S.-Mexico border to provide support for children whose mother or father is deported to Mexico.

Kennard hired a private tutor to get Quiroz up to speed for missing a year of schooling. "She's conflicted because she knows that she's got to get an education and this is the only way to do it. But she also feels the love for her mother and that's the torture."

Quiroz's mother then made the incredibly painful decision to implore her daughter to go to Texas, an unbearable decision for the teen to leave her family for her country and her future.

Her older brother, Carlos Quiroz, was about 3 years old when his mom took him to the United States last decade. He misses his sister, but knows he can't return. "I have to accept that ... and try to make it work," he says.

Watch why Carlos Quiroz feels like an American >

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He's working to get a job and hopes to enter college in Mexico. But his mind is still in the land he grew up in. "I don't feel like I belong here. I feel like I was taken out of somewhere where I belonged," he says. "My whole life is over there."

His sister is now living in Texas, adjusting to eighth grade and all the changes around her. When she's alone, she says it still hurts.

"I want to be in my mom's arms," she says, choking back tears.

The dream that keeps her going?

She's determined to become a lawyer to fight for kids who are forced to endure painful separations.

"My mom only came here to make a better life," she says. "I want to be a lawyer to help people in the same situation as me."

CNN's Gregg Canes and Traci Tamura contributed to this report.

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**TITLE: ARTICLE: Valley residents sue government after being denied passport \***

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www.riograndeguardian.com
Guardian News updates
September 10, 2008

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VALLEY RESIDENTS SUE GOVERNMENT AFTER BEING DENIED PASSPORTS

Nine U.S. citizens from the Rio Grande Valley are suing the federal government, claiming discrimination in the way their applications for a passport were handled. The discrimination came about, their lawyers argue, because they have a Hispanic surname and were born to a midwife. On Tuesday, two of the plaintiffs, David Hernandez from San Benito and Juan Aranda from Weslaco, spoke before a group of community members and media to share their story and explain the basis of the lawsuit.

Read on...

Click on the link below to view the latest border news stories

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TITLE: HOUSTON: "Citizenship For Us" *

On Behalf Of Anna Nunez

FYI

Below is a resource from CLINIC that may be of interest. Thank you,

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CLINIC ANNOUNCES 5TH EDITION OF "CITIZENSHIP FOR US"

CLINIC is pleased to announce the new, 5th edition of our handbook, Citizenship for Us: A Handbook on Naturalization and Citizenship. The new edition is available for the first time as a free resource that can be printed from our website in pdf format. Professionally printed, spiral-bound copies may be ordered for \$25/each, plus shipping.

Citizenship for Us is a comprehensive guide to the naturalization process that includes 13 study units on the U.S. history/civics test with historic photos, timelines, and maps. The new edition has been updated to reflect the new citizenship test that will take effect on October 1, 2008. It also includes updated legal and policy information and a new chapter on civic participation.

Citizenship for Us is available on the CLINIC website at: www.clinic.kintera.org/citzforus

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Demonstration to Free the Cuban 5 - 4pm *

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From: Esperanza

Join the San Antonio Committee to Free the Cuban Five ...
FREE the FIVE
Demonstration at the Federal Building
727 E. Durango

THIS FRIDAY

September 12, 2008

4 - 5:30 pm

www.freethefive.org for more info

BACKGROUND:
September 12, 2008 will mark the 10th anniversary of the arrests of Gerardo Hernandez, Antonio Guerrero, Ramn Labaino, Ren Gonzlez and Fernando Gonzlez “ five Cuban men who were sent by the Cuban government to live in Miami and to legally monitor U.S.-based terrorist groups with a fifty-year history of violence against Cuba.

At no time were they involved in any espionage against the U.S. or did they endanger the national security of the United States. Cuba sent them to Miami to infiltrate right-wing Cuban organizations planning terrorist attacks against Cuba. Cuba turned over to the U.S. information about the terrorists acting on U.S. soil; but instead of taking action against the terrorists, the U.S. arrested these five Cuban patriots fighting against terrorism.

These men, known as the Cuban Five, were unjustly held in solitary confinement for 17 months following their arrest by the FBI, and are currently serving four life sentences and 75 years collectively. The latest court decision said that three of the Five received excessive sentences and remanded the case to the Miami court for re-sentencing of these three. Many of them continue to be denied visits with family members. Friday's demonstration will call for their release.

The demonstration will also show support for the National Committee to Free the Cuban Five, which will be presenting tens of thousands of petitions to the White House in Washington, D.C. this Friday. ALSO, NEXT WEEK ...MISSION AGAINST TERROR
Film Screening at Fuerza Unida
710 New Laredo Hwy (210) 927-2294

NEXT FRIDAY @ 7pm

September 19, 2008 Film Description

MISSION AGAINST TERROR is a critically acclaimed film by Bernie Dwyer and Roberto Ruiz Rebo. The film raises the question: why are people who fight terrorism imprisoned in the U.S. while known terrorists are allowed to walk the streets of Miami freely? It follows the case of the five Cubans currently serving long sentences in U.S. jails for trying to prevent terrorist attacks on Cuba. It also depicts the long history of violence against innocent Cubans by right-wing groups based in Miami that are supported by the U.S. (Cuba/Ireland, 48min. 2005) For more information, visit the Nat'l Committee to Free the Cuban 5 website, or call the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center at (210)228-0201. Esperanza Peace and Justice Center 922 San Pedro Ave ☿ San Antonio TX 78212 (entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

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TITLE: ARTICLE: US Troops Commit Suicide! *

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From: Gloria Rubac

16 US troops commit suicide in Iraq

Mon, 08 Sep 2008 12:48:50 GMT

Sixteen US troops from the a unit of the Airborne Division have committed suicide inside a military base in Iraq, security sources say.

Iraqi security sources have revealed that 21 US troops had committed suicide inside a former Iraqi air force base 27 days ago, Fars News Agency reported on Monday.

According to the sources, the 21 troops were treated in a hospital but only five soldiers have survived and they are in a critical condition. Security officials said they used potent narcotics to kill themselves.

The troops' motivations for suicide are not known but according to Iraqi sources the servicemen belonged to a unit of the US Airborne Division that was behind the massacre of several Iraqi families-- mostly women and children-- in northern Baghdad, said Ali al-Baghdadi an Iraqi security official.

The suicides took place in the soldiers' dormitory after the dinner time.

"The bodies of the US troops became misshapen such a way that they looked like 5000-year mummies," said a witness.

According to Iraqi officials' estimates, some 600 US troops, including senior officers, have committed suicide in Iraq since the invasion of the country in 2003. Half of the suicide attempts have been successful.

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From: Erik Toren

ACLU Challenges State Department's Refusal To Issue Passports To U.S. Citizens (9/9/2008)

Mexican-Americans From Southern Border States Face Delays And Denials

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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McALLEN, TX “ Today nine American citizens sued the federal government, challenging the U.S. Department of State's refusal to issue them passports because of their race and ancestry and because their births were attended by midwives. The class action lawsuit, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Texas, the international law firm Hogan and Hartson LLP and Refugio del Rio Grande, Inc., builds upon a complaint filed earlier this year.

The lawsuit charges that the State Department categorically questions the citizenship of virtually all midwife-delivered Mexican-Americans born in southern border states. According to the lawsuit, the State Department has been forcing these applicants to go to unreasonable lengths to prove their citizenship by providing an excessive number of documents that normally are not required. Then, even after the applicants supply further proof of their citizenship, the Department responds by summarily closing their applications.

"Based on blanket race-based suspicion, the State Department is sending this select group of passport applicants on a veritable scavenger hunt and then refusing to issue them passports without a fair examination of their individual cases," said ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project attorney Robin Goldfaden. "Denying passports to U.S. citizens in this way is clearly against the law and violates our core American values of fairness and equality."

The need for a passport has become particularly urgent for citizens who need or wish to travel outside the U.S. By virtue of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), every American who wishes to enter or reenter the U.S. must have a valid U.S. passport or passport card by June 2009. Prior to WHTI, only a U.S. driver's license was required to enter or reenter the U.S. from Canada or Mexico. As a result, there has been a surge in passport applications. Americans who must cross the border daily for work or family obligations but have not yet received their passports will be effectively barred from conducting the everyday business of their lives.

For countless Latinos who were delivered by midwives in the Southwest, however, trying to obtain a passport has become an exercise in futility. Although midwifery has been a common practice for more than a century, particularly in rural and other traditionally underserved communities, the U.S. government has

imposed unsurpassable hurdles on midwife-delivered Latinos to prove their citizenship and eligibility for U.S. passports “ even when their citizenship has already been established in the past. The government has demanded documents that never existed, like a 1935 census report; that no longer exist, like elementary school records that school districts long ago destroyed; and documents that only the government itself could produce, like immigration documents returned to the Immigration and Naturalization Service years ago.

The lawsuit contends that this pattern and practice by the State Department amounts to discrimination on the basis of race and ancestry in violation of applicants' right to equal protection under the law. The lawsuit also charges that the Department's practices violate due process and the Administrative Procedure Act, which was enacted as a safeguard against arbitrary and capricious government agency procedures.

"The U.S. government has effectively reduced a whole swath of the population to second-class citizenship because of their last names and because they happened to be born at home with a midwife," said Vanita Gupta, ACLU Racial Justice Program staff attorney. "Our clients have more than satisfied the requirements for a U.S. passport. It's wrong for the government to raise the bar to impossible heights and then arbitrarily shelve the applications for an entire group of people."

David Hernandez, a plaintiff in the case, is a U.S. citizen and was born in San Benito, Texas in 1964. Hernandez lived and attended school in the Rio Grande Valley and served honorably in the U.S. Army, earning various medals and ribbons. Hernandez's passport application was closed even after he responded to the Department's demand for additional documents by providing further evidence of his birth and baptism in the U.S., evidence of his mother's residency in the U.S. at the time of his birth, his immunization records, school records, and even a letter from the Mexican Civil Registry stating that there was no record of Hernandez being born in Mexico.

"I thought that in America everyone was supposed to be equal," said Hernandez. "I was born here. I've lived and worked here and served in the Army. I feel betrayed, like my country is stabbing me in the back just because my mother didn't have the luxury of having me in a hospital."

Juan Aranda, also a plaintiff in the case, was born in Weslaco, Texas in 1970 and has lived and worked in the U.S. his entire life. He works as a supervisor at a U.S. company that sells drinking water in Mexico and must frequently cross the border as part of his job. In anticipation of the new passport requirement, he applied for a passport last year and included his birth certificate in the application. He received a letter from the Department stating that more documentation was necessary to prove he was born in the U.S., including records of prenatal care that his mother did not have. Aranda sent in school records, immunization records, his baptismal certificate and a letter explaining that his mother did not receive prenatal care because she could not afford it.

"The cases of Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Aranda, and the other plaintiffs in this case are just the tip of the iceberg," said Lisa Brodyaga, the attorney for Refugio del Rio Grande, Inc. "There are countless other passport applicants like them who have done everything in their power to track down extra evidence, only to be told that their applications were being closed."

ACLU of Texas Legal Director Lisa Graybill said, "For citizens living on the border, a passport is as necessary as a driver's license. It's wrong for the government to deny people their basic rights because their parents could not, or chose not, to have them delivered in a hospital."

Defendants in the case before the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas are Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Under Secretary for Management Patrick F. Kennedy, Assistant Secretary of State for

Consular Affairs Maura Harty, Passport Services Directorate Managing Director Ann Barrett and the United States of America.

Lawyers on the case, Castelano, et al. v. Rice, et al., for the plaintiff class include Goldfaden of the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project; Gupta of the ACLU Racial Justice Program; Graybill of the ACLU of Texas; Adam K. Levin, Melissa Henke, David Weiner and Robert Wolinsky of Hogan & Hartson; and Brodyaga of Refugio del Rio Grande, Inc.

The complaint is online at:www.aclu.org/immigrants/gen/36669lgl20080909.html

Podcasts with community leader Father Mike Seifert, Hernandez and Goldfaden are available online at:www.aclu.org/racialjustice/gen/passports.html

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September 11, 2008 Marie Watteau

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NCLR LAUNCHES "WE CAN STOP THE HATE" WEBSITE 2.0 TO COMBAT HATE SPEECH

Washington, DC" A revamped website launched today by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) documents how hate groups in the U.S. have been reenergized by the immigration debate and how the growing intolerance fanned by these groups is leading to a record increase in hate crimes against Latinos. The acclaimed website, www.WeCanStopTheHate.org spotlights hate in the immigration debate with analyses of the leading groups, spokespeople, and media allies of the anti-immigrant movement.

"Given that dozens of anti-immigrant talk show hosts and organizations have descended on Capitol Hill this week, it is especially important that information on what these entities are really all about is readily available to those interested in combating intolerance," noted Janet Murguía, NCLR President and CEO. "Regardless of how one feels about immigration policy, we can all agree that a hate-filled debate is not acceptable."

The website, originally launched in January of this year, has been redesigned to make it easier for visitors and users to find information, obtain the latest updates, and learn how to get involved. Its features include an extensive library of videos on the links between anti-immigrant and extremist organizations throughout the country; fact sheets on, among other topics, the code words of hate used in the debate and the most prominent media spokespeople from these anti-immigrant and extremist groups; and frequently updated posts, called "The Latest," on incidents of hate in the media, perpetrated by policymakers and others.

The new website can be found at www.WeCanStopTheHate.org

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NCLR LANZA SU SITIO WEB "WE CAN STOP THE HATE" PARA COMBATIR EL USO DE PALABRAS DE ODIO

Washington, DC" El Consejo Nacional de la Raza (NCLR por sus siglas en inglés) devela hoy un sitio web que documenta cómo los grupos extremistas y de odio en los Estados Unidos se han energizado con el debate migratorio y cómo la creciente intolerancia de parte de éstos ha aumentado la incidencia de crímenes por odio en contra de los latinos. El sitio titulado www.WeCanStopTheHate.org, compagina y analiza las acciones y afirmaciones de odio por grupos, portavoces, y miembros de los medios que apoyan el movimiento antiinmigrante.

"Dada la realidad de que docenas de comentaristas radiales y organizaciones antiinmigrantes han venido a vociferar sus mensajes de odio al Capitolio esta semana, es sumamente importante que el público tenga

acceso a los mensajes y las plataformas que ellos patrocinan para que podamos combatirlos", denotó Janet Murguía, presidenta de NCLR. "Independientemente de cuál sea la opinión de cada cual acerca del debate migratorio, es claro que un debate matizado por el odio es inaceptable".

El sitio se lanzó originalmente en enero de este año, y ha sido rediseñado para facilitar la navegación de los usuarios de manera que éstos puedan obtener boletines y mantenerse al tanto de lo que acontece respecto a este tema. Los visitantes pueden acceder una extensa videoteca con enlaces a testimonios de portavoces a favor y en contra del debate migratorio.

Además hay un glosario con las palabras "código" que usan los comentaristas en los medios de comunicación para perpetuar el odio y un sin número de páginas de datos. Una sección titulada, "The Latest", publicará los incidentes más recientes del uso de odio en los medios y cualquier acto de odio que se perpetúe por políticos o comentaristas.

El sitio se puede acceder en: www.WeCanStopTheHate.org

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Delay Seen for Fence At U.S.-Mexico Line *

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Delay Seen for Fence At U.S.-Mexico Line

By Spencer S. Hsu

The Bush administration is unlikely to complete 670 miles of border fence by year-end as required by Congress because of surging construction costs and problems acquiring private land along the border with Mexico, Homeland Security Department officials acknowledged yesterday.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Challenging the federal definition of border security *

TreviÃ±o: Challenging the federal definition of border security

11 September 2008

Marisa TreviÃ±o

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Marisa TreviÃ±oA new report card gives low marks to the federal government in preventing a repeat attack like 9-11. Yet, U.S.-Mexico border residents are bearing the brunt of federal policies preoccupied with securing the border regardless of cost to the national deficit or citizens' rights.

DALLAS, September 11 - It's been seven years since 9-11 branded its place in this country's history and lexicon. It's only fitting that every anniversary since then has been solemnly observed with a renewed dedication to preventing such an attack from happening again.

Unfortunately, the sad fact is that instead of working to thwart future attacks, the government has had its eye on other projects. For example, it developed an inordinate amount of focus on the southern border with Mexico.

As a result, some citizens, who live in the U.S.-Mexico border region, are among those in the country who remain the highest at risk " not from physical injury from Al-Qaeda but personal injury to their civil and citizenship rights from the government.

A recent bipartisan report revealed that the events of 9-11 could happen again. The next time may not be with commandeered planes but with nuclear, biological or chemical weapons " devices that are far more deadly and massive in scope than just planes hitting designated targets.

The report, Partnership for a Secure America, gave the government an overall average grade of "C" for the preparation and prevention of a repeat attack. The report card gave a B, the highest grade, to such things as "detection and mitigation," and "demilitarizing chemical weapons." A grade of C or C- went to "detecting covert bioterrorism preparations," "preventing biological terrorism" and "preventing nuclear terrorism." Some would argue that an overall C grade is admirable given the logistics and complexity in securing a country and its citizens the size of the United States, but this is seven years after the event.

Instead of by now perfecting procedures that would adequately meet any future threat, the federal government is instead telling Congress that it needs an additional \$400 million to complete the border fence and wants the money drawn from funds earmarked for border surveillance technology projects.

In an article in the Rio Grande Guardian, State Rep. Lon Burnam cited how the escalating costs of the border structure now stand at \$49 billion. According to Rep. Burnam, that price tag is the same as what China paid to stage the Olympics.

But what perhaps is even more puzzling is that administration officials admit that the fence won't stop illegal immigration. In an Associated Press interview, officials said the fence was only to make it more difficult for people to enter the country illegally.

However, the fence isn't making illegal crossings as difficult as it's making citizen's lives. People are losing their family lands so the fence can be built. The bi-national aspect of their lives, as they always have known it, is being disrupted. In southwest Arizona, where the fence already is in place, people saw their businesses flooded during heavy rains because local officials determined that the fence had been built too quickly without regard to meeting water runoff standards.

In fact, the assumption that the government is responding in classic knee-jerk style to perceived border threats with Mexico is further evident in the recent denial of passports to Mexican-Americans delivered by a mid-wife.

People who never worried that their citizenship would be questioned are now having to satisfy unreasonable documentation demands of federal officials who believe these home-born are in the country illegally and thus must be a threat to national security, even when all the evidence points to the contrary. In that same report card, a D+ was given to the government "establishing international cooperation." It's pretty clear that a failing grade is in order when it comes to working and respecting the rights of its own citizens " who are being forced to challenge the definition of border security.

Marisa Treviño is editor and publisher of Latina Lista, a publication that covers government legislation, justice issues, and groundbreaking studies from a Latina perspective. Her Latina Lista column appears every week in the Guardian.

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TITLE: 5 McCain videos everyone should see before November... *

I had to share this...

It's not about the border wall...directly. It's about who might be there in the White House to help tear it down...

Jay

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Dear Supporter,

The Real McCain 2 reached an astonishing 4 million views last week, just as the McCain campaign was trotting out lie after lie at the Republican National Convention. Coincidence? We don't think so. To us, this unprecedented number suggests that the public is desperately seeking the truth about John McCain -- a truth the corporate press still isn't providing.

We're hearing reports of a lot of hand-wringing from people who are scared and don't know what to do. So we came up with a way to put that nervous energy to good use! Join the McCain Truth Squad and a couple of times a week we will send you McCain videos for you to forward on with a personal note to your friends, colleagues and family members.

Join the McCain Truth Squad: [http://therealmccain.com/squad?utm\\_source=rgemail](http://therealmccain.com/squad?utm_source=rgemail)

To get you started, below are five videos that present the Real McCain: an elitist out of touch with hard-working Americans; a double talker who supports a costly war in Iraq but won't support our veterans. Forward this email on. This is the McCain everyone should know.

1. The Real McCain 2: Watch as McCain's YouTube problem became his nightmare in the video that received over 4 million views.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEtZIR3zp4c>

2. Less Jobs. More Wars: What is this 'Iraq war' charge on my bill?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh-T2iGkJY>

3. John McCain vs. John McCain: Tell McCain to get off the Double Talk Express.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioy9OnF2anI>

4. McCain's Spiritual Guide: The video that caused McCain to renounce Rev. Rod Parsley's bigoted endorsement.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WXZbIGJrDkg>

5. Why Won't McCain Sign the GI Bill? Presenting the most blatant hypocrisy of the McCain campaign.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pK\\_9sl7hzAc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pK_9sl7hzAc)

Imagine how differently people would regard McCain if they saw all five of these videos and learned the truth. That's why we want you to forward this e-mail to everyone and anyone with a personal note at the top from you. Why send these videos individually when you can send them all at once? Also, get them on all the blogs and traditional news sites you can. Make sure you're doing everything you can to educate the public about the Real McCain.

Yours,  
Robert Greenwald  
and the Brave New team

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**TITLE: Fwd: Hurricane Ike - Coming Home Precautions - Please Share w/Networ \***

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From: Anna Nunez

From the EPA (English & Spanish) . . .

--- On Thu, 9/11/08, Flores.Paula@epamail.epa.gov <Flores.Paula@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

From: Flores.Paula@epamail.epa.gov <Flores.Paula@epamail.epa.gov>

Subject: Hurricane Ike - Coming Home Precautions - Please Share w/Networks In Affected Areas

To:

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2008, 4:11 PM

Dear Partners:

Here are several pieces of information (English and Spanish) that we are trying to disseminate to communities which may be affected by Hurricane Ike. Please share them with your constituents, media networks, and partners in those communities. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Information sheets include...

Coming Home: Steps to Stay Safe as You Return Home

What to Do After the Flood - Private Wells

Portable Generator Hazards

Emergency Disinfection of Drinking Water

English Version:

(See attached file: coming\_home\_precautions\_brochure.pdf)(See attached

file: private\_wells.pdf)(See attached file:

portablegenerators\_brochure.pdf)(See attached file: drinking\_water.pdf)

Spanish Version.:

(See attached file: portablegenerators\_brochure\_spanish\_redcross.pdf)

(See attached file: drinking\_water\_brochure\_espanol.pdf)(See attached

file: private\_wells\_spanish\_brochure.pdf)

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**TITLE: Enjoy~!!! \***

<http://www.comedycentral.com/videos/index.jhtml?videoId=184086>

Jay

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**PUBLISHED: 9/12/2008 8:06:00 AM**

**TITLE: ACLU: Know Your Rights When Encountering Law Enforcement! \***

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From: Anna Nunez

Know Your Rights When Encountering Law Enforcement!

<http://www.aclu.org/safefree/general/17444res20040528.html>

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ACLU Know Your Rights Publication

The American Civil Liberties Union is pleased to inform you that we have created a public education Booklet entitled Know Your Rights When Encountering Law Enforcement. The ACLU believes that the Booklet may be helpful to members of your organization.

The Booklet addresses what rights an individual has when stopped, questioned, arrested, or searched by law enforcement officers. The Booklet is for citizens and non-citizens with additional information for non-citizens in a separate section. Another section covers what can happen to an individual at airports and other points of entry into the United States. The last section of the Booklet discusses concerns an individual may have related to their charitable contributions and religious or political beliefs. The Booklet is intended to inform individuals about their basic rights and is not a substitute for legal advice.

Recently, the ACLU has translated the Booklet into the following languages: Arabic, Spanish, Urdu, French and Farsi. The English version of the Booklet, as well as the translations, are available at the following weblink <http://www.aclu.org/safefree/general/17444res20040528.html>.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**September 11, 2008**

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**TITLE: State Dept denies passports to US-born, TRLA sues \***

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**TITLE: CONFERENCE: Constellations of Hope - Nov 7-10 \***

From: Jay J. Johnson-Castro, Sr.  
Constellations of Hope:  
An Invitation to Organizational Collaboration  
November 7-10, 2008  
IONS Retreat Center ~ Petaluma, California

"If ever the world sees a time when women shall come together purely and simply for the benefit of mankind, it will be a power such as the world has never known."  
Matthew Arnold, British poet and philosopher (1822-1888)

More than 120 years have passed since Matthew Arnold articulated this vision of the potential healing power of the world's women. How are we women doing at stepping forward individually with our wisdom and experience to create change? How are women doing at 'coming together' to use our collective power for the benefit of humankind?

There is a growing sense of urgency that NOW is the time to manifest powerful affirmative answers to these questions. We have been called to answer these questions because humanity needs a new paradigm for solving the world's problems. We have been called to create structures of peace and sustainability so that the generations living now can hand a gift of hope to the generations to come.

How do we begin?

There are thousands of organizations large and small working on behalf of women and women's issues around the world today. Each one represents a source of valuable insights, experience and wisdom; each one could benefit from a thoughtful exchange of resources, information and ideas with the others. Millions of women in countries around the globe would benefit from the resulting synergy... and the world would be moved closer to a model of healthy balanced leadership that incorporates feminine principles.

Please join us in a collaborative conversation about this possibility.

We are inviting women who represent organizations with a major focus upon empowerment and leadership of women on a national or international scale. Organizations should be based in Canada, the United States or Mexico. We will come together in circle dialogue to explore what we might be able to create together that we cannot create alone.

November 7-10, 2008

IONS Retreat Center ~ Petaluma, California

Opening Dinner ~6 pm Friday, November 7

Departures begin ~11 am Monday, November 10

About the IONS Retreat Center

The IONS Retreat Center is a beautiful collection of indoor and outdoor meeting spaces located on the IONS campus in Petaluma, California. Just 30 minutes north of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Retreat Center is on 200 acres of rolling hills and offers meeting space, healthy dining and comfortable lodging in a peaceful natural environment. The Center can be easily accessed from both San Francisco and Oakland airports.

(For more information about the venue, visit [www.noetic.org/retreat.cfm](http://www.noetic.org/retreat.cfm))

#### Registration

- ~Be sure to register early since space is limited to 65 women. Registration will close September 30, 2008.
- ~No cancellation refunds after October 27. Refunds requested prior to October 27 will incur a cancellation fee of \$20.
- ~This gathering has been created as a cohesive group process. No single day registration is available.
- ~The registration price to attend this event has been carefully calculated to cover only expenses for the venue, meals and lodging.
- ~There will be no profit for any individual or organization.

#### Day Use Only: \$205

(no overnight lodging at IONS)

DAY USE FEE : \$15/ DAY x 4 = \$60

MEALS: \$128 total for all 8 meals

MEETING SPACE: \$ 10 per person

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES: \$7

Double Occupancy: \$340

LODGING: \$65/ night X 3 = \$195 (Twin beds/ roommate)

MEALS: \$128 total for all 8 meals

MEETING SPACE: \$10 per person

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES: \$7

Single Occupancy: \$415

LODGING: \$90/ NIGHT x 3 NIGHTS = \$270

MEALS: \$128 total for all 8 meals

MEETING SPACE: \$10 per person

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES: \$7

Registration is available online or by mail at

[www.constellationsofhope.com](http://www.constellationsofhope.com)

#### Scholarships

Thanks to a generous grant from the Kalliopeia Foundation, scholarships are available based on need for women leaders representing indigenous and cross-cultural communities in Canada, the United States and Mexico. Scholarship details and criteria will be published on the website blog after July 28. To inquire about scholarship applications after that date, contact Kathe Schaaf at [katheschaaf@cox.net](mailto:katheschaaf@cox.net) or by calling 949-300-7060

#### Who has organized this event?

This event has been planned by a core group of women representing several diverse women's organizations. The idea emerged at a gathering in Boston in December 2007 and has evolved through a series of conference calls and exploratory meetings over the past six months. Women from more than 15 organizations have been involved in the conversation so far.

For more information, contact:

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**TITLE: ARTICLE: Despite evacuation order, 1,000 remain in Galveston jail \***

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/5997765.html>

Despite evacuation order, 1,000 remain in Galveston jail  
By HARVEY RICE

GALVESTON -- About 1,000 prisoners and a full jail staff remained in the Galveston County Jail on Galveston Island this morning, even as the island began to be battered by the onslaught of Hurricane Ike.

The reason for not evacuating the prisoners is a security issue and cannot be discussed, sheriff's spokesman Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo said.

"The prisoners and their safety and well-being are paramount and it will be handled," Tuttoilmondo said.

Any decision to move the prisoners would be kept secret for security reasons, as happened before Hurricane Rita in 2005, he said.

"We did this during Rita and no one knew until it was absolutely done," Tuttoilmondo said.

The prisoners were in the jail as of 10 a.m. today, leaving little time to transfer them to the mainland. Hurricane-force winds are expected to strike the island later today, making exit across the causeway to the mainland difficult.

Tuttoilmondo declined to say how many deputies were at the jail, but said a full jail staff and relief shifts remained on duty at the lockup at 57th Street and Broadway.

He also declined to discuss measures the Sheriff's Office would take to make sure the prisoners and jail staff remained safe if a storm surge floods the jail.

The structure was specially designed to withstand hurricanes, Tuttoilmondo noted.

Forecasters have warned that a storm surge of as much as 20 feet is possible. That height would put storm water 3 feet over the top of the Galveston sea wall.

City Manager Steve LeBlanc said a 20-foot surge would leave the entire island under water except for a strip of land behind the sea wall.

Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas ordered a mandatory evacuation of Galveston on Thursday.

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**TITLE: First US-Mexico border fence sees fewer migrants, more violence \***

First US-Mexico border fence sees fewer migrants, more violence

Dallas Morning News - Dallas, TX, USA AP TIJUANA, Mexico " There is a moment each evening, as the sun melts into the Pacific, when Colonia Libertad is at peace. The dimming light blurs the ... First U.S.-Mexico border fence sees fewer migrants, more violence 11:32 AM CDT on Saturday, September 13, 2008 Associated Press TIJUANA, Mexico " There is a moment each evening, as the sun melts into the Pacific, when Colonia Libertad is at peace. The dimming light blurs the hilltop slum's rough edges, camouflaging piles of trash in long shadows and making it difficult to tell that some of the tightly packed homes clinging to vertical canyonsides are made of old packing crates and cast-off plastic tarps. The stadium lighting that towers over the corrugated metal wall marking the U.S.-Mexico border is dark, permitting residents a bird's eye view of Tijuana, where lights are blinking on, blanketing hills that lead toward the ocean. Farther inland, the dark shadows of mountains are sketched across the sky. There are no helicopters reverberating overhead, no drone of all-terrain vehicles. Even the bony guard dogs chained outside their homes respect the silence. Fathers stroll lazily behind children who steer beat-up tricycles along the rutted dirt paths that serve as streets. For a moment, residents are reminded of what it was like before the wall, when children ducked under a barbed wire fence to play soccer in U.S. territory and returned home for dinner. When smuggling meant giving directions to migrants who simply outran border agents and melted into the crowds of tourists. But it is only a moment. The floodlights click on, bathing the neighborhood in a blinding light. The helicopters return, clattering past. And the smugglers arrive with their ladders and blow torches and groups of people desperate to escape a fate similar to the one residents of Colonia Libertad long ago accepted. As the U.S. government battles environmentalists and residents to build hundreds more miles of fencing along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, both sides would be well served to take a long look at Colonia Libertad -- Freedom Neighborhood. In the early 1990s, Colonia Libertad became one of the first places to coexist with the recycled, corrugated-iron barrier that has become a symbol of the conflicted relationship between a first-world superpower and the developing nation that lives in its shadow. The fence didn't stop the migrants. It didn't stop the drugs. It merely pared down the hopeful crowds that used to flood San Diego hillsides, diverted the drugs underground and into the mountains, and helped create a ruthless smuggling industry dedicated to beating the U.S. Border Patrol at its own game. But that's not to say the sections of fence that have been built haven't been successful. The barriers, combined with high-tech security measures such as surveillance cameras and ground sensors, have made getting into the U.S. extremely difficult. And as security has increased in recent years, the number of people trying to cross has fallen dramatically. The downside, residents on both sides say, is that the border has become a violent battleground, shattering a shared American and Mexican history that is blind to things such as fences and borders. \_\_\_\_ Once, the only barrier between Colonia Libertad and San Diego was a barbed-wire fence. Residents would squeeze between its rusty spikes, escaping the crowded barrio for the open hillsides of U.S. territory. Adults roasted meat in barbecue pits while children ran free. "It used to be fun, because we'd cross and play soccer or baseball or volleyball," says Jaime Boites, 35, whose home is steps from the border. "Nobody cared. When we were done, we'd just go back to our houses in Mexico." U.S. Border Patrol agents left the picnickers alone. Sometimes they even strolled over and shared a taco. They were more concerned with the other side of Colonia Libertad, the smugglers who used the neighborhood as a staging ground for vanloads of people or drugs or some other kind of contraband that the gringos legally didn't want but were always willing to pay for. It wasn't hard to get to the United States, which had few agents and little security. Sometimes migrants gathered at the border in large groups to rush past outnumbered guards, like a crude game of sharks and minnows. Others packed into vans that raced drugs or people across the hills. "Back then, there used to be vans going through U.S. territory, just like nothing," Boites says. "Vans full of people,

any time of day." Boites was 8 when one van struck and killed a 5-year-old girl. That was the main reason the wall went up: to stop the vehicles. When the first stretch of wall went up, made of material recycled from landing strips left over from Vietnam, Boites was a teenager living in San Diego. Back at his family home, the fence cut off the view of the United States. Little changed in Colonia Libertad. Smugglers cut holes in the fence and drove their vans through. Migrants scrambled over the wall, using the corrugated ridges like the steps of a ladder. But to people in Colonia Libertad, it was still a slap in the face, proof the gringos weren't willing to acknowledge that they needed Mexicans to cut their lawns and take care of their kids. "Sometimes we get the feeling that we aren't wanted over there," Boites says, gazing at the graffiti-covered wall. Americans saw the fence as a necessity because millions of undocumented workers and tons of illegal drugs were streaming into their cities. But it had consequences they never intended: Seasonal workers unable to easily go back and forth built permanent lives north of the border. Migrants were pushed into the searing desert of Arizona, and more than 1,600 have died, often of thirst and exposure. In Tijuana, the United States kept increasing security, using the area to test new anti-smuggling methods and expanding the ones that worked. It added a second layer of fencing at some points, redesigning each barrier to make it more difficult to overcome. Smugglers responded by charging migrants more money and becoming more violent. They used slingshots to launch rocks, bottles, nail-studded planks, Molotov cocktails. Sometimes they wanted to hurt border agents, but mostly they were trying to create diversions while they moved people or drugs across at another point. Since last October, there have been 340 assaults on Border Patrol agents patrolling the California border. The Border Patrol says it doesn't know whether any agents were injured in those attacks. The response, however, has taken a toll. In 2005, an 18-year-old Mexican boy was fatally shot by the Border Patrol. In August, a Mexican man was shot and wounded by an agent trying to disperse a group of rock throwers at a dry, concrete-lined gulley near Colonia Libertad. During one assault, agents fired pepper and tear gas across the border into Colonia Libertad. In a ramshackle house that uses the border fence as its back wall, Esther Arias' eyes began to water, her throat burned and she couldn't catch her breath. Her 3-week-old grandson screamed in pain, confused by the air that singed his tiny lungs. A tear gas canister punched a hole in her father's house across the street and landed on the floor. \_\_\_\_ "Soccer field" is written on the U.S. side of the fence facing Colonia Libertad. That's the only reminder that Mexican children once played here. Now it's a marker for the Border Patrol. High-powered cameras look in every direction from atop towering poles. Ground sensors let agents know when someone is moving through the fields. "We've got bodies," a voice crackles over James Jacques' walkie-talkie. In the distance, a few people dressed in black jump from lightweight handmade ladders they used to scale the second layer of fencing. They run into a ditch, but agents catch them within seconds. A van pulls up, and they are loaded inside to be driven back to Mexico. Those are the easy ones. Jacques says many smugglers have become violent, once stringing a nearly invisible wire across a path to knock agents off all-terrain vehicles. One took out a camera tower with a shotgun. "Before, they wouldn't fight back if caught," Jacques says. "Now it's military-style tactics." He defends the use of tear gas and pepper balls, saying the alternative is worse. Studying Colonia Libertad through binoculars, Jacques sees not a neighborhood of families, but a smugglers' den. "That's a lookout tower," he says, pointing to a small room built on top of a house. "You'll see them all along the border." Drug smugglers have gotten more sophisticated as well. They have built more than two dozen tunnels under the border since 1994. One opened into a warehouse steps from the border, and drug dealers posing as businessmen quietly shipped their wares across the U.S. until agents shut them down. Other drug runners have taken to the mountains, using blowtorches to cut large doors in the fence and then taking four-wheel-drive vehicles across the rugged terrain. In one of the new subdivisions carpeting the hills north of the border, Alma Beltran, 42, turns her sport utility Volvo into her two-car garage and carries groceries into the kitchen for dinner. She and her husband, both Mexicans, own a factory that makes packaging labels in the beach resort of Ensenada, but they moved to the U.S. a few years ago so that their daughter could go to American schools and speak fluent English. But they didn't go far: Their home is two miles from the border. "If we go on a walk -- and we like to go on walks -- every time we try to do that, we are stopped by border patrollers," Beltran says. "They are always pleasant and say, 'Ma'am, you shouldn't be walking here. It is dangerous.'"

Beltran says she is polite, but rarely turns back. Having grown up in both Mexico City and the U.S., she's not frightened by the increased security in the U.S. or the violence in Mexico. "It's the same problem: People trying to cross. Agents chasing people home," she says. "There's nothing new." Her neighborhood is a sprawling collection of cavernous terra-cotta homes that sell for double what most Mexicans will make in a lifetime. Spanish is the predominant language, and most of her neighbors are upper-class Mexicans driven north by a wave of kidnappings and drug violence south of the border. But even in the carefully groomed suburbs of San Diego, it is impossible to escape Mexico. Beltran has only to look out her kitchen window to be reminded that she is caught between two worlds. As she makes dinner, she can see the hillsides worn bald by the Border Patrol, the fences dividing the San Diego suburbs' neat grid from the jumbled streets of Tijuana. In the distance, the stadium lights flooding Colonia Libertad flicker on.

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**TITLE: Associated Press -- Mexico, US find no al-Qaida links since 9/11 \***

Hidden away in the lower corner of p. 22, Section A, of the San Antonio Express News in today's Sunday edition (9-14-08)...is an itty-bitty summary of what should be a feature story. Especially, given the price we're paying for the ruling-elitist driven, racist-supremacist backed, xenophobic-nativist \$49,000,000,000 border wall...the post 9/11 product of the anti-terrorism Secure Fence Act of 2006.

Sarah Boone, Border Ambassadors secretary, has pulled up the entire article for all to see.

I doubt that Lou Dobbs, Sean Hannity, Glenn Beck, Bill O' or Rush Limbaugh will want to touch this one.

Jay

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Sarah Boone (sboone@stx.rr.com) has sent you this article from Associated Press.
Message from Sarah Boone:
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Mexico, US find no al-Qaida links since 9/11

By E. EDUARDO CASTILLO

Associated Press Writer

Mexico says it has arrested 12 people on terrorism charges in the years since the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S., but an official said none were linked to Muslim extremist groups like al-Qaida nor were any planning to strike in the United States. Officials from both nations say there...

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TITLE: Day II @ wall site *

Backing their words with action...

El Pasoan takes a direct stand against the construction of the border wall in their community. Others plan to join him.

May they have our solidarity...

Jay

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Day II @ wall siteDate:Sun, 14 Sep 2008 13:44:27 -0600From:Javier Perez

September 13, 2008

Metallic layers placed the night before.

Little bite after 6:30 a.m., Justo Rivera begins his protest in front of the wall construction site.

Construction site and protest corner is in the Yarbrough exit.

This morning, the activity of Jobe concrete mixer trucks was very intensive.

DAILY PROTESTS AGAINST THE WALL AT CONSTRUCTION SITE BEGINNING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

Morning: 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Evening: 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

We are planning to protest every day indefinitely. If construction intensifies, we may have to protest more times a day, including at night.

Kiewit and Jobe management and supervisors have showed "a bad attitude." Mr. Jobe was taking pictures of Justo this morning. We may decide to picket these two contractors.

So far Border Patrol and EPPD have remained neutral.

We need all the people who can participate. Any day or any hour possible counts. Help us recruit more protesters. Pass this information to all your contacts.

We also need creative signs, big poster boards and markers.

If you need more information, please call me 873-8933.

Carlos

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TITLE: Divided Friendship: Border Field State Park *

Check out this video called Divided Friendship. A must see.

Divided Friendship

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œBorder Field State Park is located at the intersection of Mexico, the United States, and the Pacific Ocean. The existing chain-link fence allows people to communicate face-to-face, and extends into the ocean. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is running rough shod over environmental regulations and local concerns to build a triple wall fence that will cutoff this last remanent of what was once know as Friendship Park. This video shows the beauty and diversity of the park from both sides of the current fence. It also contains interviews with activists and other individuals concerned about the future of this unique and special place.☐

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Divided Friendship

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Texas cannot afford the divisions Prop. 187 caused Californ *

Castro: Texas cannot afford the divisions Prop. 187 caused California

14 September 2008

Steve Taylor

Brownsville Mayor Pat Ahumada and state Rep. Joaquin Castro are pictured at the Brownsville Events Center following a news conference about the border wall. BROWNSVILLE, September 14 - Texas has most to lose from building a border wall and cracking down on undocumented workers, says a state legislator with a unique perspective.

State Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, was a student at Stanford University in the 1990s when debate raged in California over Proposition 187 and saw close up the divisions the ballot initiative created in communities.

The proposition was designed to stop undocumented immigrants from accessing public education, health care and social services. Although passed by a majority of California voters it was struck down in federal court.

"Proposition 187 tore people apart like I have never seen," Castro said, at a news conference in Brownsville earlier this week. "In the dozen years since I left California it has always stuck with me how much resentment and anger that existed among the people of California during that time. Those are feelings that, to this day, continue to linger."

Castro said he did not want to see the same ill feeling exist in Texas but warned that could happen if the border fence is built and anti-immigrant legislation is introduced.

Castro had a similar analogy to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, when describing the border wall. At a roundtable meeting in Mission in December 2005, Cornyn told Rio Grande Valley mayors that the border fence "is a 19th Century solution to a 21st problem." Castro's description was: "It's a medieval solution to a modern problem."

Cornyn later changed his mind and voted for the Secure Fence Act, which required the Department of Homeland Security to build an additional 700 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. Castro has not changed his mind on the issue.

"If we go down this road there are going to be a lot of people on every side of this issue who leave it feeling less like a brotherhood, less like a sisterhood. In the end, I think America will feel less like a nation if we build this wall," Castro said.

The news conference was called by Brownsville Mayor Pat Ahumada and the Texas Border Coalition (TBC) to protest the border wall. The event coincided with news out of Washington, D.C., that DHS would need an additional \$400 million to keep the fence project on track this year. The TBC immediately called on Congress to reject any request from the Bush Administration for more money for the project.

Castro, who along with other Texas House members was on a fact-finding visit to the Valley, said he was struck by what a special place Brownsville was. "It really is a gateway city between two nations who have had, over the years, an incredible relationship," Castro said. "Those who are making the shrill tones, that want to keep people out, they are mostly the ones who never been to a border city."

Castro said that coming from San Antonio he knows how invaluable undocumented workers are to the local economy. He wishes his colleagues across the state understood it also because the stakes for Texas could not be higher.

"Most folks who speak out on this issue have a lot less to lose than the state of Texas. Let's be clear about something. Texas, of any state in the nation, has the most at stake in this debate. It's billions and billions of dollars to the national economy and to the state economy," Castro said.

Castro listed the industries that depend on undocumented workers. "Just about every industry you can think of, everything from construction, to real estate, to food service," he said. "San Antonio is the second

most visited in the Southwest, the most visited in Texas. In each of these major industries we depend on people who are undocumented immigrants to service the jobs we need them for. That's a reality for us." Castro said the American Dream does not just exist in the minds of Americans, but also many people living overseas. "There are plenty of people who do not live here who want to be part of the American Dream. The question for us as Americans is how we deal with those people, whether we accommodate them, what we do with them," he said.

There is great irony that at a time of free trade agreements and an increasingly global economy, the United States would want to build a physical barrier with a key trading partner, Castro said. He said America should be proud, not afraid of walling itself off.

"We have nothing to close ourselves off to. We have nothing to be afraid of. We are a nation of incredible success. We are a nation that can accommodate other cultures and other peoples and at the same time secure our borders and make sure our citizens are safe, Castro said.

Castro concluded his remarks by acknowledging that the border wall and immigration issue was an emotional debate. However, he said that just because it stirred emotions, the United States should proceed down the wrong road. He said he agreed with Mayor Ahumada that to build a piecemeal wall was no answer to border security.

"The wall is an easy way out, to say look, we have done something. The reality is they have not done enough, they have not taken problem seriously," Castro said, referring to President Bush and the members of Congress.

"We should be disappointed with our leaders and our president in Washington because they know there is something else we need to do and they are unwilling to have the courage to do it," he added, referring to the need for comprehensive immigration reform.

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MEChA meeting tomorrow!

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Monday September 15 @ 7pm in MEZES 1.204
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hope to see all you revolutionaries there!

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: EnCanto de Mujer Exhibit: Sat, Sep 27, 6:30pm *

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"I like to show the woman in different ways of her life, in the struggle, in the beauty. Woman to me is everything beautiful, everything sweet, everything strong. She cannot be defeated by anything, even if during her life she cries, she hurts, she gets hurt.

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TITLE: You're heart will relate to this one... *

Just got an e-mail from Molly in NM with this border town story in the Boston Globe. On the Inside the Checkpoint book writing tour back in June, we spent some interesting time in Columbus and Palomas. This is a great story. It gets right to the heart of it. It's almost a story of military people taking over and repopulating a poor border town in NM.

http://www.boston.com/news/politics/2008/articles/2008/09/14/on_the_border_on_the_edge/?page=1

Solidarity in spirit and hermandad is what we need...to save our border culture and amistad.

Jay

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TITLE: AUSTIN: AIRC general meeting tomorrow! asamblea general mañ±ana *

On Behalf Of Caroline Keating-Guerra

Please distribute! There will be free pizza and soda!!

General Meeting of
the Austin Immigrant
Rights Coalition

Tuesday, September 16

7-9 p.m.

Cristo Rey Church (2215 E. 2nd St.)

Topics will include:

ICE in the Travis County Jail update

2009 legislative session

Raids preparedness

Update on the campaign against family detention

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Members and non-members are invited to participate
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Asamblea General de la
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7-9 p.m.

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Miembros y no-miembros son invitados para participar
en la asamblea.*

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TITLE: Indigenous Dignity Day/ Dia de la Raza Oct.11th *

From: Antonio Diaz

El 12 de Octubre 1492 fue el empuzo de la pesadilla de que hasta hoy sigue sufriendo el pueblo Indigeno de este continente de las Americas. Los reclamos que tal Cristobal Colon descubrio las tierras de nuestros antepasados. Realmente lo que hizo fue invadir, ocupar, deslocalizar, y esclavizar a la gente indigena de las Americas. La Iglesia Catolica reconoció los derechos humanos de la gente indigena pero no antes de que la gente indigena se convirtiera a la religion Catolica. No fue nomás robo de terrenos y esclavitud física pero robo de identidad espiritual. Genocidio!

Este año 2008 reconocemos quienes somos y honramos el sacrificio de nuestros antepasados.

Demandamos Derechos Humanos para los descendientes de las gentes originales de este continente. Toda gente Indigena de este Continente tiene el Derecho al Paso Libre sobre este Continente. Es un derecho antiguo a tierras ancestrales. Es injusto criminalizar a la gente indigena de este continente por cruzando caminos antiguos de sus antepasados. Los Mexicanos, Centro, y Sur Americanos son más Americanos que todos los Inmigrantes que vienen de cruzar el Mar. Reconozcan las atrocidades hechas en contra de la gente indigena alrededor del Mundo! Todos somos seres Humanos. Ya basta con las guerras en contra de la gente indigena. Basta con redadas antimigratorias- basta con detención de niños y familias por tratando de mejorar sus vidas- basta con deportaciones de gentes indigenas. Salgan en apoyo de derechos humanos el 11 de Oct. aquí en San Antonio y acruzar de el continente. por favor de llamar al (210) 396-9805

Antonio Diaz

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Free the Children Coalition

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From: Erika-PODER

"The voting booth is the one place that a peasant has the same power as a rich person. And the beautiful thing is ... there's more of us than there are of them!"

- Houston City Council Member Jolanda Jones

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TITLE: Article: THE HUEHUETLATOHLI OF GOOD-HEALTHY EATING *

COLUMN OF THE AMERICAS

SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

BY ROBERTO DR. CINTLI RODRIGUEZ

THE HUEHUETLATOHLI OF GOOD-HEALTHY EATING

SPECIAL LENGTH COLUMN

The Huehuetlatohli are ancient guidances, in this case, for the modern world we live in.

In barrios across the country, only one thing tops the smell of chorizo con huevos in the morning. that is, the taste of chorizo con huevos in the morning. Chorizo with papas is a close second.

But take my word on this; don't inquire how chorizo is made.

It is now conventional wisdom among health gurus that everything that we eat will eventually kill us. Especially Mexican food. This is total nonsense. unless we indeed are talking about chorizo. Chorizo, since you insist, is made from fatty pork, specifically lips and salivary glands, artificial coloring and other odds and ends. If this knowledge doesn't kill you, perhaps it will at least make you stop eating this food that many of us cannot live without. The truth is, we are now living in a time when diabetes, heart disease, stress and obesity rates are through the roof in the United States. Because of this, we should always be conscious of what we are putting on our tables and into our bodies. For many of us, we don't do this until disaster strikes.

And yet, contrary to popular belief, it is possible to change one's eating habits - without sacrificing taste - particularly in regards to Mexican food. The Mexican diet, incidentally, is comprised of many of the original foods of this continent; they include corn, beans, squash, chile, fruits, cactus, maguey, amaranth, tomatoes, avocados. and chocolate.

However, beware the modern Mexican diet. It has been [genetically] altered. It can be unhealthy because many of the dishes call for frying or refrying and lots of fat, etc. It does not have to be this way. Mexican food can still be eaten in a healthy manner; it simply requires taking a few small steps.

Instead of chorizo con huevos, try soyrizo with eggbeaters, cooked in olive oil. This translates into no animal fat, no cholesterol and healthy oil.

These successful substitutions do not bear any similarity to eating vegetarian brats in place of genuine Wisconsin pork brats. As a life-long eater of chorizo, I can attest that most soychorizo is as tasty as the genuine article. Yet, because it contains no meat (waste) products, it is also exponentially much healthier. One restaurant in Tucson (Dos Mundos, formerly Tania's), makes a green chile plate and machaca from soy. Actually, they carry all the traditional meat dishes, plus many vegetarian and vegan substitutes. Nowadays, every city has at least one such a restaurant. The first Mexican vegetarian restaurant I ever went to was Leonor's Mexican Restaurant in North Hollywood in Southern California. One that also serves soy chorizo is Las Manitas restaurant in Austin, Texas.

The key in all this is also coming to understand that what you crave for can successfully be substituted. Take chips for instance. Does the palette crave for the oily chips, or the salsa? Try ordering heated tortillas instead - handmade where available - with salsa, chile or guacamole. And at the supermarket, an option is buying baked, organic chips. and making home-made salsa at home on a molcajete or Mexican blender. This will result in a much lower cholesterol and triglyceride count.

Despite the prevalence of pesticide-laden food, genetically modified crops and the emphasis on profit over nutrition, looking for healthy Mexican food initially is a challenge only because modern society - with all its processed foods and modern appliances - has made us all lazy and dis-involved and alienated from the foods we eat. Modern society has made it possible for women not to be enslaved to the kitchen, but what has been lost is the direct connection to our daily sustenance. No need to go back to oppressive ways, so in a modern society, it is up to men to also step up to the plate and equally participate in this process. In part, healthy eating requires making choices. One easy choice is eliminating heavy doses of sugar and corn syrup from our diets. The number one culprit in this are soft drinks; i.e., Coke, Pepsi, etc. Substitutes include buying drinks with stevia or other natural (no-sugar) sweeteners. Not all diet drinks are healthy either. This of course is an educational process.

Another easy choice is buying corn tortillas without preservatives and without sugar. Someone should call Guerrero & Mission tortillas - the nation's largest brands - and find out why they add sugar to their products, especially considering that many of their clientele have diabetes. Not all tortillas add sugar. Also, insist on tortillas made from organic corn.

Other choices: Beans or frijoles should be eaten from the olla and not fried. They can be eaten without fat or meat. It's an original vegetarian meal.

Another choice involves growing your own garden. even if you live in a city. If you can't grow your own (chile, beans, etc), then at least go to farmers markets. If there are none, shop at health food stores. While more expensive, it is still much cheaper than going out regularly.

One does not need to become a recluse monk or nun, but it also does call for making another decision: we all need to get outdoors every day. running, hiking, swimming and cycling are great, but walking is good enough. It's good physically, but also good for our spiritual health.

This topic of course reminds me of a friend and colleague. A few years ago, Indigenous human rights activist Suzan Harjo, wrote a column for Indian Country Today, regarding the health danger of fry bread to American Indians (That's like asking a Mexican not to eat menudo. though Joanne Mixpe Ley - who first took me to Leonore's years ago, says they make an incredible vegetarian menudo there). Despite naysayers, that column has created a conversation within Indian Country regarding what constitutes healthy eating. As Angela Waziyatawin Wilson writes in Decolonizing Diets (For Indigenous Eyes Only, 2005) - "fried foods generally were not a part of the Indigenous diet."

She also writes: "We believe that part of our spiritual responsibility as human beings is to maintain respectful relationships with all creation. For some of us this might mean singing to the corn, offering prayers to plant and animal beings, or harvesting in a sacred manner."

It also means viewing our foods and bodies as sacred. Once we respect our bodies, perhaps the crises associated with our diets will begin to subside. And equally important, as Wilson notes, that resulting consciousnesses will invariably connect us to broader and related human rights struggles.

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Policy to Relocate Inmates Punishes Families

New America Media, News Feature, Raj Jayadev, Posted: Sep 16, 2008

Editor's Note: Beatrice Patlan would visit her son regularly at Soledad Prison in Salinas, Calif., where the 18-year-old is serving an eight year term. But those visits may now be over, as he is being sent to serve the rest of his time in Arizona, pulling him hundreds of miles away from his family. As NAM contributor Raj Jayadev reports, the state is beginning to ship more inmates out of state to address an exploding prison population. Jayadev is director of Silicon Valley De-Bug.

SAN JOSE, Calif. -- The saving grace when Beatrice Patlan's 18-year-old son Raymond was sentenced to eight years in prison for his first offense in 2007, was that he was placed at Soledad Prison, a manageable hour-and-a-half drive from her San Jose home. On her days off from work, Patlan would visit her son regularly, bring his little brother and sisters so they didn't grow apart during his incarceration, and hug him after their long talks.

"For him, it kept his mind and heart strong, and for us as a family, the visits meant Raymond could still be a part of our lives," she says.

But those visits may now be over, as Raymond Patlan is being sent to serve the rest of his term in Arizona, pulling him hundreds of miles away from his family. The story of Patlan's family is playing out across California, as a budget crisis is hastening the involuntary transfer of potentially thousands of inmates out of state to ease the staggeringly overcrowded prison system.

Beatrice Patlan has done just about everything in order to keep her son close to her family. She has repeatedly called the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, spoken with the Warden at Soledad, and met with the offices of State Assemblymember Joe Coto and State Senator Elaine Alquist. But after exhausting every possible option to figure out what the rules of transfer are and if they apply to her son, she has arrived at a terrifyingly demoralizing conclusion " there are no rules.

Patlan is not the only one questioning the practice of transferring prisoners out of state. The Northern California American Civil Liberties Union in July filed a lawsuit against the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to stop what they call an "unlawful transfer policy."

The injunction, filed in the San Francisco Superior Court on behalf of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, Immigrant Legal Resource Center and the Asian Law Caucus, argues that CDCR has failed to comply with California's Administrative Procedure Act when implementing the transfer program. Under the act, a rule that applies to large groups needs to be developed with public notification and input and allow for legal recourse if the regulation is inappropriately used.

"We are trying to get the CDCR to follow the law, not secret guidelines, so people like Raymond and his family can have some input in how these decisions are made, then look at them, and see who should or

should not be transferred," says ACLU staff attorney Michael Risher. He says Raymond's family is one of many casualties of a broken state prison system that is on the brink of bursting at the seams.

Since rumblings of the transfers first hit the prisons, his office has been getting calls and letters from inmates and their families. "It is an enormous hardship to suddenly be snatched away and sent miles away," he says. "It is hurting California families " wives, parents, and children."

Risher says the hope of the litigation is that the corrections department will amend the regulations to avoid having the court decide the case against them. In a written response submitted to the court, CDCR has denied any violation of the Administrative Procedures Act.

Changes to the prisoner transfer policy stem from Governor Schwarzenegger's efforts to address an exploding prison population.

In 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger issued a proclamation declaring a Prison Overcrowding State of Emergency. The legislature approved a bill (AB 900) that authorized \$7.7 billion to create up to 53,000 new infill, re-entry and medical beds at state prisons over the next 10 years and authorized the transfer of up to 8,000 inmates to out-of-state facilities. The move came at a time when California's prison population peaked with more than 170,000 inmates housed in facilities designed for 100,000, and 29 of the state's 33 prisons are above maximum safe capacity, according to the CDCR.

People like Raymond and his family have become the collateral damage of the state's crisis intervention, which even changed the state laws to enable the transfers. Prior to the Proclamation of Prison Overcrowding, inmates had to volunteer to be transferred. That protection to inmates who wanted to stay in the state, known as Penal Code 11191, was temporarily put on hold until 2011. Since last May, the state has been systematically shedding inmates and sending them to states such as Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arizona.

California's current budget stalemate has only put more pressure on expediting the transfer process. Mike Potter, district director for Assembly member Joe Coto's office, has met with Beatrice Patlan about her son's case. Coto was one of the few Assembly members who did not vote for AB 900.

"The state budget pressure is one reason the CDCR is looking to hurry and ship 8,000 inmates out of state," Potter says. "On the incarceration side this program may be cheaper, but in terms of the cost to the inmates, their rehabilitation, and their families, these transfers may have a negative impact."

When Beatrice Patlan heard from her son that he had been placed on a transfer list, she formulated her own plan of action. Finding no published criteria to challenge the transfer, she initiated her own Public Records Act, and received an internal memo from the CDCR regarding its transfer protocol.

The memo lists the following five steps: 1) inmates who have been previously deported by the federal government and are criminal aliens subject to deportation; 2) inmates who are being paroled outside California; 3) inmates who have limited or no family ties, based on a review of their visitation history; 4) inmates who have supportive family in another state; and 5) other inmates chosen and considered appropriate by CDCR.

Patlan argues that the protocol lists not criteria but an order of prioritization, under which Raymond should not be first in line to be relocated. Frustrated, she wrote letters to the CDRC, the Warden of the Soledad Prison, and Attorney General Jerry Brown. All have promised written responses, which she has yet to receive.

Beatrice Paltan has not received her regular call from Raymond either. He is currently in a holding facility and while awaiting his transfer, cannot call out until he is placed at his new destination. The last time Raymond called his mother, he was trying to cheer her up about the impending transfer to Arizona that would break up their regular family gatherings. He told her, "Just think of it as one more stop before I come home."

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The Knock at the Door: San Francisco's Sanctuary Status Under Fire

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Editor's Note: San Francisco's designation as a "sanctuary city" is increasingly coming under fire from civil rights groups that are beginning to question how safe undocumented immigrants here really are. Elena Shore is an editor for New America Media.

SAN FRANCISCO " Immigration agents entered a private home in San Francisco on Sept. 11, 2008, arresting six undocumented immigrants in what residents see as the most recent evidence that this is no longer a "sanctuary city."

"They say this is a sanctuary city, but they're throwing us away like garbage," says Freddie Herrera, 21, who was in the middle of dinner with his family when he heard the doorbell ring.

"Sanctuary doesn't affect ICE's efforts to enforce immigration law," explains Lori Haley, a spokesperson for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "ICE officers are sworn to enforce federal law."

But Jamal Dajani, chairman of the city's Immigrant Rights Commission, disagrees. He calls the arrests last Thursday "a total violation of the sanctuary ordinance. This is exactly why the sanctuary ordinance was created," he says.

In 1989, San Francisco passed the "City of Refuge" Ordinance (Sanctuary Ordinance) that prohibits city employees from helping ICE with immigration arrests unless required by federal or state law or a warrant.

The fact that ICE agents entered a private residence with nothing more than a deportation order, Dajani says, is "totally different" from entering with a warrant for a crime. "They're going into private homes, which means the city can't protect its own residents."

"If this is allowed," adds Dajani, "it basically ends any kind of discussion about sanctuary cities " whether it's San Francisco or New York."

Julia Harumi, a lawyer with the ACLU of Northern California, says her organization has seen incidents in the past of ICE agents entering homes without consent. "If they didn't have reasonable suspicion that the residents were undocumented," she says, "then detaining them would violate the Fourth Amendment."

The agents that came to the door of a San Francisco home last Thursday were members of ICE Fugitive Operations, a unit dedicated to locating, arresting and removing individuals with outstanding deportation orders. One of the residents opened the door, and the agents found the individual they were looking for, as well as two others who also had outstanding deportation orders, says Haley.

Jilma Herrera (Freddie Herrera's sister), Carlos Gonzalez (Herrera's brother-in-law) and Roxana Cuellas, are currently in ICE custody in Arizona pending removal to Honduras.

The other three undocumented immigrants, Freddie Herrera, Eufemia Pineda and Ana Ruth Quintanilla, did not have outstanding deportation orders and were released with electronic monitoring devices on their ankles.

Pineda, 34, says she got home at 6:30 p.m. to find immigration agents in her living room.

"My kids were the first thing I thought about," says Pineda, who lives in the 10-person house with her husband, Roger Omar Cruz, 41, and their two children, Daniel, 7, and Keren, 2 years old.

Pineda, a childcare worker who has lived in the United States for nine years, hugs her son close to her. "Thank God my kids weren't there," she says. "What would they have thought to see me being taken away?"

While they were being detained the six immigrants, who are devout Evangelicals, prayed together. "My cousin Jilma started speaking in tongues," recalls Pineda. "It was the presence of God. And they told her to shut up."

But Pineda says her faith kept her going. "I felt a supernatural force only God could give," she says. "We know what we believe in."

Ana Ruth Quintanilla, 26, who moved here from El Salvador two years ago, says the six immigrants were placed in a cold cell. "I told them, 'We're not criminals,' and they said, 'Your crime is being here,'" she recalls.

"But I'm here out of necessity," explains Quintanilla, who is supporting her children back home.

Quintanilla works as a cook at Burger King, and sends money every month to her three children, ages 10, 8 and 4, who live with their father in El Salvador.

Her fianc e, 30-year-old Osmin Ortiz Gonzalez, wasn't home when the agents arrived. He says the only thing that has allowed them to get through this difficult time is their faith. "We're foreigners in this land," he says, "but God is here with us."

Pineda's husband, Roger Omar Cruz, 41, who works at a marble company, says he believes God will prevent all of them from being deported.

The night after the raid, the household gathered with their family and friends. Their pastor, Abel Garcia, led a prayer, and each person prayed aloud to remain in this country and not be separated from family members.

Herrera, Pineda and Quintanilla will go before an immigration judge who will decide whether to deport them or let them stay in the country. Until then, they must wear electronic monitoring devices, even though none of them has a criminal record. They are not allowed to leave San Francisco. They cannot leave the house before 6:30 a.m. and must be home by 11:30 p.m.

Herrera lifts up his pant leg to reveal the electronic monitoring device on his ankle. "It's a iPod," he jokes. "I listen to songs on it."

Quintanilla doesn't know how long they will have to wear the ankle bracelets.

"This is a horrible experience that I'll never forget," says Quintanilla. "I'm just waiting for ICE to come. It's like a cross I have to bear."

Herrera has one piece of advice for other immigrants in the same situation: "Don't open the door to anyone you don't know," he says.

Related Articles:

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PUBLISHED: 9/16/2008 7:58:00 AM

TITLE: ARTICLE: UTB evaluating border fence proposals *

This article came out on the front page of the Daily Texan (UT Austin paper) this morning.

It's time to bring the border wall and related issues to the public stage in central Texas.

The No Border Wall rally at the Capitol in Austin will be on Saturday, October 18 @ 4p.m.

Flyers will be sent in the coming days.

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The Daily Texan
UTB evaluating border fence proposals
Andrew Kreighbaum
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Published: Tuesday, September 16, 2008
Updated: Tuesday, September 16, 2008

Six construction companies from Texas and Louisiana submitted proposals last week for a contract to enhance a fence on the UT-Brownsville campus. The contractor hopes to raise the fence to a standard height of 10 feet and extend its coverage to 4,500 feet around the south end of the campus. An existing fence located on campus property will be enhanced and eventually outfitted with surveillance technology by Customs and Border Patrol. UT-Brownsville project coordinator Wayne Moore said a committee of university administrators is evaluating the proposals based on the companies' qualifications, price and estimated delivery schedule. After a contract is executed, the chosen company will have until Dec. 31 to complete the enhancements. The university, which is solely responsible for choosing a contractor, must sign an agreement by Oct. 1. The committee, which will decide on the winning bid, met once last week and will likely meet again before taking action, Moore said. The plan for the fence enhancement was the result of a nearly yearlong legal battle between UT-Brownsville and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Homeland Security brought a lawsuit against the university in January after President Juliet Garcia denied surveyors access to the campus to plan a border fence. Much of the fence was in place before an agreement was made between UT-Brownsville and the Department of Homeland Security on Aug. 5 that permitted a new physical barrier between the U.S. and Mexico to be built on campus. A settlement reached in March ordered the two sides to cooperate in finding alternatives to physical barriers to border crossings on the campus. The university took the federal government to court once more before the current settlement was reached in August. Under the settlement, the university avoided the construction of a new physical barrier on campus.

David Bowlin, executive vice president of PM2I, one of the companies competing for a contract, said the project will have unique requirements for any firm selected because funding will come from a state agency. "In a typical publicly funded project there are a lot of reports that have to be made, particularly regarding certified payroll," Bowlin said. "There's going to be a lot more verification of worker status."

Bowlin expected to hear the committee's decision Monday or Tuesday of this week. Neither PM2I nor U.S. Fence & Gate, Inc., another bidder, reported having any experience constructing fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Customs and Border Patrol agents had identified the security of the area as a high priority after Congress passed the 2007 Secure Fence Act, which required the construction of 700 miles of fencing along the Mexican border by Dec. 31, 2008.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Presidio Prepares For Possible Levee Break *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: panchofx

Presidio Prepares For Possible Levee Break

<http://cbs11tv.com/local/presidio.levee.break.2.818261.html>

http://www.examiner.com/a-1588812~Presidio_prepares_for_possible_levee_break.html

NUMBER: 174

PUBLISHED: 9/16/2008 8:23:00 AM

TITLE: UPDATED: No Border Wall Austin Rally Conference Call - TODAY @ 06:30 *

For anyone interested in helping organize for the No Border Wall Rally at the Austin capitol on Saturday, October 18th @ 4 p.m.

Issues to be raised at the rally: No Border Wall, Stop the Raids, Immigration Reform, Prison Industrial Complex (Immigrant Detention), and many more.

You have been invited to join a conference call using FreeConference.com.

Please review the conference details and information on how to accept or decline this invitation.

Subject:NOTICE: Conference Call! TUES @ 6:30 p.m.Comments/Agenda:Join us this Tuesday, September 16 @ 6:30 p.m. as we prepare for the upcoming No Border Wall Rally at the Austin capitol on Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Date:Tuesday, September 16, 2008Start Time:06:30 PM Central Daylight TimeEnd Time:10:25 PM Central Daylight TimeDial-in

NUMBER:1-218-936-7925 (Midwest)Access Code:71803

Please Select a Way to RSVPvia the Web:via the Web:via e-mail:Accept orDecline(you can include a personal message for the conference Organizer in the body of your email)Conference Touch-Tone Quick Reference

For your convenience, we have attached a calendar entry containing your conference details. Depending on which operating system and calendar program you use, you can drag and drop, double-click or download the attached file into your calendar.

See you there!

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NUMBER: 175

PUBLISHED: 9/16/2008 1:06:00 PM

TITLE: Alaska Women Reject Palin' *

You did NOT see this on CNN, Fox, ABC, CBS or NBC...

'Alaska Women Reject Palin' Rally is HUGE! « Mudflats

Jay

NUMBER: 176

PUBLISHED: 9/16/2008 4:19:00 PM

TITLE: RIO GRANDE VALLEY: De Mariposa A Cruz: Juarez, Stages of Fear" - 9/2 *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: E. Elizabeth Garcia

The STC Women's Studies Committee

Presents:

De Mariposa a Cruz

Juarez, Stages of Fear

Introduction by the director César Alejandro

Friday 26th September at 7 p.m.

STC's Mid Valley Campus

Auditorium (G191)

Donation \$5

Juarez, Stages of Fear, touches upon three of the most talked-about problems in Mexico: the murders of young women in the border city of Juarez (375 women in 11 years), kidnappings, and the corruption within the Mexican police. Actress Laura Zamora portrays a maquila worker with dreams of crossing to America who is being stalked by the Serial Killer. The story centers on what goes on inside the mind of the people being kidnapped, what is happening (mentally) to the citizens of Juarez, Mexico, and a serial killer on the loose. The film is a very realistic look at the "business" of kidnapping in Mexico, as well as the lackadaisical attitude of the Mexican police towards the murders of many Mexican women (the value of human life is "cheap" in Mexico if you are a low-income woman). Based very closely on real kidnappings and girl-killings, Stages of Fear is a psychological study of a city with a chronic illness that keeps getting worse and is in desperate need of a cure. Source: <<http://latinola.com/story.php?story=3521>>

For more information contact Jenny B. Clark (245-2552 or e-mail jclark@southtexascollege.edu)

or Elizabeth Garcia (459-3205 or e-mail achcauhtl06@gmail.com)

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TITLE: Pharr: INVITATION TO PLANNING SESSION FOR 1ST BIG RIVER FESTIVAL *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: David Robledo

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact Los Caminos del Rio

956.776.0100 ext. 311

eric@loscaminos.org

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INVITATION TO PLANNING FOR 1ST RIO GRANDE RIVER FESTIVAL

First Public Planning Session Wednesday, September 17, 12 Noon

Pharr City Hall, 2nd Floor - Commissioners Room, 118 S. Cage

A planning session for the first major river festival to be held simultaneously on both banks of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo -- between Mission, Texas and Reynosa, Tamaulipas -- is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 at the Commissioners' Room of Pharr City Hall.

Non-profit groups with public health, environmental or education outreach goals, elected officials and other interested parties are invited to this lunchtime meeting to discuss participation and planning of what promises to be a historic event.

The Big River Festival is intended to combat a one-sided representation of the Rio Grande as a haven for criminal activity. The festival is timed for November 1 -- the last Saturday prior to the U.S. presidential election -- and highlights the river's potential to support recreation-based economic activity and to improve the quality of life for all Rio Grande Valley residents.

Confirmed activities include a down-river canoe race to attract nationally ranked competitors from both countries, a canoe clinic for beginners, "local hero" sprints for local heroes, Texas Parks and Wildlife classes on teaching fishing to your children, and alternative food demonstrations. Also on the agenda is live music from local and regional acts.

State Representatives Kino Flores, Veronica Gonzales, Eddie Lucio III, Armando Martinez and U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar have announced

support of this year-long effort to organize the event. Other legislators are expected to contribute time and resources, helping McAllen, Pharr and other municipalities and groups make the point that a river is a terrible thing to waste.

"The Valley's got a lot of festivals, but we want this to be the first one that celebrates healthy living," says Los Caminos director Eric Ellman. "We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the planning meeting at Pharr City Hall on September 17," Ellman said.

Please forward to interested parties.

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PUBLISHED: 9/16/2008 4:25:00 PM

TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Support Unpaid Workers this Thursday *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Rosario Martinez

Protest at KB Home on Thursday:
Pay home builders their wages NOW!
Dear PDL Supporter,

On August 7th, the Workers Defense Project delivered a demand for payment for seven workers who built KB homes in April 2008 to KB Home representative Roger Arriaga. Mr. Arriaga assured PDL that KB Home would secure the proper payment for the workers.

More than a month has passed since that action and the workers still have not been paid for their work. PDL supporters have since called and emailed Mr. Arriaga insisting that action be taken.

We need your support to send a strong message that we want to see justice done for these workers!
Join PDL in Protest

KB Home headquarters are located at:

11911 North Burnet
Meet at 6:30 pm
Thursday, September 18, 2008

We will protest in front of KB Home headquarters to tell KB Home that they must ensure that the workers are paid the money owed.

As a national leader in the homebuilder industry, KB Home must set an example of ethical business practices. We cannot allow this company to continue to profit by allowing labor abuses on their properties!

In addition to the protest, we urge you to send an email to KB Home
Facts of the Case

** In April 2008 Oscar Quezada, Manuel Santiago, Ramiro Mora, Jose Enrique Marmolejo, Miguel Valdez, Leonardo Pineda, and Marcelino Rosas were hired by a KB Home subcontractor to do framing and finish work on 7 properties in the Circle C Ranch subdivision in South Austin.

** The workers were never paid for their final two weeks of work at the KB Home properties.

** They are owed almost \$7,000.00 in wages.

** Each of the seven properties the workers worked on will sell for \$300,000-\$600,000. That's \$3-4 MILLION in profit for KB Home!

** See the article in last week's Austin Chronicle about the KB Home workers: KB Home Workers Await Payday

Who is KB Home?

** Ranked #1 Homebuilder in Fortune Magazine's 2008 List of America's Most Admired Companies

** Has been in the homebuilding industry for over 50 years

** Built 23,743 homes across the US in 2007

** 2007 revenues totaling \$6.4 billion

source:

kbhome.com

Workers Defense Project

Workers Defense Project

512-391-2305

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NUMBER: 179

PUBLISHED: 9/16/2008 6:06:00 PM

TITLE: Call for help with independent coverage of Ike recovery *

****Please Forward To Interested Parties/Apolgies if you get this a lot****

Howdy everyone,

This is Rob Block writing on behalf of the Houston Independent Media Center. We hope everyone is safe and well following hurricane Ike. As Houstonians and others in the Gulf Coast putting our lives and communities back together, we are hoping to use our grassroots media production and distribution services to get the word out about the impacts of Hurricane Ike and the work being done to folks in the area and people around the world.

We are asking for your support in creating media about what is going on in our area, if you have access to the internet and have a story (or photos, or video) to tell, please publish it to our website using this link:

(<http://houston.indymedia.org/publish.php>)

We encourage you to check out our website at <http://houston.indymedia.org> to see the coverage that other people have been doing.

We plan to have a meeting tomorrow (Wednesday the 17th) at 6pm at Sediton Books, 901 Richmond in the Montrose neighborhood. We envision this meeting as a chance for us to check in with each other, share story ideas and resources and strategize towards making quality media and covering the efforts for justice after Ike.

If you can come, please do, If you would like to help but cannot come, please email houston@indymedia.org. Also email if you know of issues that deserve coverage that you think we should be aware of (of course we encourage people to be the media and publish your own coverage, we will try to coordinate coverage too, and would love to get some story tips)

Already there is a call for support from Food Not Bombs:
<http://houston.indymedia.org/news/2008/09/64908.php>

The biggest thing you can do to help US out is publish your news, and information about relief efforts to our website, and check regularly for updates.

Stay safe!
Houston IMC volunteers

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We Are All Journalists

<http://houston.indymedia.org>
Dont hate the Media, Be the Media

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TITLE: Midwife deliveries *

<http://sacurrent.com/news/story.asp?id=69329>

NUMBER: 181

PUBLISHED: 9/17/2008 4:30:00 PM

TITLE: ARTICLE: Immigration authorities add Gardasil to list of required va *

Immigration authorities add Gardasil to list of required vaccines

From USCIS

<<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=902252b10f45b110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=098daca797e63110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD>> :

Now this is kind of a curve ball. Jill

<<http://www.feministe.us/blog/archives/2008/09/15/requiring-gardasil-for-us-immigrants/>> hit on most of the important points here, about how ANOTHER barrier to citizenship status is the last thing we need, particularly when that barrier can cost upwards of \$300. People tell me that this isn't particular action isn't actually a Merck ploy to get more people to get the vaccine, but rather a Bush administration immigration barrier. Like we need another one of those. Ironic, considering that conservatives were a big part of the campaign to block the vaccine mandates last year, for mostly anti-sex reasons. I guess they don't care about these things when it comes to immigrant women.

My main problem with this is that it adds another significant financial barrier for immigrant women, since the vaccine is seriously expensive and there is little funding for it. WOC PhD talks more about the history of medical abuses against women of color and her fears about the vaccine <<http://profbw.wordpress.com/2008/09/07/the-state-can-violate-womens-bodies-if-they-want-to/>> .

Thanks to Raquel for the links

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Hurricane Ike Recovery *

On Behalf Of Anna Nunez

ACORN is swinging into action to work in the most vulnerable communities to help connect residents with information and services in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. Of course with so many homes damaged and millions without power, families are struggling to get water, ice, food and gasoline-- and begin the process of home repair. Without reliable phone service, internet nor electricity, now more than ever it is important to have a strong grassroots organizing effort to make sure people have up to date, accurate information in order to get immediate and long term needs met.

We will be organizing emergency ACORN neighborhood meetings starting this Wednesday to provide a space for residents to voice concerns, have questions answered and to get organized for the rebuilding process. Below is the list of those who are currently scheduled, more will be scheduled in coming days.

*/Pasadena: /**/Wednesday September 17th 4:00 PM /**/
Saint Juan Diego Church 3301 77503

*/Acres Homes: /**/Wednesday September 17th 6:00 PM /**/
Mt Ararat Baptist Church 5801 W. Montgomery 77091

*/South East
Houston: /**/Thursday September 18th 6:00 PM /**/
Nueva Vida Church 4124 Telephone Rd. 77087

ACORN is working with Univision, religious institutions, elected officials, legal aid agencies and others to get word out to as many families as possible. Please contact us if you are interested in partnering with ACORN in these meetings and other efforts underway.

//Houston ACORN members need your support to put community organizers and volunteers in the areas most needed. Make a tax deductible donation now to the ACORN Institute to help in these relief efforts by clicking here <https://secure.groundspring.org/dn/index.php?id=36> We appreciate your support.

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TITLE: Texas Stand Up - Houston Texas Ozone Awards *

From: Erika-PODER

"Texas becoming a blue state? I'm cool with that."

- Scarface

"We need a change."

- Big Rich

"We can make that change."

- Malverde

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FINDOUTWHERE TO REGISTER+VOTE

JUST 21 DAYS LEFT TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN TEXAS

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TITLE: ARTICLE: [DREAM] California In-State Tuition Case *

From: National Immigration Law Center

California In-State Tuition Case

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE, EMAIL ALL RESPONSES TO HUYNH@NILC.ORG.

California court ruling on in-state tuition is not the last word

On Monday, September 15, a California Court of Appeal panel overturned the Superior Court's decision dismissing a challenge to AB 540, California's in-state tuition law. *Martinez v. Regents of the University of California*, No. C054124 (CA3 Sept. 15, 2008). The Court of Appeal's ruling, if allowed to stand, would return the case to the Superior Court for trial. The court did not enjoin or block AB 540. The law remains in effect. Similar laws in others states were not affected by the ruling. The decision will likely be appealed and any final decision is likely to come from the California Supreme Court.

AB 540 provides that students who have attended at least 3 years of high school in California, graduated from a California school and meet certain other conditions may attend state colleges and universities at the same rate that is charged to state residents. Some students who qualify for AB 540 are undocumented immigrants who live in California. Others are U.S. citizens who attended school in California in the past but are now unable to establish state residence, such as those who live in a neighboring state or those who recently returned to California after living elsewhere. In fact, about 70 percent of AB 540 students attending the University of California are U.S. citizens who do not meet the state residency requirements for in-state tuition purposes.

Despite these facts, the *Martinez* Court found that AB 540 confers a benefit "based on residence" and therefore conflicts with a federal law that precludes such a benefit for undocumented immigrants unless the same benefit is available under the same conditions to U.S. citizens who are not residents of the state. The opinion is internally inconsistent, and conflicts with other court decisions that have addressed the in-state tuition issue.

It would be extremely unfortunate if this intermediate court decision were upheld. The affected students are talented high achievers, who grew up in California and persevered against the odds to graduate from high school and meet the qualifications for higher education. They include valedictorians, class presidents, and student prizewinners, among others. California can ill afford to deny these students the opportunity to complete their education. The elected representatives and governor of California as well as those of nine other states - where the majority of undocumented immigrants live - have determined that it is a wise policy to charge these students an affordable tuition.

Monday's decision is only one step in the process of resolving the legality of AB 540. The decision is based on a flawed legal analysis and we are hopeful that it will be reversed.

The *Martinez* case adds urgency to efforts to pass the federal DREAM Act and thereby address the status of undocumented immigrant students who have grown up in this country. The federal DREAM Act would provide immigration relief to those who entered the U.S. more than 5 years ago if and when they graduate from high school. It would allow them to become permanent residents and eventually citizens if they go to college or serve in the military.

For more information, please contact Josh Bernstein at bernstein@nilc.org.

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PUBLISHED: 9/17/2008 6:54:00 PM

TITLE: SAN ANTO: Upcoming Film Screenings :: Sept 19-25 :: SA Community Eve *

THIS WEEK:

S.A. Supporters of the Cuban 5 and Fuerza Unida present ...

Mission Against Terror
Film Screening & Platica
Friday, September 19
7 PM
@ Fuerza Unida

Admission free.
Donations appreciated.
Everyone is invited.

THIS FRIDAY at Fuerza Unida
710 New Laredo Hwy
(210) 927-2294

MISSION AGAINST TERROR is a critically acclaimed film by Bernie Dwyer and Roberto Ruiz Rebo. The film raises the question: why are people who fight terrorism imprisoned in the U.S. while known terrorists are allowed to walk the streets of Miami freely? It follows the case of the five Cubans currently serving long sentences in U.S. jails for trying to prevent terrorist attacks on Cuba. It also depicts the long history of violence against innocent Cubans by right-wing groups based in Miami that are supported by the U.S. (Cuba/Ireland, 48min. 2005)

For more information, visit the Nat'l Committee to Free the Cuban 5 website,
See a recent video on the Cuban 5 at The SA Current Curb Blog.
or call Fuerza Unida at (210) 927-2294.

NEXT WEEK:

The San Antonio Against Sweatshops campaign invites the community to learn more about the realities of sweatshops, and what we can do about it.

Check out a screening of one of these powerful and informative films:
Monday, September 22
7PM " Made in L.A., Travis Park United Methodist Church, 230 E. Travis St.
For directions call 226-8341.
Tuesday, September 23
6:30PM " Tomorrow We Will Finish, Fuerza Unida, 710 New Laredo Hwy
For more information contact Lucero at 927-2294.
7:00PM " China Blue, Church of the Reconciliation, 8900 Starcrest

For directions call 655-2731.

7:30PM " Made in L.A., Trinity University, Science Lecture Hall

For more information contact Robert Huesca at rhesca@trinity.edu.

Wednesday, September 24

Noon " China Blue, Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community, 12500 N.W. Military Hwy

To RSVP call 302-6974.

6:30PM " Made in L.A., Guadalupe Street Coffee House, 1320 Guadalupe St.

For more information contact Lucero at 927-2294

Thursday, September 25

7PM " Mardi Gras: Made in China, Alamo Draft House, 1255 SW Loop 410, 677-8500

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

NOTE: All film screenings are free and open to the public. For more information on the films and the San Antonio Against Sweatshops campaign, visit www.SweatFreeSanAntonio.org.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Last night's AIRC meeting! Reunion de anoche! *

On Behalf Of Caroline Keating-Guerra

Thank you all for making last night a successful meeting of the Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition. It was exciting to see so many people committed to immigrant's rights!

We established committees for the coalition that will be working until our next general meeting, which will be December 16, 7-9 p.m. at Cristo Rey. If you would like to be a part of any of these committees, but didn't get a chance to sign up, please contact the coalition members below:

* Raids Committee (contact Violet Martinez, violetm_05@hotmail.com)

* Policy/Legislative Session Committee (contact Laura Martin, lauraemartin@gmail.com)

* ICE out of Travis County Jail Committee (contact myself or Carlos Perez de Alejo, cperezdealejo@gmail.com)

* For more information on the Hutto family detention center, contact Bob Libal, boblibal@gmail.com, or Luissana Santibanez, orgullo.tejatzlan@gmail.com

To become a member of the coalition, click here.

Gracias por la reuni3n anoche de la Coalici3n por Derechos de los Inmigrantes que fue un 3xito! Era muy emocionado de ver tanta gente comprometida a la causa de derechos de los inmigrantes.

Establecimos comit3s de la coalici3n que trabajar3n hasta la pr3xima reuni3n de la coalici3n, que va a ser el 16 de diciembre, 7-9 p.m. en la Iglesia Cristo Rey. Si quisiera ser parte de estos comit3s, pero no tuvieron el chance de involucrarse, favor de contactar el miembro de la coalici3n abajo:

* Comit3 de Redadas (contacte a Violet Martinez, violetm_05@hotmail.com)

* Comit3 de Pol3tica/Sesi3n Legislativa (contacte a Laura Martin, lauraemartin@gmail.com)

* Comit3 de la migra fuera del condado de Travis (contacte a yo o Carlos Perez de Alejo, cperezdealejo@gmail.com)

* Para mas informaci3n sobre el centro de detenci3n de Hutto, contacte a Bob Libal, boblibal@gmail.com, o Luissana Santib3ez, orgullo.tejatzlan@gmail.com

Para juntarse a la coalici3n, haga clic aqu3.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: [ISO] Announcements 9-17-08 *

On Behalf Of Austin ISO

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS -- September 17, 2008

International Socialist Organization -- Austin, Texas branch

For more information, e-mail us at austinsocialist@hotmail.com

For directions on how to unsubscribe from this list, see the end of this note.

--- ISO MEETING THIS WEEK ---

This Thursday, September 18, 7:00 PM

UT Campus, Parlin Hall, room 206

Parlin Hall is in the northwest corner of the South Mall, the grassy lawn south of the UT Tower. See a map at: <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/par.html>

--- CAMILO MEJÍA SPEAKS IN AUSTIN ! ---

CAMILO MEJÍA

Iraq War Veteran and Author of
Road from ar Ramadi: An Iraq War Memoir

Thursday, October 16

University of Texas at Austin, room TBA

Camilo Mejía grew up in Nicaragua and Costa Rica before moving to the United States in 1994. He joined the military at the age of nineteen, serving as an infantryman in the active-duty army for three years before transferring to the Florida National Guard.

After fighting in Iraq for five months, Mejía became the first known Iraq veteran to refuse to fight the war in Iraq, citing moral concerns about the war and occupation. He was eventually convicted of desertion by a military court and sentenced to a year in prison.

Mejía currently serves as the chair of the board of Iraq Veterans Against the War, and is the author of Road from ar Ramadi: The Private Rebellion of Staff Sergeant Mejia: An Iraq War Memoir (new edition, Haymarket Books 2008).

In *Road from ar Ramadi*, Mejía tells his own story, from his upbringing in Central America and his experience as a working-class immigrant in the United States to his service in Iraq " where he witnessed prisoner abuse and was deployed in the Sunni triangle " and time in prison In this stirring book, he argues passionately for human rights and the end to an unjust war.

œThe truth as I see it now is that in a war, the bad is often measured against what's worse, and that, in turn, makes a lot of deplorable things seem permissible. When that happens, the imaginary line between right and wrong starts to vanish in a heavy fog, until it disappears completely and decisions are weighed on a scale of values that is profoundly corrupt.Ⓜ --Camilo Mejía, *Road from ar Ramadi*

Praise for *Road from ar Ramadi*:

œThis is the extraordinary journey -- geographical, intellectual, moral -- of a U.S. soldier, from the front lines of Iraq to a military prison. Camilo Mejía, the first Iraq veteran to refuse to return to Iraq, gives us a close look at the day-to-day brutality of the war. We learn what happens when a young man decides to challenge the entire military establishment in order to follow his conscience. It is an inspiring memoir.Ⓜ --Howard Zinn

œA very moving, beautifully written book.Ⓜ --Amy Goodman

Camilo Mejía is speaking around the country as part of Haymarket Books' Resisting Empire authors tour.

--- ARTICLES ON THE NEW SOCIALIST WORKER WEB SITE ---

Check out the new Socialist Worker web site, with all the hard hitting analysis and reporting on politics and struggle, now updated daily!

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A SYSTEM OUT OF CONTROL

The bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers -- with more financial institutions to follow, no one knows how quickly - is the product of greed and deregulation embraced by Republicans and Democrats alike.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/09/16/a-system-out-of-control>

CLEMENCY DENIED FOR AN INNOCENT MAN

Georgia officials denied clemency for Troy Davis, clearing the way for his scheduled execution, but his supporters are upping the pressure.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/09/16/clemency-denied>

THE RACIST CREEP SHOW

Sneering at Barack Obama and snarling about the "liberal" media, the Christian Right has made a triumphant return to the spotlight in the Republican Party.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/09/10/the-racist-creep-show>

GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

Alan Maass argues that Ralph Nader and Cynthia McKinney are undercutting the project of building a left alternative with their "unity" appearance alongside Republican reactionary Ron Paul.

<http://socialistworker.org/2008/09/12/wrong-direction>

--- OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS ---

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 PM

KICK-OFF MEETING:

TSU CAMPUS ANTIWAR MOVEMENT TO END THE OCCUPATION

Join CAMEO for a presentation on what students can do to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It's up to us to demonstrate to Washington that we have had enough! It is up to us to say no more to war and occupation!

Location: Texas State University in San Marcos, Derrick Room #120

More info: TexasStateCAMEO@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 17, 7:00 PM

CAMPUS ANTIWAR MOVEMENT TO END THE OCCUPATION MEETING

Be a part of the growing student movement at UT and take a stand against the war in Iraq. Help us plan antiwar events for the coming semester, hosting guest speakers from across the country, teach-ins, speak-outs and much more.

Location: UT campus, Parlin 208

More info: antiwarcampus@yahoo.com

Thursday, September 18, 7:00 PM

P. SAINATH SPEAKS ON "INEQUALITY: THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND LOCAL REALITIES"

Beyond the rhetoric about the wonders of globalization is the reality of ordinary people's lives. How do the decisions made by the powerful in government and business affect those lives? Why is the inequality gap around the world widening? After two decades of reporting on the false promises of the global economy, India's leading journalist P. Sainath is uniquely qualified to help us understand these issues. Sainath, the pre-eminent chronicler of rural life in India, is currently the Mumbai bureau chief and rural affairs editor of The Hindu newspaper. His book *Everybody Loves A Good Drought* was based on his reporting from the 10 poorest districts of five states in India.

Location: UT campus, Thompson Conference Center 1.110

Friday, September 19, 12:00 noon

IRWIN TANG SPEAKS ON æGOOK: JOHN MCCAIN'S RACISM AND WHY IT MATTERS

Presentation by Irwin Tang, author of *Gook: John McCain's Racism and Why It Matters*. Tang is the editor of *Asian Texans* and the author of *How I Became a Black Man*, a work of fiction described as "brilliant and heartbreaking" by the *Austin Chronicle*.

Location: UT School of Social Work, Utopia Theater

Sponsored by Social Justice Action Coalition and KVRX's Upstream Radio

Monday, September 22, 7:00 PM

SCREENING OF "DALTON TRUMBO'S JOHNNY GOT HIS GUN"

One of the most memorable anti-war novels of all time, æJohnny Got His Gun returns to the big screen in an intimate and visually unique adaptation. The film takes place in the mind of an American soldier hit by an artillery shell on the last day of WWI. The event will be hosted by the film's star, Austin native Ben McKenzie, and its director, Rowan Joseph. A percentage of ticket proceeds will be donated to the Fallen Patriot Fund, a non-profit group established to help families of military personnel who were killed or seriously wounded during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Location: Paramount Theatre, 713 Congress Ave.

Tickets: \$14, available at the Paramount or online at

<http://www.austintheatre.org/site/Calendar/1842210848?view=Detail&id=18101>

Monday, September 22, 7:30 PM

MEETING IN HOUSTON:

CAPITALISM AND CRISIS: THE CASE FOR SOCIALISM

We have lived through years of war for oil and empire, decades of rollbacks on workers' wages and living standards, attacks on civil rights and women's rights, cuts in health-care, and more. On top of this, the growing economic crisis -- foreclosures, food and fuel inflation, and increasing unemployment -- are calling into question the ability of the system as it is currently set-up to function at all. Come to this forum to discuss how we can organize a socialist society without war and racism -- a society based on human need instead of corporate greed.

Location: University of Houston, Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, Wellness Classroom.

Sponsored by International Socialist Organization. More info: Houston.iso@gmail.com

Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24

FATHER ROY BOURGEOIS: CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAS

Fr. Roy Bourgeois will speak in Austin about his experiences in Latin America and the consequences of US policy. Austin appearances Sept. 23: 5:00 PM at the Old School (1604 E. 11th St.) and 7:00 PM at Congregational Church of Austin (408 W 23rd St.). San Marcos appearance Sept. 24, 7:30 PM, United Campus Ministry of Texas (601 N. Guadalupe).

On November 21 a bus will take those who wish to show support for a humane change in US foreign policy to Ft. Benning, GA to peacefully rally and hold vigil to remember lives lost. More info on bus trip: <http://www.soaw-austin.org>

Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 PM

CAMPAIGN TO END THE DEATH PENALTY MEETING

Join the movement to end the racist and barbaric death penalty! Meeting features discussion on "The Elections and the Death Penalty: Where do the candidates stand?"

Location: UT campus, CMA 3.112

More information: cedpAustin@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 24, 7:00 PM

GEORGETOWN FORUM ON THE T. DON HUTTO DETENTION CENTER

A forum on the controversial T. Don Hutto Family Residential Facility in Taylor, run by the for-profit Corrections Corporation of America. Panelists include Barbara Hines (Director of the Immigration Clinic at UT Law School and co-counsel in the lawsuits challenging conditions at Hutto), Scott Medlock (attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project), Bob Libal (Grassroots Leadership, which works to abolish for-profit private prisons), and Jose Orta (President, LULAC Council 4721 and longtime Taylor resident).

Location: Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. 8th St.

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From: Texans for Peace

Texas Peace & Justice News - September 16, 2008

Hurricane Ike

The weekend before last, my parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a beach house on Galveston's west end. Our family gathered there because it was convenient to Baytown and we enjoy the Gulf. Little could we imagine that one week later all would be destroyed. What happened to the Galveston woman who carried the fresh flowers out to the car? What about the San Luis Pass bait store owner?

Fortunately, our family survived Hurricane Ike with only minor damage and discomfort and are used to evacuating after storms. Unfortunately, many of our neighbors suffered much worse and will need the support of their fellow Texans in the weeks, and months, ahead.

Charlie Jackson

THIS WEEK: H'Ike hits: Texans reach out

Read more about the impact of Hurricane Ike and what Texans are doing - and what you can do - to help with the recovery.

<http://www.texansforpeace.org/>

Also, please make your favorite teacher aware of our upcoming conference "Teaching Peace in Texas Schools" October 11 in Austin. Consider sponsoring a teacher (just \$55) or administrator.

LAST WEEK: Families matter to Texas

It doesn't matter where your family came from....in Texas we value families of all types....

<http://www.texansforpeace.org/NewsLastWeek.htm>

As always, we look forward to your feedback, input, suggestions and help.

Donate to Texans for Peace, by credit card or check

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From: el sexto sol de mecha
Mexico Solidarity Network
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MEXICO SOLIDARITY NETWORK
WEEKLY NEWS AND ANALYSIS
SEPTEMBER 1-14, 2008

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1. ZAPATISTAS CALL FOR SOLIDARITY WITH ATENCO PRISONERS

Translation by El Kilombo Intergalactico
Zapatista Army for National Liberation, Sixth Commission of the EZLN
Mexico, September 11, 2008

To the companeras and companeros and companeroas adherents of the Sixth Declaration, the Other Campaign, and the Zezta Internacional:

To whomever feels addressed by these words:

Compas:

How about this "companeroa" term? For our part here we are thinking that this way we can resolve that problem of the @ sign, and go a little further. Because, as the deceased Elias Contreras always said, it turns out that... Well, I'm starting off a little muddled. Here we go again:

Compas:

First of all, receive Zapatista greetings. We are writing you all (todos, todas, y todas) in order to talk a bit about what we're thinking, as comrades in struggle.

It is not one single thought, however, but rather several. Well, it is one thought but it carries many, that is, it's a complex thought. Mixed up, you could say. And talking about it and writing about it and discussing it with you all is how we accommodate it, how it comes out clear in the end. So we thought that we'd start first things first.

And the first thing is our companer@s who were unjustly taken prisoner those first days of May, 2006, in the savage repression against the people of San Salvador Atenco. While some have been freed, others remain unjustly imprisoned, among them the companero Ignacio del Valle, of the People's Front in Defense of the Land. And we name him not because we are forgetting or ignoring the rest, but rather because his case is emblematic of the injustice that is the institutional law in this suffering Mexico.

Well then, you all know more or less what happened, so what we want to talk about now is what we are going to do, as Zapatistas and with other compass that aren't Zapatistas but are part of the Other Campaign, that is, companeras, companeros and companeroas.

As of the first days after our companer@s of the Other Campaign and the People's Front in Defense of the Land were taken hostage by the federal government (then and now the National Action Party) and the State of Mexico (the PRI), and unjustly imprisoned, a small group of men and women of the Other Campaign set up a small encampment in front of the prison at Santiaguito.

Since then, with perseverance and without any recognition whatsoever, this encampment has maintained itself, first in front of the Santiaguito prison and later, when the prisoners were transferred, in front of the

prison Molino de las Flores (also in the state of Mexico). Their demand is and has been that of all of us in the Other Campaign: freedom and justice for Atenco.

But there is more. Over the course of these more than two years, and in adverse conditions, this encampment has accompanied our prisoners and their families, assuring them that they weren't and aren't alone, that we have not been forgotten.

In these more than two years, dozens of our compas-prisoners have been set free. According to our thinking, this has been thanks to the mobilizations carried out in Mexico and around the world, to the committed work of their legal defenders, and to the tenacity of this small group of companer@s that, without any attention from the media (though with substantial attention from the federal, state, and municipal police that have not ceased to harass and threaten them), day and night they have raised the call for freedom and justice for Atenco.

In these more than two years, it's true that some have withdrawn their presence from the encampment. But there is a nucleus that has remained constant and it is this nucleus that is the assurance to our prisoners that our movement has not and will not abandon them.

As you all know, a few weeks ago that tragic farce that is Mexican legal justice dictated a new and outrageous sentence against our compas in Molino de las Flores Prison and in the high security prison La Palma (Almoloya), in the state of Mexico, adding a link to the already long chain of injustices weighing down our companer@s.

As of this moment, the EZLN made contact with the companer@s that have remained firm at the encampment, with some groups, collectives, and organizations who are adherents of the Sixth Declaration, and with some of those who were prisoners and have been released. We have had and have now the goal of re-launching the National and International Campaign demanding liberty and justice for Atenco, and of maintaining a constant bridge to our compas who are still prisoner so that they feel and know that here among us they are not forgotten.

We are speaking of, therefore, not just a few actions, as fleeting as the few lines that were written about this injustice, but rather something longer lasting, constant, and effective.

Among other things, and as a result of these contacts and counsels, a variety of individuals, groups, collectives, and organizations that belong to the Other Campaign, have convened the REINFORCEMENT, IN QUALITY AND QUANTITY, OF THE ENCAMPMENT AT MOLINA DE LAS FLORES, CONVERTING IT INTO A SPACE OF ENCOUNTER OF THE OTHER CAMPAIGN, IN ADDITION TO CONVOKING, AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, THE RENEWING OF THE CAMPAIGN TO FREE OUR PRISONERS.

We suggest that we rotate attendance at the encampment, promoting and participating in political-cultural activities in that space, and taking up the contacts that we had made in Mexico and the world to coordinate new activities in demand of justice.

With the National Network against Repression and for Solidarity (made up fundamentally by individuals, groups, collectives, and organizations of the Other Campaign), with the National Independent Union of Popular Organizations of the Left (UNOPII), and with Labor and Socialist Unity (UNIOS), and with various libertarian groups and collectives, as well as with companeras and companeros that have supported the Sixth Commission of the EZLN in the Other Campaign, we have agreed upon a calendar of participation and activities that are to begin this September 16th, 2008, on the third anniversary of our movement.

That is why we are writing you. To invite you to attend the encampment at Molino de las Flores Prison, and to participate in the activities to take place there, and to, in your own groups, collectives, and organizations, and in the local, regional, and state work units of the Other Campaign, to propose and carry out actions demanding liberty and justice for Atenco.

Companeroas, companeras, and companeros:

With this small effort we invite you to say, along with us, and to remind ourselves and everyone else, that **WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN...** not our prisoners nor those who have imposed this injustice upon them.

That is all, companeros, companeras and companeroas. Soon we will send you, on the Third Anniversary of the Other Campaign (that is, September 16 of this year), another convocation for an activity that perhaps will interest you.

OK. Cheers and may the other reaffirm its existence.

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ATENCO!

From the mountains of the Mexican Southeast, Subcomandante Insurgente Marcos.

2. POLICE INFILTRATED BY CRIMINALS

To no one's surprise, Interior Secretary Juan Mourino and Public Security Secretary Genaro Garcia announced on Wednesday that Mexico's police are riddled with criminals. The two cabinet members promised a new system of control that includes obligatory testing for all police. Even the Federal Agency for Investigation (AFI, the rough equivalent of the FBI) turns out to be infiltrated. Police took a highly respected AFI agent into custody this week for the kidnapping and murder of 14-year-old Fernando Marti, a case that has dominated the Mexican media since the young victim turned up dead several weeks ago. Lorena Gonzalez, head of the gang that kidnapped Marti, was an active member of the AFI and was in the process of transferring to a new federal police force designed to clean up police corruption.

Despite growing mistrust for police among the general public and a national drug war that most Mexicans think is failing, the Calderon administration proposed a security budget this week of US\$10.4 billion, a 39% increase over this year's budget. The lion's share is destined for the Public Security Secretary, which would establish a new federal police force with a presence throughout the country. Calderon described the plan as an attack on organized crime.

In related news, 25 bodies were discovered in Mexico State on Friday. The carnage was apparently drug-related. Officials denied that any of the dead were police, though they remained unidentified as of this report.

3. INFLATION GROWS, REMITTANCES DECREASE

Mexico's inflation rate reached 5.6% in August, the highest in five and a half years, according to the Bank of Mexico. Food led the way with a 9.6% annual rate of increase, followed by 7.2% for public transportation, and gasoline with 6.6%. Gasoline prices, established nationally by the federal government, rose three times in the past week. The basic food basket, used to compute the official level of poverty, exploded 7.3% on an annual rate.

Meanwhile, remittances sent by Mexican workers living in the US to families in Mexico shrunk by 6.9% in July, the largest decline since 1995. Remittances registered declines in six of the first seven months of 2008, an indication of declining economic opportunities for immigrants north of the border.

4. WALMART LOSES SUPREME COURT CASE

The Supreme Court ordered WalMart, Mexico's largest private employer, to end its practice of paying part of salaries in coupons redeemable only in WalMart stores. The decision officially covers only one bold employee from Chihuahua who brought the case, but the transnational is expected to change its salary policies as a result. The Supreme Court found that the payment plan violates the constitution, which outlawed "company stores" in 1917. WalMart employs more than 150,000 workers in Mexico.

5. PEMEX COULD BE THE WORLD'S MOST PROFITABLE OIL COMPANY

Pemex, Mexico's national petroleum company, could be the most profitable in the world if the government altered its taxation policies to a more reasonable level, according to a report by Banamex, an affiliate of New York-based CitiGroup. "By substituting the tax charges leveled against Pemex for the average taxes paid by the world's ten largest petroleum companies, both public and private, Mexico's state company would alter its financial status from a net loss in 2007 to a net gain that would make the company number one in the world," according to Arnulfo Rodriguez and Esteban Jimenez, Banamex oil specialists. The report became public in the midst of a fierce national debate over privatization of Pemex, favored by President Calderon but opposed by an overwhelming majority of Mexicans.

6. MSN PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (Contact MSN@MexicoSolidarity.org)

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM:

Fall 2008, September 7 – December 13: Study in Chiapas, Tlaxcala, Mexico City and Ciudad Juarez, focusing on the theory and practice of Mexican social movements, including indigenous movements, campesino organizations, and urban movements.

Spring 2009, January 25 “ May 2: Study in Chiapas, Tlaxcala, Mexico City and Ciudad Juarez, focusing on the theory and practice of Mexican social movements, including indigenous movements, campesino organizations, and urban movements.

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CHICAGO AUTONOMOUS CENTER (3460 W. LAWRENCE AVE.)

ESL and Spanish Literacy classes:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm.

Classes utilize popular education strategies to increase conversational English capacity and basic reading and writing skills in Spanish.

Cultural events and political workshops:

For a full schedule of cultural events and political workshops, contact the Mexico Solidarity Network at 773-583-7728 or visit <http://www.mexicosolidarity.org/communityforum>

SPEAKING TOURS:

Contact MSN@MexicoSolidarity.org to schedule an event in your city.

October 19-31, 2008 (Northwest): Plan Mexico. Carlos Euceda will discuss Plan Mexico (aka the Merida Initiative), a bilateral security initiative that will provide \$1.5 billion in US military financing for Mexico's army and intelligence forces.

October 12-24, 2008 (New England): Border dynamics. Veronica Leyva, a native of Ciudad Juarez, will speak about maquiladoras, immigration and struggles for land along the border, with particular emphasis on the Lomas de Poleo struggle. Veronia is the MSN staff person in Ciudad Juarez. She worked for seven years in maquiladoras and six years as a labor/community organizer before joining the MSN staff in 2004.

November 9-21, 2008 (Midwest): Immigration dynamics and Braceros. A representative of the National Assembly of ex-Braceros from Tlaxcala will discuss current struggles by Braceros and the lessons of the Bracero program for the debate on immigration reform. Braceros were Mexican guest workers who came to the US under a post-World War II treaty.

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February 8-21, 2009 (Southeast): Border dynamics. Veronica Leyva, a native of Ciudad Juarez, will speak about maquiladoras, immigration and struggles for land along the border, with particular emphasis on the Lomas de Poleo struggle. Veronia is the MSN staff person in Ciudad Juarez. She worked for seven years in maquiladoras and six years as a labor/community organizer before joining the MSN staff in 2004.

February 15-28, 2009 (Mid Atlantic): Immigration dynamics and Braceros. A representative of the National Assembly of ex-Braceros from Tlaxcala will discuss current struggles by Braceros and the lessons of the Bracero program for the debate on immigration reform. Braceros were Mexican guest workers who came to the US under a post-World War II treaty.

March 15-28, 2009 (New York state): Free trade, fair trade and the dynamics of alternative economies.

March 22 “ April 4, 2009 (Midwest): Immigration dynamics, featuring migrant workers from the Midwest.

March 29 “ April 11, 2009 (New England): Urban housing struggles and the war against popular organizations in Mexico.

April 5-18, 2009 (West Coast): The Other Campaign and campesino organizing, featuring an organizer from the Concejo Nacional Urbano Campesino.

ALTERNATIVE ECONOMY INTERNSHIPS:

Develop markets for artisanry produced by women's cooperatives in Chiapas and make public presentations on the struggle for justice and dignity in Zapatista communities.

Interns are currently active in: New York City; El Paso, TX; Salt Lake City, UT; Rochester, NY; Albuquerque, NM; Washington, DC; Chico, CA; Stonington, ME; Minneapolis, MN; Berkeley, CA; Grand Rapids, MI; Salem, OR; Santa Cruz, CA; Chatham, NJ; Rutland, MA; Chicago, IL; Corpus Christi, TX; and Houston, TX

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Call for papers

œEthics in Intelligence, Security, and Immigration: The Moral and Social Significance of Gathering and Managing Information and Borders in the Global Community

The University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas will be hosting a conference on œEthics in Intelligence and Immigration November 20-22, 2008. Papers are invited on any subject related to ethical issues in the fields of intelligence gathering, global security and immigration. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words. Presenters will be notified of their acceptance by September 15, 2008. Send electronic submissions to: pace@utpa.edu

Topics include, but are not limited to:

?? Ethical issues in global intelligence

?? Ethical issues in competitive intelligence

?? Ethical issues in immigration

?? Ethical issues related to the collection, storage, and retrieval of intelligence

?? Ethical issues in privacy and global and national security

?? Codes of ethics in private and public intelligence

?? Open vs. closed borders

?? Ethical implications of a border wall

---Submission deadline: 1 September 2008---

Acceptance notification by 15 September 2008

Conference dates: 20-22 November 2008

There is a strong possibility that some or all conference papers will be published in a volume of conference proceedings.

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TITLE: GOP œVoter-Foreclosure Plan: Is Texas Next? *

Did Media Foil Michigan GOP "Voter-Foreclosure" Plan?

Looks like things in the GOP's Michigan no house, no vote plan may be going awry. Last week it was reported that the Republican party there had hatched a perfect voter suppression tactic to use the rolls of the foreclosed as a way of keeping those folks away the polls. Today the Michigan Messenger reported that Barack Obama's state office has filed a lawsuit against the GOP office.

Bob Bauer, general counsel for the Obama campaign, and Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party, announced the lawsuit in a conference call with reporters this afternoon. It was filed on behalf of the campaign, the party and three Michigan residents who have had their houses foreclosed upon in recent months.

Bauer noted that using foreclosure lists to challenge a voter's address is "false and illegal" for several reasons. First, because getting a foreclosure notice is not evidence that the person's address has changed. In Michigan, homeowners have the opportunity to redeem the foreclosure even after a sheriff's sale has occurred, which means they can stay in the home for many months after a foreclosure notice has been sent. Second, because under Michigan law a person can vote at their old precinct if they lost their home within 60 days of the election.

In the meantime, the Michigan GOP office is planning legal action against the Michigan Messenger alleging libel. The news site stands by their initial reporting that party spokesman James Carabelli told a reporter over the phone, "We will have a list of foreclosed homes and will make sure people aren't voting from those addresses," and that GOP operatives in other states made similar statements. The legal battle probably won't be resolved for some time, but one has to admit the evil, insidious genius of the Republican party's alleged plan, the perfect alignment of an innocuous strategy designed to prevent "voter fraud" that would by default disenfranchise a bloc of disproportionately poor voters and voters of color.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Who Gets to Attend College? *

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Who Gets to Attend College?

By Tram Nguyen California is one of the top three states with the most segregated schools for Black and Latino students.

GROWING UP IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, a working class neighborhood of East Los Angeles, Nancy Meza figured out early on that the school system wasn't working for many of her friends and family. Both her older brothers went from being honors students in middle school to dropping out in high school. One brother, who was put in woodshop two years in a row, eventually started ditching and never came back.

"It's really heartbreaking now," Nancy said. "They're always struggling to find a job, always in and out of jobs. They'll be out of work for long periods of time, or they have backbreaking work at minimum wage. They're struggling a lot."

Nancy herself was put into ESL classes until seventh grade, when she passed an English test and was lucky enough to get placed into honors classes in eighth grade. It wasn't until then that she heard teachers and counselors telling her to go to college and programming her schedule with college prep classes.

But that wasn't the case for most of her peers.

As high school went on, the group she hung out with got smaller and smaller. Those who had dropped out or were thinking of dropping out told her much the same thing: they would get the same job with or without a high school diploma, so why bother graduating?

"Students are not exposed to what it takes to go to college," concluded Nancy, now 20. Fast-talking and bubbly, she wants more than anything to go to UCLA and then on to law school. For now, She's attending East Los Angeles Community College.

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By all accounts, California's public education system is in trouble and has been for quite some time. The decline can be traced arguably as far back as 1978 when Proposition 13 was passed, undercutting property taxes that are the main mode of public school funding.

In 2007, the National Assessment of Educational Progress found that California ranked close to the bottom in the country: eighth graders ranked 47th in reading and 44th in math. The state's high school graduation rate has fallen far below the national average, and only Mississippi and Arizona have lower rates for sending high school seniors to four-year universities.

Though the crisis of public education spreads across the board "California schools are more likely to have problems like overcrowding and not enough qualified teachers and counselors" it is compounded by a large and growing racial gap. In a state where the majority of public school students are of color (currently 68 percent), the gap is significant between per-pupil spending in affluent neighborhoods with primarily white and Asian students and those with a majority of low-income Black and Latino students. California is one of the top three states with the most segregated schools for Black and Latino students, and schools "where children of color account for between 90 and 100 percent of the student body" are four times more likely to lack the resources to prepare them for college.

At the start of 2008, California's superintendent of public instruction, Jack O'Connell, called attention to the achievement gap as the biggest challenge for the state in educating its future workforce, because unlike other states in the nation, the students lagging behind are the majority of the population in California. "I've struggled and stumbled at times over the past year when talking about race," O'Connell said in his state of education address. "But until we begin the discussion, until we understand our own cultural perspectives and biases, we can't begin to correct any institutional biases that we might have" biases such as those that allow for lower expectations, culturally ineffective instruction or fewer resources at schools serving students of color. It is time we have the discussion. It is past time."

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Given the stark racial disparities in public education, it's ironic that California became the first state in 1996 to ban affirmative action with Proposition 209, taking away from universities the power to consider racial disadvantage in their admissions.

At UCLA, Proposition 209 resulted in a decline of Black students from 221 freshmen in 1997 to 96 admitted in 2006. University officials scrambled to come up with some creative ways around the law—appointing an alumni commission to offer scholarships to encourage admitted Blacks to choose UCLA and revamping the process of judging applications to better acknowledge students for overcoming disadvantages. By fall 2007, Black admissions had more than doubled from the year before.

But the focus on admissions numbers is still a limited one in the larger context of anti-affirmative action and systemic public school inequities. Ward Connerly, the architect of Proposition 209, has won ballot initiatives banning affirmative action in two more states—Washington and Michigan—and is close to getting it on the November ballot this year in Colorado, Arizona and Nebraska (his supporters have gotten enough signatures in the three states, but opponents are claiming voter fraud and suing).

With the growing consensus that a college education is becoming increasingly necessary to compete in today's job market, education advocates have focused more efforts on expanding the pipeline to higher education for Black and brown students. The question of college access is now, according to The Washington Post, a "heated national debate over whether or not high schools should try to prepare all students for college."

This is a debate that often posits the choices as an either/or: go to college or go to trade school and get a job. The underlying belief in this framework is that not all students are meant for college, which has larger implications for limiting who has access to a quality high school education.

Jarad Sanchez, a former policy analyst at the Applied Research Center, testified at state assembly hearings in 2007 on expanding California's college prep access. He recalled one committee member commenting that Black and brown youth drop out in high numbers because they are "uninterested" in education. He said he overheard another comment made at the meeting that Black and brown parents "don't really want their children to go to college; they just want them to have a job and to be happy."

The fact is, the state's low-wage job market is not only a dead-end life path—it is shrinking in the current economic downturn. There will be twice as many workers with only a high school diploma by 2020 than the state's job market can absorb. Only 23 percent of Blacks and 9 percent of Latinos age 25 or older have a bachelor's degree or higher in California, compared to 37 percent of whites. Only a quarter of Black, Latino and American-Indian high school seniors complete the requirements for college admission, compared to 40 percent of whites and 60 percent of Asian Americans.

"Racial tracking in public schools is well-documented. Historically, students of color have been steered away from college preparation and advanced classes in favor of vocational education," Sanchez said. "Education policy has to make it possible for students and parents to choose their life path—whether it's vocational training or college or both—not have it dictated by the lack of resources and inaccessibility of college requirements in their school."

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At the start of 2007, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger surprised education advocates by signing a bill they had struggled to push through the state senate and assembly. The bill, the only one of several pieces of legislation on college access to make it to the governor's desk, requires all California high schools to notify students and parents about the college prep coursework known as the "A-G requirements" needed to apply for the state's four-year university systems. Though it came only with a paltry \$157,000 in funding, this bill was the first statewide policy passed in a growing effort to provide "A-G for all."

This rallying cry had begun in 1997 with the San Jose school district. Under then-superintendent Linda Murray, the district passed a policy requiring the A-G curriculum to be the default one for all students in order to graduate from high school. To get the money for these classes, the district shifted the focus of their desegregation consent decree from busing to the racial achievement gap.

Naysayers often use the drop-out rate as an argument against requiring advanced coursework. If Black and brown students are dropping out at high rates now, why would they stay in school for even harder classes? But San Jose proved this wrong. Within five years of passing their new policy, the percentage of high school graduates completing the A-G requirements rose from 35 percent to 64 percent. The drop-out rate for Black students actually fell from 12 percent to 6 percent, and the number of Black students eligible for college rose from 27 percent to 56 percent.

San Jose's success inspired activists in Los Angeles to build a citywide coalition of community groups, parents, students, unions and more to push for an A-G policy. L.A. Unified School District is the second largest in the nation, with 694,000 students—91 percent of color and 84 percent of that being Black and Latino.

At Inner City Struggle, a community group in East L.A. that helped form the coalition, organizers surveyed the students at Roosevelt and Garfield high schools in their area to find out what the students themselves were saying about college. Less than half of the student body knew about the A-G requirements, but 77 percent of them said they wanted to go to college. By their senior year, many students who were eligible for graduation thought that also made them eligible to apply to college—which was not true for the majority because their school either lacked enough A-G classes or had failed to get them on that track.

"The root cause of that was the district's inequitable allocation of counselors and teachers to teach these courses," said Maria Brenes, executive director of Inner City Struggle. "It was like one plus one equals two. A through G had to be the requirement to ensure that resources would be allocated more equitably throughout the schools."

In 2005, the coalition won their campaign, and A-G will be the graduation requirement for all students starting in the fall of 2008. But the details of making the policy work remain a challenge. "Part of our strategy has been to develop local collaboratives to monitor implementation," continued Brenes, "because the district is so huge and the bureaucracy so thick and entrenched in doing business as usual."

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There are plenty of arguments against making A-G a graduation requirement. Opponents, including the Get REAL Coalition, a powerful lobby for career tech and business interests, say that not all youth want to or should go to college, and so college-readiness shouldn't be mandatory for graduation from high school. Where would already strapped school districts get the funding to implement advanced coursework for all? An important part of the A-G campaigns has been about shifting public debate on higher education.

"I was so angry!" Brenes exclaimed when asked about the state legislative hearing where panelists dismissed Black and brown students' interest in education. "I think what we were able to do in L.A. is to make that an unpopular thing to say, through shifting the debate in the media and having the students and parents be spokespeople for their own compelling stories and their dreams."

Jeremy Lahoud, an organizer for the group Californians for Justice that is working on the A-G campaign in Long Beach, thinks it is a particularly good fight to have. "It's a very good issue because it's controversial. I think it was good we pushed for A-G for all, because it forces folks to come out with their true colors about what they think about college access for all," he said. "On a statewide level, we need a lot of base-building and public-opinion shaping. We need folks to say 'college and work'—not college or work."

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The "either/or" debate between vocational education and college is a bit of a red herring, according to Tammy Johnson, policy director for the Applied Research Center and a longtime education activist. Just as there is a need for rigorous career tech training, it's also true that to get a job with a decent wage these days increasingly requires at least an undergraduate degree. The real point is that students of color aren't getting access to the education they need to make a good living.

"We support career and technical programs, like the Life Academy of Health and Bioscience in Oakland, that have broken away from the historical racial tracking of the vocational education courses of the past," Johnson said. "But we also know that in the next two decades, California will need 3.2 million college-educated workers to replace a tidal wave of retiring baby boomers. Our schools must meet the challenge of

preparing students of color to be nurses, engineers and other professions that pay a livable wage and provide the workforce that our state will desperately need."

The statewide Coalition for Quality Education has launched a campaign this year to focus on demanding college access, a rigorous curriculum and targeted school funding. In the process, the campaigns have begun to put a different light on what George Bush famously called "the soft bigotry of low expectations." "We faced a lot of disbelief in our community," recalled Nancy Meza, who was one of hundreds of students marching on city hall wearing T-shirts that read "Let Me Choose My Future."

"They said, 'Your school has a huge drop-out rate' why do you want students to be challenged when they can't even finish high school?' But once they are challenged, they do better. It's actually the opposite."

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This listserv is open to members.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Cactus Goo Makes Water Safe *

Cactus Goo Makes Water Safe

Jessica Marshall, Discovery News

Sept. 17, 2008 -- The slimy ooze inside prickly pear cactuses that helps the plants store water in the desert can also be used for scouring arsenic, bacteria and cloudiness out of rural drinking water, according to research at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Biochemical engineer Norma Alcantar first learned of the cactus's unique abilities from her grandmother, a native of north central Mexico. There, the residual water from boiling the flat, oval-shaped lobes of prickly pear for salads and other dishes was used to clear up cloudy water drawn from the river before use for cooking or drinking.

"When you boil [the prickly pear], what is getting separated is mucilage," Alcantar said.

Mucilage is the clear, gooey, viscous liquid from within the cactus which helps to seal water inside the plant so it can survive desert-dry conditions.

Alcantar began to study how the mucilage worked to clear cloudy water. She found that the mucilage binds to the dirt and causes the particles to coagulate, forming large enough clumps that they can settle out of the water.

Then, she turned her attention to other water contaminants. The group's more recent research has shown that the mucilage can also form a complex with arsenic, a carcinogenic water contaminant that can occur naturally or from industrial or agricultural pollution.

The arsenic-mucilage complex is large enough that it can be removed by drawing the water through a sand filter.

"Sometimes we get 80 percent removal, and sometimes we get lower than 50 percent removal," Alcantar said. "We don't yet know exactly what it is; we haven't found what are the exact best conditions for the mucilage [to get the most arsenic removal]."

What percentage removal is sufficient will depend on the amount of arsenic in the water supply.

Other ongoing research by Alcantar's team has shown that the mucilage can also kill bacteria in the water, solving another potential water quality problem. The mucilage either engulfs the bacteria and starves them, or it binds to the bacteria and causes them to settle out of the water.

Mucilage consists of carbohydrates and sugars. The team is investigating exactly how these components interact with bacteria, arsenic and suspended particles. The evidence so far suggests that when arsenic binds to the sugars, the number of charges on the particle changes, which changes its ability to stay dissolved. Similar processes appear to be at work with the other contaminants.

Alcantar estimates that one lobe of prickly pear would supply a family of five for about five weeks.

Alcantar's team is still optimizing and developing the best system, but she envisions that each family would pass their water through a filter that would periodically be recharged with fresh mucilage from prickly pear grown at home or in the community.

An advantage of the approach is that prickly pear is familiar to local communities, which her work suggests will help ease its acceptance by local people in Temamatla, Mexico, where she is working with families to design and supply filters.

"Our survey showed that 97 percent of the community wanted to have a filter, especially if it's based on something that they know and are accustomed to," said Alcantar

"There are a number of aspects to this project that I think are unique," said Angela Lindner of the University of Florida in Gainesville. "She knows these communities so she understands the social aspects that are involved. She's keeping in mind that the one who is going to be making these filters is going to be the person who is drinking the water. That's rarely done in engineering design."

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TITLE: HOUSTON: HPJC's Calendar of Progressive Events - September 17, 2008 *

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From: Herbert Rothschild

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " September 17, 2008 issue
Submit your event notices to hpic-calendar-owner@yahoo.com.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

CANCELLED September 18. Michael Klare reception and lecture. Klare is an important analyst of U.S. foreign and military policy. For more on Klare, view the Wikipedia article at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Klare. For more on the events, see below under September 18.
October 4. Rally for universal health care. This is a major undertaking by Coalition of Working People and the Poor and Health Care for All Texas. We need a massive turnout to force consideration of single payer coverage (Medicare for everyone), the only workable solution to our miserably unfair and costly health care system. For more information, see below under October 4.

ELECTION DATES

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: September 5

Last Day to Register to Vote: October 6

First Day of Early Voting: October 20

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: October 28

Last Day of Early Voting: October 31

Election Day: November 4

Early voting locations will be found at the very bottom of this calendar.

VOTER REGISTRATION WORK

Note: The Houston Votes office had not re-opened as of today. Things will probably get rolling again next week. Right now, the FEMA PODs that are distributing food, ice, and water are excellent places to register lower-income people.

The non-partisan non-profit Houston Votes is doing important work prior to October 6 getting some of Harris County's 900,000 unregistered voters on the rolls. The staff has particular sites scheduled each weekend (principally shopping centers with mainly lower-income customers) at which you can show up. Also, it is directing a door-to-door operation. There is a brief training, and coffee and doughnuts before folks hit the streets around 10:15 a.m. Teams of two are assigned to each street and work across from each other distributing literature and registration cards. At 1 everyone meets for lunch. For those who want to carpool to the site, a van will leave from the Houston Votes office at 411 Cavalcade (two blocks west of Fulton on north side of street). To help either at a site or with the block-walking, call Dee Young at 281/702-7864 or email her at Dee@houstonvotes.org.

TEXAS EXECUTIONS

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision that lethal injection isn't cruel and unusual punishment, the Texas death machine is up and running again. There will be a vigil on the day of each execution. In September they will be held at 5:30-6:20 p.m. at Dominican Sisters, 6501 Almeda at Holcombe. 18th (Joseph Ries), and 19th (Gregory Wright). The best way to participate in these witnesses is to ask Burnham Terrell to put you on his email list. Burnham monitors the status of appeals to stay executions, and will notify everyone on his list by 4:45 p.m. on the day if there has been a stay of execution or if the vigil has

been cancelled because of very bad weather. To get on the list, call 713/921-0948 or email burnhamterrell@att.net.

PROGRESSIVE FORUM SPEAKER SERIES

This series (not to be confused with Wally James' long-running KPFT radio show by the same name) this fall has scheduled Markos Moulitsas (September 22), and Eleanor Clift and Ernie Manouse (October 22). Moulitsas is founder and editor of Daily Kos, the most widely read political blog with an astounding 14 to 25 million unique visitors a month. Clift is a panelist on PBS' McLaughlin Group, contributing editor of Newsweek, and a Fox News analyst. Manouse, who will introduce her, is host of HoustonPBS's InnerVIEWS. Regular tickets are \$14, \$24, \$34, \$44, and \$54. All seats are in prime orchestra level, no balcony seats. A limited number of patron seats at \$74 include private patron reception with Eleanor Clift, a complimentary autographed book, commemorative bookplate, and center-front seating. Discounts of 10% are available off all regular price levels except patron for students, educators including teachers and administrators at all levels, seniors 65 and older, and groups of 10 or more. A valid ID is required at the door. For the hearing impaired, free headsets are available from the ushers. Tickets are available at the door on event night. Prior to event night, they can be purchased on-line at <http://www.progressiveforumhouston.org/> or by phone at 832-251-0706. See below under September 22 and October 22 for more information on the speakers.

PHOTO EXHIBIT

Ben Tecumseh DeSoto: Understanding Poverty “ now through November 1

Houston-based photojournalist Ben Tecumseh DeSoto opens the 2008-2009 DiverseWorks season with a multimedia exhibition that sheds light on the devastating impact of poverty in America. Understanding Poverty encompasses a 20-year investigation into life on the streets that began with DeSoto's 1988 encounter with two homeless Houstonians, Ben White and Judy Pruitt, while on assignment with the Houston Chronicle. DeSoto's ongoing relationship with the duo allowed him to document their stories of hope and sorrow while exposing the self-perpetuating cycle of poverty, trauma, and hopelessness that afflicts thousands of citizens living in the shadows in America's cities. DiverseWorks Main Gallery, 1117 East Freeway. For more information, call 713/223-8346.

SPEAKER AND FILM SERIES

Since 2001, HCCS's Northwest College has presented 'THE REEL' in both fall and spring semesters. These events are open to the public as well as to students. For the complete fall schedule, see below after the EVENTS section.

EVENTS

Grassroots Electoral Strategies at HAT “ Tuesday, September 16

The Houston Area Table (HAT) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to fostering communication and cooperation among Houston area progressive groups. HAT meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. September's meeting focuses on the efforts underway in Harris County to engage citizens in electoral politics. Topics covered will be Voter Education, Early Voting Strategies, and Getting Out the Vote. Panelists include Linda Cohn, League of Women Voters, Rev. Vincent Fana, Coalition of Working People and the Poor, and Richard Shaw, Harris County AFL-CIO. Lunch is free; RSVPs strongly urged by September 12. Noon at Jobing.Com, 3115 Allen Parkway, Ste. 300. Parking is behind the building on Rosine St., a small street that parallels Waugh one block west. If you're traveling on Allen Parkway heading west, turn south on Waugh, then take the first two right turns you can take and you'll be there. RSVP to Nicole Porter, 713/782-8833, nicole.porter@texasnstogether.org.

What non-profits can do to advance their policy agendas “ Tuesday, September 16

This is a workshop put on by Alliance for Justice, a progressive-oriented organization that gives technical assistance to non-profits on a range of topics. A major focus is promoting our political involvement” meaning lobbying on issues and non-partisan electoral involvement. All too many of us are under the impression that lobbying will jeopardize our 501(c)(3) status, and that any involvement in elections is a total non-no. These are incorrect notions that can impede our effectiveness. BUT there are

limits, and it is important to learn what is and is not permitted. This workshop, which is free, could mark an important turning point in your work. 7-9 p.m. at United Way, 50 Waugh Dr. To register, contact Nicole Porter, 713/782-8833, nicole.porter@texanstogether.org.

Houston Votes! Benefit for Voter Registration “ Wednesday, September 17

Houston Votes! has been registering working people and the poor in Harris County since late 2007. It is a project supported by Campus Alliance for Progress, Coalition of Working People and the Poor, Equality Texas, NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, Planned Parenthood of Houston, Texans Together Education Fund, Texas Freedom Network, TX League of Conservation Voters, and Under 21 Campaign. There's a Happy Hour with \$1 draft beer and food from Ninfa's, then live music by Perseph1, Zin, and Free Radicals. \$20 donation (or more if you can afford it). 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour, 8 p.m. music at Dean's Credit Clothing, 316 Main St.

downtown. RSVPs welcome to Joy Arthur,

joy@texanstogether.org.

Postville: Immigrant abuse beyond America's backroads “ Wednesday, September 17

The recent raid on a meat-packing plant in Postville, Iowa revealed abuse of immigrant workers both by their employer and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials. Stephen Bloom, professor of journalism at Un. of Iowa and author of 'Postville: A Clash of Cultures in the Heartland,' and Erik Camayd-Freixas, associate professor of Latin American literature at Florida International Un., who served as an interpreter for the workers following the raid, will discuss the event and its implications. 7 p.m. at Rothko Chapel, 1406 Sul Ross. More more information and to RSVP on-line, visit www.rothkochapel.org.

Peace Soldier project by Æ¼ba “ Wednesday, September 17

In celebration of the International Day of Peace (see September 21 below), this exhibition will get open in Houston prior to traveling to other cities. The works will feature a collection of photo/essay portraits of soldiers developed in collaboration with a wide range of photographers across the U.S., plus installations by Anti-Advertising Agency and Textual Healing. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Art Storm Gallery, 4828 Caroline St. For more information and to RSVP for the opening, email rebecca@uba-foundation.org.

Stop Global Warming Campaign kickoff at Rice “ Wednesday, September 17

The Rice Sierra Student Coalition is working to convince candidates for Congress from the Houston area to take a stand against global warming in the upcoming election. The campaign kickoff will feature speakers, action tables, information about the campaign, food and fun. The general public is encouraged to come. 8 p.m. in Sammy's in the student center (RMC) on campus. For more information, contact 480/747-7037 or mfd1@rice.edu.

Support Eric McDavid! “ Wednesday, September 17

Eric McDavid was arrested on January 13, 2006, as a direct result of government infiltration and entrapment and sentenced to more than 20 years for talking about a crime that was never carried out. Learn about Eric's case, entrapment, the use of informants and provocateurs, and government repression in general. Free but the hat will be passed both for Eric's defense fund and Sedition Books' rent fund. 7 p.m. at Sedition Books, 901 Richmond Ave. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/seditionbooks. For more information on the McDavid case, visit www.supporteric.org.

????????? Protest against sweatshop labor use at UH “ Thursday, September 18

The Student Government Association, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate all voted to have the University of Houston to sign onto the Designated Supplier Program, which commits buyers to avoid sweatshop labor for their apparel. UH Chancellor and President Renu Khator will not allow that to happen. She even refused the recommendation of her hand-picked 'apparel task force' to affiliate with the third party independent labor monitoring organization Worker Rights Consortium. On September 18 Khator will take part in an 'investiture' ceremony at Cullen Auditorium, where she will be officially sworn in as President and Chancellor of the University of Houston. Protestors will stand outside to make her commitment to injustice known. 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by UH Students Against Sweatshops. For more information, email uofh.sas@gmail.com.

CANCELLED Reception for Michael Klare hosted by Sissy Farenthold “ Thursday, September 18

Sissy Farenthold is hosting this reception in honor of Michael Klare in the party room of her high-rise residence, Lamar Towers, at Buffalo Speedway and W. Alabama. Proceeds of the reception will benefit the anti-war and peace work of the Houston Peace and Justice Center. \$35 to attend; \$100 patrons will receive an autographed copy of Klare's latest book, *Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy*. Register on-line at www.hpjc.org or call 281/414-1386.

CANCELLED Michael Klare on resource wars " Thursday, September 18

Five Colleges professor of Peace and World Security Studies, Klare is defense correspondent of *The Nation* magazine, and author of numerous books in the area of foreign and military policy. His most recent books are 'Resource Wars,' 'Blood and Oil: The Dangers and Consequences of America's Growing Petroleum Dependency,' and 'Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: The New Geopolitics of Energy.' Klare teaches at Hampshire College, Amherst College, Smith College, Mount Holyoke College, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He serves on the boards of directors of Human Rights Watch and the Arms Control Association. He is a regular contributor to many publications, including *The Nation*, *TomDispatch*, and *Mother Jones*, and is a frequent columnist for *Foreign Policy in Focus*. Sponsored by Houston Peace and Justice Center, Veterans for Peace-Chapter 12, and Oil Patch Democrats. 7 p.m. in Fondren Hall of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 5501 Main. Park in the lot across from the church on Fannin St. For more information, call 281/414-1386.

The International Day of Peace observance " Sunday, September 21

The International Day of Peace, established by the United Nations in 1981, is a day of celebration and reflections across the globe on peace. This year the Decade of Nonviolence-Houston and the Rothko Chapel will host an interfaith healing ceremony for building community. Clergy and lay people are invited to start the day in the Chapel courtyard by the reflecting pool. There will be a Native American healing ceremony and then prayers and rituals from other faith traditions. Also, all congregations are encouraged to mark the International Day of Peace in some appropriate way in their services on this weekend. 7 a.m. at the Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. For more information and to participate in the program, contact P.K. McCary, 713/893-1304, perri@thepeacehour.org or Cindy Hyde, 713/641-5630, cynthia.hyde@hubinternational.com.

Award-winning foreign affairs journalist Robert Fisk " Sunday, September 21

Described by the *New York Times* as "probably one of the most famous foreign correspondents of Britain," he has had over thirty years of experience in international reporting in Belfast, Sarajevo, Beirut, and Baghdad. His understanding of journalism is "that it must challenge authority " all authority " especially when governments and politicians take us to war." He is considered the world's most decorated foreign correspondent, having received numerous awards including the British Press Award's International Journalist of the Year seven times. His publications include *The Point of No Return: the Strike Which Broke the British in Ulster*, *In the Time of War: Ireland, Ulster and the Price of Neutrality*, *Pity the Nation: Lebanon at War* and *The Great War for Civilization: the Conquest of the Middle East*. 3 p.m.: 'Don't Trust the Press: Why Intelligence Sources Are Not Good Enough;' 7 p.m.: 'The Lessons of History: Why We Should Not Have Invaded Iraq.' Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. For more information, call the Chapel, 713/524-9839.

Sedition Books' Anarchist Movie Night " Sunday, September 21

'The Take' (2004, 87 min.) In the wake of Argentina's dramatic economic collapse in 2001, Latin America's most prosperous middle class finds itself in a ghost town of abandoned factories and mass unemployment. The Forja auto plant in suburban Buenos Aires lies dormant until its former employees take action. Thirty unemployed auto-parts workers walk into their idle factory, roll out sleeping mats, and refuse to leave. All they want is to re-start the machines. But this simple act - *The Take* - has the power to turn the globalization debate on its head. They're part of a daring new movement of workers who are occupying bankrupt businesses and creating jobs in the ruins of the failed system. Armed only with slingshots and an abiding faith in shop-floor democracy, the workers face off against the bosses, bankers, and a whole system that sees their beloved factories as nothing more than scrap metal for sale. 8 p.m. at Sedition Books, 901 Richmond Ave. (1 block east of Montrose). For more information, call 281/239-6754.

Here's a good article on the campaign against the border wall...

<http://americas.irc-online.org/am/5530>

Worth archiving and sharing...

Jay

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TITLE: EDINBURG: Chicano Social Engagement Film Series *

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From: el sexto sol de mecha

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you might have noticed these flyers around, i don't know the members of this organization but it is great that they are showing these films, so if you can check them out and engage in the dialogue

here is their schedule of events, you might want to save this if you want to go to the films later,

Xicanismo: Chicano Social Engagement Film Series

1st film

Friday-September 19 1:00p.m: The Fight In the Fields

2nd film

Friday-October 10 1:00p.m: Chicano! Quest for a Homeland

3rd fillm

Friday Oct. 24 1:00p.m: New World Border

4th film

Friday Nov. 14 1:00p.m: Maquilapolis or Chicano Park[tba]

all the films are to be shown at HSHS 1.114

this is sponsored by the LRCA, Department of MODern Languages and Literatures, and the Program in Latin American and Border Studies,

see you there

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: SA Free Speech Coalition 9/20 @ 6pm *

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From: Ñjlvaro

This Sat. Sep.20th from 6-7 there will be an SA free speech coalition meeting at one of the members' house. There will also some festivities going on shortly afterwards ;)
To RSVP and get directions or get more info. call Fabi @ 210.584.7551

the link below shows information on what the SA free speech coalition is all about:

<http://www.esperanzacenter.org/freespeech/>

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Privilege, Entitlement and the 2008 Election (please excuse *)

> > Privilege, Entitlement and the 2008 Election

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> > BuzzFlash, Sat, 09/13/2008 - 3:44pm.

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> > By Tim Wise

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> > For those who still can't grasp the
concept of white

> privilege, or

> > who are constantly looking
for some easy-to-understand examples of it,

> > perhaps this list
will help.

> > White privilege is when you can get pregnant at
seventeen like

> > Bristol Palin and everyone is quick to insist that
your life and that

> of

> > your family is a personal matter,
and that no one has a right to judge

> you

> > or your parents,
because 'every family has challenges,' even as black

> and

> >

Latino families with similar 'challenges' are regularly typified as

> > irresponsible, pathological and arbiters of social decay.

> >

White privilege is when you can call yourself a 'fuckin'

>

redneck,'

> > like Bristol Palin's boyfriend does, and talk about how
if anyone

> messes
> > with you, you'll 'kick their fuckin'
ass,' and talk about how you like

> to
> > 'shoot shit' for
fun, and still be viewed as a responsible,

> all-American boy
> > (and a great son-in-law to be) rather than a thug.
> > White
privilege is when you can attend four different colleges

> in
> > six years like Sarah Palin did (one of which you basically failed
out

> of,
> > then returned to after making up some coursework
at a community

> college),
> > and no one questions your
intelligence or commitment to achievement,

> whereas
> > a
person of color who did this would be viewed as unfit for college,

>
and

> > probably someone who only got in in the first place because
of

> affirmative
> > action.
> > White privilege is
when you can claim that being mayor of a

> town
> > smaller
than most medium-sized colleges, and then Governor of a state

>
with

> > about the same number of people as the lower fifth of the
island of

> > Manhattan, makes you ready to potentially be president,
and people

> don't all

> > piss on themselves with laughter,
while being a black U.S. Senator,

> two-term

> > state Senator,
and constitutional law scholar, means you're

> 'untested.'

> >

White privilege is being able to say that you support the

>

words

> > 'under God' in the pledge of allegiance because 'if it was
good enough

> for

> > the founding fathers, it's good enough
for me,' and not be immediately

> > disqualified from holding
office--since, after all, the pledge was

> written

> > in the
late 1800s and the 'under God' part wasn't added until the

> >

1950s--while believing that reading accused criminals and terrorists

>

their

> > rights (because, ya know, the Constitution, which you used
to teach at

> a

> > prestigious law school requires it), is a
dangerous and silly idea

> only

> > supported by mushy
liberals.

> > White privilege is being able to be a gun enthusiast and not

> make

> > people immediately scared of you.

> > White privilege is being able to have a husband who was a member of

> > an extremist political party that wants your state to secede from the

> Union,

> > and whose motto was 'Alaska first,' and no one questions your

> patriotism or

> > that of your family, while if you're black and your spouse merely

> fails to

> >

come to a 9/11 memorial so she can be home with her kids on the first

>

day of

> > school, people immediately think she's being disrespectful.

> > White privilege is being able to make fun of community

> organizers and

> > the work they do--like, among other things, fight for the right of

> women to

> > vote, or

for civil rights, or the 8-hour workday, or an end to child

> >

labor--and people think you're being pithy and tough, but if you

>

merely

> > question the experience of a small town mayor and 18-month governor

> with no
> > foreign policy expertise beyond a class
she took in college--you're

> somehow
> > being mean, or even
sexist.

> > White privilege is being able to convince white women
who

> don't even
> > agree with you on any substantive issue to
vote for you and your

> running
> > mate anyway, because all of
a sudden your presence on the ticket has

> > inspired confidence in
these same white women, and made them give your

> party
> > a
'second look.'

> > White privilege is being able to fire people who
didn't

> support your
> > political campaigns and not be
accused of abusing your power or being

> a
> > typical
politician who engages in favoritism, while being black and

>
merely

> > knowing some folks from the old-line political machines in
Chicago

> means you
> > must be corrupt.
> > White
privilege is being able to attend churches over the

> years
> >

whose pastors say that people who voted for John Kerry or merely

>
criticize

>> George W. Bush are going to hell, and that the U.S. is
an explicitly

>> Christian nation and the job of Christians is to
bring Christian

> theological
>> principles into government,
and who bring in speakers who say the

> conflict
>> in the
Middle East is God's punishment on Jews for rejecting Jesus,

>
and

>> everyone can still think you're just a good church-going
Christian,

> but if
>> you're black and friends with a black
pastor who has noted (as have

> Colin
>> Powell and the U.S.
Department of Defense) that terrorist attacks are

> often
>>
the result of U.S. foreign policy and who talks about the history of

>
racism

>> and its effect on black people, you're an extremist who
probably hates

>> America.
>> White privilege is not
knowing what the Bush Doctrine is when

> asked
>> by a
reporter, and then people get angry at the reporter for asking

> you
such

> > a 'trick question,' while being black and merely refusing to
give

> one-word
> > answers to the queries of Bill O'Reilly
means you're dodging the

> question,> > or trying to seem
overly intellectual and nuanced.

> > White privilege is being able to
claim your experience as a

> POW has
> > anything at all to do
with your fitness for president, while being

> black and
> >
experiencing racism is, as Sarah Palin has referred to it, a 'light'

> > burden.
> > And finally, white privilege is the only thing that
could

> possibly
> > allow someone to become president when he
has voted with George W.

> Bush 90
> > percent of the time,
even as unemployment is skyrocketing, people are

> losing
> >
their homes, inflation is rising, and the U.S. is increasingly

>
isolated from

> > world opinion, just because white voters aren't
sure about that whole

> > 'change' thing. Ya know, it's just too
vague and ill-defined, unlike,

> say,
> > four more years of
the same, which is very concrete and certain.

> ; > White privilege
is, in short, the problem.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: PODER B-day Party fundraiser for Susana Almanza 9/20 *

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From: Erika-PODER

People Organized in
Defense of Earth & her Resources
Request the honor of your presence at Susana Almanza's
Birthday Party & Fundraiser
Let's help get Susana to the Social Forum of the Americas in Guatemala
Saturday, September 20th, 2008
8:00 " 12 midnight
1406 Vargas Road " off Riverside Dr.
Dinner & Dance/Music by Gilbert Macias
Attire: casual
\$10.00 Donation
RSVP to poder@austin.rr.com 472-9921

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Voting problems in several swing states *

Report: Voting problems in several swing states

* Story Highlights

* New report finds voting problems in states up for grabs this year

* Report says 10 states are at risk, including Ohio, Virginia, Wisconsin

* Problems listed include lack of voting machines and registration glitches

From Kitty Pilgrim

CNN Anchor/Correspondent

(CNN) -- A new Government Accountability Office report on voting system testing finds that the Election Assistance Commission has not notified election officials across the country about electronic voting machine failures.

And a new study by Common Cause and the Century Foundation finds that 10 very vital swing states have significant voting problems that have not been addressed since the last election.

Those 10 states, according to Common Cause, are Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin.

In Colorado, 20,000 left polling places without voting in 2006 because of crashed computer registration machines and long lines. And this election day, Colorado will have another new registration system.

"You know, Colorado is two years behind many states in implementing a statewide voter database. ... This is a new system, and there's just a lot of unknowns as to whether or not voters will be successful," said Jenny Flanagan of Common Cause.

The problems listed in the report range from not enough voting machines to glitches with electronic registration poll books. Read the report

"We're seeing a lot of problems where people are being kicked off the data base rolls if their name is on as Alex as opposed to Alexander or they've put a middle initial in there name and it's not there," said Susan Greenhalgh of Voter Action. "These are problems that are being created by software restrictions that are stringent or glitches in some cases where the program is incorrectly bouncing people off the rolls."

For voters with problems in registration, provisional ballots are provided.

But Tova Wang of Common Cause said there is a "very good chance, with all of the new voters that we are going to see this year, that there will be a big demand for the use of provisional ballots."

"And yet I see nothing, except in one of the 10 states, that the states are doing to ensure that there will be enough provisional ballots on hand so that they don't run out of them. Ideally, provisional ballots should be on hand for 10 percent of the voting population," she added. Watch more on the fight for swing states »

Common Cause said it's not too late to fix many of these problems. Although many states don't have the laws on the books to require some safeguards, they can act now to make sure that there are enough back up ballots at the polls, workers are properly trained and there are enough poll workers on election day.

Denver, Colorado, for example, is going back to a paper poll book registration for this election.

CNN political producer Ed Hornick contributed to this report.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Marine praised by Bush won't get Medal of Honor *

Marine praised by Bush won't get Medal of Honor

By CHELSEA J. CARTER, AP Military Affairs Writer Thu Sep 18, 5:52 AM ET

A Marine sergeant singled out by President Bush for throwing his body on a grenade to save his comrades in Iraq will receive the prestigious Navy Cross rather than the nation's highest military award, military officials said.

The family of Sgt. Rafael Peralta, who was posthumously nominated for the nation's highest military honor, told the North County Times of Escondido, Calif., they were disappointed he was not receiving the Medal of Honor.

"I don't understand why if the president has been talking about him," his mother, Rosa Peralta, told the newspaper, which was the first to report the bestowing of the Navy Cross.

Rosa Peralta said she was informed during a meeting with Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Richard Natonski that a committee could not agree on awarding the Medal of Honor to her son, who Marine Corps officials say was first wounded by friendly fire. She said the general mentioned the friendly fire aspect as part of her son's death during the discussion.

Marine Corps spokesman Mike Alvarez confirmed the meeting, saying only that it was a personal briefing between Natonski and Rosa Peralta to inform her that the secretary of the Navy would award the Navy Cross posthumously for extraordinary heroism.

The Navy Cross is the second highest honor for combat heroism a Marine can receive.

The secretary of the Navy's public affairs office in Washington, D.C., did not immediately return an after-hours telephone call Wednesday seeking comment.

Headquarters Marine Corps spokesman Maj. David Nevers told The Associated Press that the Navy Cross for Peralta "is not bestowed lightly."

Nevers said only 23 sailors and Marines out of the thousands who have served in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan have received the Navy Cross.

"The awarding of a medals of valor is a methodical process and carefully conducted to ensure the sacrifice and service of our Marines and sailors is appropriately honored," he said.

Peralta was shot several times in the face and body during a house-to-house search in Fallujah on Nov. 15, 2004, during some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

According to a report by a Marine combat photographer who witnessed the act, Peralta lay wounded on the floor of a house and grabbed a grenade that had been lobbed by an insurgent. He absorbed the blast with his body, dying instantly.

In 2005, Natonski, then-commanding general of the 1st Marine Division, ordered an investigation to determine the source of a bullet fragment recovered from Peralta's body.

"Following multiple and exhaustive reviews, the evidence supports the finding that Peralta was likely hit by 'friendly fire,'" the Marine Corps said Wednesday in a press release. "This finding had no bearing on the decision to award the Navy Cross medal."

Bush cited Peralta's heroism in a Memorial Day speech in 2005, saying the Marine "understood that America faces dangerous enemies, and he knew the sacrifices required to defeat them."

Peralta, who was assigned to Hawaii's 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, moved to San Diego from Tijuana as a teenager. He was 25.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Los latinos se sienten peor: El pesimismo creci3 respecto *

Los latinos se sienten peor: El pesimismo creci3 respecto de 2007

2008-09-18

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MIAMI, Florida - La mitad de la poblaci3n latina en Estados Unidos cree que la situaci3n de sus pares ha empeorado durante el 3ltimo a3o, de acuerdo a una encuesta realizada por el Pew Hispanic Center.

Crece el descontento

Este generalizado pesimismo se traslada de manera casi proporcional a las cuestiones de inmigraci3n: Una amplia mayor3a de los encuestados desapueba las medidas antiinmigrantes puestas en marcha en el pa3s mientras que un 40 por ciento teme seriamente la deportaci3n.

La encuesta fue llevada a cabo por el Pew Hispanic Center, con sede en Washington, una organizaci3n no partidista que desde hace a3os estudia y analiza el crecimiento de la poblaci3n hispana y su impacto en Estados Unidos.

Uno de los hallazgos m3s importantes de la encuesta, realizada entre 2,015 hispanos adultos en distintos puntos de Estados Unidos, es que la mitad de los latinos piensa que la situaci3n de los hispanos ha empeorado con respecto al a3o anterior.

El pesimismo prevalece en mayor medida entre los inmigrantes, quienes representan el 54 por ciento de todos los latinos que residen en Estados Unidos.

En este sentido, el 63 por ciento de los inmigrantes encuestados, cree que las cosas est3n peores. El a3o pasado, solo el 42 por ciento de los inmigrantes sent3a lo mismo.

Algunos latinos est3n experimentando otras dificultades a raz3 de su raza, de acuerdo a los resultados de la encuesta. Uno en siete (15 por ciento) se3ala que ha tenido problemas en hallar o mantener empleo, por ser latino. Uno en diez (10 por ciento) asegura lo mismo pero en relaci3n al 3rea inmobiliaria.

Respecto de inmigraci3n, el 81 por ciento de los encuestados dijo que no est3 de acuerdo con que las autoridades locales ejerzan el poder de polic3a en cuanto al cumplimiento de las leyes migratorias. Estas cuestiones, respondieron los participantes de la encuestas, deben continuar en manos de las autoridades federales.

El 76 por ciento de los latinos desapueba las redadas en los lugares de trabajo mientras que el 73 por ciento no est3 de acuerdo con que sean procesados aquellos inmigrantes indocumentados que trabajan sin la correspondiente autorizaci3n.

El 70 por ciento de los hispanos que residen en Estados Unidos rechaza el procesamiento de empleadores que contratan inmigrantes indocumentados. Y el 53 por ciento, no apoya el requerimiento de que empleadores monitoreen el estado migratorio de un trabajador para verificar su estado migratorio.

Sobre las deportaciones, al 40 por ciento de los encuestados le preocupa mucho la deportación y un 17 por ciento adicional, dijo que teme ser deportado o que un miembro de su familia sea deportado.

Respecto de las cuestiones políticas, el 49 por ciento de los latinos señala que el Partido Demócrata se preocupa más por los hispanos mientras que solo el 7 por ciento opina que el Partido Republicano es el que se interesa más por los latinos.

El trabajo del Pew Center fue basado en una encuesta telefónica bilingüe entre 2,015 hispanos, mayores de 18 años. La misma se condujo entre el 9 de junio y el 13 de julio de 2008 y cuenta con un margen de error de más o menos 2.8 por ciento.

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TITLE: Houston Indymedia: Four stories we need help covering in the next 2 *

Houston Indymedia needs help this weekend to cover events in Houston and Galveston.

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- > Date: Fri, 19 Sep 2008 18:15:49 -0400
 - > Subject: Four stories we need help covering in the next 24 hours
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 - > Houston Indymedia is doing our best to coordinate some coverage getting
 - > done in the Houston area document the impacts of Ike and its aftermath. We
 - > really need some volunteer reporters to help us out with some stories,
 - > here are some of the things we have going on:
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 - > A number of volunteers have already produced a great deal of content that
 - > is available on our website (<http://himc.org>) we have media activists
 - > working on stories from the Acres Homes neighborhood in the North West,
 - > and the Manchester neighborhood in the East (if anyone can help us do
 - > interviews in spanish with english subtitles, give us a holler) as well as
 - > hopefully doing reporting from Galveston and the gulf.
 - >
 - > We have other stories that we want to cover and not enough people to do
 - > it. Please get in touch if you are available to help cover some of the
 - > organizing and mobilizing taking place in the Houston area after the
 - > storm. below is 4 events happening in the next 24 hours we'd like to
 - > cover. If you can help email robblock@riseup.net or call 713-304-9837. We
 - > have some photo, video and audio equipment (very limited, we'd love more)
 - > that can be made available if you don't have any.
 - >
 - > This is by no means a definitive list, there are many things going on
 - > that we don't know about and deserve just as much coverage. Please get out
 - > there and cover what's happening, the national news media has moved on to
 - > what's happening on wall street at whether Sarah Palin is more like a pig
 - > or a bull, it's up to us to make sure these stories get out to the
 - > world.
 - >
 - > 1. MECA in 6th Ward starting in 20 mins
 - > 2. Interfaith Worker Justice starting at 7am tomorrow
 - > 3. ACORN meeting in Northforrest at 10am tomorrow
 - > 4. Galveston Bound Caravan at 10am tomorrow
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 - > 1. MECA tonight 5:30-9pm
 - > 1900 Kane St. of Washington in the Heights
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 - > Despite our lack of electricity MECA is trying to provide activities for
 - > kids and families. Tomorrow we will have an event from 12 - 4pm at MECA
 - > where kids will make shoebox day of the dead altars. From Monday to

- > Thursday we will provide free classes to the public from 5:00 - 6:30pm.
 - > The classes will be in ballet folklorico, guitar, hip-hop and visual art.
 - > From 7:30 to 9pm we will be giving a free adult modern dance class. On
 - > Friday we will hold an open mic night on our pavilion from 5:30 to 9pm.
 - > We want to use it as an opportunity for people to gather and share their
 - > talents. We will also hopefully collect funds for hurricane victims.
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 - > 2. Inter Faith Worker Justice will hit the streets at 7am tomorrow to talk
 - > with day laborers about their rights and document any instances of bosses
 - > ripping off their workers. Email for contact info to ride with them.
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 - > 3. ACORN meeting Sat 10am
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 - > ACORN is having a meeting in Northforrest Lighthouse Baptist Church 9707
 - > North Wayside tomorrow at 10AM where community members will be getting
 - > together to plan after the storm. Of course with so many homes damaged and
 - > millions without power, families are struggling to get water, ice, food
 - > and gasoline-- and begin the process of home repair. Without reliable
 - > phone service, internet nor electricity, now more than ever it is
 - > important to have a strong grassroots organizing effort to make sure
 - > people have up to date, accurate information in order to get immediate and
 - > long term needs met.
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 - > 4. Galveston Caravan
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 - > A civil disobedience action is planned by Galveston residents who want
 - > access to their homes. We are planning to caravan to Galveston and disobey
 - > the police when they tell us that we cannot have access to our homes.
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 - > Where: Meet at the Walmart parking lot at El Dorado
 - > When: Saturday, Sept. 20 at 10am
 - > Why: There are numerous reasons. Here are a few:
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 - > 1. Our mayor is allowing contractors on the island to make repairs and
 - > clean up. If a citizen wants their home cleaned or repaired, they must pay
 - > someone. So if you are in a rented home, you must either hope your
 - > landlord hires someone and they try to salvage what might be important to
 - > you or you must hire someone and trust them. Yet the Attorney General is
 - > telling us to be skeptical of contractors.
 - > Full Article: <http://houston.indymedia.org/news/2008/09/65011.php>
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 - > We Are All Journalists
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 - > <http://houston.indymedia.org>
 - > Dont hate the Media, Be the Media
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TITLE: MEXICO: Communique from the EZLN (Now Translated) *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: carina

> Subject: [solidaritywithoutborders] Communique from the EZLN (Now Translated)
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> Communique from the of the Indigenous Revolutionary Clandestine
> Committee"General Command, of the Zapatista Army for National Liberation
> Sixth Commission"Intergalactic Commission of the EZLN
>
> Mexico
>
> September 15 and 16 of 2008
>
> To the adherents of the Sixth Declaration and the Other Campaign:
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> To the adherents of the Zetzta Internazional:
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> To the People of Mexico:
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> To the Peoples of the World:
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> Compañeras and Compañeros:
>
> Brother and Sisters:
>
> Once again we send you our words.
>
> This is what we see, what we are looking at.
>
> This is what has come to our ears, to our brown heart.
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> I.
>
> Above they intend to repeat history.
>
> They want to impose on us once again their calendar of death, their
> geography of destruction.
>
> When they are not trying to strip us of our roots, they are destroying them.
>
> They steal our work, our strength.
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> They leave our world, our land, our water, and our treasures without
> people, without life.
>
> The cities pursue and expel us.
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> The countryside both kills us and dies on us.
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> Lies become governments and dispossession is the weapon of their armies
> and police.
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> We are the illegal, the undocumented, the undesired of the world.
>
> We are pursued.
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> Women, young people, children, the elderly die in death and die in life.
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> And there above they preach to us resignation, defeat, surrender, and
> abandonment.
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> Here below we are being left with nothing.
>
> Except rage.
>
> And dignity.
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> There is no ear for our pain, that is not like what we are.
>
> We are no one.
>
> We are alone, alone with our dignity and our rage.
>
> Rage and dignity are our bridges, our languages.
>
> We must listen to each other then, learn to know each other.
>
> So that our courage and rage grows and becomes hope.
>
> So that our dignity takes root again and births another world.
>
> We have seen and heard.
>
> Our voice is small to be the echo of that word, our gaze small for so much
> dignified rage.
>
> The process of seeing each other, looking at each other, speaking to each
> other, listening to each other, is still lacking.
>
> We are others, the other.
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> If this world does not have a place for us, then another world must be made.

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> With no tool other than our rage, no material other than our dignity.
>
> We still must encounter each other more, know each other better.
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> What is missing is yet to come!
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> II.
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> Now, three years after the Sixth Declaration of the Lacondon Jungle, the
> EZLN has undertaken a collective reflection, nourished by the broad
> horizon that our compañeros of the Other Campaign in Mexico and in the
> Zetza Internacional across the world have given to us.
>
> It is not little that we have seen and heard, sometimes directly,
> sometimes through the words and the gaze of others.
>
> The rage that we felt and the dignity that we found was so great that we
> think now that we are smaller than we thought before.
>
> In Mexico and on the five continents we have found what we intuited when
> we began our sixth step: there is another world, there is another path.
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> If the catastrophe that is coming can be avoided and humanity is to have
> another opportunity, it will because these others, below and to the left,
> not only resist, but are already drawing the profile of something else.
>
> Something different than what is occurring above.
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> In the impossible geometry of political power, the fundamentalists are
> distributed evenly: the right becomes ultra-right and the institutional
> left becomes the impossible cultured right. Those who make up the
> progressive media complain that the fanatics of the mainstream press
> censure them, twist their words and slander their cause, but they at the
> same time censure, twist the words, slander, and silence any movement that
> hasn't bowed down to the dictates of their ringleaders. And without shame
> they condemn and acquit to the rhythm of a senseless media rating.
> Fanatics on all sides fight over lies dressed as truths and crimes are
> measured by the media time that they occupy. But this is nothing other
> than a pale reflection of what is happening in politics.
>
> Weariness of the cynicism and incompetence of the traditional political
> classes has been converted into rage. Sometimes this rage is oriented
> toward hoping for change in the same paths and places as always, and it is
> there immobilized by disillusionment or trampled by an arbitrary force.
> The unsettled and brutal north goes back to its old ways. When it is not
> sponsoring electoral fraud (like in Mexico), it is promoting, encouraging,
> and financing state coups (as attempted now in Bolivia and Venezuela). War
> continues to be its primary and favored form of international diplomacy.
> Iraq and Afghanistan burn, but, to the despair of those above, are not

> consumed.

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> The impositions of hegemony and homogeneity on a global scale find in
> nations, in regions, and in small locales, their witches' apprentices that
> try for that impossible historic return to a past where fanaticism was law
> and dogma science. Meanwhile, the governing political classes have found
> in the world of bright lights an adequate disguise to hide their full
> participation in organized crime.

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> Sickened by so much greed, the planet begins to pay the unpayable bill of
> its destruction. But "natural" disasters are also class issues and their
> devastation is felt most by those who have nothing and are no one. Faced
> with this, the stupidity of Power has no limits: millions and millions of
> dollars are dedicated to manufacturing new weapons and installing more
> military bases. The Power of capital does not worry about training
> teachers, doctors, engineers, but rather soldiers. It doesn't prepare
> constructors, but rather destructors.

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> And those who opposed this are the pursued, incarcerated, murdered.

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> In Mexico, farmers who have defended their land are in prison (San
> Salvador Atenco); in Italy those who opposed the installation of military
> bases are pursued and treated as terrorists; in the France of "liberty,
> equality, and fraternity," humans are only free, equal, and brothers if
> their papers say so; in Greece being young is a vice that must be
> eradicated; again in Mexico, but now in that city of the same name, young
> people are criminalized and murdered and nothing is done because it is not
> on the agenda that those above dictate. Meanwhile, a legitimate referendum
> is converted into a shameful way for an assassin-governor to wash his
> hands of a situation. In the Spain of the modern European Union,
> publications are closed and a language, Euskera, is criminalized"they
> think that by killing the word they can kill those who speak it; in that
> Asia that is so close, the peasant demands are answered with armored
> injustices; in that arrogant American Union, born in the blood of
> migrants, the "other colors" that work there are pursued and killed; in
> the long wound that is Latin America, the brown blood that sustains it is
> despised and humiliated; in the rebellious Caribbean, a people, the Cuban
> people, are forced to live under an imperial embargo that is nothing other
> than a punishment without crime.

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> And in all of the corners of the world's geography, and in all of the days
> of its calendars, those that work, those that make things run, are
> plundered, despised, exploited, and repressed.

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> But sometimes, many times, as many times as a smile sets it off again,
> rage looks for its own paths, new paths, other paths. And the "no" that
> these multiple rages raise now not only resists, but begins to propose, to
> become.

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> Since our appearance in public, now almost 15 years ago, it has been our

- > goal to be a bridge on which the many rebellions in the world can walk
- > back and forth.
- >
- > Sometimes we have achieved this, sometimes we haven't.
- >
- > Now we see and we feel not only the rebellious resistance that, as sister
- > and comrade, stays at our side and encourages our steps.
- >
- > Now there is something that before wasn't there, or that we weren't able
- > to see before.
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- > There is a creative rage.
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- > A rage that paints all of the colors of the paths of below and to the left
- > on the five continents¹.
- >
- > III.
- >
- > FOR THESE REASONS, AND AS PART OF THE ACTS COMMEMORATING THE 25TH
- > ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE ZAPATISTA ARMY FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION,
- > THE 15 YEARS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR AGAINST FORGETTING, THE FIFTH
- > ANNIVERSARY OF THE GOOD GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, AND THE THIRD YEAR OF THE
- > OTHER CAMPAIGN AND THE ZEZTA INTERNAZIONALE, THE MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND
- > ELDERLY OF THE EZLN CONVOKE ALL OF THE REBELLIOUS OF MEXICO AND THE WORLD
- > TO THE:
- >
- > FIRST GLOBAL FESTIVAL OF DIGNIFIED RAGE
- >
- > WITH THE THEME OF:
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- > ANOTHER WORLD, ANOTHER PATH: BELOW AND TO THE LEFT
- >
- > TO BE CELEBRATED ON THE FOLLOWING PLACES AND DATES
- >
- > THE OTHER MEXICO CITY, FEDERAL DISTRICT, December 26, 27, 28, and 29,
- > 2008. IN LIENZO CHARRO OF THE ASSOCIATION LOS CHARROS REYES DE IZTAPALAPA,
- > Frente Popular Francisco Villa Independiente-UNOPIL, Avenue Guelatao # 50,
- > Colonia Álvaro Obregón, Delegación Iztapalapa, close to the metro station
- > Guelatao, where an exposition will be presented. AND IN THE HEADQUARTERS
- > OF UNIDOS, Dr. Carmona y Valle street #32, colonia Doctores, close to the
- > metro station Cuauhtemoc, where other activities will be held.
- >
- > THE CITY OF SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS, CHIAPAS, IN CIDECI, located
- > on the Camino Real de San Juan Chamula s/n, Colonia Nueva Maravilla.
- >
- > SOME OF THE SUBTHEMES OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE:
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- > AN OTHER COUNTRYSIDE
- > AN OTHER POLITICS
- > AN OTHER CITY

- > AN OTHER SOCIAL MOVEMENT
- > AN OTHER COMMUNICATION
- > AN OTHER HISTORY
- > AN OTHER ART
- > AN OTHER CULTURE
- > AN OTHER SEXUALITY
- >
- > THE FESTIVAL "ANOTHER WORLD, ANOTHER PATH: BELOW AND TO THE LEFT" WILL
- > HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:
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- > 1. In Mexico City, a national and international exposition will be
- > installed where every struggle, every experience, every rage, will have a
- > space where it can set up and show its struggle and its courage. This way
- > we can all see, hear, and know each other.
- >
- > 2. In zapatista territory, dignity and rage will become art and culture,
- > music and song, because rebellion also dances. And with words, pain will
- > become hope.
- >
- > 3. In San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Chiapas, the word will go back and forth
- > in order to give birth to new words and give strength and reason to rage.
- >
- > 4. The national and international groups, collectives, and organizations
- > that participate in the festival will be only those who are invited to do
- > so. To this end, the Sixth Commission of the EZLN has initiated
- > consultations with political and social organizations, as well as with
- > groups and collectives of anarchists, libertarians, alternative
- > communication workers, human rights defenders, sexworkers, intellectuals,
- > social activists, ex political prisoners, all adherents of the Sixth
- > Declaration; and with groups, collectives, and organizations of other
- > countries, all part of the Zetza Internacional. The criteria for
- > invitations and participations will be made after these consultations.
- >
- > 5. For the roundtables, the EZLN will invite social organizers, thinkers,
- > and leaders of anticapitalist projects from Mexico and around the world.
- > The list of invitees will be released later.
- >
- > 6. More details about what we are thinking the festival of dignified rage
- > could be will be made known at earliest convenience (that is, when we have
- > an approximate idea of the problem we have gotten ourselves into).
- >
- > That's all for now.
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- > LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ATENCO!
- >
- > From the mountains of the Mexican Southeast.
- > For the Indigenous Revolutionary Clandestine Committee"General Command, of
- > the Zapatista Army for National Liberation.
- >
- > Subcomandante Insurgente Marcos.

> Mexico, September of 2008.
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TITLE: EL CALABOZ: Eloisa Tamez's Land squat, 9/19/2008, 12:00 am *

Reminder from:noborderwall Yahoo! GroupTitle:Eloisa Tamez's Land squatDate:Friday September 19, 2008Time:All DayLocation:Eloisa Tamez's Land.Notes:Encuentro Nican Tlaca, will be part 1 of a series of events.

Our next event will be September 19, 20, and 21 (more details on this later)

For now, please mark your calendars and make an effort to attend this important event. If possible, please let us know if you can attend.

Thanks.

CASA members.Get reminders on your mobile, Yahoo! Messenger, and email.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Cemex refused to provide cement for the border wall *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Stefanie !

<http://www.texasobserver.org/blog/index.php/2008/09/18/cemex-wont-build-border-wall/>

Cemex Won't Build Border Wall

September 18th, 2008 at 4:22 pm

Cemex, the largest concrete company in the United States, won't be providing any of its concrete to build the controversial 18-foot border wall.

Richard Stana, director of Homeland Security and Justice issues with the Government Accountability Office, told congressional members today that the price of the border-levee wall in Hidalgo County has increased significantly. The increase is due to the rising costs of labor, fuel and concrete.

Stana said the decision by Cemex, a Monterrey, Mexico-based company, not to provide concrete will make building the border wall more expensive.

During a House Homeland Security Committee meeting today, Stana explained to the committee that the cement must be brought in from Houston or as far away as Colorado. He didn't say why Cemex wouldn't provide the concrete, and phone calls to the company's offices in Monterrey and Houston were not returned.

"The price of concrete has gone up tremendously," he told the committee. "Cemex won't sell to the fencing projects in the United States."

The controversial 22-mile border-levee wall is currently under construction near Granjeno just west of McAllen. Residents in the area have been vocal about their opposition to building a border wall. They are also opposed to digging up the levees during the height of hurricane season and to the environmental damage the wall will cause.

The original estimate to build the border-levee wall was \$113.9 million " \$65.7 million of which will be provided by the Department of Homeland Security. Hidalgo County will pay the other \$48.2 million. Stana did not say what the increased costs for construction would add up to. Dannenbaum engineering, which is building the levee-wall, announced in August that instead of finishing the construction in December as planned, it will need until March 2009 to complete the levee-wall.

by Melissa del Bosque

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Writing Behind Bars *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: CMAS

Please Distribute:

FILM SCREENING OF THE NEW DOCUMENTARY "WRIT WRITER" BY LOCAL FILMMAKER SUSANNE MASON, FOLLOWED BY POETRY READING WITH JORGE ANTONIO RENAUD, EX-CONVICT AND AWARD-WINNING POET

Red Salmon Arts and the Mexican American Cultural Center present Writing Behind Bars, a special screening of the new documentary "Writ Writer" by Susanne Mason and poetry reading by award-winning writer Jorge Antonio Renaud.

The event celebrates the creativity and courage of two convicted felons who refused to be shamed into silence by their history. With their pens they gave voice to the crushing brutality of prison life, seeking humane treatment of prisoners.

When: Thursday October 16, 2008

Time: 7pm " 9pm

Where: Mexican American Cultural Center

600 River Street, Austin, TX

Writing Behind Bars is co-sponsored by the Texas Civil Rights Project and the Austin Film Society.

"Writ Writer", portrays the historic conflict that emerged in the 1960s when prisoners in Texas rose up to challenge the brutal conditions in state prisons. Focusing on the story of Fred Arispe Cruz, the film portrays the protracted legal battle for the right of Texas prisoners to assist each other with lawsuits. In retaliation, prison officials subjected Cruz to untold months of solitary confinement and other punishments in an attempt to coerce him to drop his lawsuits. This attracted concerned civil rights attorneys who came to assist Cruz with his litigation for prisoners' rights. Ultimately, Cruz's legal battle initiated what lead to the most comprehensive court-ordered state prison reform in U.S. history.

"This is the fascinating story of a prisoner who was brave enough (and crazy enough) to defend the Constitutional rights of Texas prisoners in the 1960s. Forty plus years later it's as relevant as ever," says film director Richard Linklater, founder of the Austin Film Society which sponsored the film since its inception in 1997.

Following the film, Jorge Antonio Renaud will read from his unpublished collection of poetry written while incarcerated. Renaud spent 17 years in Texas prisons for robbery, and was released in July 2008. This will be

his first public appearance to read his work since his incarceration in 1991. Renaud's reading will pay tribute to one of his mentors, the late Raul R. Salinas, founder of Resistencia Bookstore, casa de Red Salmon Arts.

Renaud is the author of *Behind the Walls: A Guide for Families and Friends of Texas Prison Inmates*. His writing has been published in *Americas Review*, *The Texas Observer*, *The Threepenny Review*, *Revista Chicano-Riqueña*, and *The Other Side*, among other publications. He has received nine PEN awards for his poetry, fiction, nonfiction and memoir writing. Prior to his incarceration, he worked as a copy editor for the *Austin American-Statesman*.

"Jorge writes poetry that's powerful but tender, humorous and often stunningly moving," says Scott Henson, *Grits for Breakfast* blogger and college friend. "Jorge was the most innately talented Texas writer of his generation, even though he's spent most of his adult life behind bars," says Henson.

Filmmaker Susanne Mason has served as associate producer of several public television documentaries, including "Are The Kids Alright?" (2004 Regional PBS); "Struggle In The Fields" (1996 National PBS); "Songs Of The Homeland" (1994, National PBS); and "Go Back To Mexico!" (1994, Frontline, National PBS). More recently, Mason has produced and associate produced short historical documentaries about Austin, Texas, and the Great Society programs of the Johnson presidency.

About the film:

Writ Writer tells the story of Fred Cruz, a Texas prisoner who emerged as the trailblazing leader of the state's prisoners' rights movement in the 1960s. Cruz grew up in racially-segregated San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by drugs and drug traffickers. When he found himself in prison (for robbery by assault) with no lawyer and no money, he dedicated himself to studying law so that he could appeal his conviction. Using first person narration adapted from Cruz's own writings by writer Dagoberto Gilb, and performed by actor Jesse Borrego, *Writ Writer* reveals how Cruz's self-guided studies in the humanities inspired him to turn his focus to the human rights of prisoners. Law became his creative purpose, and writs of habeas corpus his revelatory dispatches to Texas judges who would read them.

About Red Salmon Arts:

Since 1983 Red Salmon Arts (RSA), a non-profit cultural arts organization, has remained a literary and cultural force in Austin. RSA provides a safe haven for youth literacy, the arts, and cultural exchange. RSA has a history of successfully nurturing the creative efforts of Austin's emerging writers and artists. In addition, RSA has an established record of fostering rich multicultural exchange by bringing renowned writers, poets, musicians, artists, and quality cultural events to underserved south and east Austin communities.

For more information contact: Red Salmon Arts, revolu@swbell.net, (512) 416-8885

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TITLE: EL PASO: Not In Front of My Neighbor / Oct 11-12 *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Cesar Zamora

This is what we are doing in El Paso, Texas on the Columbus Weekend!

We need people to come to El Paso that weekend, and I hope that we count with your help.

This is the latest:

We can still stop having the wall built in between our Cities, it is a doable goal, but we have to be many, strong, intelligent, direct, and very, very quick!

Estamos a tiempo para detener esta pared que quieren poner en medio de nuestras Ciudades, es algo posible todavía, si somos muchos, fuertes, inteligentes, directos, y muy, pero muy rápidos.

NOT IN FRONT OF MY NEIGHBOR

ENFRENTA DE MI VECINO NO

It's official, we are doing a series of events at El Paso, Texas, on Columbus Weekend (October 11-12, 2008), starting with a March that is coming from Tijuana and Brownsville all the way to El Paso, and culminating with a concert by the border on Sunday, October 12. The concert will be MC'd by Multiple Ariel winner Hector Bonilla, a couple of headliners, and many local bands.

Ya es oficial, haremos una serie de eventos en El Paso, Tejas, durante el fin de semana del Día de la Raza (del 11 al 12 de Octubre), empezando con una marcha que viene desde Tijuana y Brownsville hasta El Paso, y culminando con un concierto junto a la frontera en El Paso, Texas, el Domingo, 12 de Octubre. El evento será conducido por el Primerísimo Actor Héctor Bonilla, e incluirá varios grupos y cantantes junto con cantantes y grupos locales.

We need everybody's help: organizations, groups, corporations, private companies, small businesses, workers, students, teachers, professors, professionals, artists, performers, etc.

Necesitamos la ayuda de todos: organizaciones, grupos, corporaciones, compañías, pequeños negocios, trabajadores, estudiantes, maestros, profesores de Universidad, artistas, etc.

The same Line that divides our Countries is the one that unites our border communities.

The Border: Two Countries, One Community.

La frontera: Dos Países, una comunidad.

The objectives:

To at least stop the building of the wall in between our Cities.

To have equality in the places where the wall is going to be built. In other words, if somebody rich and "connected" doesn't have a wall in front, or in the middle, of his/her ranch, then the ones that are not rich or "connected" should also NOT have a wall in front, or in the middle of their ranches.

The border is an interdependent region that consists of two countries, and two cities, united and divided by the same official international line.

We will demonstrate this, and that the border is a unique community that enjoys, and thrives on precisely this interdependency. With the differences in between the two cities being what each other likes and dislikes of one another, but that it never, ever divides them. The actual inhabitants of the border (fronterizos) are people that have learned to live, and take advantage of these differences, and have made them a way of life!

Dear Friend,

Estimado amigo,

If you are interested to join or help, in any way shape or form, please reply back.

Si estÃ¡s interesado en ayudar, de cualquier manera possible, por favor comunÃ­cate conmigo.

Sincerely,

Sinceramente,

Cesar Alejandro

President

Alexandria Films

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Cuban 5 Film Tonight + Other Community Film Events *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Esperanza

San Antonio Supports the Cuban 5

Interested in learning more? Come see this informative documentary!

S.A. Supporters of the Cuban 5 and Fuerza Unida present ...

Mission Against Terror
Film Screening & Platica
Friday, September 19
7 PM
@ Fuerza Unida

Admission free.
Donations appreciated.
Everyone is invited.

THIS FRIDAY at Fuerza Unida
710 New Laredo Hwy
(210) 927-2294

MISSION AGAINST TERROR is a critically acclaimed film by Bernie Dwyer and Roberto Ruiz Rebo. The film raises the question: why are people who fight terrorism imprisoned in the U.S. while known terrorists are allowed to walk the streets of Miami freely? It follows the case of the five Cubans currently serving long sentences in U.S. jails for trying to prevent terrorist attacks on Cuba. It also depicts the long history of violence against innocent Cubans by right-wing groups based in Miami that are supported by the U.S. (Cuba/Ireland, 48min. 2005)

For more information, visit the Nat'l Committee to Free the Cuban 5 website,
See a recent video on the Cuban 5 at The SA Current Curb Blog.
or call Fuerza Unida at (210) 927-2294.

NEXT WEEK:

The San Antonio Against Sweatshops campaign invites the community to learn more about the realities of sweatshops, and what we can do about it.

Check out a screening of one of these powerful and informative films:

Monday, September 22

7PM " Made in L.A., Travis Park United Methodist Church, 230 E. Travis St.

For directions call 226-8341.

Tuesday, September 23

6:30PM " Tomorrow We Will Finish, Fuerza Unida, 710 New Laredo Hwy

For more information contact Lucero at 927-2294.

7:00PM " China Blue, Church of the Reconciliation, 8900 Starcrest

For directions call 655-2731.

7:30PM " Made in L.A., Trinity University, Science Lecture Hall

For more information contact Robert Huesca at rhuesca@trinity.edu.

Wednesday, September 24

Noon " China Blue, Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community, 12500 N.W. Military Hwy

To RSVP call 302-6974.

6:30PM " Made in L.A., Guadalupe Street Coffee House, 1320 Guadalupe St.

For more information contact Lucero at 927-2294

Thursday, September 25

7PM " Mardi Gras: Made in China, Alamo Draft House, 1255 SW Loop 410, 677-8500

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACHED

NOTE: All film screenings are free and open to the public. For more information on the films and the San Antonio Against Sweatshops campaign, visit www.SweatFreeSanAntonio.org.

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: La Voz Mailout :: TODAY! & Monday, Tuesday *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Esperanza

Buena Gente! You're invited to help with the...La Voz Mailout
TODAY!

Fri, Sept 19th 3pm - 7pm

Mon, Sept 22 9am - 9pm

Tues, Sept 23 10am - ???

(please call on Tuesday if you're coming after 1pm)

~ (210) 228.0201 ~

@ Esperanza Center

922 San Pedro Ave., at Evergreen St. If you have an hour or more to spare, please stop by
and help us mail out the October issue of La Voz.

Gracias!

This issue includes articles like...

An American Immigrant: Part I by Maria A. De la Cruz,

Our Voices Gagged by the Dollar by Fabiola Torralba,

Polly Jean Harvey by Genevieve Rodriguez and

Free Speech Crackdown in SA by Frank (Pancho) Valdez y much more! Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Another attack in Shenandoah follows beating death of Mexic *

-----Original Message-----

From: Hector A. Chavana Jr.

LA VOZ DE AZTLAN Los Angeles, Alta California September 17. 2008 Another attack in Shenandoah follows beating death of Mexican immigrant A vicious assault in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania of a 21 year old Mexican man by the name of Javier Alcala Jr. on Friday comes just two months after the brutal racially motivated murder of Mexican immigrant Luis Ramirez. Both MALDEF and LULAC have requested the FBI and the US Department of Justice to investigate the case to determine if this new assault is a racially motivated hate crime. Javier Alcala Jr., claims that three skinheads beat him on the head with a metal object, bound and blindfolded him with duct tape and then proceeded to torture him. He says that they used a "drill" and a "torch" to terrorize him. Alcala adds that he was then beaten to unconsciousness and dumped in a street. He was taken to Saint Catherine Medical Center and the police notified. Javier Alcala suffered a head injury, damaged teeth, bruises and an arm injury. According to Shenandoah Mayor Tom O'Neill, police have interviewed the victim twice, including once at a hospital. The immigration status of Alcala is unknown but the mayor said the police had difficulty interviewing the victim because he was extremely frightened. Attorney Gladys Limon of MALDEF said the organization was made aware of the assault on Javier Alcala after a community member called Saturday. After speaking with the person who called MALDEF, Ms. Limon said she called the Department of Justice and the FBI. Ms. Limon said she also spoke with the victim by telephone on Saturday. Department of Justice spokeswoman Jamie Hais said Tuesday that the Criminal Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division is opening an investigation into the Friday incident. FBI spokeswoman Jerri Williams said that an FBI agent from the Allentown Resident Agency is also reviewing the attack. Ms. Limon said, "We have not received any information as of yet that indicates that this was racially motivated." Ms. Limon added, "What we do know is that this was a serious crime against a young Mexican man in Shenandoah and it requires an immediate and full investigation." LULAC National Executive Director Brent Wilkes said the group is also looking at the incident because of the rising number of hate crimes against immigrants in the U.S. "Our concern is that the anti-immigrant rhetoric that's been pretty visible in media and in policy discussions is starting to embolden people to take the next step in terms of getting violent with immigrants, or people who they perceive to be immigrants, which primarily means Latinos and their communities," Wilkes said.

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Tell Whole Foods to Give Beef Northwest a Minus 10 *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: United Farm Workers

Tell Whole Foods to Give
Beef Northwest a Minus 10.

According to the magazine Fast Company, Whole Foods announced a 1 to 5 animal welfare rating system for its meat providers.

It's great that Whole Foods cares about making sure cows aren't abused. But what about the workers who labor to produce this beef? Shouldn't they be protected from abuse too?

Whole Foods is a major distributor of Country Natural Beef produced at the Beef Northwest feedlots. We've told you in the past about the discrimination that occurs against the workers who fatten these cows before they're taken to slaughter; how workers filed a lawsuit against Beef Northwest for not hiring women of color (click to read news clip); how Beef Northwest retaliated against pro-union workers like Fortunato Diaz (click to read previous alert); and how company officials threatened other workers with job loss if they continue to support the union.

What's the rating for these abuses?

Unfortunately it looks like Whole Foods doesn't pay attention to these abuses. Beef Northwest workers, the UFW, and consumers like yourself have been asking for Whole Foods help for more than a year. Given their continued refusal to do anything about these past abuses, we can only assume their rating system will ignore the workers, again.

Please tell Whole Foods this is not acceptable.

CLICK HERE:

<http://www.ufwaction.org/campaign/wholefoods908>

Every e-mail sent makes a difference. Forward this message to at least 10 friends or family and ask them to send an e-mail too.

UFW, 29700 Woodford-Tehachapi Rd., P.O. Box 62, Keene, CA 93531 Your spare change can create change.

Please donate to keep Cesar's dream for farm workers alive.

Check out our website at: www.ufw.org and keep up with the latest news.

Check out the UFW's Social Networking pages. Click to visit our MySpace, Facebook Group, Facebook Cause, YouTube, Flickr, and Care2 pages. Please link to us and become our "Friend."

Please add us to your safelist: Please add ufwofamer@aol.com to your address book so that our messages don't get trapped in your spam filter. If you have questions about how to do this, drop us an e-mail.

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TITLE: Inside the Checkpoints... *

Flooding in Presidio and Ojinaga...

What they're not telling you...

See attached...

Jay

NUMBER: 215

PUBLISHED: 9/21/2008 12:03:00 PM

TITLE: Fwd: Appeal for Support] Another pay day and still no paycheck for s *

[Fw: An appeal for solidarity and support for families and workers affected by the ICE raid from the Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance]

Another pay day and still no paycheck for some detained workers of Howard Industries

Dear Friend and Supporter of Human Rights:

Now three weeks since ICE arrested 595 workers at Howard Industries in Laurel, Mississippi, some workers still have not received the wages they earned prior to the raid. Howard has resisted releasing the checks for administrative reasons, but workers who depended on this income have been willing to cooperate in whatever way reasonable to obtain their wages.

Today, two paydays later, unpaid workers and family members of the incarcerated have taken signed power of attorney documents to Howard to request that their paychecks be released.

As the detainees and their families, many including underage children, assert their human dignity in a daily struggle for survival, you can show solidarity with them. Already, many generous individuals, agencies and collaborations have contributed more than \$40,000 to this effort, allowing us to begin distributing grocery cards and financial assistance for rental and utilities assistance, medical needs, transportation, and such.

The need is astronomical and any financial assistance that could be granted is crucial at this time.

If you would like to make a donation of any kind please feel free to contact:

The Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance ("MIRA")

P.O. Box 1104

Jackson, MS 39215

You may also specify your donation on-line, by clicking "Donate" at <http://www.yourmira.org> , or following this

link, <https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=1000163&uniqueID=633530306443697609>

If you send a check, please designate "Raid Relief" in the memo.

Also, if you are in the local Laurel-Hattiesburg area, please feel free to contact

Immaculate Conception

833 W Sixth St

Laurel, MS 39440

(601) 426-3473

Or

Sacred Heart Church

313 Walnut St.

Hattiesburg MS 39401

The phone number is (601) 583-9404

Thank you so much for generosity and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance

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TITLE: Fwd: HISTORIC LATINO PLATFORM *

Below is the introduction to the platform of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda sent to both political parties in August. It is historic in many ways, the calls for ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan because of the disproportionate impact on Latinos and the need for more funds for domestic programs makes me proud of the peace movement among Latinos. Many of our national groups that are bipartisan have been slow to take this step and progressives have worked to win them over and we are succeeding. This will increase our role in the growing progressive developments of this nation so important to the globe. The rest of the platform is very good. It could use a more clearcut pro labor stand especially support for the Employee Free Choice Act.

Special Thanks Should go to the National Latino Congeso, Latinos For Peace, MAPA, Latino Members of the Out of Iraq Caucus, and leaders like Dolores Huerta and Fernando Suarez del Solar for this historic achievement. Attached is the whole agenda. Rosalio Munoz

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The nation's large and growing Hispanic community emerges ready to take center stage and be a decisive force in this year's Presidential and Congressional elections. Everyday across the United States, Latinos touch the lives of every family, business and community. We call on presidential candidates, elected and government officials, civic and business leaders, and the media to hear our voices, understand our concerns and act on our priorities.

Since 1992, the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) has come together on a quadrennial basis to present a platform on the major issues facing the Latino community and the nation as a whole. This platform is the product of deliberations by 26 of the leading national and regional Hispanic organizations that comprise the diverse membership of the NHLA. The Hispanic community is larger and more diverse than ever, numbering close to 50 million persons and making up over 16% of the combined population of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the United States territories. We continue, as a community, to have common concerns on education, civil rights, immigration, economic empowerment, health, and government accountability.

Access to quality education is fundamental to integrating Hispanics into the larger society. Action on education by the next President and the next Congress will define the future for this and the next generation of Hispanics. From pre-school to post-secondary, education must have the resources, teachers, curriculum and priority to provide meaningful opportunities for Hispanic students to close academic achievement gaps and graduate from high school prepared for college, work, and life. Our students must be prepared to fill 21st century jobs in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and other fields. As a backbone of Latino higher education, Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) should be made a higher national priority. Also, English language learners must be able to learn academic English without sacrificing their native language skills.

Over the past several years, the federal government has dramatically reduced enforcement

of civil rights and liberties. This lack of enforcement has created a hostile environment towards Latinos and immigrants across the country. Latinos have faced discrimination from the mainstream media and as a consequence the number of hate groups formed and hate crimes reported against Latinos has increased. Discrimination against Latinos continues

to pervade throughout employment sites and the juvenile justice system. Civil rights enforcement begins by ensuring that the 2010 Census accurately account for the U.S. Latino population and ensuring that Latino voters are not disenfranchised.

We are not all immigrants but we have come together to defend those who bear the brunt of over-reaching immigration enforcement, the harmful separation of families and lack of due process, and we speak out in favor of comprehensive immigration reform. As we stand united as a community in protecting our immigrant population that is so vulnerable, we are also resolute in protecting the civil rights of the majority of Latinos who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

A vast percentage of Latino families that fall in the lower to middle income range have been affected by a weak U.S. economy. The Hispanic unemployment rate has risen and the current housing market crisis has led many Hispanic families to lose their homes. We must promote Latino economic development and empowerment both domestically and in Latin America. Hispanics continue to lack access to high quality healthcare, health insurance and preventative healthcare due to an inability to afford these services as well as the federal government's inability to tailor programs to address unique issues that affect the Hispanic community. Latinos in low income neighborhoods are disproportionately more exposed to environmental hazards, which is a problem exacerbated by the current global warming crisis. Research studies focusing on opportunities to develop healthcare programs to benefit Latinos are scarce, in addition to the fact that the numbers of Hispanic healthcare professionals are underrepresented, at all levels of healthcare administration.

Hispanics are also the most underrepresented minority group in the federal workforce despite the fact that Hispanics represent the fastest growing population in the country. As a result, issues and programs affecting the Hispanic community are rarely addressed. The federal government must ensure that its workforce reflects the face of America and it should also invest in Hispanic-owned businesses since they represent the fastest growing segment in the U.S. economy.

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As Hispanics are the second largest racial-ethnic group in the United States, virtually every issue is a Hispanic issue, but there are some issues in which the consequences of the government's policies have a disproportionate impact on our community.

This is no truer than in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Latinos have honorably and valiantly served in the nation's military throughout our history. A disproportionate number of Hispanics, whether U.S. citizens or not, have given their lives and have returned wounded in these wars. Because of the Latino community's serious concerns about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, their impact on thousands of our families and on the government's ability to make needed investments in our community and other domestic spending, the NHLA calls for the culmination of these wars in a way that is in the best interest of the country and our community.

Looking beyond the election, NHLA will craft more extensive transition plans for the

incoming administration. The NHLA will identify qualified Hispanic candidates for Cabinet, judicial and political appointments across the Administration and identify certain posts that we will expect appointees, Hispanic or not, to be knowledgeable and sensitive to our needs. Beginning in 2009, we will begin to aggressively promote the full participation of Latinos in the 2010 Census to assure that our communities receive fair federal funding and representation in the reapportionment and redistricting processes following 2010.

There is no question that the Hispanic vote in the upcoming election will be more important than ever and decisive in some states. This NHLA Public Policy Agenda provides a blueprint to the urgent needs and aspirations of Hispanics and we offer it, and our votes, to the

candidates who take it as their own. Presidential candidates and other aspirants for federal public office are urged to incorporate this information into their policy priorities to motivate Hispanics to support their candidacy.

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"Life is struggle and struggle is life,
but be mindful that Victory is in the Struggle"
- Carlos Muñoz, Jr.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Legal and illegal, Latinos labor to rebuild Texas *

By MONICA RHOR and PETER PRENGAMAN 2 hours, 29 minutes ago

PASADENA, Texas - All along the Texas coast, Latino immigrants are hauling away fallen trees, slashing through storm-tangled brush, patching punctured roofs.

On working-class corners, on ladders in front of Victorian houses, in the yards of ornate mansions, crews of men in dusty jeans, sturdy workboots and baseball caps are nearly as omnipresent in the post-Hurricane Ike landscape as blue tarps on rooftops.

These workers, who get picked up off the street by homeowners looking for quick, cheap labor, are helping to rebuild the devastated cities of southeast Texas.

Many of them are here illegally. Others are legal residents in need of income after their regular jobs were disrupted by the hurricane.

Ike brought a wide swath of destruction, and with it the prospect of more work, higher wages and a respite from the ever-present threat of deportation. In recent months, many day laborers say, jobs in the Houston area had started to dry up, and police and immigration officials had been cracking down.

"There's more work now," Teodoro Alvarado, 20, said Friday in Spanish as he stood on a corner in the gritty Houston suburb of Pasadena where day laborers regularly wait for work. "And I hope more work comes."

There's reason to believe it will: After Hurricane Katrina, thousands of Latino immigrants streamed to New Orleans for jobs in construction, carpentry and cleanup.

Since Ike struck Sept. 13, Gerardo Hernandez has been getting jobs lifting trees off driveways and houses, but he usually works as a roofer. A drive through the quaint bayside community of Kemah, where the hurricane lifted the roofs off dozens of boardwalk restaurants and private homes, made him confident there'd be need for his services.

"In the weeks that come, as people get insurance money, I think there will be more work," Hernandez, a Mexican immigrant who has been in this country four years, said in Spanish.

Along with the promise of fresh jobs, there are fears of abuse and exploitation of workers, and rumors that immigration officials will be poised at job sites to arrest the undocumented. After Katrina, many Latino workers in New Orleans reported cases of unsafe working conditions and employers who cheated them out of money earned.

"These people are going to be getting work, but they will also be the most exploited," said Annica Gorham, director of the Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center, which helps day laborers who have been cheated of wages, injured on the job or working in unsafe conditions. "Day laborers are some of the most vulnerable workers here and across the county."

In Houston, as in dozens of other U.S. cities, several police departments in the area have started to turn over undocumented immigrants for deportation. There have also been highly publicized workplace raids by federal agents, including one in June where 160 workers at a cluttered rag factory were arrested.

But this city's immigrants, who help make up the country's second-largest population of day laborers after that of Los Angeles, also provide a ready-made work force for the massive cleanup and rebuilding efforts.

"There are plenty of people asking for help," said Marco Ramirez, 50, a contractor who normally has a five-man crew. Since Ike, Ramirez has had to hire extra workers and will likely need more. All, including Ramirez, are Latino immigrants.

"The immigrant people, the Latinos, are the ones who really do the job," said Ramirez, who spoke outside a sprawling home where his men were using chain saws and chains to cut through fallen trees and splintered branches. "We are going to put the city back together."

Even in Houston, a city long known as friendly toward undocumented immigrants, many people see the use of such workers as nothing more than a shortcut around the country's labor laws.

In the storm's aftermath, however, Mayor Bill White said homeowners need to find help where they can.

"I like to see people doing it, rather than letting debris pile up and people not getting roofs fixed," said White, who has a reputation for welcoming immigrants.

Early on most mornings last week, many of the more than two dozen spots in Houston where day laborers gather had been swept clean by contractors and homeowners looking for workers. Most are paid about \$8 to \$10 an hour to install wallboard, clear driveways and yards, or repair roofs. So far, workers said, wages had not increased much from pre-Ike rates.

At a Home Depot in southeast Houston, where as many as 100 day laborers gathered well before dawn Friday to wait for work, dozens of men from Mexico, Honduras, and El Salvador stood on the periphery of a parking lot.

Every few minutes, the drivers of cars, pickup trucks and SUVs would pull up and signal to the waiting men. It took mere seconds for the workers to converge on a vehicle, negotiate a price and jump inside.

The men left behind were both encouraged by the signs of burgeoning work and worried about the possibility of dishonest employers and immigration roundups.

"We're just looking for steady work to support our families," 45-year-old Antonio Velasquez, whose wife and nine children remain in El Salvador, said in Spanish.

When things are going well, Velasquez sends his family \$500 a month. Lately, he barely has enough to cover his own expenses.

Velasquez protects himself from wage theft by only working for employers who pay at the end of the day.

"Un dia trabajado es un dia pagado," he said, quoting a refrain often used by day laborers: A day's pay for a day's work.

Stories of widespread employer abuse and wage theft following Katrina have left immigrants wary of accepting long-term jobs in other locations.

On Friday morning, the driver of a bus looking for a crew to work for a week in the Galveston area, saying the pay would come at week's end. He got few takers.

"They need us, but they also take advantage of us," said Alex Yovani, 26, a Honduran immigrant who also worked in Louisiana after Katrina. "Without us, how would they build Houston again? Without the work of our hands, there would be no way to move forward."

As Yovani spoke, homeowner Dale Emion eased his pickup close to the circle of men. It was immediately surrounded by over a dozen day laborers.

"I need two and will pay \$7 an hour to clean up around my house," Emion said.

"You gonna give lunch?" asked one man in broken English.

Emion shook his head. No one got in the truck, but the men didn't walk away, either.

"OK. I'll pay \$8," said Emion.

Two men got in the cab of the truck.

"I just need them to clean up my house," Emion said. "Where else am I going to find workers?"

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Dia de la Raza - Oct 11 *

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TITLE: Congressman's son is illegal immigrant smuggler. AZ, of course *

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Lorraine Rivera reports
Congressman's son caught smuggling immigrants

TUCSON, AZ - The son of a U.S. Congressman from was arrested in Willcox Sunday, charged with human smuggling. According to court documents John F. Boyd son of Florida Congressman Allen Boyd, attempted to drive through a Border Patrol checkpoint in Willcox on Sunday with five illegal immigrants, including a 6-year-old girl.

In a statement sent Tuesday, Congressman Allen Boyd said, "On September 14, 2008, my 30-year-old son, John Boyd, was arrested in Arizona, and at a preliminary hearing yesterday, he was charged with alien smuggling."

"This is a family matter that my family and I will be dealing with privately. John is a grown man and must face the consequences for his actions, but he has the love and support of his family," says the elder Boyd. A criminal complaint states, "At the primary inspection area, a Border Patrol K-9 alerted to the possible presence of illegal aliens in the bed of the truck. A primary inspection agent approached the truck and saw an individual hiding under a piece of plywood in the bed of the truck."

According to court documents the illegal immigrants said they were to pay Boyd \$3,000 each to be smuggled into the United States and transported to their final destination.

Court documents also state that the vehicle contained, "two plastic bags that contained several rocks of crystal methamphetamine, four unopened syringes, a spoon with white residue and burn marks on the bottom, and three knives. A further search of the vehicle revealed a Beretta 22LR pistol loaded with eight rounds of ammunition and a spare magazine loaded with eight rounds of ammunition in a suitcase in the bed of the truck."

Boyd is expected in federal court on Wednesday.

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~ Leslie Marmon Silko

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TITLE: 200 Arrested in Immigration Raids - forward from Democracy Now *

200 Arrested in Immigration Raids - Forward from Democracy Now headlines September 22nd, 2008

Federal agents have arrested at least 200 people in immigration raids in Illinois, Indiana, Colorado and California over the past week. Most of the arrests took place in the Chicago area and northern Indiana. Beginning on Sept. 12, four ICE Fugitive Operations teams detained and arrested 144 people in nineteen towns in the region. Fifty-nine more immigrants were arrested in Colorado, where agents conducted raids in fourteen cities. In California, agents arrested twenty-one undocumented immigrants working at a chain of Chinese restaurants. Meanwhile, a new study by the Pew Hispanic Center has found that nearly one in ten Latinos in the United States reported that in the last year police or other authorities stopped them and asked them about their immigration status. Last year, ICE agents arrested more than 35,000 undocumented immigrants"more than double the number in 2006.

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TITLE: McALLEN: "De Mariposa A Cruz, Juarez, Stages of Fear"-- 9/26 *

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From: E. Elizabeth Garcia>

The STC Women's Studies Committee
Presents:
De Mariposa a Cruz
Juarez, Stages of Fear
Introduction by the director C sar Alejandro
Friday 26th September at 7 p.m.
STC's Mid Valley Campus
Auditorium (G191)

Donation \$5

Juarez, Stages of Fear, touches upon three of the most talked-about problems in Mexico: the murders of young women in the border city of Juarez (375 women in 11 years), kidnappings, and the corruption within the Mexican police. Actress Laura Zamora portrays a maquila worker with dreams of crossing to America who is being stalked by the Serial Killer. The story centers on what goes on inside the mind of the people being kidnapped, what is happening (mentally) to the citizens of Juarez, Mexico, and a serial killer on the loose. The film is a very realistic look at the "business" of kidnapping in Mexico, as well as the lackadaisical attitude of the Mexican police towards the murders of many Mexican women (the value of human life is "cheap" in Mexico if you are a low-income woman). Based very closely on real kidnappings and girl-killings, Stages of Fear is a psychological study of a city with a chronic illness that keeps getting worse and is in desperate need of a cure. Source: <<http://latinola.com/story.php?story=3521>>

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EnCanto de Mujer lyrical paintings by
MARIA LUISA CARVAJAL DE VASCONCELLOS
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Opening Reception with Musica:
Saturday, September 27, 2008 @ 6:30PM

PROGRAM:

7:00 pm @ Musica by Las Tesoros del Westside

7:30 pm @ Artist's Remarks by Maria Vasconcellos

8:00 pm @ Mas musica by Las Tesoros del Westside

LAS TESOROS: Blanca Rosa, Perla Tapatia, Rita Vidaurri & Beatriz Llamas

"I like to show the woman in different ways of her life, in the struggle, in the beauty. Woman to me is everything beautiful, everything sweet, everything strong. She cannot be defeated by anything, even if during her life she cries, she hurts, she gets hurt.

The very first painting I did was of Lisbon - the place where my husband died. I don't know where that painting is, but I do know that it was the place where we loved, it was the place also where my heart was broken.

Behind everything that I paint is a reason, is a story, a story of the woman."

- Maria Luisa Carvajal de Vasconcellos
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TITLE: ARTICLE: TRLA files lawsuit for Americans 'without a country' *

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Last Updated: 13 September 2008 E-mail this article Printable version TRLA files lawsuit for Americans 'without a country'

By A.J. Anderson

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid attorney Celestino Gallegos. (File photo: RGG/Steve Taylor) EDINBURG, September 13 - Five Texans, born in the U.S. but along the border in rural communities and to a midwife, are suing the federal government for failure to issue them passports and other benefits.

"They are a people without a country," said Celestino Gallegos, an attorney with the group that is handling the lawsuit, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid.

The plaintiffs, Dulcesnombres Lezama of Brownsville, Jesus Garza of Del Rio, Norma Villarreal of Eagle Pass, Maria Romo of Sonora, and Sonia Vasquez Grizzle of Austin, say they have ample evidence of their births in the United States.

Asked why they were not issued passports, the five plaintiffs say they were told by the State Department that the midwives who delivered them were on a suspect list. Their applications were not denied but rather filed "without further action," even though the plaintiffs conducted time-consuming and expensive searches for documentation of their citizenship.

The difficulties the five plaintiffs had in obtaining a passport are listed in the lawsuit.

Plaintiff Sonia Vasquez Grizzle lives in Austin now but was born in Brownsville on May 23, 1967. She was delivered by a midwife. At the time of her birth, Vasquez Grizzle's parents were not citizens of the U.S. Her birth certificate was signed by Tomasa M. Loya on June 1, 1967.

Vasquez Grizzle resided with her family in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas until the age of three. In 1970, when her mother became a legal permanent resident of the U.S., Vasquez Grizzle and family moved to Harlingen, Texas. Vasquez Grizzle attended Harlingen public schools from 1975 until 1986. She attended and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1991.

Vasquez Grizzle applied for a passport at the San Marcos City Hall in January, 2008. She needed a passport to travel with her daughter to Indonesia during Spring Break on a church sponsored trip. On Feb. 6, 2008, she received a letter from the Houston passport office requesting more information about the circumstances of her birth.

Vasquez Grizzle immediately called her mother to ask her to help find information that would place her month in the U.S. at the time of her birth. Her mother did not understand what kind of information was wanted.

Vasquez Grizzle called the Houston passport office and was given an appointment for Feb. 26, 2008. On Feb. 21, 2008, Vasquez Grizzle called a passport hotline to confirm the appointment. She was told that the application had been "abandoned." No other information was given, the lawsuit states.

Vasquez Grizzle went to the Houston passport office anyway and, after waiting two hours, finally got to speak to a caseworker called Annette. The caseworker told her that the passport office had sent a letter saying that her application had been denied. Initially, Vasquez Grizzle was not given a reason for the denial but was finally told that the midwife who delivered her was on a "suspect midwife list."

Vasquez Grizzle offered proof that her mother had a Mexican passport with a notation proving that her mother had a valid border crossing card issued in 1964 in Matamoros, Mexico. "Annette" refused to accept the document because, she said, she had no way of verifying a Mexican document.

On or about Feb. 29, 2008, Vasquez Grizzle received a letter from the Houston passport office dated Feb. 22, 2008, saying the application was "being filed without further action."

The letter said Vasquez Grizzle should contact Citizenship and Immigration Services form information about obtaining U.S. citizenship. When she did this and spoke with an immigration officer in San Antonio, Vasquez Grizzle was told they could not help her because she was already a U.S. citizen.

Vasquez Grizzle missed her daughter's church trip to Indonesia. "Plaintiff is very upset about becoming a person without a country," the lawsuit states. "Plaintiff feels like she is being denied her rights as a citizen of the United States."

After spending most of their lives in the U.S. but traveling freely across the Texas-Mexico border, these residents will have to use passports to show citizenship when crossing the border after June of 2009. Like many border residents, they live on one side of the border but have family or business on the other side and thus move back and forth regularly. Without a passport that will be impossible, they say.

Gallegos argues that the government is violating the Immigration and Nationality Act, as well as the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution which states, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the state wherein they reside."

Moreover, the government violates the fifth amendment of procedural due process by subjecting the plaintiffs to additional scrutiny, Gallegos said.

Plaintiffs seek "a declaration of this court that they meet the requirement of the applicable statute and that they are U.S. citizens as of the date of their births, endowed with the privileges and immunities of U.S. citizenship."

Earlier this week, nine other U.S. citizens, all from the Rio Grande Valley, announced they were suing the federal government after having great difficulty getting a passport. The nine are represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, Washington, D.C.-based Hogan & Hartson LLP, and Refugio del Rio Grande, Inc., of San Benito. The attorneys hope to make the case a class action suit.

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: STOP THE RAIDS NOW! 09.25.08 7P in SF. *

ORGANIZE YOUTH RESISTANCE AGAINST THE IMMIGRATION RAIDS AND DEPORTATIONS!

We need your help in the struggle to defend undocumented immigrants! In 2007 alone, 276,912 U.S. residents were deported.

This fall, a broad, united youth campaign against the ICE raids and deportations in Northern California will be spreading from school to school, college to college -- and we need your energy and ideas!

We will be organizing educationals at schools, fundraisers for affected families, and mass protests in front of the ICE offices in Northern California. We will not let them intimidate us into silence.

Please contact us ASAP if you would like to participate in any way, big or small. We can help you get involved in your community and in your school.

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EDITORIAL: STOP THE ICE RAIDS AND DEPORTATIONS!

The U.S. government is accelerating its brutal, racist offensive against undocumented immigrants. A May 12 raid at a Postville, Iowa slaughterhouse resulted in the unprecedented arrest of nearly over 390 workers -- but this was only one of dozens of similar raids that are taking place every week.

The facts speak for themselves. In 2007 alone, 276,912 U.S. residents were deported. From 2002 to 2006, arrests of undocumented workers increased by 750% (Boston Globe, 3/20/07). Since 2004, more than 1 million immigrants have been detained.

The only "crime" committed by undocumented immigrants is to work hard to support their families. The real criminal is the U.S. government and its Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which is terrorizing and splitting up families across this country.

The raids are a crucial component of the reactionary drive to scapegoat immigrants for the problems caused by the crisis-ridden, profit-driven capitalist system: rising poverty, job losses, deepening inequality, and lower wages.

In this political climate, on July 12, in Shenandoah, Pa., 25-year old immigrant Luis Ramrez was beaten to death by a group of high-school students who yelled at him to "go back to Mexico." According to the FBI, violence against Latinos has risen by 35% since 2003.

But according to various polls, the vast majority of Americans is opposed to the ICE raids and support legalization of undocumented immigrants.

The only way to beat back ICE and force the government to change its immigration policies is to rebuild the powerful movement that exploded into the streets in the spring of 2006. This means organizing now in

every workplace, school, and barrio to resist the raids and deportations -- to show the government that we will not let intimidation silence us.

Our enemies are a tiny handful of hate-mongering billionaires. We are the majority. If we organize and mobilize, we have the power to beat back ICE, win full rights for all, and create a world free of exploitation, racism, and war!

(excerpted from the summer 2008 issue of The Organizer newspaper)

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Passports Denied: Mexican-Americans Can't Travel *

Editor's note: Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people of Mexican descent were subjected to unreasonable and arbitrary demands to prove that they are citizens of the United States before getting a passport. This includes Texas native, David Hernandez, a former marine, reports NAM writer Roberto Lovato.

Texas native David Hernandez, a former marine who served his country in different parts of the world, can no longer see the world after his country denied him a passport.

Hernandez and other residents living in and around the U.S.-Mexico border are plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit alleging that, in denying them passports, the U.S. State Department is engaging in a new kind of racial discrimination: non-citizen profiling.

"This all started when I sent them (the U.S. State Department) my passport and they sent me a letter saying that it wasn't sufficient. So, I sent them all kinds of documents -a baptismal certificate, military records, pictures of me in the pre-kindergarten, a copy of my grandmother's birth certificate that showed that she was an American citizen," he said, adding, "and that still wasn't enough. I knew something was wrong when they even started asking me for things like Census documents from the 1930's that don't even exist."

Hernandez and the other plaintiffs say that the U.S. government is denying them passports because they are persons of Mexican and Latino descent whose births were assisted by parteras, or midwives. "The law says that if you're born in this country, have parents who are or who get naturalized, you are a citizen," said Hernandez his voice cracking with anger and frustration. "We were all born here. We're all citizens. The only difference is that we're Hispanic, we grew up poor and we happened not to be born in a hospital. My mother had to pay a partera \$40 instead."

Lawyers for Hernandez and the other plaintiffs say they have documented a systematic pattern of racial discrimination among hundreds, perhaps thousands of people of Mexican descent who, like him, applied for passports and were subjected to unreasonable and arbitrary demands for an inordinate and often impossible-to-find documents proving they are citizens of the United States.

For Robin Goldfaden, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which is co-counsel in the case along with other law firms, the passport suit "shows a spirit of disregard for birthright citizenship and a reckless disregard for the actual citizenship of an entire class of people."

Goldfaden pointed out that although midwifery is a long-held tradition among whites, blacks and others living in Appalachia, Texas and other parts of the United States where hospital-assisted birth is unaffordable or unavailable, the denial of passports is only taking place among people of Mexican descent living along the southern border.

"Some of the plaintiffs in this case were born in the 1930s and earlier, when, for example, half of all babies in Texas were delivered by midwives," said Goldfaden, who believes that the case raises concerns beyond those raised by Hernandez and other plaintiffs. "Anytime the government violates due process and the constitutional promise of equal protection as they did in this case, we should all be concerned."

The passport case comes on the heels of intensified efforts to fundamentally alter the definition of who is and isn't a citizen. For several years, members of Congress and anti-immigrant groups in Texas and several other states have proposed state and federal laws denying birthright citizenship to the U.S. born children of undocumented immigrants. Some Texas residents like Father Mike Seiffert also trace such practices to the long history of denying citizenship to different categories of people in the United States.

"I was born in Alabama" said Seiffert, who is pastor of the San Felipe de Jesus Catholic church in Brownsville, "and I've seen this kind of discrimination before; I've seen government officials trying to deny rights to people by not recognizing them as citizens, only here in Texas it's not African Americans, but Latinos."

Seiffert became aware of the passport denial issue in his church. "After a couple of the members of my congregation came to me concerned and even crying because they were denied passports and would no longer be able to see their families in Mexico, I decided to ask the congregation if there were others facing similar situations," Seiffert said. "And 60 people came up and said they had the same passport problem."

He called what happened to members of his congregation affected by the passports situation "disgraceful." Behind the tears, he said are, "Many members of our congregation (who) won't be able to do what they've done for decades: cross the border to see their families; many won't be able to sustain themselves by doing business as they've always done in Mexico," he said. "There's no hospital around here and when you drive many miles to get healthcare, it's very expensive. So people will also be denied basic healthcare because they will no longer be able to go just across the border to get cheap medicine or see a doctor in Matamorros for \$15. This is deeply disturbing and it reminds me of Alabama."

And like in the deep South, the non-citizen profiling in Texas is also inspiring activism among many. "I grew up studying the history of civil rights, Martin Luther King and how he had to fight his own government," said Hernandez, " But I never thought I'd be fighting for my civil rights. Now I understand history in a different way."

Articles by Roberto Lovato

Immigration matters

It's Immigration, Stupid!

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> This Wednesday, September 24th, the University of Texas Liberal Arts
> Career Services is hosting a representative of a group with a 60 year
> legacy of genocides, assassinations, secrecy, and the disruption of
> democracy--the CIA. Stand up to this destructive and harmful agency, and
> stand up to the university office that brought them here.

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> CAMEO (Campus Anti-war Movement to End the Occupations) will be
> protesting both the CIA and the Liberal Arts Career Services office on
> Wednesday, and will meet at the Texas Union outdoor patio beginning at
> 4:30 pm. But that is not the only way to show your outrage at this
> murderous group and the university that allows them to operate. Call the
> LACS office this week at 512-471-7900, and call Robert Vega, the Liberal
> Arts contact for this event at 512-232-2692, and register your
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> Please, circulate this call widely. Ask friends and co-workers to make
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> stronger our dissent is this time, the harder they'll think about coming
> back. After the protest, come to our meeting in PAR 208 at 7:00.
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Money found to finish fence

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By KEVIN SIEFF/The Brownsville Herald

Members of Congress will not stand in the way of the border fence's construction, despite the project's rising costs.

The Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee approved a reprogramming request worth nearly \$400 million, allowing construction of the barrier to continue in South Texas.

Rising costs of raw materials exhausted funding allocated for the project.

"This committee will not stand in the way of (the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's) efforts to construct fencing by the end of the year solely because of funding shortfalls, even though I have serious doubt about its ability to accomplish its stated goals," wrote Subcommittee Chairman David Price, D-NC, in a letter to DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff.

Price, who voted against the border fence in 2006, expressed his concern about the barrier's construction, urging DHS to "walk the line" in Cameron and Hidalgo counties, and to limit the duration of contracts to February 2009. But the appropriations request was approved with few concrete stipulations.

The money will be redirected from a number of DHS accounts, including \$214 million from planned technology investments and \$35 million from U.S. Border Patrol. Technology improvements on the border will now be shifted into 2009 or 2010, Price said.

Congress' decision was greeted with derision from the barrier's opponents.

"The Texas Border Coalition is disappointed that Congress has approved the reprogramming of \$400 million in fiscal 2008 funding to cover the cost overruns for the border wall," said TBC Chairman Chad Foster. "TBC is convinced that the border wall is a waste of taxpayer funds - it won't work, it is lethal to people and wildlife and eventually will be torn down."

With its funding problems resolved, the federal government must now settle more than 200 pending lawsuits before the fence can be constructed in parts of South Texas, including Cameron County. Only 341 miles of the proposed 670 miles of new fencing have been constructed to date.

In response to recent legal and financial holdups, DHS now states that the barrier will be under contract, rather than completed, by the end of 2008.

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From: E. Elizabeth Garcia

September 22, 2008

Immigration News

Mexico's Diaspora Grows

New data reported by the Mexican media suggest that emigration to the United States rose sharply in 2007, the first full year of the administration of Mexican President Felipe Calderon. Based on United States Census Bureau numbers, Mexico's National Population Council (Conapo) estimated that 679,611 Mexicans made the move to El Norte last year. According to Conapo, the number of Mexican nationals relocating to the US was up 5.9 percent from 2006. It was the highest jump in Mexican emigration registered since 2002. The total number of Mexican-born residents living in the US now stands at 11,800,000 persons, or just over 10 percent of Mexico's population, Conapo estimated.

In 2007 Mexicans confronted stagnating or declining wages, increased joblessness, steep price hikes for tortillas and other basic commodities, and rising public insecurity.

Conapo's new data provides an important glimpse of contemporary Mexican immigrants in the US. While still a minority, women are fast catching up with men, and now account for 44 percent of all Mexican migrants in this country. Although Mexican immigrants are now found in the remotest stretches of the US, even in the frigid reaches of the North Pole, slightly more than 70 percent reside in four states that have long been immigration magnets-California, Texas, Illinois and Arizona.

Re-confirming another trend, Conapo reported that only a tiny minority of Mexican immigrants, or four percent, work in agriculture. Fifty percent of employed migrants toil in the service sector and another forty percent work in manufacturing, according to Conapo. Overwhelmingly, the typical Mexican immigrant is of prime working age, with 68.6 percent ranging from 15 to 44 years of age. People aged 45 to 64, meanwhile, account for 20.8 percent of the migrant population. Fifty percent of Mexican migrants in the US have less than a high school education, Conapo found, while only 5.9 percent have professional or post-graduate studies.

Poverty continues to pull down the fortunes of today's migrants. Conapo calculated that employed Mexican migrants earn an average \$24,270 per year, though more than a third, or 34.4 percent, make between \$10,000-20,000 annually. An estimated 18.9 percent of Mexican-born men and 26.3 percent of Mexican-born women fall below the poverty threshold, according to the demographic research agency. Almost six out of ten migrants lack health insurance.

Various media reports have suggested that fewer Mexicans are making the trek to the United States in 2008. A combination of economic downturn, stricter border controls and anti-immigrant hostility has been cited as the reason for the change. Until now, however, there is little evidence of a large-scale, voluntary return of Mexicans to their country of origin.

Indeed, the same trends that pushed people out in 2007 have deepened in 2008. In the northern state of Chihuahua, for instance, 26,000 people have lost their jobs in the export manufacturing sector hit by the economic crisis in the United States. At the same time, greater numbers of people are reportedly fleeing the country because of kidnappings and narco-linked murders which have left more than 1,000 dead in Chihuahua alone since the beginning of the year.

Sources: El Manana(Matamoros)/Agencia Reforma, September 21, 2008. Univision, September 21, 2008. La Jornada, September 14 and 21, 2008. Articles by Ruben Villalpando and the Reuters news agency. Norte, September 14, 2008. Article by Antonio Rebolledo.

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PUTTING A MIRROR ON CR

Former Oakland Organizer Reflects on the Current Problems and Future Solutions for Critical Resistance
I think that we are at an important crossroads in how to move forward as a Movement. The Nonprofit Industrial Complex is extremely strong, and organization after organization has experienced the conflict between creating social justice in the world and sustaining a business"i.e. not challenging systems of oppression. Critical Resistance is no exception. In fact, as a former staff member (Organizer of the Oakland Chapter), I saw how Critical Resistance was part of the Nonprofit Industrial Complex more than any other organization that I have worked with. In the day to day, Critical Resistance as an organization refused to act in ways that were abolitionist, created a culture that was elitist and forced out people who were most affected and formerly incarcerated, and replicated ideas of security and safety that were oppressive towards the working-class, people of color, and all other surveilled identities and intersections. Seeing the disconnection between daily practice and overall vision saddened me tremendously. As a supposed leader of the abolition movement, it is very important to hold CR accountable to its rhetoric, and CR10 offers us a moment in which we can all put a mirror back on both our practices as individuals/organizations and Critical Resistance.

One of the basic principles that Critical Resistance supposedly values is transparency and accountability. The ten year anniversary mark is an opportune time to take stock of how Critical Resistance does and does not meet its mission of abolition. I encourage people to go to CR10 and to push Critical Resistance to be accountable to you and to people who are inside and just getting out. We want to make sure that the amount of energy put into CR10 will be followed with work that goes towards material change in the world. Push Critical Resistance to be more than part of the Nonprofit Industrial Complex.

Ten Action Points:

1) Make sure that CR10 does not tokenize formerly incarcerated people at the conference

In Critical Resistance, as an organization, there are few formerly incarcerated people. Staff has even said publicly that there is a retention problem of formerly incarcerated people in the organization. Post-CR10, make sure that Critical Resistance gives top priority to changing the face of the organization and the culture that has created this dynamic.

2) Centralize people who are most affected and formerly/currently incarcerated

Currently, Critical Resistance runs through a supposed collective model. In actuality, the organization is a hierarchy of staff and middle/upper-class members. These people create an environment that is not comfortable to most impacted or formerly/currently incarcerated people. The behavior ranges from a staff person who called a public computer room "her domain" and refused to allow a member to organize it to a member who publicly discounted a currently incarcerated member as "mentally insane" (discounting our responsibility to him). In another instance, the same staff member wanted to start security systems to monitor/limit members from coming into the office and at the same time, stated that she believed in bulldozing all prison walls immediately. Members and staff who are working-class, most impacted, and/or

formerly incarcerated have stated repeatedly how Critical Resistance is "not their space," how they have been made to feel stupid for not knowing the same cultural/educational markers (usually based in cultural fads associated with anarchism, punk rock, or the environmental movement), and have not been developed but instead, forced into menial jobs like data entry and writing thank you letters. These dynamics should shift. True societal change comes from shifting dynamics of power; if the Prison Industrial Complex dehumanizes people, abolitionist organizations should be spaces that create voice for people who are facing policing in a direct way. Critical Resistance should strive to listen to the experiences of most impacted and formerly/currently incarcerated people as central to their strategy for ending the Prison Industrial Complex. Critical Resistance should not discount people who are "non-political prisoners," neither in rhetoric or practice.

3) Build skills and develop the leadership of people who are most affected and formerly/currently incarcerated

Critical Resistance's mission states that "Critical Resistance seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe. We believe that basic necessities such as food, shelter, and freedom are what really make our communities secure." In reality, Critical Resistance should prioritize ways to meet these basic necessities. This means providing long-term support to communities and individuals. Critical Resistance should commit to long-term, skill building of membership that has been formerly incarcerated and needs job training (both political education and concrete skills). Most impacted and formerly incarcerated members should eventually transition into the staff positions. Fiscal priorities should be directed towards as many direct efforts in communities as possible, not simply filtered through other nonprofits.

4) Create structures that address the needs of most impacted and formerly/currently incarcerated people
Structurally, Critical Resistance does not take into account the needs of people who are most impacted and formerly/currently incarcerated. Most of these problems in structure are based on privilege. For instance, Critical Resistance has three and four hour meetings almost every night; how would someone working multiple jobs or with children be able to attend? Concretely, in one instance, two people on parole never even made a first meeting because of curfew laws and not having access to rides. For Oakland, other problems included having meetings in San Francisco when the cost of transportation, transportation time, danger for some people to walk through different turfs, and the culture of the Bay made it impossible for potential, new members or most impacted members to attend. These are concrete, logistical problems that Critical Resistance must address in order to centralize most impacted and formerly/currently incarcerated people.

5) Create practices that are effective in the empowerment of most impacted and formerly/currently incarcerated people

Critical Resistance grounds itself in broad theory. Partially, this means that individuals do not see how their politics are harmful. For instance, it is one thing to say that one is anti-capitalist, but in a capitalist world, it is another thing to judge people for needing to survive. This conflict, in actuality, is in contradiction with Critical Resistance's mission "discusses the need for providing food, shelter, and other tools of survival to people. Therefore, when developing organizing strategies, one must account for stipends, transportation costs, and provide livable wage for employees. In addition, most impacted people have extreme and current trauma. Critical Resistance should know the difference between needing to miss meetings for personal survival and "a lack of commitment." One must also build strategies that work. If the goal is to end the Prison Industrial Complex, organizing should be pointed and based on winning. Because the Prison Industrial Complex changes in different locations, it is extremely important to build a local grassroots movement. It also means that one must get to know the likes, patterns, and culture of a community and/or allow individuals from that community to shape the organizing strategies. In Critical Resistance Oakland, one of many issues was that people did not respect the importance of local work and the empowerment of people from Oakland as important. In fact, most people responded to this empowerment as a challenge to their own position within the organization. I think there is an inherent problem when people who are not

most impacted, formerly incarcerated, and/or from a local site take the lead over and feel threatened by people who are experience the brunt of the things that we are fighting against.

6) Stop with elite, academic language

One of the large problems in Critical Resistance is that people use language that is not accessible and do not explain it. It assumes that people do not already have the language and abolitionist analysis and sets Critical Resistance up as the "savior" or "model." True non-hierarchy sees that all organizing and thought came from most affected communities to begin with, and the movement has simply put labels on the peoples' power. It is also classist, because the people who use this language have higher education; those in the organization who have not had access to higher education feel uncomfortable and marginalized.

7) Break the culture of guilt

What does it mean when people are frightened of being challenged? It indicates insecurity in themselves, their power, or the validity of their work. A healthy organizing structure relies on the ability to debate and to not internalize problems in the organization as personal "failures." This is a fundamental principle of actual democracy; it is never static. Critical Resistance relies on a "white guilt" model of criticism. When the organization is challenged, individuals respond through either saying it is "their fault" or becoming defensive and attempting to claim the identities that make them "down." Push people to not centralize themselves and to step up/step back.

8) Follow through and move forward

Critical Resistance has a problem with follow through. When making these changes, everyone must make a long-term commitment to prioritize this work. It is extremely detrimental to building trust in communities that are often let down to make promises and to not follow through. It is also bad to be paralyzed with fear and to not move forward. Often people in Critical Resistance discount ideas saying "we tried that, and it didn't work." It is very different to try something with a constituency of all white, non-local and/or impacted people and to do the same thing with people who have a base in the community.

9) Change punitive culture and do not replicate cycles of harm

Within Critical Resistance, no systems exist to address harm. As an organization that discusses the need for alternatives to policing, the organization should also internally create these models to address situations. The current culture is passive aggressive, and direct conflict is avoided at all cost. The vast majority of Critical Resistance membership and staff respond in very defensive ways or talk about people behind their backs. This kind of behavior is both childish and dangerous towards creating abolition. Many people also avoid responsibility by universalizing harm, i.e. "we are all harmed." This mentality does not take into account realities of who is most affected within situations and does not allow for dialogue. The first step in making amends is to come at situations with an open heart and ability to admit one's own mistakes. The second would be to ask directly the needs of the person harmed.

10) Build a movement not based on the idea that we are all the same

A) Critical Resistance like many other nonprofits universalizes people. It uses a colorblind or postmodern framework of organizing where "we are all affected by the Prison Industrial Complex" or "all oppressed." While it is true that policing and militarism affect all of us, this rhetoric does not account for our differences. Instead, it allows for people who are upper-class, disconnected from communities and their own identities, and not most impacted/formerly incarcerated to place themselves in leadership of the Movement. People are frightened to admit that they have privilege and scared that they will not have a place in organizing if they do not pretend to be at the center of oppression. We reach a stand still when people cannot be honest with themselves. They spend so much time pretending to fit identity labels that the people who are actually, right now facing violence, hunger, and trauma are ignored. We all carry trauma, and it is one of the hardest lessons to look at one's self with honesty and open with others through vulnerability. Part of creating abolition is working on the walls we create internally as well. Self-healing must happen along with doing social justice work, otherwise we all fail. Part of honesty means admitting how privileges change with place and time. Sometimes certain individuals are centered in organizing, and other times we must step back and push different groups into leadership. It is perfectly fine to not fit the labels of oppression as long as we create strategies that are empowering. Critical Resistance's members need to

begin to practice the personal as political; they must also begin to develop strategy that does not universalize experience.

B) Overall, in the current context, Native Americans have the highest rates of incarceration, poverty, and substance abuse within the United States, Black men and women have some of the highest rates and the fastest growing rates of incarceration respectively, and in the current war on terror, Muslim and Middle Eastern/Arab peoples face extreme danger of hate crimes and other targeting. Because these identities are targeted, we too must not universalize our organizing strategies and prioritize these people as groups. In order to achieve this organizing goal, we must look at specificities of the current time. For instance, if a multi-racial organization like Critical Resistance was to take on the issue of immigration, it should first specify which group was most affected in the current context. In Oakland, Asian American immigrants and especially Vietnamese Americans are being deported, but the majority of deportations overall are of Mexican immigrants. A good organizing strategy for a multi-racial organization would be to determine the most impacted target (i.e. Mexicans immigrants) and to create short-term strategies that temporarily address the needs of the group in danger and to create longer-term dynamics that are not detrimental/benefit Vietnamese Americans and others. Specificities depend on place and time, and we must all be humble and allow others to be highlighted in their oppression at various times. For this reason, it is extremely important to know the local context in which one is organizing. Urge Critical Resistance to create specificity in their organizing in order to be affective.

C) Lastly, we must pay attention to intersections. Intersections of class, color, race, disability, and other identities create bodies that cannot be easily categorized. Members of Critical Resistance tend to claim one identity category (race, immigration status, class, etc) as enough to make them "most impacted." Rather, it is these identities connected with concrete experience that make one most impacted. For members and staff of Critical Resistance, individuals must be honest with where they came from, and the educational and class privileges that they now possess. Money and education do breed more access. We must acknowledge who we are in this current moment in order to not put ourselves in the spotlight over people who have not had access to privilege. Urge Critical Resistance staff and members to prioritize people who are experiencing outright violence currently and to not over focus on themselves.

As my mother always says, criticism is the highest form of compliment. It means someone actually cares and dreams for a better world or person. It means you see the chance to improve through certain steps. While I cannot be in the position to push Critical Resistance internally, I hope that this letter pushes CR and the overall Movement to hold Critical Resistance accountable to its rhetoric. With a budget of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the conference alone, one should ask Critical Resistance how CR10 is going to benefit Oakland as its host city directly. I urge people to come to CR10, to ask Critical Resistance to address these questions, to make sure that CR10 gives back to the Oakland community and is a safe space for most impacted/formerly incarcerated people, and to follow through in the next ten years.

Thank you,

Ilanito Cerna-Turoff

Former Oakland Organizer, Critical Resistance

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From: Caroline Keating-Guerra

T. Don Hutto forum tonight

A public forum to air concerns about the T. Don Hutto immigrant detention center in Taylor is scheduled for tonight at 7 at the Georgetown Public Library, 402 W. Eighth St.

Scheduled panelists include Barbara Hines, director of the University of Texas law school's immigration clinic and a co-counsel in lawsuits challenging conditions at the center; Wayne Krause, legal director of the Austin office for the Texas Civil Rights Project; Bob Libal, Texas coordinator of Grassroots Leadership, which wants to abolish for-profit private prisons; and Jose Orta of Taylor, president of League of United Latin American Citizens Council 4721.

The UT clinic and the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas sued in 2007, charging that the government violated the rights of minors. A settlement led to changes in how families are treated there.

Mary Ellen Kersch of Immigration Reform Effort, which is sponsoring tonight's forum, said others were invited to participate but declined, including U.S. Rep. John Carter, whose district includes the detention facility, and officials with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Corrections Corporation of America, which runs the facility. Kersch said Williamson County Judge Dan A. Gattis was also invited, but it was unclear late Tuesday whether he would participate.

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This major event needs all the support you can give it. No single problem is affecting you and your constituents like the broken health care system in this country. Encourage them to attend.

Planning has gone well. The program will feature speakers like Houston's Rev. Bill Lawson and Dr. Ana Malinow, president of Physicians for a National Health Program. There will be music and a closing "burial" for all those who have died for lack of access to treatment, complete with coffin, clergy, and choir. Also people can tell their health care horror stories at a videotaping station to be forwarded to policy makers.

PROMOTING OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AGENDA

Members of your coalition have had private meetings with candidate for DA Brad Bradford and candidate for sheriff Adrian Garcia. Both have pledged to support establishing a public defenders office, much greater use of drug courts for arrested drug addicts, and release on personal recognizance instead of bail in misdemeanor cases. Bradford supported without reservation issuing citations in place of arrest for the 7 misdemeanors spelled out in the 2006 Texas legislation; Gracia supported it with reservations "he'll want to see how a trial period works. Both agree that there must be greater accountability in the case of alleged police misconduct, but want a system of independent review somewhat different than a standing civilian review board. We are still trying to get responses from DA candidate Pat Lykos and incumbent sheriff Tommy Thomas.

VOTER REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEKEND

Registration deadline is October 6. We need to bear down hard these last two weekends. Here are some opportunities:

CWPP's POP project "Registration Celebration"

Friday 5-8 p.m., Saturday 8:45 a.m.-noon, Sunday 4-8 p.m.

Door to door. All you need is a clip board and pen (but deputy registrars with their books are welcome). Before going out each time, gather at King Market across from the Palm Center at Martin Luther King Blvd. and Griggs Road for energizing and assignments. Contact POP coordinator Rev. Vincent Fana, mwfana@yahoo.com, 713.256,5740.

HOUSTON VOTES locations

Sharps Town Mall 7500 Bellaire (Sat) 10-6
Fallas Parades 45 and Tidwell (Sat& Sun.) 10-6
Northwest Mall 555 N.W Frwy. (Sat.) 10-6
Kroger 2300 Gessner (Sat.) 10-6
Fallas Parades and Burkes Outlet 290 and Bingle (Sat) 10-6
Kroger Wirt & West view (Sat) 2-5
Kroger 6767 Spencer Hwy. (Sat) 10-6
Palais Royal 5782 Fairmont (Sat.) 10-6
Half Price Books 1011 Westheimer (Sat.) 12-5
My Hoa 13201 Bellaire Blvd, (Sat) 10-2
Wal Mart Neighborhood Ctr, 4810 Hwy 6 North, (Sat) 10-2, (Sun), 12-4
Food Town, 8800 W. Sam Houston Pkwy, (Sat) 10-2 & (Sun.) 12-4
Wal Mart, 3506 S. Hwy 6, (Sat only) 10-6
Fallas Parades 14485 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, (Sat & Sun) 10-6

For more information, contact Dee Young, 281-702-7864, dee@houstonvotes.org

ELECTION SCHEDULE

First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: September 5
Last Day to Register to Vote: October 6
First Day of Early Voting: October 20
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail: October 28
Last Day of Early Voting: October 31
Election Day: November 4

GENE GREEN'S TOWN HALL MEETING ON FAIR TRADE ACT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 7 P.M.
HCCS's SOUTHEAST COLLEGE, 6815 RUSTIC AVE.

At last a trade bill (HR 6180, S 3083) has been filed in Congress that will increase, not undermine, global economic justice. On June 4, 2008, more than 50 Members of Congress, including Representatives Al Green (D-9) and Gene Green (D-29), introduced the TRADE Act (Trade Reform, Accountability, Development, and Employment). It lays out a framework for how we can turn our free trade policies into fair trade policies, and how we can create a more democratic, just approach to globalization. Specifically, the TRADE Act

*** Requires a review of existing trade pacts, including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and other major pacts.

*** Sets forth what must and must not be included in future trade pacts.

*** Provides for the renegotiation of existing trade agreements.

*** Describes the key elements of a new trade negotiating and approval mechanism to replace Fast Track that would enhance the role of Congress and the public in crafting trade agreements that can meet the needs of workers, family farmers, and the environment.

Rep. Green is holding this forum to secure understanding and grassroots support for the TRADE Act.

7 p.m. at Houston Community College System's Southeast College, 6815 Rustic

Ave. That's right on I-45 south on the east side. Going south, take Woodbridge Rd. exit shortly before I-610 interchange and come back north on the service road to Rustic.

NOTE: Neither Sheila Jackson Lee nor Nick Lampson has signed onto this legislation. Call them about it.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS CONFERENCE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 & SATURDAY OCTOBER 4
SEVERAL LOCATIONS (SEE BELOW)

Women Healing & Empowering Women (WHEW), which is putting on this conference, is a reentry program for formerly incarcerated women, and victims of domestic violence and homelessness. This is its annual Second Chance Conference, time to be part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Day 1 will be at SHAPE Community Center and U of H Central. Workshops will focus on sharing solutions to problems afflicting communities of color such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, Black/Brown relationships, homelessness, and the glorification of prison culture in Hip Hop, among others.

Day 2 will be at Diverse Works and Willow Street Pump Station in downtown Houston, with the viewing of three films: "Silence: In Search of Black Female Sexuality" by Mya B, "Hip Hop: Beyond the Beats and Rhymes" by Byron Hurt, and "NO! The Rape Documentary" by Aishah Simmons. A panel discussion will follow with panelists Joyce Ann Brown. MASS, INC. who spent nine years in prison for a crime she didn't commit; Mya B., filmmaker and artist; Noah Rattler, activist for the homeless, and others.

Suggested donations for both days \$35 (students \$15) or one day \$20 (students \$10). However, no one will be turned away. For more information and to register, call 713/874-0525 or 713/726-1280, or visit www.whew-now.org.

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From: Herbertrothschild

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Challenge to AB540 Threatens More Than Undocumented Student *

Editor's note: AB540 is a law designed to offer the lower tuition at all three Californian state college and university systems to undocumented immigrants. It is now being challenged in the Yolo County Superior Court. Annette Fuentes is a New York journalist who writes on education and healthcare.

Anti-immigrant activists celebrated September 15 when the Court of Appeal in Sacramento issued its ruling in a suit challenging a California law granting in-state tuition rates to students who are undocumented immigrants. Called AB540, the law was passed by the state legislature in 2001 to offer the lower tuition to students in all three state college and university systems. The difference in dollars is substantial: for the UC system, in-state tuition is about \$18,000 less; for the state universities, it's \$8,000 less, and community colleges charge over \$100 less per credit for the in-state rate.

The ruling by a three-judge panel doesn't settle the lawsuit, though. It merely sends the matter back to the Yolo County Superior Court, where the suit was originally filed back in 2005, for further litigation. The core issue is whether AB540 conflicts with federal law that prohibits states from granting undocumented immigrants just such educational benefits, if those benefits are based on residency.

Supporters of AB540, including the state's university systems, say they believe that the law as written does not violate that federal dictate. To qualify for the in-state tuition rate, a student must spend at least three years in, and graduate from, a California high school. "The legislature tried to fashion a set of criteria that were not based on residency," said Chris Patti, the UC attorney involved in the litigation. "It thought it had done that, and this one court of appeal disagreed."

As defendants in the lawsuit, UC, CSU and CC are weighing their legal options. Patti says UC is considering two options. "One is to file a petition for rehearing, which means asking the Court of Appeal to reconsider, or in this case clarify, what a portion of its ruling was," Patti said. "The other is to file a petition of review with the California Supreme Court." And should those options fail to protect AB540, an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is possible, he said.

There is more at stake here than California's law, too. Nine other states--Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Washington--have similar tuition policies at their public universities. Kansas was actually the first target for legal challenge back in 2004, when the Immigration Reform Law Institute, the legal arm of the virulently anti-immigrant Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), filed suit on behalf of out-of-state student plaintiffs. The Institute's lead attorney, Kris W. Kobach, is also leading the challenge to California's law. Kobach, a law professor at the University of Missouri, has a prominent place in anti-immigrant litigation and policy. He represented Hazelton, Pennsylvania, which adopted ordinances designed by the mayor to make the town the most "hostile" place in America for undocumented immigrants.

Unfortunately for Kobach and his Hazelton clients, a federal court ruled the town's ordinances unconstitutional in 2007. That same year, Kobach also lost his challenge to Kansas' in-state tuition benefit for undocumented immigrants. But the California Court of Appeal ruling keeps this anti-immigrant effort alive.

The argument against AB540 and its analogues in other states is that U.S. citizens are cheated by having to subsidize the educations of undocumented immigrant students who are breaking the law by being here.

And out-of-state students are cheated by not benefiting from the lower in-state tuition “even though they are citizens or legal residents. But as is often the case with anything related to immigrants, there is much heat and little light brought to the facts. The benefit of lower tuition under AB540 is not granted only, or even primarily, to undocumented immigrants.

Eligibility extends to students who may have moved out of California after graduating high school as well as to immigrants who have legal residency. The precise number of undocumented students receiving the in-state rate is not known but it isn't very high. In the UC system, 1,639 students were eligible for in-state tuition rates under AB540 in the 2006-2007 school year, according to UC spokesman Ricardo Vasquez. Of those, 1,200 students were permanent residents or citizens. The CSU system doesn't collect data on the legal status of students who are eligible for AB540, according to a spokeswoman, and doesn't know how many might be undocumented. But she said an "educated guess" would put the total at about twice what the UC system has.

Of course, for those who believe that undocumented immigrants don't contribute but only drain resources from this country, even one student benefiting from AB540 would be too many. It is ideology over rationality. If rationality prevailed, the clear advantages to society in making higher education as affordable as possible to anyone motivated to achieve would win the day. But for now, it will be up to the legal defenders of rational educational and immigrant policy to continue the fight in court.

LINK: http://news.newamericamedia.org/news/view_article.html?article_id=ae3ae7808fccbfcbf230c1e7294b8319

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TITLE: AUSTIN: 2008 "Chipocrisy Tour" - Oct 2 *

Thursday, October 2nd, Fair Food Austin is proud to host the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) on their 2008 "Chipocrisy Tour"!...

Campaign Presentation - Noon

CIW recaps latest victories and next steps in the Campaign for Fair Food.

University of Texas (Eastwoods Room, Texas Union)

Chipotle Protest - 1pm

Demand Chipotle live up to its "Food with Integrity" slogan.

Meet at Cesar Chavez statue on UT campus (West Mall)

2230 Guadalupe St.

Whole Foods & Burger King Victory Celebration - 7pm

Join CIW and Austin allies for music, celebration, and a report-back from the 2008 Student/Farmworker Alliance Encuentro.

1604 E. 11th St.

Background: On the heels of a major agreement with Austin-based Whole Foods Market, CIW amplifies its demand for Chipotle to live up to its "Food with Integrity" slogan.

In the grand tradition of CIW "mini-tours" since 2001, the CIW is announcing the 2008 "Chipocrisy Tour," set to begin at the end of this month in Austin, Texas, and make its way to Chipotle Mexican Grill's corporate headquarters in Denver, Colorado in early October. The 2008 tour will head north from Austin through towns like Lawrence, Kansas to Denver and home again to Immokalee for two weeks of education and action around the true meaning of the term "sustainable agriculture."

Chipotle has staked its claim as the sustainable agriculture leader in the fast-food industry. Its marketing slogan -- "Food with Integrity" -- is unambiguous.

Yet the company's definition of "sustainable" is apparently unconcerned with the egregious exploitation of farm labor in Florida's tomato fields. And you don't have to take our word for it. Here's the company's vision of sustainable agriculture as defined by none other than Chipotle's founder and CEO, Steve Eells:

"We decided long ago that we didn't want Chipotle's success to be tied to the exploitation of animals, farmers, or the environment."

Should farmworkers be included in that definition? We think so, and in the language of this election season, that's a debate we're happy to have. So let the debate begin next week, with the 2008 Chipocrisy Tour, and may the best vision of sustainable agriculture win!

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: SW Workers Union Events / Aug-Oct *

No Wall of Death on US-Mexico Border

Saturday, October 25th 2008

International Day of Action

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No Wall Calendar of ACTION

August 29-Sept 1st

International March to stop and tear down the border Wall of Death from Ft Hancock to El Paso and Sunland Park/Anapra. The 60 mile march was coordinated by UTAF and local organizations.

September 14th

Press day to denounce the U.S. House of Representatives vote that approved the Border Wall of Death in 2006 by a vote of 219 for (wall builders) and 138 voted no (Freedom lovers).

September 29th

Press day to denounce the U.S. Senate's approval of the Border Wall of Death in 2006 by a vote of 80 for (wall builders) and 19 no (freedom lovers).

October 1st

Launch Campaign to stop and tear down the Wall of Death (El Paso, TX)

October 7-12th

Americas Social Forum in Guatemala/closing march No MURO!

October 12th

Indigenous Sovereignty Day;

NO wall of Death worldwide Actions

October 25th

International Day of Action (Saturday) to protest the US- Mexico Border Wall of Death! Date marks 2 years since Border Wall was signed into law by Bush.

October 26th

Day of faith based action to say NO WALL.

This date 2 years ago is when Bush signed the Border Wall of Death into law.

November 2nd

Dia de los Muertos mobilizations to protest deaths on US-Mexico border due to militarization, Racist & Repressive Immigration policies and the Border Wall of Death.

November 9-16

International week of Mobilization to stop and tear down walls around the world! ; November 9th marks the fall of the Berlin Wall!!

December 10th

International Human Rights Day

December 18th

International day of the Campesin@s/Farm worker

What is to be Done?

* Sign up to be a part of this important mobilization/protest against the US-Mexico Border Wall of Death

* Plan and organize an action in your city (send us notice)

* Educate community about the NO WALL movement

* Join National letter writing campaign

No MURO de la Muerte
en la frontera US-México
Sábado, 25 de Octubre, 2008
Día de Acción Internacional
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Agenda de ACCION

Agosto 29-1 de Sept.

Marcha contra el Muro de la Muerte en la frontera EEUU-México. La marcha de 60 millas la organizo UTAF. La Marcha salio de Ft Hancock y llego a El Paso y Luego Anapra-Sunland Park.

14 de Septiembre

Día de prensa para denunciar que la Cámara de Representantes (Diputados) de EEUU aprobó el MURO de la Muerte el 2006 por un voto de 219 a favor (Muroistas) y 138 votos de no (libertarios).

29 de Septiembre (Lunes)

Día de prensa para denunciar que en el Senado de EEUU se aprobó el MURO de la Muerte el 2006 por un voto de 80 a favor (Muroistas) y 19 votos no al Muro (libertarios).

1 de Octubre

Lanzamiento de campaña de protesta intensa contra el Muro de la Muerte. Se lanzara en El Paso y luego organizar presencia de protesta en cada punto de construccion del Muro.

7-12 de Octubre

Foro Social América III en Guatemala incluye NO MURO en la Marcha de clausura el 12 de Octubre

25 de Octubre (Sabado)

Día Internacional De Acción Protestando El Muro De La Muerte En La Frontera EEUU-México!

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26 de octubre (Domingo)

Día de la Fe contra el Muro

En este día el 2006 Bush firmo en ley el MURO de la Muerte hace dos años.

2 de Noviembre

Día de los Muertos por la animas de miles que mueren en la frontera por la militarización, la política publica sobre inmigración en EEUU que es racista y represiva; y el MURO de la Muerte.

9-16 de Noviembre

Movilización y Campaña internacional contra los MUROS del Mundo. El 9 de Noviembre marca la fecha de la caída del Muro de Berlin!

10 de Diciembre

Día Internacional de derechos Humanos

/ SPAN>

18 de Diciembre

Día Internacional de los derechos Campesinos

El Que Hacer?

* Fírmate como parte de esta importante movilización/protesta contra el MURO de la Muerte en la Frontera U.S.-México

* Planifica y organiza una acción en tu ciudad (envía 20 notificación)

* Educa tu comunidad sobre el movimiento contra el MURO de la Muerte

* Hazte parte de la campana de cartas nacional e internacional

*Please note change of email grulla@swunion.org

*Por favor de notar cambio de correo electronico grulla@swunion.org

Southwest Workers Union

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TITLE: SAN MARCOS: CELEBRATION of the PEOPLE NOV.19th *

Texas State University, San Marcos will be having the "Celebration of the People" (Honoring Powwow) November 19th.

We will have the Ampitheatre and the second floor Large Porch ... at the L.B.J. Student Center on Campus.

All Vendors are welcome ... so Please Invite and Spread the Word ... No Charge for Vendors.

We Have an Early Start this year and are also getting ready to set a DATE for the APRIL NATIVE CONFERENCE ... we sure will have the BALLROOM this April and many rooms.

Sincerely,
Philip and Roxana
N.A.S.A. (native american student association Texas State)

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From: Cynthia Regan

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TITLE: WEATHERFORD: Sounds of Thunder Pow Wow / Oct 17-19 *

To one and all,

You are invited to the best and biggest powwow in Texas. Look at the flyer and location. Founder and Chairman Emmett F. Brown has put together an all nations powwow, three days of dancing. Arts and crafts and most of all fry bread and corn soup.

Send to all your friends and have them to meet you there, maybe they will buy you lunch. All veterans are welcome, there are primitive camping.

Hope to see all of you there, bring all the family.

Come for the best.

The Board of Directors

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From: Emmett & Connie Brown

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Border fence contracts awarded [Brownsville] *

Border fence contracts awarded

Construction in Cameron County could begin soon

http://www.valleymorningstar.com/news/border_35352___article.html/contracts_county.html

September 24, 2008 - 1:11AM

By KEVIN SIEFF/The Brownsville Herald

BROWNSVILLE - Contracts to build the border fence in Cameron County were awarded to three private companies Monday, after Congress approved a \$378 million appropriations request to continue the barrier's construction.

Despite longstanding opposition from the county's residents and politicians, construction could begin soon on the Texas border's southernmost stretch.

The contracts are for fence segments in Bluetown, Los Indios, El Calaboz and La Paloma, all rural communities established by 18th century Spanish land grants. The communities are now home to some of the border fence's most vociferous opponents, many of whom have been fighting the barrier in court for nearly a year.

Clute, Texas-based Jaco Construction, Colorado-based MCC Construction and Omaha-based Kiewit Corporation were each awarded contracts to build a total of 7.6 miles of fencing for almost \$37 million.

The government must now clear mounting judicial obstacles in order to meet Congress' mandate to build 670 miles of fencing by Dec. 31. So far, 340 miles of fencing have been constructed along the southwest border.

Ninety-seven landowners in the Rio Grande Valley have refused to sell their property to the federal government, according to a Government Accountability Office report released Sept. 10.

Some of those property owners, including Eloisa Tamez of El Calaboz, wonder how contracts can be awarded before lawsuits have been resolved.

"(Homeland Security Secretary Michael) Chertoff is going completely outside of the Constitution, not allowing the federal court to make its decision before he moves on," Tamez said.

Cameron County Judge Carlos H. Cascos said he had always maintained that the Department of Homeland Security was going to build "something" if the county did not offer an alternative to them.

"I still think that the border/levee combo project was a viable alternative, and I'm just saddened that DHS thought it was not," Cascos said.

"For now, we are just going to wait and see what the fence is going to look like."

The Department of Homeland Security did not announce when construction is expected to begin in Cameron County.

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TITLE: Galleria Zapatista *

Galleria Zapatista:

<http://zap-em.net/>

Hello Friends.

Please take the time to visit our friends in our Chiapas Education project. Our first Children of Chiapas delegation parted for San Cristobal de Las Casas, Chiapas Mexico on July 22nd. This year our delegation members Pancho, Yolie, Patty, Claudia & Nancy brought their beautiful and selfless efforts to the young women of Kinal.

The delegation took a brief interlude to visit beautiful archeological sites such as Bonampak, Tonina, Agua Azul, Mi-sol Ha, Lagos de Montebello & Yaxchilan.

On July 26th the delegation traveled back to San Cristobal de Las Casas to begin the work of the delegation. Kinal Antensik (Mayan for Land of Women) a women's empowerment center was the host of the delegation. Kinal has been working with indigenous and mestizo women throughout the state providing empowerment education and resource services to women and families.

Our delegation spent 5 days getting acquainted with the work of the center and learning all about the incredible work all of the women at Kinal. Kinal houses several projects among there are the women's cooperative Jolom Mayaetik (Mayan for Mayan Weavers) this cooperative helps indigenous women sell their beautiful art & crafts at a fair price. Jolom Mayetik currently work with over 350 women and helps hundreds of families by providing them with training and the tools to sustain themselves. Kinal is also the host of a young women's education project.

The Children of Chiapas Foundation has been a proud supporter of the education project for over two years. The project currently sponsors 9 young women 4 of them recently joined the project. These amazing young women come from throughout the state in search of an opportunity to continue their education past the 6th grade. These young women lack the opportunities to make their dream of higher education a reality.

The Children of Chiapas Foundation had the opportunity to visit with the young women and learn more about their communities. During the delegation we brought school supplies, medical equipment, resources and monetary donations. All made possible with your support! COC also

hosted workshops on health & diabetes screenings, physicals, sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking prevention.

We would like to share our experience with all of you in the hopes that you will be inspired by these incredible young women. The images will hopefully give you an idea of the challenges these young women face and how Kinal is making their hopes for higher education come true. After our amazing experience we are committed to continue to support the efforts of the women of Kinal and we hope you will join us.

We are currently planning a second delegation to travel back to Chiapas in July of 2009. Our goal is to bring with us another medical delegation, dental & vision resources and financial support. It is our sincere hope you will consider joining our delegation next year!

In the mean time we invite to support us by learning more about the project to these images we brought back to share with all you. The images depict the way of life for many of these girls in their community (San Jose a community located in Marques de Comillas. This community experiences faces many challenges and the resources are scarce)

We also hope that you will consider making a tax deductible donation through paypal or by mailing your check to:
Children of Chiapas Foundation at 8439 Drayer Lane, Rosemead Ca, 91770.

Thank you for your support!

You can see video clips and pictures on our blog at :
[http:// childrenofchiapasfoundation2.blogspot.com/](http://childrenofchiapasfoundation2.blogspot.com/)

Submitted by Rocio from The Centro de Accion Popular

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...nuestra idea es llamar a quienes son como nosotros y unirnos a ellos, en todas partes donde viven y luchan...
" Sexta Declaraci3n de la Selva Lacandona

zeztala@gmail.com
(310) 424-7646 (solo para mensajes)

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From: Erik Carlos Toren

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TITLE: EDINBURG: Screening of "Tlatelolco - Las Claves del Masacre" - 10/1 *

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Free Speech Update / Know Your Rights - 9/27 *

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From: Esperanza<esperanza@esperanzacenter.org>

Date: Wed, Sep 24, 2008 at 6:14 PM

Subject: SATURDAY :: 9am Free Speech Update :: 10am Know Your Rights

To: esperanzacenter@yahogroups.com

FREE SPEECH COALITION MEETING!

THIS SATURDAY! ESTE SABADO!

9am - Lawsuit update

10am - Know Your Rights!

Free Speech Coalition Meeting

Saturday, September 27

@ Esperanza

922 San Pedro Avenue - (210) 228-0201

This Saturday's meeting will begin at 9am with an update on the lawsuit and community organizing efforts. At 10am, we will begin an informal Know Your Rights training and discussion on how to deal with law enforcement and other issues that come up when we're demonstrating, gathering signatures, performing street theater, etc.

This meeting will also be an opportunity to pick up yard signs and bumper stickers - which need to be distributed to Coalition supporters all over San Antonio. Feel free to call for more details or questions - see you there!

Bumper Stickers and Yards Signs will be ready for pick up

THIS FRIDAY!!!

Pick one up @ Esperanza

922 San Pedro Ave

M-F 10am to 8pm

Call (210)228-0201

for late night or weekend hours

No Cost - Donations Appreciated
LAWSUIT to Defend Free Speech

On November 29, the Intl Woman's Day March & Rally Committee and the S.A. Free Speech Coalition filed a lawsuit against the City of San Antonio, challenging a new City ordinance that requires march organizers to pay thousands of dollars to march on the streets. Behind this lawsuit is a community of thousands who have

signed onto the Free Speech Coalition and are working to inform others about the City's violation of our basic rights, and to overturn this ordinance. WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Gather signatures
- Donate to the lawsuit fund
- Write a letter to the editor
- Join the Teatro Callejero committee
- Host a cafecito in your home
- Post info about the lawsuit on your website, MySpace, or blog
- Distribute signs & bumper stickers
- Come by the Esperanza to volunteer with phone calls, data entry & more [Click here to learn more about this issue.](#)

[Click here to join the S.A. Free Speech Coalition online.](#)

[Click here for a printable Coalition sign-up sheet.](#)

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

922 San Pedro Ave ☿ San Antonio TX 78212

(entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

210.228.0201

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TITLE: HOUSTON: HPJC calendar - important updates plus all events as of Sep *

UPDATES

Award-winning foreign affairs journalist Robert Fisk " Sunday, September 28

Rescheduled from last Sunday " same times, same place

Described by the New York Times as "probably one of the most famous foreign correspondents of Britain," he has had over thirty years of experience in international reporting in Belfast, Sarajevo, Beirut, and Baghdad. His understanding of journalism is "that it must challenge authority " all authority " especially when governments and politicians take us to war." He is considered the world's most decorated foreign correspondent, having received numerous awards including the British Press Award's International Journalist of the Year seven times. His publications include *The Point of No Return: the Strike Which Broke the British in Ulster*, *In the Time of War: Ireland, Ulster and the Price of Neutrality*, *Pity the Nation: Lebanon at War* and *The Great War for Civilization: the Conquest of the Middle East*. 3 p.m.: 'Don't Trust the Press: Why Intelligence Sources Are Not Good Enough;' 7 p.m.: 'The Lessons of History: Why We Should Not Have Invaded Iraq.' Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. For more information, call the Chapel, 713/524-9839.

Big rally for universal health care coverage " Saturday, October 4 from 4-6 p.m.

Please do your best to make this event a huge success. Meaningful change on this crucial issue must come from the grassroots. People with health care horror stories will be able to tell them on videotape for transmission to policy makers. Also a choir and other musical performances along with an important lineup of speakers. See details below at October 4.

HPJC's annual awards dinner " Friday, November 21

Save this date on your calendar and please, if you are with another organization, don't schedule a conflicting event. 2008 national honoree is the Center for Constitutional Rights. Founded in 1966 by attorneys who represented civil rights movements in the South, over the last four decades CCR has lent its expertise and support to virtually every popular movement for social justice. Its cases involving Guantanamo and Blackwater are making legal history. Representing CCR at the dinner will be staff attorney Katherine Gallagher, who is part of the team suing Blackwater on behalf of the families of two Iraqi men its mercenaries murdered. More details in later calendars.

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " September 24, 2008 issue

Submit your event notices to hpjc-calendar-owner@yahoo.com.

'Debris and Diaspora: Iraqi Culture Now' " Wednesday, September 24

Dr. Sinan Antoon, professor at New York University, will speak on this topic in the lecture series ' The Arab World: History, Politics, and Culture,' sponsored by the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy and the Department of History at Rice and the Arab-American Educational Foundation Lecture Endowment. A reception will follow the talk. 6:30 p.m. in the International Conference Facility at the Baker Institute. Paid self-parking is available at the Central Campus Garage. For complete location and parking details, go to http://bakerinstitute.org/contact_directions.cfm. For more information on the lecture series, please contact Ussama Makdisi at 713/348-2561, makdisi@rice.edu or visit <http://history.rice.edu/arabworld>.

'Free Trade and Ecology' " Wednesday, September 24

Alex Ross of Global Justice for Animals and the Environment will make this presentation. His group focuses on the devastating impact of 'free trade' on indigenous communities, animals, and the environment. It

helps organize grassroots activism opposing neo-liberal policies and the exploitation they promote. 8 p.m. at Sedition Books, 901 Richmond Ave. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/seditionbooks.

Protest of the tax money giveaway to Wall Street “ Thursday, September 25

TrueMajority.org, United for Peace and Justice, and several other national coalitions are organizing protests around the country against the Wall Street bailout proposed by the Bush Administration. Its proposal will give the Treasury Secretary Paulson complete authority to handout \$700 billion of our tax money to rescue his cronies (he's from investment bank Goldman Sachs) from their stupid greed. The only Houston-area rally your editor has gotten word about is from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at a home at 1825 Laurel Oaks, just behind Wharton County Jr. College & WalMart in Richmond, TX. Check at the following website tomorrow morning to see if any others have been

scheduled: http://truemajority.wiredforchange.com/o/8/t/107/event/search.jsp?distributed_event_KEY=5
Maquiladora worker speaker “ Thursday, September 25

Maria Guadalupe Vázquez Camacho was elected president of the Workers Coalition at Key Safety Systems (KSS) in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas México. For this reason she was fired on March 2008 despite almost 10 years seniority. Subsequently she filed a complaint against KSS. Martha Ojeda, founder of Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras, will facilitate the talk and translate. Sponsored by UH Students Against Sweatshops. 7 p.m. in Cullen Auditorium at University of Houston. For more information, contact the group, 832/771.7263, uofh.sas@gmail.com. Also visit <http://uhstudentsagainstsweatshops.wordpress.com/>

Dialogue: Racism “ Two consecutive Saturdays, September 27 and October 4

This is the fall offering of The Center for the Healing of Racism's renowned program. Dialogue:Racism provides a safe, respectful, and loving atmosphere for individuals to learn new information, share their experiences, ask questions to dispel their fears, get to know one another, and stop the separation. Among the topics offered in the two sessions are Defining various types of racism, How racism is perpetuated, Stereotypes and how they affect us, Cultural, internalized, and institutional Racism, and My next steps, finding allies. Extensive use of films. Free, but registration is required and donations are encouraged. 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both Saturdays in the sanctuary at Christ Church Presbyterian, 5001 Bellaire Blvd. at S. Rice Blvd. For more information and to register, call 713/520-8226 and leave the name(s) and phone number(s) of person(s) attending. Also visit www.centerhealingracism.org/

'Body of War' screening “ Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28

This documentary about the face of war today was made by UT Associate Professor Ellen Spiro and Phil Donahue. Meet Tomas Young, 25 years old, paralyzed from a bullet to his spine received after serving in Iraq for less than a week. 'Body of War' is Tomas' coming home story as he evolves into a new person, coming to terms with his disability and finding his own unique and passionate voice against the war. The film features two original songs by Eddie Vedder. Spiro will talk at the Saturday showing. 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at Aurora Theater, 800 Aurora St. For more information, including tickets and to view a trailer, visit www.aurorapictureshow.org.

Sedition Books' Anarchist Movie Night “ Sunday, September 28

'The Jena 6.' Narrated by Mumia Abu Jamal - this is the story of hidden racial inequality and violence becoming visible. It is a powerful symbol for, and example of, how racial justice works in America “ where the lynching noose has been replaced by the Judge's and the District Attorney's pens.

'Deserter' - This is about the journey of a deserting soldier and his young wife as they travel through the United States to seek refugee status across the Canadian border.

'The War of 33'

This film is an intimate, personal and powerful telling of the story of the 2006 war in Lebanon. A series of letters written by Hanady Salman - a mother living through the war in Beirut - carve a narrative arc through the intense and haunting images of conflict.

8 p.m. at Sedition Books, 901 Richmond Ave. (1 block east of Montrose). For more information, call 281/239-6754.

Environmental attorney Jim Blackburn “ Tuesday, September 30

With climate change promising massive ecological disruptions, Texas' pioneering environmental attorney will offer observations about living things, our connectedness to them and our need to take effective action soon. The talk is entitled 'A Spiritual Quest: Enough? Enough!' The concept of ENOUGH will be woven throughout the presentation. Blackburn will introduce the concept of CONNECTUALITY and its power to transform our thinking, perception, and will to act. Blackburn's 2001 address at the Rothko Chapel, "Place, Spirituality, Activism," was the inspiration for his subsequent *The Book of Texas Bays*. He has received the National Wildlife Federation's National Conservation Achievement Award and the Bob Eckhardt Coastal Lifetime Achievement Award from the General Land Office of the State of Texas. 7 p.m. at Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. For more information, call the Chapel, 713/524-9839.

Gene Green's town hall meeting on Fair Trade Act “ Wednesday, October 1

At last a trade bill (HR 6180, S 3083) has been filed in Congress that will increase, not undermine, global economic justice. On June 4, 2008, more than 50 Members of Congress, including Representatives Al Green (D-9) and Gene Green (D-29), introduced the TRADE Act (Trade Reform, Accountability, Development, and Employment). It lays out a framework for how we can turn our free trade policies into fair trade policies, and how we can create a more democratic, just approach to globalization. Specifically, the TRADE Act

*** Requires a review of existing trade pacts, including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and other major pacts.

*** Sets forth what must and must not be included in future trade pacts.

*** Provides for the renegotiation of existing trade agreements.

*** Describes the key elements of a new trade negotiating and approval mechanism to replace Fast Track that would enhance the role of Congress and the public in crafting trade agreements that can meet the needs of workers, family farmers, and the environment.

Rep. Green is holding this forum to secure understanding and grassroots support for the TRADE Act. 7 p.m. at Houston Community College System's Southeast College, 6815 Rustic Ave. That's right on I-45 south on the east side. Going south, take Woodbridge Rd. exit shortly before I-610 interchange and come back north on the service road to Rustic.

NOTE: Neither Sheila Jackson Lee nor Nick Lampson has signed onto this legislation. Call them about it.

Domestic violence awareness conference “ Friday, October 3 & Saturday October 4

Women Healing & Empowering Women (WHEW), which is putting on this conference, is a reentry program for formerly incarcerated women, and victims of domestic violence and homelessness. This is its annual Second Chance Conference, time to be part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Day 1 will be at SHAPE Community Center and U of H Central. Workshops will focus on sharing solutions to problems afflicting communities of color such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, Black/Brown relationships, homelessness, and the glorification of prison culture in Hip Hop, among others. Day 2 will be at Diverse Works and Willow Street Pump Station in downtown Houston, with the viewing of three films: 'Silence: In Search of Black Female Sexuality' by Mya B,

'Hip Hop: Beyond the Beats and Rhymes' by Byron Hurt, and 'NO! The Rape Documentary' by Aishah

Simmons. A panel discussion will follow with panelists Joyce Ann Brown. MASS, INC. who spent nine years in prison for a crime she didn't commit; Mya B., filmmaker and artist; Noah Rattler, activist for the homeless, and others.

Suggested donations for both days \$35 (students \$15) or one day \$20 (students \$10). However, no one will be turned away. For more information and to register, call 713/874-0525 or 713/726-1280, or visit www.whew-now.org.

Health Care for All Rally “ Saturday, October 4

Access to health care in the U.S. is appallingly expensive and unjust. Almost 50 million have no coverage (75% of the uninsured are citizens), and millions more are underinsured or have such high co-pays and limited coverage that they cannot afford to maintain their health properly. Medical bankruptcy is commonplace. Neither McCain nor Obama (nor Clinton) has embraced the only solution: universal single

payer coverage, or Medicare for Everyone (but with coverage for mental health, dentistry, and long-term care). This coverage is what the President and Congress have, thanks to our tax money. Until for-private insurance companies are removed from the system, there can be no justice. HR 676, now pending in Congress, will establish a single-payer system. Coalition of Working People and the Poor, a large coalition that includes, among others, the NAACP, Harris County AFL-CIO, CRECEN/America por Todas, and Houston Peace and Justice Center, has organized this rally along with Health Care for All Texas. Music, speakers, We need a massive turnout. 4 to 6 p.m. in front of Houston City Hall. For more information, contact Cathy Courtney, ckorrf@earthlink.net. For more on single payer, visit <http://www.hr676.org/>

Screening of Pilger's 'The War on Democracy' " Tuesday, October 7

Released in 2006, this was the first major film for the cinema by renowned journalist and documentary filmmaker John Pilger. Set in Latin America and the US, it explores the historic and current relationship of Washington with countries such as Venezuela, Bolivia and Chile. 6:30 p.m. in the Dominican Sisters meeting room, 6501 Almeda.

National Neighbors' Night Out " Tuesday, October 7

The October date is a change from the traditional August date. Texas got an exception from the national sponsor, National Association of Town Watch, because of the heat. Last year, more than 640 NNO events were identified throughout the Houston/Harris County area. This response from the citizens resulted in a fourth place National Night Out Award for cities with a +300,000 population. The 2008 event will be its 25th anniversary. The Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, and surrounding law enforcement agencies will once again sponsor. Events should be planned to take place between 6 and 9 p.m. For more information, contact Cathy, ckorrf@earthlink.net.

Peacemaker Fr. John Dear " Wednesday, October 22

Fr. Dear is a Jesuit priest, peace activist, organizer, lecturer, and author/editor of 20 books on peace and nonviolence, including Living Peace, published by Doubleday. He has been arrested more than 75 times and has spent more than a year of his life in jail. He has been mocked by armed U.S. soldiers standing outside his doors to his New Mexico parish. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize. Fr. Dear will read from his autobiography, A Persistent Peace, One Man's Struggle for a Nonviolent World. The reading will be followed by a conversation and book signing. 7 p.m. in Dominican Sisters Meeting Room, 6501 Almeda Rd. For more information, call 713/440-3714.

Eleanor Clift at the Progressive Forum " Wednesday, October 22

Get the insider's view just before the big election. Clift is a popular panelist on PBS's McLaughlin Group, Newsweek contributing editor, and a Fox News analyst. She'll also discuss what the last few years have meant to American history, as well as perspectives of a woman in male-dominated Washington. Her books include Madam President: Shattering the Last Ceiling; War Without Blood: The Art of Politics; and Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Politics. Brazos Bookstore will sell books, which Clift will sign books after the program. Ernie Manouse will introduce Clift. His locally-produced PBS show InnerVIEWS is aired in more than 80 cities and has been nominated for an Emmy. 7:30 p.m. in Cullen Theater of Wortham Center. For ticket information, see Progressive Forum entry above this Events section.

Greater Texas PeaceJam SLAM " Saturday, October 25

Headquartered nationally in Denver and locally at the UH Graduate College of Social Work, PeaceJam encourages high school youth to become lifelong peace activists through a curriculum and group projects. It culminates in the spring each year with a weekend gathering featuring a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The 77506 Youth Advisory Committee PeaceJam group is hosting the PeaceJam SLAM at Pasadena High School. The SLAM will reconnect PeaceJammers who attended the March 2008 PeaceJam Youth Conference with new participants. The theme for this one-day event is the PeaceJam Global Call to Action "Social Justice and Human Rights for All." An adult sponsor training will be offered on-site during the SLAM. Teachers in schools and congregations are encouraged to involve their students in this transformative activity. For registration details and event information please contact Jamie Parker at 713-743-8039 or pjam@central.uh.edu. You can also visit www.sw.uh.edu/peacejam for more information this event and PeaceJam generally.

John Pilger Retrospective: Forty Years of Documentary Films “November 1-4

This showing of selected documentaries by the internationally known and award-winning filmmaker and journalist will culminate in a film-lecture by Pilger on November 3 (see below). Note that the screenings occur at different venues over the course of the four days. Also, during October there will be multiple screenings around town from the Pilger archive of more than 60 films. Some of them are listed in THE REEL series described at the end of this EVENTS section, and one will take place September 11 (see above).

*** Saturday, November 1 at Rice Media Center (take Entrance 8 at Stockton off University):

6 p.m. YEAR ZERO (1979). Documents the devastating impact of the Indonesian Khmer Rouge armies' invasion of Cambodia, their overthrow by the neighboring Vietnamese, and the inaction of Western governments to help rebuild the country.

6:55 p.m. WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA (1999). With the run-up to the Sydney Olympics, Pilger and Alan Lowery take a look behind the curtain of hype and glamour. Australia's Aborigines are still excluded, impoverished and mistreated - while their p

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TITLE: MEXICO: ¡No a la autopista en medio del bosque!; maíz transgénico *

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From: Greenpeace México

¡Sómate a nuestro NO a la autopista! Como sabes, la construcción de la autopista Lerma-Tres Marías afectará al Gran Bosque de Agua. Esta vez alzamos la voz de manera legal, a través de una denuncia contra los funcionarios responsables de este acto que comprometerá el abasto de agua que llega a tu casa y que acelerará el crecimiento urbano en uno de los bosques de mayor importancia biológica del mundo. Haz valer tu voz al sumar tu nombre a esta denuncia. ¡Firma ahora y entérate aquí! Reconocen contaminación transgénica en Chihuahua. Luego de 10 meses de retraso, el Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria reconoció que sí existen cultivos contaminados con maíz transgénico en Chihuahua. Greenpeace pone en evidencia que el gobierno federal carece de medidas de bioseguridad y que actúa lentamente para impedir que aumente el riesgo de contaminación para el campo mexicano. La historia aquí.

Electrónicos tóxicos. Tu celular o computadora pueden ser altamente tóxicos. ¿Cómo saberlo? Greenpeace publicó recientemente el Ranking verde de electrónicos actualizado. Nokia lidera la lista como uno de los más verdes. ¿Quieres saber cuáles son los más tóxicos? Te sorprenderás...

Crea tu propia guña ecosexual. Apaga las luces, disfruta al máximo y al mismo tiempo contribuye desde la cama a mejorar el medioambiente. Nuestra guña ecosexual ha sido todo un éxito. Pero ¿te gustaría crear tu propio decálogo de sexo verde? Los mejores ideas serán publicadas. Envíalas a: greenpeace.mexico@greenpeace.org

Wallpapers. Enverdece tu pantalla con las fotografías de Greenpeace: las mejores imágenes de nuestras expediciones hasta tu PC.

Web cams. ¿Te gustaría saber qué caminos recorren nuestros barcos Esperanza y Arctic Sunrise? Echa un vistazo a las web cams de la flota verde que viajan por todo el mundo, cuidando el medio ambiente. Sigue nuestros viajes virtuales.

Fotos de septiembre. Una máscara antigua colocada a un toro; activistas que se descuelgan de un barco cargado de carbón; nativos de Nueva Guinea dan la bienvenida al Esperanza y una banda de rock sobrevuela la Amazonia... eso y más este mes en imágenes.

Océanos Energéticos
Agricultura sustentable Bosques

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TITLE: Chiapas Education Project: Galleria Zapatista *

Galleria Zapatista:

<http://zap-em.net/>

Hello Friends.

Please take the time to visit our friends in our Chiapas Education project. Our first Children of Chiapas delegation parted for San Cristobal de Las Casas, Chiapas Mexico on July 22nd. This year our delegation members Pancho, Yolie, Patty, Claudia & Nancy brought their beautiful and selfless efforts to the young women of Kinal.

The delegation took a brief interlude to visit beautiful archeological sites such as Bonampak, Tonina, Agua Azul, Mi-sol Ha, Lagos de Montebello & Yaxchilan.

On July 26th the delegation traveled back to San Cristobal de Las Casas to begin the work of the delegation. Kinal Antensik (Mayan for Land of Women) a women's empowerment center was the host of the delegation. Kinal has been working with indigenous and mestizo women throughout the state providing empowerment education and resource services to women and families.

Our delegation spent 5 days getting acquainted with the work of the center and learning all about the incredible work all of the women at Kinal. Kinal houses several projects among there are the women's cooperative Jolom Mayaetik (Mayan for Mayan Weavers) this cooperative helps indigenous women sell their beautiful art & crafts at a fair price. Jolom Mayetik currently work with over 350 women and helps hundreds of families by providing them with training and the tools to sustain themselves. Kinal is also the host of a young women's education project.

The Children of Chiapas Foundation has been a proud supporter of the education project for over two years. The project currently sponsors 9 young women 4 of them recently joined the project. These amazing young women come from throughout the state in search of an opportunity to continue their education past the 6th grade. These young women lack the opportunities to make their dream of higher education a reality.

The Children of Chiapas Foundation had the opportunity to visit with the young women and learn more about their communities. During the delegation we brought school supplies, medical equipment, resources and monetary donations. All made possible with your support! COC also hosted workshops on health & diabetes screenings, physicals, sexual

assault, domestic violence and human trafficking prevention.

We would like to share our experience with all of you in the hopes that you will be inspired by these incredible young women. The images will hopefully give you an idea of the challenges these young women face and how Kinal is making their hopes for higher education come true. After our amazing experience we are committed to continue to support the efforts of the women of Kinal and we hope you will join us.

We are currently planning a second delegation to travel back to Chiapas in July of 2009. Our goal is to bring with us another medical delegation, dental & vision resources and financial support. It is our sincere hope you will consider joining our delegation next year!

In the mean time we invite to support us by learning more about the project to these images we brought back to share with all you. The images depict the way of life for many of these girls in their community (San Jose a community located in Marques de Comillas. This community experiences faces many challenges and the resources are scarce)

We also hope that you will consider making a tax deductible donation through paypal or by mailing your check to:
Children of Chiapas Foundation at 8439 Drayer Lane, Rosemead Ca, 91770.

Thank you for your support!

You can see video clips and pictures on our blog at :
[http:// childrenofchiapasfoundation2.blogspot.com/](http://childrenofchiapasfoundation2.blogspot.com/)

Submitted by Rocio from The Centro de Accion Popular

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...nuestra idea es llamar a quienes son como nosotros y unirnos a ellos, en todas partes donde viven y luchan...

" Sexta Declaraci3n de la Selva Lacandona

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From: Erik Carlos Toren

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Open Dialog on Education at our NEW LOCATION *

Peace to the community at large,

We invite all those interested in Alternative Educational opportunities to join us this Saturday for the Open Dialog on Education. Our new location is at 1525 East 32nd 1/2 St, Houston 77022 near Airline & 610. We welcome unschoolers, homeschoolers, those seeking a less institutionalized education for their children and those interested in interning or volunteering skills and time. For more information on the school in general, please visit our website at www.therealschoolhouston.org or call us at 832.767.0404. You may also call Raj Pickens 713.385.2428 or Krenie Stowe 713.201.6704 for more info. The Dialog begins at 2pm so we look forward to more community building.

In Solidarity,

The Real School aka Dragon Valley

"Free children are not easily influenced; the absence of fear accounts for this phenomenon. Indeed, the absence of fear is the finest thing that can happen to a child." ~ A. S. Neill (author of Summerhill)

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TITLE: ARTICLE: The Financial Crisis: A View from the Left *

The Financial Crisis: A View from the Left

<<http://mrzine.monthlyreview.org/labotz240908.html>>

by Dan La Botz

Faced with the failure of the financial sector and the possible collapse of the economic system, Republicans and Democrats are working together feverishly to come up with a plan and find the funds to save the American financial system. The Congress that has been unable to provide adequate funding to health, education, housing, public transportation, social welfare, and environmental programs has suddenly found billions of dollars to save the banks and insurance companies. When the crisis was ours, they had had no money and no answers. When the crisis is theirs, they find both the funds and a plan.

The bankers and financiers, who fought for deregulation arguing that the free market would regulate itself, now call for government intervention to save the market from collapse. The Republicans, who have argued against virtually any social control or social distribution of wealth, have suddenly become advocates of socialization: the socialization of the economic crisis. The American people who have seen their standard of living stagnate and then decline while the banks and corporations enriched themselves are now expected to absorb the cost of the bankers' failures and losses.

Those who for years fought a national public health program for our citizens as socialism, now call for socialism for the financiers. While factories and jobs could not be saved, while homes and health care insurance were lost, the banks must now be saved. When the economy prospered the notion of sharing the abundance was unthinkable, but when the economy fails the idea of sharing the losses and the debt with the people becomes the solution.

Their Solution: State Capitalism

The financial crisis, the most serious since the Great Depression, has led the George W. Bush administration to propose measures that would suddenly transform the American economy -- and least temporarily -- into a kind of authoritarian state capitalism. To prevent the collapse of the American financial system, and the paralysis of the entire economy, the Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke propose that Congress spend hundreds of billions of dollars, though the cost might go as high as three trillion dollars, to buy up mortgages, other securities, and virtually any financial instrument that's in trouble. While the funds to carry out this operation immediately will come from lenders in China, Japan, Europe, and the

Middle East, American taxpayers will ultimately have to pay for this rescue.

The result of the bailout would be that the government would virtually control many of the largest financial institutions in the country. The U.S. government and the banks of the country would suddenly be fused -- or perhaps entangled would be a better word -- into one extremely powerful political-economic entity. While the proposal does not envision state control of the economy as a long-term proposition, merely long enough to save the bankers, still the impact of the current proposals now being debated in Congress will be far-reaching. The American government and the people have suddenly found themselves at a turning point which was not foreseen and for which no one was prepared.

The implications of all of this cannot be predicted, though the possibilities can be explored and evaluated. We ask here: Why have the financial institutions such as Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Lehman Brothers, and American International Group (AIG) suddenly failed? Why is the economy on the verge of collapse? What options have been proposed? What role can the radical, democratic, socialist left play in responding to this crisis? What do we propose to put in the place of the existing system?

Mortgage Madness

As we are now only too well aware, banks made many bad loans to home buyers, loans that were subsequently bundled together and sold off to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac which in turn marketed them as mortgage-backed securities, guaranteeing both the principal and the interest. The growing awareness that the mortgages and securities lacked the capital to back them up threatened a creditors' run for their money that sparked the current financial crisis. It is those insecure instruments that the American government will now acquire. Or as /New York Times /columnist Paul Krugman put it in his column, "Cash for Trash." <<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/22/opinion/22krugman.html>>

The mortgage paper, however, formed only one wing of a much larger house of cards that had arisen in the last couple of decades as financiers created new, almost entirely unregulated instruments called derivatives. While derivatives such as such options and futures (gambling on the future value of a stock or a commodity) have been part of the capitalist financial system virtually since its inception, other derivatives, such as credit default swaps, were more recent creations. Essentially a form of insurance against the failure of an investment arrived at by private contract and unregulated by the government, swaps were an attempt to hedge against the very nature of competitive capitalism. These swaps now amount to more than \$60 trillion.

The Derivative Disaster

The derivatives -- futures and forwards, caps and collars, options and swaps -- were all derived from the performance of some ever more distant asset. Financiers invested and speculated in these instruments both in order to skim off the value of the assets and to protect themselves from risk. All of this trading was highly leveraged, which is to say that collateral in actual assets was far, far less than the supposed value of the derivatives. A series of failures related to these derivative markets signaled a warning: the bankruptcy of Orange County in 1998 and of Long-Term Capital Management in 2000, the collapse of Amaranth Advisors in 2006, and the \$7.2 billion dollar loss by SociÉT@tÃ© GÃ©nÉ©ral in early 2008. Now the entire complex and fragile system of derivatives threatens to disintegrate.

The U.S. government deregulated the banking industry leaving many of these transactions unregulated while in other areas it reduced the amount of collateral that financial firms were obligated to hold. At the same time, an international derivative market developed, meaning that the increasingly insecure investments became part of the fabric of global financial transactions. Consequently, the crisis in mortgages and mortgage-backed securities and the possible collapse of the American financial market threatens to become a world economic crisis. With American capitalism teetering on the brink of the Second Great Depression, the theory of the self-regulating free market is dead for both conservatives and liberals.

The Failure of the Second American Century

The financial crisis rests upon a much deeper and broader crisis of American capitalism. While the linkages between one aspect of this and another can only be sketched here, the financial crisis is inseparable from several developments which have undermined the overall strength of the U.S. economy.

First of all is the cost of the Iraq War, which has cost more than a \$1 trillion while the Bush administration and the U.S. Congress refused to raise taxes to pay for it. Bush is now asking Congress to raise the U.S. debt ceiling to \$11.3 trillion dollars, or 79 percent of our \$14.3 billion GDP, the highest since World War II. Some 24 percent of that debt is owed to foreign banks. China holds about \$500 billion and Japan about \$600 billion in U.S. treasuries. Saudi Arabia, Russia, and Brazil are also large U.S. creditors. The value of the dollar, however, is falling and threatens to cost U.S. creditors a lot of money, making it likely that they will invest their money elsewhere. That would mean a rise in the cost of credit in the United States, making business and government more expensive.

Second, the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, which were intended to solidify the dominance of the United States for a second American Century, have failed. If the U.S. commanded the Middle East and Central Asia, it would have had its hand on the petroleum spigot giving it a

tremendous advantage over Europe, Japan, and China. But the wars have dragged on for years and the United States has failed to impose its will in Iraq, and is mired in a mess in Afghanistan, and has been impelled by its failure there to expand the conflict into Pakistan. Consequently none of the geopolitical and petroleum benefits have materialized. Though it may not immediately be apparent, the failure of the U.S. in these wars means effectively the failure of a U.S.-dominated world empire. It also means the opening of a new era of world imperialism as the great powers and near-great powers struggle to dominate the world market and global politics through economic might, political intervention, diplomacy, and war.

Petroleum Problems

Third, all of this has been taking place as world petroleum resources dwindled and refining capacity became a problematic bottleneck leading to a rise in fuel prices that dramatically impacts the real economy. Not only the obvious sectors like airlines and truckers or plastics and chemical manufacturers, but every aspect of American and world business has been affected. The fuel costs for ships that carry the containers in which world commerce moves have risen to levels that begin to inhibit trade.

Global Expansion -- National Decay

Finally, the globalization of the world economy, including world production, has meant a complete transformation of American society. The system of industrial production, labor union contracts, social welfare, and consumerism as well as the corporations, communities, and broader society of the United States have been altered in ways that make the country today virtually unrecognizable to someone who grew up in the 1960s or 1970s. Education, health, housing, and social welfare have all failed to keep pace with the demands of the contemporary global economy. Or put differently, the U.S. has competed by degrading resources committed to education, health, housing and social welfare which made it immediately more competitive while simultaneously and grotesquely corroding the foundations of our society, and probably also its ultimate competitiveness, not to mention the degradation of our humanity. The disjuncture between world economic expansion and the decay of the national physical and social infrastructure represents an obstacle to American economic supremacy.

China, India, and Brazil, the three largest developing economies, wrestle with the same issue of the disjuncture between national development and insertion in the international economy, but from the point of view of their ascending economies. Europe and Japan -- after passing through serious problems in the 1980s -- have done better in maintaining equilibrium between world economic developments and their national economies, but all nations face the same problem of finding some position of social poise in a world of international competition.

No industrialized nation has done as poorly in dealing with these issues as the United States where official statistics put poverty at 12 percent and other estimates at double that.

The Plan for Salvation

President Bush and Treasury Secretary Paulson have proposed a plan that would simply have the U.S. government rescue the bankers by taking off their hands the devalued assets that they hold at a cost of \$700 billion. With the U.S. government taking out the trash, the bankers would have a clean house, prepared once again to make loans and finance business. The Bush plan would give the Treasury Secretary the power to hire Wall Street firms or executives to manage the newly acquired assets; if done by private firms, they would make millions as government managers. Virtually no other details of the plan have been developed and made public.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi indicated that while the Democrats support the general thrust of the Republican plan, they will also call for Congressional oversight, for assistance to distressed homeowners, and for limits on compensation to corporate executives employed to manage the plan. According to the /New York Times <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/23/business/23paulson.html>>, ". . . Democrats said they planned to consider the bailout proposal separately from an economic recovery program that would include new public works spending, aid to states and added unemployment and food-stamp benefits." Virtually no one in business, government, or the media expresses any confidence that this broad plan will work.

Both presidential candidates, John McCain and Barack Obama, support the Paulson plan with reservations, calling for more oversight. Everyone understands that with a new administration there will have to be a re-regulation of the economy, though on exactly what terms is unclear. McCain would no doubt prefer minimal government oversight and Obama more regulatory action, yet neither candidate has developed a plan that derives from the needs of the American people.

Why the Plan Will Fail

The Paulson plan by itself will fail because it seeks only to restart the economy on the same basis, with all of the problems already touched on above. Everyone recognizes that the plan itself is not enough, but McCain's proposal of mere oversight ignores the reality of the economic disaster that has befallen us and the capitalists' need for intervention, while Obama's economic program is too moderate and too modest to have much impact on a disaster of this scope.

Even if the Paulson plan passes, the next administration will face a continued unraveling of the financial system, the persistence of recession, and the broader issues which derive from both the decline of

the United States as a world power and the coming end of the petroleum-based economy, and, we should also note, the environmental crisis. What is needed is not a program aimed to save the bankers and the capitalist system, but one which begins with what we so often erroneously call the American middle class, but would be better called working people, and with the working poor, the casual laborers, and the just plain poor.

We need at once a moratorium on foreclosures, an end to adjustable rate mortgages, renegotiation of 30- and 40-year mortgages and creation of a financial program to aid struggling homeowners. We must tax the banks, insurance companies, and corporations which have profited in the course of creating the financial crisis and make them pay the costs of reconstruction of the financial system, a new system. We need to create affordable and attractive public housing to meet the needs of those who now struggle to pay market rents. We must re-regulate the financial sector and create state and social credit agencies. Still, all of this will only be a bridge over troubled waters, and we may cross the bridge only to find a rising tide on the other side.

A Socialist Alternative

The socialist alternative begins with the understanding that the economic crisis provides an opportunity to rethink and then to redo our economy and our society. While we oppose the efforts to save the capitalist system, we need to demand programs to support its victims. If we are going to spend billions and trillions of dollars to revamp the economy, then it should not be to save the bankers, financiers, and speculators who have brought us to ruin, but rather to keep people in their homes, to find them jobs, and to win them health insurance. If the government is to own things, then it should own not only financial institutions, but also productive industries and construction companies so that we might build a national rail system. If the government owns things, then we should have a national plan for the economy, elaborated through democratic institutions.

To create such a system of democratic socialism which represents the human alternative to an economic crisis suggests a political struggle, which means the building of a new political party to the left of the Democrats. To build such a party that can fight to change the direction of society and build a democratic and socialist alternative will require new social movements larger and more powerful than the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s or even the militant labor movement of the 1930s. Acorn

<http://www.acorn.org/index.php?id=12439&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=22329&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=12387&cHash=aac01eafd3>,

national network of community organization that focuses on housing issues, called demonstrations around the country saying save homeowners, not bankers. Such demonstrations represent an important beginning of building such a movement.

Everything, however, starts with rejecting the idea that we should save capitalism or reform capitalism. It begins by putting human beings rather than banks at the center of our economic thinking to build a socialist society.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: AUGUST EVENING opens - Oct 10-12 *

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2008 Independent Spirit Award winner AUGUST EVENING finally comes home to Texas! AUGUST EVENING has been critically acclaimed as an important contribution of artistic excellence in filmmaking, as a distinguished bicultural and bilingual narrative, and as one of few films that authentically represents its region and subject matter. Directed and produced by Austinites Chris Eska and Jason Wehling, AUGUST EVENING is a perfect example of the creative and independent spirit of Austin's film scene.

AUGUST EVENING

Written, Directed and Edited by Chris Eska

Executive Produced by Moctezuma Esparza

USA / 2007/ In English and Spanish with subtitles

Cast: Pedro Castañeda, Veronica Loren, Abel Becerra, Walter Perez, Sandra Rios, Raquel Gavia, Cesar Flores, Grisel Rodriguez

AUGUST EVENING follows an aging undocumented worker, Jaime, and his young widowed daughter-in-law, Lupe, as their lives are thrown into upheaval. Lupe is more of a daughter to Jaime than his own children, and the two try to stick together... but change is inevitable.

Filmed on location in rural south Texas, AUGUST EVENING is inspired by naturalistic 1950's world cinema and is set in a world of humming cicadas, chicken farms, ethereal music, gentle glances, and rustling leaves.

Eska calls his film "a love letter to San Antonio and my hometown of Gonzales."

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With the Support AUGUST EVENING Campaign

In the tradition of grassroots film campaigns for U.S. Latino films produced outside the Hollywood studio system, we invite organizations, businesses and individuals to join our efforts to support AUGUST EVENING in order to keep the film on screens as long as possible by buying out screenings. Please contact support.augustevening@gmail.com for information about buying group tickets of 125 or more for specific showtimes on October 10th, 11th or 12th.

AWARDS AND NEWS

AUGUST EVENING won the Best Film Award at the prestigious 2007 Los Angeles Film Festival. The jury also awarded the Best Ensemble Acting Award to the cast. The film has won numerous awards since, including the Cassavetes Award for Best Film at the 2008 Independent Spirit Awards. An Independent Spirit Award nomination went to Pedro Castañeda for Best Actor alongside co-nominees Philip Seymour Hoffman, Don Cheadle, Frank Langella, and Tony Leung. This was Castaneda's debut acting role!

Immediately following its premiere screening at LAFF, Maya Entertainment picked up the film for theatrical release. Maya Entertainment, created by legendary producer Moctesuma Esparza (THE BALLAD OF GREGORIO CORTEZ, SELENA, WALKOUT) is the only production/distribution/exhibition entity in the United States, dedicated to the U.S. Latino Market.

THANK YOU

The 'Support AUGUST EVENING Campaign' in Austin wishes to thank the following: Austin Film Society, Mexican American Cultural Center, Arts + Labor, Texas Folklife Resources, United States Hispanic Contractors Association, The Spanish and Portuguese Department at UT Austin, Center for Mexican-American Studies at UT Austin, Mayor Pro Tem Brewster McCracken and staff, Senator Kirk Watson and staff, the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, HOWTO, SXSW, Sertodo Copper, Media Diversity Council, Manuel's Great Hills, Sazán Restaurant, Maneja Beto, Adriana Gonzalez, Danny Ramos, Ceci Norman, Jennifer Salazar, Sebastian Puente, Hans Martin Liebing, Carl Webb.

REVIEWS

"¡ Chris Eska's accomplished debut feature provides a welcome throwback to a time when American independent movies were something more than "calling cards" for their makers to leave at the doors of the Hollywood studios."

" Scott Foundas, LA WEEKLY

"¡ one of the most memorable films to dramatize the painful experiences of families trying to find their place in a not always hospitable land."

" Stephen Farber, HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

"perfectly honed, naturalistic acting and visual lyricism"

" Stephen Farber, HOLLYWOOD REPORTER

"¡ a delicately drawn portrait of an American family."

" Maggie MacKay, FILM INDEPENDENT

"Castaneda (gives) one of the most lustrously lived-in performances I have ever seen on the screen."

- Andrew Sarris, NEW YORK OBSERVER

"truly independent gem"

- Joshua Land, TIME OUT NEW YORK

"In moments where tumultuous thoughts and feelings hang heavy in the silent air, Eska captures both the uneasiness of immigrant (and, more generally, unmoored) life, as well as the hard-won joy of love and renewal."

" Nick Schager, SLANT

"Castaneda, a nonprofessional actor who runs a towing company in San Antonio, gives a towering, Robert Duvall-style performance"

-Andrew O'Hehir, SALON

"The filmmaker of August Evening creates a succession of quiet, elliptical scenes that accrue into an affecting big picture of family ties and immigrant experience." - Lisa Schwartzbaum, ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY

"JUDGING by the lovely "August Evening," writer/ director/editor Chris Eska's first feature, his name is worth remembering!

-V.A. Musetto, NEW YORK POST

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TITLE: ARTICLE: UT Working Group Alleges Texas/Mexico Border Wall Violates *

UT Working Group Alleges Texas/Mexico Border Wall Violates Human Rights

A multi-disciplinary working group of faculty and students at the University of Texas at Austin claimed on Friday, June 13, 2008, that human rights are being violated by the United States through construction of a wall on the Texas/Mexico border. The working group submitted a series of briefing papers to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (the "Commission"), an inter-governmental body of the Organization of American States ("OAS") composed of seven independent experts. The Commission's mandate is to examine and monitor compliance by member States of the OAS, including the United States, with human rights obligations established in international law.

The full text of the briefing papers are available at:

<http://www.utexas.edu/law/academics/centers/humanrights/publications/>

"The planned wall along the Texas/Mexico border has not only engendered widespread opposition while remaining ineffective in fulfilling the United States government's immigration control and anti-terrorism objectives, it also violates international human rights law," said Denise Gilman, one of the members of the working group and a clinical professor at the University of Texas School of Law.

The working group has analyzed and documented a series of human rights violations taking place as a result of plans to construct segments of wall along the Texas/Mexico border. They include:

1. Violations of the right to property and equal protection guaranteed under international human rights law. The United States is taking property to build the wall in an arbitrary and unjustified manner without properly considering other alternatives for controlling the border. In addition, the U. S. government has not explained its unequal treatment of property owners on the border. Numerous small landowners will lose property to the wall while more lucrative developed properties are not included in the wall's path. Based on a statistical analysis of demographic factors, Dr. Jeff Wilson, assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry and Environmental Sciences at The University of Texas at Brownsville, concluded that: "The border wall and the necessary taking of property resulting from its construction will disproportionately impact poor Latino immigrant families."
2. Severe degradation of the environment and violations of the government's human rights obligation to consider harm to the environment when undertaking public projects. In its construction of the border wall, the U.S. government is bypassing numerous domestic laws designed to protect the environment and the people who utilize and enjoy it. The negative impact of the wall on important and scarce natural resources, including the ocelot, jaguarundi and other wildlife populations, will be severe. The environmental degradation will cause significant harm to the residents of the Texas/Mexico border area who have traditionally held an important connection to the Rio Grande River and wildlife of the border area.
3. Violations of the rights of indigenous communities protected under international human rights law. The wall will directly impact the lands of the Lipan Apache, Kickapoo and Tigua (Ysleta del Sur) indigenous communities living along the Texas/Mexico border. Yet, the U.S. government is planning to take portions of these lands to construct the wall without engaging in meaningful consultations with members of the indigenous communities.

Given the gravity of the human rights situation created by the construction of a wall on the Texas/Mexico border, the working group is requesting that the Commission immediately consider the issue during its July 2008 period of sessions and initiate an investigation. The working group has further requested that the Commission hold a general hearing on the Texas/Mexico border wall during its October 2008 period of sessions.

"While it is a shame that we must go before an international body to address the actions of the United States on its own border, I'm pleased that this crucial human rights perspective on the wall will be brought to bear and I am hopeful that the United States will reverse its course of action," stated Margo Tamez, a

member of the Lipan Apache community who has been an outspoken opponent of the wall, which will run through land that has been in her family's possession for more than two centuries.

The Working Group on Human Rights and the Border Wall is a multi-disciplinary collective of faculty and students at the University of Texas at Austin, which has gathered to analyze the human rights impact of the construction of a border wall on the Texas/Mexico border. This project is facilitated through the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice at the University of Texas School of Law and is supported by the University of Texas Office of Thematic Initiatives and Community Engagement. The Working Group on Human Rights and the Border Wall includes faculty and students from the UT Geography Department, the UT Anthropology Department, the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies and the UT Law School's Immigration Clinic, Environmental Clinic and Rapoport Center. The Working Group is collaborating with affected individual property owners, indigenous communities, environmental groups, Environmental Sciences faculty at the University of Texas at Brownsville and other academics and advocates in carrying out work on this project. In May 2008, a delegation of the Working Group traveled to the Rio Grande Valley area of the Texas/Mexico border to conduct fact finding regarding the impact of the border wall on human rights and to speak with individuals affected by the construction of the wall.

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TITLE: VIDEO: El Paso Protest Walk, and San Felipe de Jesus service *

Video links to San Felipe de Jesus service (this time with legible subtitles), and to Day 3 of the El Paso Valley wall protest.

San Felipe de Jesus sevice: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUuj4cT1ZGk>

Day 3 at El Paso: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kQ_RYt5BZM

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Railroading Immigrants *

By David Bacon

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TUCSON, AZ (9-17-08) -- A special Federal District court convenes every day at one PM in Tucson. All the benches, even the jury box, are filled with young people whose dark brown skin, black hair and indigenous features are common in a hundred tiny towns in Oaxaca or Guatemala. Their jeans, tee shirts and cheap tennis shoes show the dirt and wear from the long trek through north Mexico, three days walking across the desert, and nights sleeping at the immigration detention center on the Davis Monthan Air Base.

Presiding over one court session in June, Judge Jennifer Guerin called these defendants before her in groups of eight. They walked up in tiny waddling steps, heavy chains binding their ankles and wrists to their waists. Judge Guerin recited a litany of questions, translated into Spanish through headphones. "You've been charged with illegal entry, a criminal offense...at trial you would have the subpoena power of the court...you have certain rights," she intones. At the end she asks anyone who doesn't understand to stand up. No one does. She asks if they plead guilty. After a moment in which her question is translated, seventy voices mumble "Si."

Leaving the courtroom a young woman stumbles, eyes streaked with tears. A public defender tells the judge her feet are covered with blisters from walking through the wilderness. A boy looking no older than 13 or 14 searches the room with his eyes as he's led away, perhaps seeking a friend or relative. No one seems older than 30, and most are much younger. They are today's border crossers - the mostly-indigenous youth of southern Mexico and Central America.

They all plead guilty to a Federal criminal charge. Sentences run from time served to six months in a Federal lockup run by Corrections Corporation of America.

According to the Spanish news agency EFE, this new court process, dubbed Operation Streamline, convicted 5187 migrants from January 14 to June 10 of this year. Isabel Garcia, who heads Derechos Humanos, a leading immigrant rights organization in southern Arizona, says the current daily quota of 70 chained defendants will soon be raised to 100 - 50 tried on one shift, and 50 on another. Twenty-one new federal prosecutors will handle the surge, with CCA detention facilities to house it.

A new bureaucracy is growing rapidly, thanks to drastic changes in immigration enforcement. In past decades, migrants were treated very differently when caught without papers. They were allowed to leave voluntarily, or deported after being found guilty of an administrative infraction, the equivalent of a parking ticket.

Today's migrants have become criminals. The features pioneered in Tucson's courtroom - serious Federal criminal charges, mass trials of defendants in chains, and incarceration - are becoming standard features of immigration raids from Postville, Iowa, to Los Angeles, California. State laws now supplement Federal statutes, and Federal, state and local authorities cooperate closely to bring a large variety of criminal charges against migrants.

Working without papers has become the most serious crime of all. The vast increase in workplace raids under the Bush administration, however, is motivated by more than a zeal for enforcing the law, or even placating the nativist wing of the Republican Party. Enforcement is part of a pressure campaign designed to win passage of immigration reform centered on guest worker programs.

In November, 2006, 1282 workers were detained by hundreds of heavily armed ICE agents in military garb at six Swift and Co. packinghouses. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff then told reporters that

raids would show Congress the need for "stronger border security, effective interior enforcement and a temporary-worker program." Bush wants, he said, "a program that would allow businesses that need foreign workers, because they can't otherwise satisfy their labor needs, to be able to get those workers in a regulated program."

This spring, in a New York Times interview, Chertoff elaborated: "We are not going to be able to satisfy the American people on a legal temporary worker program until they are convinced that we will have a stick as well as a carrot." His carrot is the prospect of massive contract labor programs for business. The sticks are the chains in the Tucson courtroom.

According to Garcia, each day's defendants are less than 10 percent of those picked up on the Arizona border. "They're making an example of them to create a climate of fear," she charges. "We are a laboratory. The model they're developing in Arizona is coming everywhere."

Garcia's warnings have made her a target of rightwing talk radio hosts, who routinely urge listeners to call the county executive to get her fired from her job as a public defender. But in Postville, Iowa, where Tucson's assembly-line justice was transplanted virtually intact, her warning was accurate.

On May 12 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents swooped down on workers at the Agriprocessors meatpacking plant. Twenty minutes after the shift started, Maria Rosala Mejia Marroquin saw people running past the line where she stood cutting up chicken breasts, shouting that the migra was in the plant. She ran too, and in a dark warehouse tried to squeeze between huge boxes. "Men came in with flashlights. One pointed a gun in my face, shouting 'No one will escape!'" she remembered. When she was interrogated, she told agents she had a daughter in childcare, but lied to keep them from knowing where the babysitter lived, fearing she'd be picked up as well. Agents finally strapped an electronic monitoring device onto her ankle, telling her she had to wait for a hearing.

Her brother Luz Eduardo was taken with 388 others to the National Cattle Congress, a livestock showground in Waterloo, two hours away. In a makeshift courtroom they went in chains before a judge who'd helped prosecutors design Tucson-style plea agreements five months before the raid even took place. In order to get a job at Agriprocessors, workers had given the company Social Security numbers that were either invented, or belonged to someone else. The judge and prosecutor told workers they'd be charged with aggravated identity theft, which carries a two-year prison jolt, and held without bail. If they pleaded guilty to misusing a Social Security number, however, they would serve just five months, and be deported immediately afterwards.

"They told [my brother] if he signed the papers they'd deport him, but it was a lie," Mejia says. "He didn't know he was agreeing to criminal charges, and now he's been in prison in Kansas for months." Translation into Spanish was provided, but according to Elida Tuchan, who was also arrested, about half the detainees speak only Cachiuel, an indigenous language from San Miguel Dueñas, their Guatemalan hometown. "They felt terrorized, that everything was against them. They didn't understand anything about the process or their rights."

To the workers, deportation became desirable. Anacleta Tajtaj was also braceleted, while her husband was deported and three brothers went to prison. "Our family in Guatemala was eating because of us. Now they'll go hungry," she lamented. It cost them each 33,000 quetzales (about \$4000) to get to the U.S., a huge sum in San Miguel Dueñas, requiring them to mortgage homes and farms. "Now we just want to go back. Everything here is a crime - all the normal things like working." Tajtaj and the other women can't go home yet, however. Three months after the raid they didn't even have dates for their first hearing.

"They can't work, they have no way to pay rent or buy food, their husbands or brothers are in prison or deported, and they're being held up to ostracism in this tiny town," says Luz Maria Hernandez, who heads the support network for 48 braceleted women at Postville's St. Bridget's Catholic Church. "This is a form of psychological punishment."

Ostracism has become a common element of workplace raids. Women released for so-called humanitarian reasons to care for children become isolated and dependent on friends and relatives. In Los Angeles,, women braceleted after a raid at the Micro Solutions electronics plant on February 7 were shunned by their

own roommates, who left them and their children facing eviction. A challenge by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles finally won removal of the bracelets after three months, but the support network of immigrant rights groups is not as strong in northern Iowa.

Workplace raids are sweeping the country. According to Secretary Chertoff, "arrests in worksite cases have jumped from a total of 850 in 2004 to 4,940 last year, including 863 arrests based on criminal charges." From January 1 to May 31, 2008 alone, ICE had arrested 3000 people for immigration violations, and 875 more on criminal charges.

In June among those arrested were 160 workers at Action Rags in Houston, 32 farm workers for Boss 4 Packing in Heber, California, and nine workers at water parks in Arizona. In May "cops and guns and badges and everything" were used to detain 16 workers at San Diego's French Gourmet bakery, according to Rod Coon, company vice-president. The same month, 25 construction laborers were picked up in Florida working on the Lee County Jail. April saw raids detaining 28 landscapers in El Paso, 24 construction workers in Little Rock, 63 taco makers at El Balazo restaurants in the San Francisco Bay area, 22 restaurant workers on Maui, 33 laborers on the federal courthouse project in Richmond, Virginia, 20 workers at Shipley's Do-Nuts in Texas, and 45 workers at a Mexican restaurant chain in several states.

This two-month snapshot is an incomplete count of smaller worksite enforcement actions, which go on constantly, along with frequent raids on street-corner day laborers. But in addition to Postville, large raids have also become much more frequent.

Worksite enforcement, in turn, is used to dramatize Bush reform proposals that come from some of the country's largest corporations. In 1999 a group of corporate trade associations, in industries employing large numbers of immigrant workers, formed the Essential Worker Immigration Coalition because U.S. industry, it said, faced a huge labor shortage. "Part of the solution," EWIC announced, "involves allowing companies to hire foreign workers to fill the essential worker shortages."

The group, headed by the US Chamber of Commerce, includes the American Meat Institute, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (Wal Mart, among others), the National Council of Chain Restaurants, and other industry associations. While EWIC doesn't contribute money directly to political campaigns, any politician its lobbyists visit know EWIC member industries give plenty. In the 2000 election cycle, for instance, the meat processing industry gave \$1,292,877 -- \$145,520 to Democrats and \$1,143,107 to Republicans. So far in 2008, the restaurant industry has already given \$7,361,945 (\$2,918,797 / \$4,427,704).

In an August 2001 letter to Bush, EWIC argued for "a temporary worker framework that provides a role for such workers whose labor is needed in the US." A 2002 Cato Institute report, authored by Daniel T. Griswold, said "the experience of the bracero program demonstrates that workers prefer the legal channel." A huge temporary visa program "should be created that would allow Mexican nationals to remain in the United States to work for a limited period." EWIC and its member associations immediately greeted the report. The National Restaurant Association warned that restaurants faced "a worker shortage of 1.5 million jobs," and said the plan "would give employers greater opportunities to fill these jobs."

The Bush administration issued its own proposals a year and a half later, and they were identical to those in the report. Cato's ties to the media helped guest worker proposals achieve greater legitimacy. When the Institute asserted that industries face a tremendous labor shortage, rather than a corporate unwillingness to pay higher wages to attract workers, much of the media treated it as fact. Cato and EWIC members shared an aversion to minimum wages. Rob Rosado, director of legislative affairs for the American Meat Institute, said "We don't want the government setting wages [in guest worker programs.] The market determines wages."

EWIC's ideas were embraced by Democrats as well as Republicans. The McCain/Kennedy, Hegel/Martinez and STRIVE bills all shared a similar architecture. They established large guest worker programs, allowing corporations and contractors to recruit hundreds of thousands of workers a year outside the country, on temporary visas that would force them to leave if they became unemployed. To force workers to come only as guest workers, and to stay in the program once they were in the U.S., the bills all mandated a tighter

border to make crossing without papers more difficult, and beefed-up employer sanctions to make it impossible to hold a job without a guest worker visa.

In the bracero program of the 1950s and early 1960s, many workers simply remained in the U.S., working under the table until they found a way to get a permanent visa. Many workers in current guest worker programs also stay in the country as undocumented immigrants, even though getting permanent status has become almost impossible. The enforcement provisions sought to cut off that option.

"Enforcement is not an issue you can separate from guest worker programs," says Mary Bauer, director of the Immigrant Justice Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center. An SPLC report, *Close to Slavery*, documents extensive abuse of workers in current programs, and the benefit to employers of a workforce with few rights, whose vulnerable status makes organizing to raise wages difficult. "Immigration enforcement is structurally necessary for these programs," she explains.

Most comprehensive bills also contained legalization provisions for currently undocumented people, but would have imposed fines and long waiting periods from 11 to 18 years, during which time applicants would be as vulnerable as ever. Employers, however, would be immune to employer sanctions for employing them, while recruiting new workers through guest worker programs.

A much more liberal immigration bill sponsored by Congress member Sheila Jackson Lee and members of the Congressional Black Caucus was dismissed as "politically unrealistic" because it contained no guest worker program. EWIC anchored an alliance with immigration lawyers, establishment civil rights organizations and several unions. John Gay, representing the National Restaurant Association in EWIC, became board chair of the National Immigration Forum, a powerful mainstream immigration lobbying group in Washington. Tamar Jacoby, former staffer at the rightwing Manhattan Institute, was one of the coalition's most prominent spokespeople. Today she has organized a new corporate lobby, ImmigrationWorks, that includes EWIC, National Council of La Raza, the National Restaurant Association, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. One key affiliate, the Federation of Employers and Workers of America, calls itself "the national voice of the existing legal guest worker programs," and represents industry associations that push for them.

After Congress failed to pass a guest worker/enforcement/legalization package, the administration began to implement its enforcement proposals through increased raids. "But we would have had raids with those bills too, because of their enforcement and funding provisions," says Marielena Hincapie, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center.

The administration also used the bills' failure as a pretext for relaxing restrictions on current guest worker programs. ICE Director Julie Myers told the Detroit Economic Club in April that "the administration has both streamlined the H2-A [agricultural guest worker visa] application process and has given U.S. employers more flexibility... These changes will make it easier for agricultural employers to hire foreign temporary or seasonal labor to harvest crops." It also allowed employers seeking H2-B guest workers to simply "attest" that they'd tried to find local workers, rather than have the Department of Labor certify that they'd made a real effort.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, the AFL-CIO and immigrant rights groups have bitterly opposed these changes. Employers have generally supported them. "We see employers on the Hill all the time, saying they have to have guest workers. At one hearing they had to open extra rooms to accommodate all the lobbyists," Bauer fumes. "And support is coming, not just from Republicans, but from Democrats like Barbara Mikulski, Zoe Lofgren, Ted Kennedy and even John Conyers."

Making it a crime for an undocumented person to hold a job is made possible by the Immigration Reform and Control Act, passed in 1986. Prior to that, workers could be deported for being in the U.S. without a visa, but working itself was not a crime. The then-Immigration and Naturalization Service conducted some workplace raids, but immigrants were either forced to leave the country voluntarily, or held for deportation hearings. They could make bail.

In the late 1970s, the INS and others began seeking laws to make it illegal for people without papers to work, and for employers to hire them. They argued that if people could not work legally, they would leave.

The INS campaigned for passage of IRCA (then the Simpson-Mazzoli and Simpson-Rodino bills), with a wave of raids called Operation Jobs. Agents would arrest workers in a factory, and go to the local unemployment office to hold a press conference. With reporters and unemployed workers in tow, they'd return to the raided factory, claiming they'd "created" jobs. They would then demand that Congress pass sanctions. Raids became more difficult after the INS was sued by Molders Union Local 164 and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund in the early 1980s. After the suit was won, agents had to stop their practice of locking workers in a factory, interrogating foreign-looking people about their legal status, and instead were required to have warrants naming specific individuals.

Then IRCA's passage made it a federal offense for an employer to hire someone without immigration papers, and for that person to hold a job. Job applicants now have to provide two pieces of identification to show their status, and a Social Security number. By inspecting employer hiring records, INS agents can come up with the names of workers to put on warrants for a raid.

Immigrants didn't go home, however. Defenders of sanctions ignored the ongoing displacement of people by structural adjustment programs in Mexico and other developing countries, reinforced by the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement. In the NAFTA years, over six million Mexicans came to live in the U.S. Since relatively few visas are available for legal immigration, most came without them.

Although Bush officials claim worksite enforcement hardly existed before the present administration, the current wave actually started in the Clinton era. The Social Security Administration began sending letters to employers listing employees' names and numbers that didn't match SSA records. Employers were then left free (and often encouraged) to assume that the reason for the mismatch was that the workers were undocumented. After numerous employers used the letters to fire activist workers during union campaigns, unions and immigrant advocates convinced SSA to include language in the letters warning employers not to construe a mismatch as evidence of lack of immigration status. Nevertheless, although no count has ever been made, thousands of undocumented workers have lost their jobs because of the letters.

In 1999, using Social Security numbers in Operation Vanguard, INS agents sifted through the names of 24,310 workers in 40 meatpacking plants throughout Nebraska. They then sent letters to 4,762, demanding they report to INS agents at their jobs. A thousand did, of whom 34 were arrested and deported. The rest, over 3500 people, were forced to find new jobs. One of Operation Vanguard's architects, INS Dallas District Director Mark Reed, claimed success, saying the operation was really intended to pressure Congress and employer groups to support guest worker legislation. "We depend on foreign labor," he declared. "If we don't have illegal immigration anymore, we'll have the political support for guest workers." Reed and the INS also conducted more traditional raids during those years, seizing workers for deportation at Nebraska Beef, Montfort Packing, Tyson Foods, and other plants.

Social Security grew so uncomfortable with the use of its database for immigration enforcement that after Operation Vanguard the agency refused to make it available for similar operations in other states. Today, however, ICE seems to have regained access to the files, and now uses mismatches to identify workers for raids, and to charge them with criminal offenses. Meanwhile, the money paid by undocumented workers under bad numbers reached \$586 billion in 2006. Since those workers may never collect benefits based on those earnings (which go into the Earnings Suspense File), they are contributing a huge subsidy to the retirement of all Social Security recipients.

Worksite enforcement actions accelerated enormously after George W. Bush took office. Following the 9/11 attacks, raids dubbed Operation Tarmac targeted airports around the country, leading to the firing and deportation of hundreds of mostly food service workers. After the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the new Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) took over from the old Immigration and Naturalization Service, and more raids followed.

The administration used worksite enforcement actions to dramatize its call for comprehensive immigration reform (the shorthand name given by Washington groups to the bills combining guest workers, increased enforcement and legalization). On April 10, 2006, the first huge immigrant rights march took place in Los Angeles, protesting House passage of the Sensenbrenner bill (HR 4437) the previous December, which would have made undocumented status a federal felony. On April 19, 1187 workers were arrested at plants

of IFCO Systems North America, Inc. in New York, Texas, Wisconsin and Massachusetts. Then in December, after the Senate passed an immigration bill more in line with administration proposals, ICE mounted probably the largest workplace raid in U.S. history, detaining 1282 workers at six Swift and Co. packinghouses.

The administration's drive was dramatized by other large-scale, highly publicized worksite sweeps. They included the arrest of 81 plastics workers at Iridium Industries in Poconos, Pennsylvania, 136 chicken workers at George's Processing in Missouri, 165 workers at Portland's Fresh Del Monte produce plant, 327 workers at the Michael Bianco leather factory in New Bedford, and 200 janitors for Rosenbaum-Cunningham International in 17 states.

Once the comprehensive reform proposals died in Congress in 2007, more major raids followed, including two at the Smithfield pork slaughterhouse in Tarheel, North Carolina, which took place in the middle of one of the country's longest and hardest-fought union organizing campaigns. In addition, 130 immigrants were arrested at Micro Solutions in Van Nuys, dozens at a Fresh Direct produce warehouse in New York City, and 161 poultry workers at Koch Foods in Ohio. Just before the Postville raid, 311 workers were detained at Pilgrim's Pride plants where they cut up chickens for KFC.

As early as the IFCO raid, some workers and low-level supervisors were charged with criminal violations, not just being in the country illegally. At Swift the administration began to shape its new strategy of substituting criminal charges for status violations. Some 65 of the workers arrested there were charged with identity theft or other criminal offenses, as were the workers picked up at Smithfield. Barbara Gonzalez, an ICE spokesperson, told reporters outside one Swift slaughterhouse that "we have been investigating a large identity theft scheme that has victimized many U.S. citizens and lawful residents." ICE head Julie Myers told other reporters in Washington, D.C. that "those who steal identities of U.S. citizens will not escape enforcement."

Dramatic identity-theft charges were intended to gain public support for the raids and the bills in Congress, but ICE was also announcing a new strategy for criminalizing work.

ICE claims that raids and sanctions protect wages against employers' use of undocumented labor. A week after the Postville raid, ICE Director Myers claimed enforcement targeted "unscrupulous criminals who use illegal workers to cut costs and gain a competitive advantage." An ICE Worksite Enforcement Advisory claims "unscrupulous employers are likely to pay illegal workers substandard wages or force them to endure intolerable working conditions. ... ICE's Worksite Enforcement Unit also helps employers improve worksite enforcement of employment regulations."

Actual enforcement of labor standards, however, is in freefall. On July 15 the Government Accountability Office charged that Department of Labor inspectors routinely fail to investigate complaints, and close half of them after short calls to employers.. From 1997 to 2007, the number of inspectors dropped from 942 to 732, and the number of cases went from 47,000 to 30,000, the lowest since World War Two. Meanwhile, the budget for the Border Patrol has climbed to \$1.6 billion, while 15,000 agents make ICE the second-largest investigative agency in the Federal government.

The affidavit supporting ICE's search warrant for the Postville plant stated a source saw a supervisor "duct-tape the eyes of an undocumented Guatemalan worker shut and hit the Guatemalan with a meat hook, apparently not causing serious injuries. The Guatemalan did not want to report the incident because 'it would not do any good and could jeopardize his job.'" Although ICE would not identify the beaten worker or confirm his detention, it is probable that after the raid he was in Federal prison, while the supervisor continued working. The Iowa Labor Commissioner documented 57 cases of child labor at Agriprocessors and filed 9000 child labor charges against the company. Some of the 57 young people are now undoubtedly in prison or wearing electronic ankle bracelets. Although some may get temporary visas as witnesses, all will eventually be deported.

Despite ICE claims that raids protect labor standards, enforcement often helps employers attack efforts by undocumented workers to better conditions. The two raids at Smithfield's Tarheel, North Carolina, packinghouse created a climate of terror during the union organizing drive, according to organizers. When

housekeepers at the Woodfin Suites in Emeryville, California, tried to enforce a new municipal living wage law, ICE investigated them at the request of Congressman Brian Bilbray (R-San Diego), and company president Samuel Hardage. According to Mejia, supervisors often used immigration status to threaten workers in a union drive at Agriprocessors a year before the raid. And at Pilgrim's Pride packing plants ICE and employers cooperated to arrest employees this spring.

After the first Smithfield raid in January, 2007, Mark Lauritsen, UFCW packinghouse director, said the Department of Homeland Security and the company "were worried about people organizing a union, and the government said, 'here are the tools to take care of them.'" Scott Frotman, spokesperson for the United Food and Commercial Workers, says "raids let companies drive down wages and working conditions." To NILC's Marielena Hincapie, raids show the employers' power: "Enforcement intimidates even citizens and legal residents. The employer brings in another batch of workers and continues business as usual. People who protest get targeted and deported."

Employers, while complaining about the inconvenience of raids, have been very willing to accept greater enforcement. American Meat Institute chair and Tyson Foods CEO Dick Bondhas supported the Bush plan "because it included some of the provisions that AMI and the industry really want: a path to legalization, a guest worker program and a better employee verification program."

Nan Walden, a former Democratic Congressional aide who owns a large pecan ranch near Tucson, and helped organize Arizona Employers for Immigration Reform, worries that "removing 9-12% of the workforce will be a disaster." She advocates a "humane" guest worker program, a verifiable identification system, a path to citizenship for undocumented people, and "market-based quotas" for future migration. She criticizes Arizona's sanctions law, however, for its "piecemeal approach." While she's "disturbed by the hatred stirred up by opponents of immigration," Walden warns that without a reform like the one she describes, employers will move operations out of the state and country. "Raising wages isn't the answer, because our costs are all going up, and we still have to be competitive."

Criminalizing work has helped ICE gain the involvement of state and local authorities. Last year Arizona passed bills requiring state employers to use the E-Verify system to ensure they were not hiring the undocumented. Employers must verify an applicant's immigration status with a database, that DHS said in 2006 "is still not sufficiently up to date to meet the ... requirements for accurate verification." The original bill would have punished any employer with an undocumented employee, but after employers protested, the law was changed so that they would be fined only for future hiring.

E-Verify makes undocumented workers more vulnerable. One woman employed in a Tucson bakery, who withheld her name, explained she was getting only \$10/hour for tending the oven, while legal residents were getting \$16 for the same job. "If I leave or get fired, how will I find another job with a bad Social Security number?" she wondered. A Tucson union organizer, also afraid to be identified, added that construction workers told her that contractors lowered wages from \$18 to \$10/hour after the la

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NATIONAL MEDIA ADVISORY

No Wall of Death on US-Mexico Border

Saturday, October 25th 2008

International Day of Action

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SÃ¡bado 25 de Octubre, 2008

DÃ­a de acciÃ³n Internacional

NO MURO en la frontera EEUU-MÃ©xico

! (English)! .. (EspaÃ±ol sigue)!

No Wall Calendar of ACTION

September 29th

Press day to denounce the U.S. Senate's approval of the Border Wall of Death in 2006 by a vote of 80 for (wall builders) and 19 no (freedom lovers).

October 1st

Launch YA BASTA: TOD@S CONTRA EL MURO Campaign to stop and tear down the Wall of Death (El Paso , TX)

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October 7-12th

Americas Social Forum in Guatemala/closing march No MURO!

October 11th

Protest March in San Antonio , Tx . against ICE Gestapo deportations, children detention and

Conference on Immigration at Mexican American Cultural Center, San Antonio , TX

October 12th

Indigenous Sovereignty Day; Closing March Social Forum of Americas III Guatemala .

Border wide action NO wall of Death! Protest March & concert El Paso , TX .

NOT IN FRONT OF MY NEIGHBOR

ENFRENTA DE MI VECINO NO

It's official, we are doing a series of events at El Paso, Texas, on Columbus Weekend (October 11-12, 2008), starting with a March that is coming from Tijuana and Brownsville all the way to El Paso, and culminating with a concert by the border on Sunday, October 12, preceded by a march from The University of Texas at El Paso to the concert site. The concert will be MC'd by Multiple Ariel winner Hector Bonilla, Ariel Winner Bruno Bichir, Alma Winner Rick Najera, a couple of headliners, and many local bands.

Ya es oficial, haremos una serie de eventos en El Paso, Tejas, durante el fin de semana del DÃ­a de la Raza (del 11 al 12 de Octubre), empezando con una marcha que viene desde Tijuana y Brownsville hasta El Paso, y culminando con un concierto junto a la frontera en El Paso, Texas, el Domingo, 12 de Octubre, que sera precedido por una marcha de la Universidad de El Paso al lugar del concierto. El evento sera conducido por

el Primerísimo Actor Héctor Bonilla, el también laureado actor Bruno Bichir, y el ganador del premio Alma Rick Najera, e incluirá varios grupos y cantantes junto con cantantes y grupos locales.

We need everybody's help: organizations, groups, corporations, private companies, small businesses, workers, students, teachers, professors, professionals, artists, performers, etc.

Necesitamos la ayuda de todos: organizaciones, grupos, corporaciones, compañías, pequeños negocios, trabajadores, estudiantes, maestros, profesores de Universidad, artistas, etc.

The same Line that divides our Countries is the one that unites our border communities.

The objectives: To at least stop the building of the wall in between our Cities.

To have equality in the places where the wall is going to be built. In other words, if somebody rich and "connected" doesn't have a wall in front, or in the middle, of his/her ranch, then the ones that are not rich or "connected" should also NOT have a wall in front, or in the middle of their ranches.

The border is an interdependent region that consists of two countries, and two cities, united and divided by the same official international line.

We will demonstrate this, and that the border is a unique community that enjoys, and thrives on precisely this interdependency. With the differences in between the two cities being what each other likes and dislikes of one another, but that it never, ever divides them. The actual inhabitants of the border (fronterizos) are people that have learned to live, and take advantage of these differences, and have made them a way of life!

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October 25th

International Day of Action (Saturday) to protest the US-Mexico Border Wall of Death! Date marks 2 years since Border Wall was signed into law by Bush.

Contact:SWU 210 288 2666/Ruben 210 222 1704 o, cel 210 378 5699

October 26th

Day of faith based action to say NO WALL.

This date 2 years ago is when Bush signed the Border Wall of Death into law.

November 2nd

Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead mobilizations to protest deaths on US-Mexico border due to militarization, Racist & Repressive Immigration policies and the Border Wall of Death.

November 9-16

International week of Mobilization to stop and tear down walls around the world! November 9th marks the fall of the Berlin Wall!!

December 10th

International Human Rights Day: Protesting Human Rights Violations on a militarized US-Mexico Border.

December 18th

International day of the Campesinos/Farm worker

What is to be Done?

* Sign up to be a part of this important mobilization/protest against the US-Mexico Border Wall of Death

* Plan and organize an action in your city (send us notice)

* Educate community about the NO WALL movement

* Join National letter writing campaign

No MURO de la Muerte

en la frontera US-México

Sábado, 25 de Octubre, 2008

Día de Acción Internacional

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Agenda de ACCION

Estimados Compas:

Queremos expresarles nuestra gran apreciación por su pronunciamiento de denuncia al Muro de la Muerte y de solidaridad y tristeza por la muerte de Ana Romero. Reproduciremos su carta y se las entregamos a los familiares de Ana aquí en Kentucky, Estados Unidos, y en El Salvador. De hecho, sería interesante que contactáramos a los hermanos de ADDES de El Salvador para explorar la posibilidad de que nos ayuden en la coordinación de la campaña de Justicia para Ana Romero/Que se Paren las Redadas y Deportaciones en ese país, tomando en cuenta que los dos hijos y la madre de Ana viven allí y que la hermana de Ana va hacia allí en la próxima semana. Ya hemos conversado con esos familiares y ellos están interesados en ampliar la lucha en su país (la cual pudiera incluir visitas/protestas a la Embajada Americana en El Salvador); también debemos hacer esfuerzos para movilizar la extensa comunidad salvadoreña que vive en los Estados Unidos alrededor de este abusivo crimen. Quiero reiterarles que la Sra. Romero no tenía nada pendiente con la justicia americana pues en junio había ido a corte y la condenaron a \$100.00 de multa. No obstante ella estuvo presa por 8 meses por el "crimen" de trabajar sin tener papeles. Hay muchas cosas que aclarar con relación a su caso y resulta muy sospechoso que ella haya muerto precisamente cuando ya iba a salir de la cárcel. ¿Qué estaban tratando de ocultar con su muerte?

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29 de Septiembre (Lunes)

Día de prensa para denunciar que en el Senado de EEUU se aprobó el MURO de la Muerte el 2006 por un voto de 80 a favor (Muroistas) y 19 votos no al Muro (libertarios).

1 de Octubre

Lanzamiento de Campaña de protesta intensa contra el Muro de la Muerte. Se lanzará en El Paso y luego organizar presencia de protesta en cada punto de construcción del Muro.

Como Ud. sabe, tenemos tiempo luchando contra la atrocidad de muro que el gobierno de Bush está construyendo en la frontera entre los dos países. Pero ahora hemos entrado en una etapa crucial de nuestra lucha contra el muro entre la frontera de El Paso y Ciudad Juárez. Hace un mes, empezó la construcción del muro en nuestra región fronteriza: El Paso, Texas y Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua; Valle de Texas (condados de El Paso y Hudspeth) y Valle de Juárez (desde Ciudad Juárez hasta El Porvenir, Distrito Bravos); y Sunland Park, Nuevo Mexico y Anapra, Chihuahua.

Esta parte del muro, que por cierto tiene un costo de 7.5 millones de dólares por cada milla, contempla una extensión de casi 60 millas y para nosotros constituye el acto más bárbaro de agresión en contra del pueblo fronterizo. Nosotros, a pesar de estar divididos por un límite internacional, mantenemos una relación cultural, social, humana y familiar que tiene sus raíces en una misma historia. Aparte, compartimos el desierto de Chihuahua y este muro va a traer un desastre al ya de por sí deteriorado ecosistema del desierto.

Nos urge detener la construcción del muro. No queremos que nos pase como a los alemanes que permitieron un muro para dividir Alemania y luego tuvieron que luchar 28 años para derribarlo.

Hemos hecho protestas y marchas. La marcha más reciente fue de cuatro días y caminamos casi 70 millas, desde Fort Hancock, Texas (frente a El Porvenir, Chihuahua), siguiendo la trayectoria de la construcción del muro desde Fort Hancock hasta Sunland Park, Nuevo Mexico (frente a Anapra que es la última colonia marginada del municipio de Ciudad Juárez, donde está Lomas de Poleo). Actualmente, tenemos una protesta permanente en el sitio donde se inició la construcción de

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Wireless Antennas: People of Color Are Particularly at Risk

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Editor's note: Presently, there are more than two million FCC licensed antennas across the United States alone. This number does not include unlicensed wireless transmitters for WiFi or wireless. Those who live around the antennas are suffering from various ailments. Elizabeth Kelley is the executive director for the International Commission for Electromagnetic Safety and serves as an advisor to the EMR Network-USA. She can be reached at info@icems.eu.

In a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood in Riverside, Calif., locals have been blaming the radiation from nearby antennas for headaches and problems sleeping. When more antennas were proposed at the same location, they sought outside help. They said they felt overwhelmed because there was so little time to defend themselves. They also said they did not speak English very well and did not know which arguments to use.

With the hearing only a few days away, they were advised to go to the hearing and speak from their hearts. Miraculously, the new antennas were denied. While this neighborhood prevailed, the wireless industry merely moved on to another neighborhood to reapply to place the antennas there, hoping that by offering some side benefits, the new neighborhood would be less resistant.

When tribal leaders agreed to sign a lease to place antennas on a Native American Indian reservation in the Upper Midwest, tribal members who lived closest to the site felt defeated. Was it really worth leasing Indian lands to the wireless industry, putting the income it would generate above community concerns?

Presently, there are more than two million FCC licensed antennas across the United States alone. This number does not include unlicensed wireless transmitters for WiFi or wireless devices with antennas that people voluntarily use at home, at school and in the workplace.

More than 84 percent of the U.S. population now subscribes to wireless services and about 16 percent of the populace has gone wireless at home. To support next-generation wireless technology, the industry is focussed on a rapid deployment plan to install new and more powerful antennas across the country. In order to meet its goal, it is seeking more preemptive authority to bypass local governance.

In July 2008, the Cellular Telephone and Internet Association (CTIA) petitioned the FCC to change its rules and force cities to act on collocation antenna applications within 45 days, or collocation towers in 75 days. These applications are automatically "deemed granted" by the FCC.

Another proposed change would prevent cities from considering the presence of services by other carriers in the same location. Any local wireless ordinances that require zoning variances would be rendered obsolete. If this CTIA petition is approved, wireless companies "could approach private individuals to site unrestricted antennas" on their properties and this could lead to further property devaluation and neighbor-to-neighbor conflict.

This all began in 1996, when Congress passed a law called the Federal Telecommunications Act, which included a provision stating, "No state or local government may regulate the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects [defined as

"human health"] of radio frequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the [Federal Communications] Commission's regulations concerning such emissions." Citizens challenged the FCC human exposure guidelines on radiofrequency radiation in 1997 as inadequate to protect health but the Supreme court appeal was denied in 2000. Telecom lobbyists have blocked bills introduced in Congress to research exposure to antennas and towers ever since.

We have been forced to be exposed to radiation without representation. Many other nations have taken a precautionary approach, i.e., Switzerland, China, Italy, Russia and Poland.

Another solution was found by an indigenous African tribe when it prevented a cell tower from going up in their village, based on an intuitive understanding that the space from the top of their heads to the Cosmos was sacred and should not be interfered with by manmade radio waves. When communities come together to oppose an antenna, they feel safer.

It may seem like an exaggeration to imply that people of color are more at risk and would suffer greater loss of their human, civil and constitutional rights from wireless transmitter radiation. The Wireless Revolution proposes to transmit microwave signals over the entire planet so chronic exposure to low-level radiation from wireless transmitters is designed to be equitable in a pervasive way. However, due to cultural and language differences, especially for first-generation residents, and depending on where people live, people of color could be more at risk. For example, the FCC recommends that antennas be preferentially located in commercial and industrial zones. People of color who live in these areas are more likely to be exposed to wireless transmitters.

Whenever there are environmental health problems, people benefit when they see a preventive health practitioner, someone who will not only treat symptoms but help determine the cause and recommend remedies. Access to quality and affordable health care in general is likely to be more difficult for people of color.

Citizens concerned about possible health risks are shocked to learn that they cannot use these health concerns to justify denial of a proposed antenna. There is no case law to show there is actual harm due to exposure since "health" has been taken off the table by the 1996 law.

The FCC guidelines for human exposure to radiofrequency radiation are based on avoiding thermal exposure under short-term conditions and are irrelevant to the real world exposure conditions we all live with on a daily basis. Exposure can cause a variety of short term, reversible or chronic and systemic health problems, including neurological disease, cancers and an emerging health condition known as electrohypersensitivity that affects 2 percent of the global population.

The International Commission for Electromagnetic Safety issued a statement in June 2008 stating, "We take exception to the claim of the wireless communication industry that there is no credible scientific evidence to conclude there is a risk. Recent epidemiological evidence is stronger than before, which is a further reason to justify precautions be taken to lower exposure standards in accordance with the Precautionary Principle." Also, a 600-page scientific review called The BioInitiative Report describes biological and health effects far below the FCC's antenna exposure guidelines. Many experts now believe there is enough information, based on science, intuition and actual harm to demonstrate that wireless transmitters pose a health risk to man and nature. If these views hold merit, the effects on all life forms could be profound.

The CTIA's petition is anti-democratic and would place profits above health. It should be strenuously opposed.

Citizens and residents are encouraged to join Montgomery County, Md., and potentially other state and local government agencies, in opposing the CTIA's petition to the FCC. Comments are due by Sept. 29, 2008 due to a deadline extension. For details, go to the EMR Network website "www.emrnetwork.org."

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MECA Newsletter

Back in the Swing of Things September 2008

MECA Hispanic Heritage Art Exhibit

September 26 - October 17, 2008

Honoring Latino art and culture with some of the best emerging Latino artists in Houston.

Opening Reception: Friday, October 10, 2008

7 p.m.

Featuring Artists:

Julie Zarate

Stephanie Guajardo

Mark Pinon

Oralia C. Herrera

Joel Vanegas

Eric villarreal

Lizbeth Ortiz

Skeez 181

Tony Briones

Jesus Navarette

Robert Castillo

In response to Hurricane Ike, MECA opened its doors to the Houston community as a space to re-energize through art.

After a week of free classes, MECA will host an open mic night for all artists to come share their talents.

Bring your own refreshments and your artistic expression!

MECA Open Mic Night

Friday, September 26, 2008

5:30-9 p.m.

Dow School Pavilion

1900 Kane Street

Houston, Texas 77007

Free Admission

The end of summer will sizzle with performances by Mariachi MECA, the MECA Ballet Folklórico, visual art exhibits by local artists, and face and rock painting.

Don't miss the fun for the entire family!

Hot Hispanic Heritage Month Festival
presented by Wells Fargo
Saturday, September 27, 2008
2-5 p.m.

Discovery Green Conservancy
1500 McKinney
Houston, Texas 77010

Free Admission

Supported by
HOT Hits Houston 95.7 FM

Come one, come all!

Sunday, September 28 MECA will be promoting the upcoming Día de los Muertos Festival.

Also available will be the Wonka Arte Day of the Dead Contest Workshops.
Children, ages 13 -18 will be able to create artwork to entered into the contest with a chance to win an iPod, a \$150 iTunes gift card, or a MacBook Pro.

Visit holamun2.com for more information.

Wonka Arte Workshop at Traders Village
Sunday, September 28, 2008
12-4 p.m.

Traders Village Houston
7979 N. Eldridge Rd.
Houston, Texas 77041
Phone: (281) 890-5500

Free Admission

Growing up with Tamales
Book Reading and Signing with author Gwen Zepeda

This charming bilingual picture book for children examines sibling rivalry and an important Hispanic tradition

"My name is Ana. Every year, my family makes tamales for Christmas. This year, I am six, so I get to mix the dough, which is made of cornmeal. My sister Lidia is eight, so she gets to spread the dough on the corn husk leaves. I wish I was eight, so that my hands would be big enough to spread the dough just right- not too thick and not too thin."

And so the years pass, and Ana turns eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, sixteen. But every year, big sister Lidia is always two years older. Ana envies her elder sibling and wishes she could do what Lidia does: put just the right amount of meat inside the tamales and roll them up; steam the tamales without scalding herself with the hot, hot steam; chop and cook the meat for the tamales without cutting or burning her hands. When she turns eighteen, though, Ana knows she will keep making tamales and she will be able to do all of the steps herself in her very own factory. When Christmas comes around, Ana will deliver tamales to all of her customers around the world, in delivery trucks that say "Ana's Tamales." And, Ana thinks, if her sister Lidia wants to, she can work for her.

Gwendolyn Zepeda's rhythmic prose is combined with April Ward's bright illustrations to create an affectionate and amusing story about sibling relationships that introduces an important Hispanic holiday tradition-making tamales!

Growing Up with Tamales by Gwen Zepeda
Friday, October 3, 2008
6 p.m.

Book launch, reading, and book signing for Growing up with Tamales - An illustrated children's story about a young girl's life stages, family traditions, and her aspirations for the future.

MECA's Dow School Campus
1900 Kane St.
Houston, TX 77007
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TITLE: ARTICLE: Young firm turns shipping containers into homes *

Young firm turns shipping containers into homes

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CORRALES, N.M. - It was a side trip through a destitute, ramshackle neighborhood in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, that detoured Brian McCarthy from building houses in Albuquerque to an idea to offer the very poor a chance to own a home.

His answer lies in a humble steel shipping container, 40 feet long, 8 feet wide, 8 1/2 feet tall.

McCarthy, 30, and three partners, Pablo Nava, 22; Kyle Annen, 23; and Mackenzie Bishop, 22, have made a prototype out of a standard shipping container that hauls goods worldwide - a 320-square-foot home with a kitchen, bath with toilet, sleeping areas, windows and a bright blue door. The exterior is painted with a white epoxy coating that has light-reflecting properties to prevent the sun's heat from penetrating.

Each small house includes hookups for air conditioning, ventilation, electrical and water systems - and the units ideally could be set up in small communities to make accessing utilities more efficient.

The idea began to take shape several years ago, when McCarthy went to the Mexican border city on a field trip as part of an executive MBA program. He found himself impressed by the sophistication and rapid growth of industry in Juarez, but shocked when the bus cut through a poor neighborhood on the way out of the city.

"We saw hundreds of homes that are made out of wood pallets and cardboard and scrap metal and scrap building material," McCarthy said. When he questioned the bus driver, "he said, Well, all the people who live here work in the places you just visited."

"It was amazing to me that in an area where there was such growth and economic prosperity, that these employees of Fortune 1000 companies were living in such poor conditions."

With Juarez growing by 50,000 to 60,000 people a year and wages low, it was evident traditional homebuilding couldn't respond, said McCarthy, who'd worked in various facets of building homes in Albuquerque.

An idea began taking shape about a year and a half later when he saw an article about a shipping container converted into guest quarters.

"They talked about the merits of the construction, how strong they are, how affordable they are, and how plentiful they are," McCarthy said.

He called Nava, his cousin, with the low-cost home idea. A year later, Nava, then a junior at Notre Dame University, suggested entering the university's business plan competition.

Their initial three-quarter page concept expanded as they advanced in the contest. Along the way, Nava invited his roommate, Annen, to join. As the group's acknowledged computer graphics whiz, Annen added drawings to give the presentation more life.

Eventually, they won the contest with a 55-page document, illustrated by renderings and floor plans.

In July 2007, the partners formed PFNC Global Communities - PFNC stands for "Por Fin, Nuestra Casa," which roughly translates as "Finally, our own home." They operate out of a back room in a Corrales realty firm but eventually expect offices in Juarez or adjacent El Paso, Texas, and a Juarez plant to manufacture shipping container homes.

The house faces two constraints: designing in only 320 square feet and keeping the price to around \$8,000 to be affordable for the average worker at maquiladoras, manufacturing plants in Mexico along the U.S. border, McCarthy said.

The partners looked at clever designs for small condos and lofts, travel trailers and even private jet planes, adapting ideas they felt would work.

"We started with a kitchen and bathroom because they're the most necessary and most basic ingredients of a home," McCarthy said. They designed a galley-style kitchen with a stove, sink, refrigerator and dinette, and a 48-square-foot bathroom with a pedestal sink, shower and commode. Adjacent to the kitchen is a bunk area for children; separate sleeping quarters for the owners lie behind the bathroom wall. The house may be sparse by U.S. standards, but Nava said it's a huge improvement in safety, security and health over where many now live.

When drawings and color pictures of the prototype were shown around a poor Juarez neighborhood, people said, "You know it'd be like a dream to live in one of these," Nava said. "You know, just the thought of having nice fresh air ventilating through the house, a large bed ... a normal kitchen and a safe home that locks and closes each night was more than appealing."

Annen cites modern architectural design, with bare metal and piping. "This would fit right in any major city," he said.

The company has received a commitment for equity investment and is in the process of finishing details and closing its first round of funding. The partners anticipate starting production early next year, with the capacity to produce 3,000 homes in the first year and later ramping up.

They figure a half million people could benefit from such homes in Juarez alone.

PFNC doesn't intend just to build shelter. It wants to build communities, and McCarthy said the group expects to have the first pilot community on the ground late next year.

"That was our goal, more than just four walls and a roof but to kind of raise the standard of living in Juarez and other places," Nava said.

The shipping containers, which can be hauled by truck, rail or ship, are designed to stack. PFNC envisions a cluster arrangement, eight side by side and four high, with apartment-type balconies and staircases in the corners.

Clusters could be arranged into squares, creating "a safe little plaza in the middle where we hope to build a soccer field or a playground, some safe area for families to be," Nava said.

PFNC wants to set up programs with maquiladoras to offer housing as an employee benefit, helping cut the high rate of worker turnover, now between 7 percent and 10 percent a month, McCarthy said. The company is working with a Mexican law firm that has handled work-to-own housing programs.

"This is not a rental-type situation or free housing while you work here," McCarthy said. "Rather, the employer takes on some of the burden in setting up the financing program to transfer ownership to the employee."

That's important because PFNC needs large orders to keep costs down so low-wage workers can afford the home. The incentive for employers: Studies show housing for employees dramatically increases retention, and having more workers in a given area will reduce the number of buses maquiladoras run to take people to and from their jobs.

PFNC doesn't view its homes as the last stop.

"With our design and with our price point, we think we'll at least be able to take the first step of getting more families into more homes" and formal property ownership, McCarthy said.

"We fully anticipate that people will move into our homes, build up some equity, sell this home," he said.

"We see this is a stepping stone to get into a bigger or more comfortable home

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News from the Center for Mexican American Studies at UT Austin.

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From: Natasha Saldana

We would like to personally invite you to help publicize a unique event sponsored by PAACC (Public Affairs Alliance for Communities of Color). On Saturday, October 4th from 8:30 am to 5 pm at the LBJ School we will be hosting a workshop for anyone who has ever considered applying to graduate school for public affairs, and in particular, to the LBJ School of Public Affairs.

The full-day event will demystify the Graduate School Application Process and include an "all you ever wanted to know about LBJ" discussion, free breakfast & lunch with current LBJ students (Please let me know if you can attend), and a FREE INTRODUCTION COURSE to the GRE! All participants will receive a free "Cracking the GRE" workbook from Princeton Review.

Seating is capped at the first 50 applicants, who must RSVP with Sherry Penson at atspbevo@gmail.com by October 1st. Questions may be directed to her as well.

The Senate Hispanic Research Council, Inc. is currently accepting applications for its 2009 Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholars and Fellows Program.

I encourage you to share the attached application with all students interested in working in the state capitol during the 81st Legislature. Applications can also be downloaded from the SHRC website at www.tshrc.org <<http://www.tshrc.org/>> .

Through this unique program undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to gain experience and develop leadership skills as full-time legislative assistants in the Texas Senate.

Each student is assigned to the office of a state senator or the Lieutenant Governor to perform a variety of legislative tasks, including legislative research summaries, bill tracking, constituent correspondence and drafting floor statements, articles, press releases. Weekly leadership development sessions and presentations, professional training workshops, and meeting will enhance the intensive work experience.

The application deadline for this program is Friday, October 17, 2008.

The program will begin January 7, 2009 and end on the last day of the

legislative session, June 1, 2009. Program participants will receive a \$2,000 monthly stipend to assist with living expenses.

The Senator Gregory Luna Legislative Scholars and Fellows Program is named after the late Senator Gregory Luna, a well-known education advocate and former Chair of the Senate Hispanic Caucus who served as State Senator from Bexar County from 1993 until his passing in 1999.

For more information please contact Sarah Saenz, Executive Program Director, at 512-499-8606 or sarah@tshrc.org.

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I am the coordinator for the UT in D.C./Archer Program, and I would love to talk to your FIG about what the program is and how they can apply.

The UT in D.C./Archer Program allows students to earn 12 hours of in-residence UT Austin credit while interning full time in Washington, D.C. during a fall or spring semester. Students who have completed 24 hours in residence may apply. However, I love to talk to first-year students about the program so they may begin getting the types of experience now that will make them competitive applicants in a year or two.

Please see <http://www.utexas.edu/ugs/utindc> for a list of students participating this fall and next spring. Many majors are represented; any student interested in careers related to policy, politics, law, journalism, public relations, non-profits, foreign affairs, international relations, think tanks, the arts, non-governmental organizations, etc., or how the government legislates or funds any of the above, may be a good fit for the program. Many of the alums of the program go on to law school or grad school in public policy or public administration. Past participants have come from Architecture, Business Administration, Communication, Engineering, Fine Arts, Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences, and Social Work.

Please contact me at katrina@austin.utexas.edu or 232-7582 if you would like to schedule a time for me to meet with your FIG this semester. If you are already booked, please consider posting info about the program (or even just a link to the web site) to your FIG's website. And, I am happy to send a stack of brochures to you through campus mail.

Below is a list of the fall info sessions, which are open to all interested students.

FALL 2008 INFO SESSIONS

Dates and times:

- * October 15, 2008 (Wednesday) at 3:00 p.m.
- * November 6, 2008 (Thursday) at 5:30 p.m.
- * November 7, 2008 (Friday) at 12:00 noon
- * November 10, 2008 (Monday) at 4:00 p.m.
- * November 11, 2008 (Tuesday) at 3:30 p.m.

Location:

Flawn Academic Center (FAC), Room 4 (all dates)
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Please help our Little Longhorns by being a mentor. The purpose of the UTES Student Mentoring Program is to provide role models who build relationships with students by providing guidance and support in order to improve academic performance and character development to support success in life.

WHO ARE THE CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM?

Students participating in the program come from different backgrounds, have a variety of interests, and a range of ages from K through 5th grade. These students may need help with academic achievement, character development, problem-solving skills, improving self-esteem, relationships with adults and peers, and school attendance.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Mentors gain the satisfaction of being a positive role model for a student who may not have many. Mentors also increase their community involvement while connecting with youth. Students will benefit from having a consistent, dependable relationship with a caring adult. Students often have increased academic achievement and improved behavior at school and at home after having a mentor.

Mentoring at UTES just takes a commitment to spend 30-45 minutes per week at UTES with the student for an extended period.

UT Elementary School is located on 2200 East 6th Street.

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Good News!

Rupert and JoAnn Reyes, Teatro Vivo's directors, were honored by University of Texas Office of Diversity and Community Engagement with the Community Leadership Award for their work in Latino theatre. University President William Powers and Dr. Gregory Vincent presented the award at a ceremony at the Mexican American Culture Center on Tuesday, Sept.9.

More Good News!
B. Iden Payne Nomination

Rupert Reyes was honored with a nomination by the Austin Circle of Theatres for "Best Original Script" for VECINOS. VECINOS premiered at the Mexican American Culture Center in February 2007.

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Immigrant Rights News - Monday, September 29, 2008

1. Oakland Institute: Backgrounder-Uprooted and Criminalized: The Impact of Free Trade Markets on Migrants
2. San Jose Mercury News: More than 1,100 arrested throughout California in immigration raids
3. Guardian UK: Celebrities plan protest against detention of Miami Five. The men were sentenced in 2001 for allegedly acting as agents for the Cuban government
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Oakland Institute [excerpt]

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Backgrounder

Uprooted and Criminalized:

The Impact of Free Trade Markets on Migrants

by David Bacon

Rufino Dominguez, coordinator of the Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations (FIOB, Frente Indigena de Organizaciones Binacionales) says there are about 500,000 indigenous people from Oaxaca living in the U.S. - 300,000 in California alone. Economic crises provoked by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and other economic reforms are uprooting and displacing Mexicans in the country's most remote areas, where indigenous people still speak their native languages. "There are no jobs, and NAFTA made the price of corn so low that it's not economically possible to plant a crop anymore," Dominguez says. "We come to the U.S. to work because we can't get a price for our product at home. There's no alternative." As he points out, U.S. trade and immigration policy are linked together. They are part of a single system, not separate and independent policies. The negotiation of NAFTA was in fact an important step in the development of this relationship.

Since NAFTA's passage in 1993, the U.S. Congress has debated and passed several new trade agreements - with Peru, Jordan, Chile, and the Central American Free Trade Agreement. At the same time it has debated immigration policy as though those trade agreements bore no relationship to the waves of displaced people migrating to the U.S., looking for work. Meanwhile, a rising tide of anti-immigrant hysteria has increasingly demonized those migrants, leading to measures that deny them jobs, rights, or any pretense of equality with people living in the communities around them. To resolve any of these dilemmas, from adopting rational and humane immigration policies to reducing the fear and hostility towards migrants, the starting point has be an examination of the way U.S. policies have both produced migration and criminalized migrants. [Å]

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San Jose Mercury News

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More than 1,100 arrested throughout California in immigration raids

By Denis C. Theriault

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Federal immigration authorities today announced the arrests more than 1,100 people throughout California, the result of a three-week sweep billed as the largest in state history.

Targeting immigrants who have either ignored deportation orders or returned to the United States illegally after being deported, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers arrested 1,157 men and women, including 436 from Northern California. The raids also produced 420 arrests in the Los Angeles area and 301 in the San Diego area.

Statewide, 595 people had outstanding deportation orders and 346 had prior criminal convictions. In Northern California, which includes the Bay Area, 185 were fugitives and 92 had prior criminal convictions. A breakdown of arrests by city and county was not available, officials said.

Among the special enforcement teams conducting the raids was a unit in San Jose, one of two set up last year in Northern California, bringing the number to six, as ICE continues its five-year crackdown against immigrants who ignore deportation orders. Nationwide, there are 95 teams in operation, ICE officials said, and more than 100 are expected to be in place by the end of the year. In 2003, only 17 teams were in place. Contact Denis C. Theriault at dtheriault@mercurynews.com or (408) 920-5035.

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Celebrities plan protest against detention of Miami Five

The men were sentenced in 2001 for allegedly acting as agents for the Cuban government

* Ed Pilkington in New York

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Nine Nobel Laureates, including the South African campaigner Desmond Tutu and the German novelist Gunter Grass, join forces tomorrow with more than 100 celebrities from the arts, law and media to protest the on-going detention by the US government of five Cubans imprisoned for allegedly spying on behalf of the Cuban government.

The so-called Miami Five were sentenced in 2001 to prison terms of between 15 and 25 years for allegedly acting as Cuban agents within the exile community in Miami.

The men and their supporters have consistently protested that they had come to the US to infiltrate and disrupt right-wing exile groups perpetrating acts of terrorism within Cuba.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the arrests of Gerardo Hernandez Nordelo, Ramon Labanino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando Gonzalez and Rene Gonzalez, full-page adverts are being taken out in the Guardian and the Independent tomorrow.

They claim that the men were unjustly jailed, and protest against the refusal to allow the wives of two of the prisoners to visit them from Cuba for up to 10 years.

Signatories to the adverts include the designers Vivienne Westwood and Jasper Conran, artist Howard Hodgkin, writers Iain Banks and Harold Pinter and actors Julie Christie and Susannah York.

The case of the Miami Five has attracted the attention of international human rights groups. Amnesty International has repeatedly raised the issue with the US government, arguing the refusal to permit spousal visits is unnecessarily punitive.

The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has also found that the US failed to give the men a fair trial.

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Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times

September 29, 2008

<http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200880925096&GID=C+OrvHNIeO4LmE01NApMmeeK1s+hpLn+lJcXCC A3ZNY%3D>

A nation with a conscience can stop allowing abuse of migrant farm workers

[by] Dr. Mark Heffington, M.D.

Migrant farm workers in the U.S. have been exploited and abused for more than 60 years with amazingly little improvement in their working and living conditions, despite exposés and increased coverage in the media. Now the Bush administration's Department of Labor plans to make things even worse for legal guest workers, and in the process, for U.S. citizen and legal resident farm workers as well.

The current H-2A "guest worker" program establishes rules for the legal hiring of a limited number of foreign farm workers for temporary employment each year. It is supposed to protect the access of U.S. citizens and permanent legal residents to farm jobs by requiring employers to pay a prevailing wage. It requires employers to make real attempts to fill positions using U.S. workers before bringing in temporary foreign workers. It also sets certain minimum housing standards for migrant workers.

Rules not working

In practice, the rules are inadequate and are often broken, and many of us who witness the process on a regular basis know that real-life enforcement policy is but a bad joke.

Farm workers pay to enter the system. While in the U.S. they are bound by contract to work for a single employer, and they cannot change employers even if they are abused, mistreated, or robbed of wages by their "masters." Their jobs may be threatened if they dare to complain about safety issues such as pesticide exposure violations. They cannot demand decent living and working conditions for fear of being fired, sent home, and blacklisted from future employment.

Their vulnerability puts them at the mercy of bosses who range from kind to brutal.

The H-2A program needs to be changed in many ways in order to better protect both guest workers and U.S. workers.

Making things worse

As embarrassingly inadequate as the current system is, the Bush administration has figured out a way to make it even more abusive. The soon-to-be-announced proposed changes to the H-2A program will largely reverse the few and poorly enforced worker protections that current regulations at least provide in theory. The changes will result in reduced wages for both guest workers and U.S. workers. In addition, employers can essentially stop pretending to try to recruit U.S. workers.

Rather than improving the current appalling conditions, the Department of Labor proposes changes designed only to increase farm owners' profits by making it easier to import greater numbers of even more vulnerable, underpaid and exploitable foreign workers.

Our representatives in Congress should stand up for the rights of workers by demanding that the administration's proposed changes be canceled. The Department of Labor should withdraw the proposed changes and reverse its current direction. It should make its goal to improve the working and living conditions of all farm workers rather than to perpetuate their exploitation.

It is 60 years past time for the shameful treatment of migrant farm workers in our county to end.

Dr. Mark Heffington has practiced family medicine in Cashiers since 1982. He has been medical director and outreach physician for a migrant farmworker health program for the past seven years.

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Immanuel Wallerstein

The Demise of Neoliberal Globalization

<http://www.globalpolicy.org/globaliz/econ/2008/0204demise.htm>

February 4, 2008

The ideology of neoliberal globalization has been on a roll since the early 1980s. It was not in fact a new idea in the history of the modern world-system, although it claimed to be one. It was rather the very old idea that the governments of the world should get out of the way of large, efficient enterprises in their efforts to prevail in the world market. The first policy implication was that governments, all governments,

should permit these corporations freely to cross every frontier with their goods and their capital. The second policy implication was that the governments, all governments, should renounce any role as owners themselves of these productive enterprises, privatizing whatever they own. And the third policy implication was that governments, all governments, should minimize, if not eliminate, any and all kinds of social welfare transfer payments to their populations. This old idea had always been cyclically in fashion.

In the 1980s, these ideas were proposed as a counterview to the equally old Keynesian and/or socialist views that had been prevailing in most countries around the world: that economies should be mixed (state plus private enterprises); that governments should protect their citizens from the depredations of foreign-owned quasi-monopolist corporations; and that governments should try to equalize life chances by transferring benefits to their less well-off residents (especially education, health, and lifetime guarantees of income levels), which required of course taxation of better-off residents and corporate enterprises.

The program of neoliberal globalization took advantage of the worldwide profit stagnation that began after a long period of unprecedented global expansion in the post-1945 period up to the beginning of the 1970s, which had encouraged the Keynesian and/or socialist views to dominate policy. The profit stagnation created balance-of-payments problems for a very large number of the world's governments, especially in the global South and the so-called socialist bloc of nations. The neoliberal counteroffensive was led by the right-wing governments of the United States and Great Britain (Reagan and Thatcher) plus the two main intergovernmental financial agencies - the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and these jointly created and enforced what came to be called the Washington Consensus. The slogan of this global joint policy was coined by Mrs. Thatcher: TINA, or There is No Alternative. The slogan was intended to convey to all governments that they had to fall in line with the policy recommendations, or they would be punished by slow growth and the refusal of international assistance in any difficulties they might face.

The Washington Consensus promised renewed economic growth to everyone and a way out of the global profit stagnation. Politically, the proponents of neoliberal globalization were highly successful. Government after government - in the global South, in the socialist bloc, and in the strong Western countries - privatized industries, opened their frontiers to trade and financial transactions, and cut back on the welfare state. Socialist ideas, even Keynesian ideas, were largely discredited in public opinion and renounced by political elites. The most dramatic visible consequence was the fall of the Communist regimes in east-central Europe and the former Soviet Union plus the adoption of a market-friendly policy by still-nominally socialist China. The only problem with this great political success was that it was not matched by economic success. The profit stagnation in industrial enterprises worldwide continued. The surge upward of the stock markets everywhere was based not on productive profits but largely on speculative financial manipulations. The distribution of income worldwide and within countries became very skewed - a massive increase in the income of the top 10% and especially of the top 1% of the world's populations, but a decline in real income of much of the rest of the world's populations.

Disillusionment with the glories of an unrestrained "market" began to set in by the mid-1990s. This could be seen in many developments: the return to power of more social-welfare-oriented governments in many countries; the turn back to calling for government protectionist policies, especially by labor movements and organizations of rural workers; the worldwide growth of an alterglobalization movement whose slogan was "another world is possible."

This political reaction grew slowly but steadily. Meanwhile, the proponents of neoliberal globalization not only persisted but increased their pressure with the regime of George W. Bush. Bush's government pushed simultaneously more distorted income distribution (via very large tax cuts for the very well-off) and a foreign policy of unilateral macho militarism (the Iraq invasion). It financed this by a fantastic expansion of borrowing (indebtedness) via the sale of U.S. treasury bonds to the controllers of world energy supplies and low-cost production facilities.

It looked good on paper, if all one read were the figures on the stock markets. But it was a super-credit bubble that was bound to burst, and is now bursting. The Iraq invasion (plus Afghanistan plus Pakistan) are proving a great military and political fiasco. The economic solidity of the United States has been discredited,

causing a radical fall in the dollar. And the stock markets of the world are trembling as they face the pricking of the bubble.

So what are the policy conclusions that governments and populations are drawing? There seem to be four in the offing. The first is the end of the role of the U.S. dollar as the reserve currency of the world, which renders impossible the continuance of the policy of super-indebtedness of both the government of the United States and its consumers. The second is the return to a high degree of protectionism, both in the global North and the global South. The third is the return of state acquisition of failing enterprises and the implementation of Keynesian measures. The last is the return of more social-welfare redistributive policies. The political balance is swinging back. Neoliberal globalization will be written about ten years from now as a cyclical swing in the history of the capitalist world-economy. The real question is not whether this phase is over but whether the swing back will be able, as in the past, to restore a state of relative equilibrium in the world-system. Or has too much damage been done? And are we now in for more violent chaos in the world-economy and therefore in the world-system as a whole.

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"Life is struggle and struggle is life,
but be mindful that Victory is in the Struggle"
- Carlos Muñoz, Jr.

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POSTVILLE, Iowa-- The women could have just packed up a few belongings, gently broken the news to their children they could no longer remain in this country, and gone back to Mexico and Guatemala.

Cruz Rodr guez, 31, thought she would do just that in the days after May 12, when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents stormed a kosher meatpacking plant in this small town, arresting her and nearly 400 other undocumented workers.

VIDEO: Maria Cruz Rodr guez -- a personal message to ICE.

Rodr guez was among some 40 detainees, almost all women, ICE released with ankle bracelet monitoring devices the day of the raid, so they could care for their children as they waited to see an immigration judge.

As the weeks and months wore on, many opted for deportation once courts gave them the chance, returning to rural villages in Guatemala and Mexico some thought they'd left behind for good.

Twenty-eight of the women, however, including Rodr guez, remain in Postville, fighting deportation by applying for political asylum or special visas, according to the Hispanic Ministry at St. Bridget's Catholic Church, nerve-center of immigrants' organizing efforts.

"At first I felt very depressed, I didn't see the purpose in anything," says Rodr guez, who is from Mexico.

"But then, when I saw there was hope, I said to myself, this was an opportunity life had given me."

Rodr guez has three boys. While her youngest two are U.S. citizens, 13-year-old Alejandro was born in Mexico. She says more than anything else, it's concern for her eldest son's future that pushed her to fight to stay. "The youngest two have citizenship, so they'll eventually be able to come and go as they please," she says, "but Alejandro worries me, because he wants to keep studying."

For all the women, it has been a topsy-turvy, emotionally demanding 4-month bureaucratic and legal odyssey.

"I didn't know anything about rights, or laws, or anything like that," says Mar a Laura G mez, 31, who arrived in Postville from Guatemala in 2005 and worked in the plant packing chicken parts into styrofoam containers.

VIDEO: Mar a Laura G mez -- Why she is fighting deportation.

As their cases moved forward, the women have dug up identity documents and years of personal records from their homes, attended court hearings, sat through rounds of debriefings with lawyers and legal assistants, and filled out mounds of paperwork. The not knowing is the worst part, they say. On most days, as they sit at home unable to work, the phone doesn't ring with news, and the mailbox doesn't produce a letter or notice offering a firmer idea of how their case is faring, for better or worse.

Their pro-bono lawyers admit it's difficult to know what might happen, in part because the women's arguments to remain in the country rely on emerging, sketchily defined areas of immigration law.

In Rodr guez's case, she's applying for political asylum, seeking protection from her alcoholic, abusive ex-husband, who she immigrated with but separated from nearly three years ago, completing her divorce earlier this year. Because Mexican authorities have proven woefully inadequate in protecting domestic abuse victims, she can apply for asylum under U.S. law as a "member of a particular social group" that a foreign government isn't able to adequately shield from persecution, says Rachel Yamamoto, an Omaha attorney.

"From what she's told me, the husband would follow her back to Mexico," Yamamoto says, "and she's terrified. You can't go to the police, the police won't help in Mexico."

Yamamoto, along with colleague David Lanphier, also represents another Postville detainee who is making a similar asylum claim. The problem is that U.S. courts haven't issued clear guidelines to be adopted for domestic violence-related asylum claims, such as the well-publicized case of Guatemalan immigrant Rodi Alvarado Peñ̄a, which has been in legal limbo for over 10 years.

"It's a very new area in the law, it doesn't fit cleanly into the existing framework of asylum law, but you can make it fit," says Yamamoto.

Another recourse available is a U Visa, which is a three-year temporary residence granted to victims of crimes who are helping U.S. authorities investigate and prosecute the criminal activity, says Yamamoto. Once the three year period is up, the U visa holders can apply for a green card, or permanent residence. It's possible that Rodr̄guez, in addition to her asylum claim, might be asked by state or federal prosecutors to testify in developing cases against their former employer, Agriprocessors Inc., and apply for a U visa separately.

Already, several Agriprocessors supervisors have been indicted or tried on charges relating to their hiring of undocumented immigrants, and top management of the meatpacker, including founder and owner Aaron Rubashkin and his son Sholom, former CEO, have also been charged by the Iowa Attorney General's office with over 9,000 counts of child labor violations.

One day, Ḡmez was on her way to sign a form agreeing to voluntary deportation when she received a call from assistants to lawyer Sonia Parras Konrad, informing her she might be able to attain a U visa, as a potential collaborator in a federal investigation into sexual harassment at Agriprocessors.

Ḡmez, who had worked at the plant packing chicken parts, took it as a kind of sign. "That was when I grabbed on to the idea of not wanting to leave, come what may," she says.

All told, says Parras, she's helping around 40 former Agriprocessors employees, including women with ankle bracelets and underage workers, to obtain U visas.

However, U visas also are still an unknown quantity, according to Yamamoto. Created in 2000, the guidelines governing their issuance was so long delayed immigration advocates filed suit in a federal court in 2007 to open the bottleneck. Meanwhile, applicants could only expect to receive interim work permits and protection from deportation as the bureaucracy stalled on getting the policy. Regulations were finally approved late last year, but it's still unclear how flexible the government will be in awarding U visas, which according to the law also can be applied for by victims' relatives.

Veronica Cumez, a 32-year-old Guatemalan wearing an ankle bracelet, hopes to obtain a U visa as the longtime guardian of her nephew, 17-year-old Gerardo Sorov̄, who was an underage worker at Agriprocessors (underage workers, over 20 of them, also were released the day of the raid). However, she was forced to make a decision that would be heart-rending for any mother. Her 14-year-old daughter Silvia Cumez decided she couldn't bear to remain amidst the debris of their former lives in Postville any longer, and wanted to return to Guatemala, where her two younger siblings live. Cumez initially resisted, but had to relent when Silvia insisted.

One cloudy afternoon, Cumez stood in her driveway and watched a hired green van drive away with her daughter in it, bound for the Chicago airport five hours away, and a direct flight to Guatemala City. The last words she said to her daughter were, "Take good care of yourself ... let God be with you." After the sound of the tires on the loose gravel faded, Cumez stood and stared at the empty driveway a few minutes longer, the back of her hand covering her mouth.

If granted a U visa, Cumez has decided she will remain in the United States to work and send money to her children in Guatemala, so that they might live better.

Despite the undeniable roller-coaster quality of their lives, with ups and downs dictated by advances and setbacks in their cases, the women fighting deportation agree the challenges they've faced has made them stronger people-- more apt to stand up for their rights, more resourceful and thicker-skinned.

"I've become more independent, and I've developed more self-esteem," says Rodr̄guez.

Rodr̄guez and Ḡmez have enrolled in twice-weekly English classes and weekly classes in Spanish that count toward a high school degree. In addition to teaching them useful skills, the classes are welcome distractions.

"When we're in class I feel my troubles grow lighter," says GÃ³mez.

GÃ³mez also has joined with a few other women to create a jewelry-making cooperative selling bracelets, earrings and necklaces fashioned from colorful stones. The money will go to pay for the women's living expenses. Unable to work, they've depended on Postville churches and donations for food, rent and bills. Each piece of jewelry is accompanied with a scroll explaining the color's meaning.

The pieces with green stones symbolize hope, and the ones with black stones symbolize May 12, the day of the raid, "when everything turned black, and our dreams faded," says GÃ³mez.

One morning, while blending tomatoes for a lunch of tamales, GÃ³mez recounts her particular set of troubles. Though her husband wasn't arrested, and his wages shoulder some of their expenses, she's diabetic, and insulin injections add considerably to her household costs. Also, in addition to her two sons, aged nine and 14, GÃ³mez is looking after her 16-year-old nephew, the son of her sister-in-law, a single mother who was so distraught and fearful during the raid she did not inform authorities she had a son and so was not released with an ankle bracelet.

Like most women, GÃ³mez is living each day as if it may be one of her last in this country.

She's already arranged with her husband that if she's deported, she'll take the children and he'll remain in the United States to work and send money to her and her extended family, which already is struggling in Guatemala without her remittances. She'll take the battered suitcase her husband uses in his roving around the Midwest for jobs. That way, she says, "I'll only have to buy one suitcase for the trip."

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The News

California Raids Lead to More Immigrant Arrests; Jealous Brings Youth and Vision to NAACP

Statewide Immigration Raids in California Result in 1,157 Arrests

Federal raids throughout California lead to over 1000 new immigrant arrests. Immigration and Custom Enforcement says raids targeted immigrants ignoring deportation orders, but ICE emphasizes violent crimes in press reports. LA Times

Muslim Group Seeks Probe of Anti-Islamic DVD

The Council on American-Islamic Relations this week urged the Federal Election Commission to open an investigation into the distribution of an anti-Islamic DVD. The film, "Obsession: Radical Islam's War Against the West", was distributed in millions of newspapers throughout several key swing states over the past few weeks. Charlotte Observer

Post 9/11 Film Explores Racism, Patriotism and Fear in America

Cindy Weber, a political science professor at Lancaster University in the UK, recently released a new film entitled "I am an American," that looks at issues such as immigration, patriotism and racial prejudice. Narco News

With Lawsuit Resolved, All Eyes on Ohio as Absentee Voting Begins

Ohio opened up their polls today in the first day of a thirty-five day early voting period. With voter suppression still very fresh for many communities of color in Ohio, this election is likely to be even more closely watched. CBS News.

Obama and the Future of Blacks in America

Benjamin Jealous, 35, became the new head of the NAACP this month. "As long as regular folks are suffering and racism is a problem," said Jealous, "there will be a need for the NAACP." With America's first black candidate vying for the Presidency, what might this mean for the NAACP and race politics? US News and World Report.

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CELEBRATE WORLD COMMUNION THROUGH THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER FENCE -

Sunday, October 5, 2:30 p.m., Friendship Park.

Experience the true meaning of World Communion Sunday as we break bread together and share the cup through the border fence. See Friendship Park, the historic meeting place slated for elimination by border fence construction. Meditation for peace begins at 2:30, followed by 3 p.m. interfaith communion with U.S. and Mexican clergy. Directions: from I-5, exit West on Dairy Mart Road. Dairy Mart turns into Monument Road, which leads to Border Field State Park (\$5 per vehicle on entrance). Valid U.S. identification required. "COMUNIA" N ECUM" NICA" EN LA L" NEA INTERNACIONAL. Domingo, 5 de octubre, 2:30 PM, Playas de Tijuana, Parque de la Amistad.

El gobierno estadounidense planea eliminar el pasaje p" blico al lado norte del famoso Parque de la Amistad. Por esta raz" n, nos vamos a reunir en la l" nea internacional el d" a 5 de octubre, lo cual se celebra como "Domingo de Comuni3n Mundial." Nos reuniremos en silencio a las 2:30 PM, y a las 3 PM se dar" j una comuni3n ecum" nica. Por medio de este acto sencillo y humilde ofreceremos un testimonio poderoso e impactante. ¡El pueblo unido jam" s ser" j vencido!

Auxiliado por/Sponsored by: American Friends Service Committee; Border Angels/Angeles de la Frontera; Border Meet Up Group; Center for Justice & Reconciliation, PLNU; Foundation for Change; St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral; S" Se Puede Immigrant Rights Organization; Sweetwater Zen Center.

¡Todos y todas son bienvenidos!

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Madness at the Border and Repression:

Why are advocates of a border wall intent on constructing a massive, costly wall that tears up communities and land and escalates border deaths?

Does Not Counter Terrorist Threats:

Border walls do not reduce "terrorists and terrorist weapons." Secretary Chertoff of Homeland Security admits no potential terrorist have ever been apprehended on the southern border. The people involved in the 9/11/01 attacks came to the U.S. via airports, were granted visas, and did not cross the border by land.

Broken Communities:

People's homes, federally protected areas, a university campus, state parks, farms and ranches, and native sacred sights are being demolished and separated by the wall. Also, cross-border families are being pulled apart. Along the border, cities and families share a long history of exchange. People are giving up their homes, heritage, and their legacy for their children and grandchildren.

Native Land and Historic Roots:

The wall threatens native communities and land by blocking access to ceremonial and religious sites, and disregards real consultation, as well as communal and family boundaries older than Mexico or the U.S. Native communities continue to demand recognition of their rights to move freely, to keep their homelands undisturbed by militarization, and to sustain relationships in their homelands.

Human Cost and Human Rights Violations:

The building of walls has only led to a sharp increase in the number of deaths of people attempting to cross, with reported deaths more than doubling from 1995 to 2005, according to a General Accounting Office report. In 2005, the deadliest year on record, the GAO accounted for 472 deaths. Many bodies are never recovered. Pushing people to more dangerous migration paths is an inhumane strategy. It is outrageous that real lives pay for Americans' false sense of security.

High Cost: Total Cost of Building of Border Wall \$46 Billion & Corruption:

A 2007 congressional report estimates the cost of maintaining and building the fence could be as much as \$49 billion over its expected 25-year life span. Wall construction, of sections over 700 miles, is heavily tainted by lies and private profit. The Texas Observer found that the head of the Secure Border Initiative Office, Greg Giddens (U.S. Customs and Border Protection), is also executive director of "SBI" that directs SBInet, a consortium of private contractors that received a multibillion-dollar wall contract.

The SAVE Act:

*?Calls for expansion of border walls by giving all power to the Secretary of DHS: "Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall construct or purchase |.additional fencing (and aesthetic fencing in

business districts) in urban areas of the border; and...vehicle barriers¹ in rural and remote areas of the border | ." (Text of H.R. 4088-SAVE Act)

*?Gives power to DHS to build more family detention centers modeled under the T. Don Hutto Family Residential Facility.

*?Requires approximately six million employers to verify the work status of more than 130 million workers within four years: if passed, the SAVE Act would place a tremendous financial and regulatory burden on businesses and employees at a time when our economy is already fragile. If this law were in place now, the errors in the SSA database alone could result in 2.5 million people a year being misidentified as unauthorized for employment.

If passed, it would waste millions of taxpayer dollars on enforcement, detention and deportation programs that, in the last 20 years, have failed to end undocumented immigration. In practice, the SAVE Act will lead to uneven implementation and widespread fear of raids and deportation in immigrant communities. This dismisses these workers' contribution to the growth and economy of this country, and incurs, in many cases, long-term separation of families.

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The Border Wall's Lawless History

Scott Nicol

The border wall, which has already done tremendous damage to the environment of our borderlands, will in coming weeks plug a canyon south of San Diego. More than 2 million cubic yards of earth will be torn from adjacent hills and dumped into a canyon called Smuggler's Gulch to create a massive earthen berm. The wall will then be built on top of this berm, rather than following the canyon's natural contours. The Keiwit Corporation will be paid \$48.6 million to fill the canyon and build 3.5 miles of border wall, doing irreparable damage the Tijuana River estuary in the process. In Keiwit's home state of Nebraska, or any other part of the country, federal laws would limit the destruction that such a reckless project could do, but on the border the Department of Homeland Security is no longer bound by our nation's laws.

In 1996 Congress passed the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, which called for the construction of walls along the U.S.-Mexico border. Beginning in the Pacific Ocean and extending inland for 14 miles, the wall would slice through protected lands, Smuggler's Gulch, and the Tijuana River. It would consist of parallel concrete and steel walls with a graded road between them, lights, cameras, and sensors, and 50 feet on either side cleared of all vegetation.

California's Coastal Commission determined that the border wall would violate the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. Of particular concern was the damage that would be done to the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve and other lands that had been set aside for protection, Smuggler's Gulch in particular, as well as impacts on threatened and endangered species. The Sierra Club and other environmental groups challenged the border wall in court, alleging that it violated the National Environmental Policy Act. The judge agreed, and construction was halted.

In 2005 the Real ID Act was attached as a rider on an appropriations bill funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan after it failed to pass on its own merits. It contained a provision intended to overrule the objections of the California Coastal Commission and anyone else who might oppose the construction of border walls. It said, "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall have the authority to waive all legal requirements such Secretary, in such Secretary's sole discretion, determines necessary to ensure expeditious construction of the barriers and roads under this section."

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff used his unprecedented new power to "waive in their entirety" the Coastal Zone Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Clean Water Act, and other vital federal laws to build the San Diego border wall. The challenges brought by the California Coastal Commission and the Sierra Club were thrown out when the laws that they were based upon were waived.

The Real ID Act amended the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, with the phrase "under this section" referring to its 14 miles of California border wall. When the Secure Fence Act was passed two weeks before the 2006 mid-term election, it further amended the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act, replacing the 14 miles originally called for by the act with over 700 miles of border wall. Because these new walls were now "under this section" Secretary Chertoff had the power under Real ID to "waive all legal requirements" to build them as well.

In 2007 the California pattern was repeated in Arizona. The Sierra Club and Defenders of Wildlife challenged the construction of the border wall in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. The San Pedro was recognized by the National Audubon Society as its first Globally Important Bird Area, and designated as a world heritage natural area by the United Nations World Heritage Program. The court agreed that the Department of Homeland Security had ignored the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act when they began building the wall through Arizona's last free-flowing river, and an injunction temporarily

halting construction was handed down. Rather than comply with the law, Secretary Chertoff waived it, once again suspending the laws that were the basis of a successful suit, along with 18 others. Within days of the waiver DHS restarted construction. This case is currently pending before the Supreme Court. (No Longer, Supreme Court denied to hear-June 23)

Apparently hoping to head off further court challenges to the border wall, last April Secretary Chertoff issued two waivers. One waived 27 federal laws to allow for the insertion of border walls into the existing flood control levees in Hidalgo County. This followed the determination by the US Fish and Wildlife Service that, "any proposed fence and/or levee segment that bisects lands within the Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge cannot be found compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established," and would therefore be in violation of the National Wildlife Refuge Administration Act. It also brought an abrupt end to the Environmental Impact Statement process mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act.

The second waiver covered every other section of border wall that will be built in 2008 from San Diego, California to Brownsville, Texas. This mega-waiver suspended 36 federal laws. Along with the environmental laws set aside in earlier waivers, Chertoff waived the Farmland Protection Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, and a host of others. It appears that in his rush to build the border wall, Chertoff was setting aside not only the laws that the wall was certain to violate, but any law that might in any way be relevant.

Predictably, this abuse of power invited court challenge rather than curtailing it. A diverse group of plaintiffs - El Paso County, the El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, the Hudspeth County Conservation and Reclamation District No. 1, the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo of the Tigua Nation, Frontera Audubon Society, the Friends of the Wildlife Corridor, the Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, and Brownsville's Galeria 409 - have challenged the constitutionality of the Real ID Act's waiver provision. They allege that giving an Administration appointee the power to overrule acts of Congress that were signed by the President for the express purpose of short-circuiting the functioning of the Judiciary is a violation of the Constitutionally mandated separation of powers.

This is not just an academic question; these plaintiffs will be directly impacted by the suspension of these laws. The waiving of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act means that the wall can be built without consideration of the sites on the Rio Grande that are important to the religious practices of the Tigua Nation. The El Paso and Hudspeth County water districts are charged with providing their counties with drinking and irrigation water. Not only has Chertoff waived the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act, but, "all federal, state, or other laws, regulations and legal requirements of, deriving from, or related to the subject of" the laws listed in the waiver. Apparently, no laws related to water are in force, leaving water districts with no way of knowing what rules still apply.

Long after the remains of the border wall share museum space with the broken concrete of the Berlin Wall, Smuggler's Gulch will still be filled in, and the Tijuana River estuary that it flows into silted up. Secretary Chertoff, however, is so fixated on building the border wall that he is willing to ignore the consequences of his actions. Serious violations of federal law, resulting in irreparable damage to our nation's natural and cultural heritage; to homes and farms and businesses; and to the continuation of Native American religious practices that predate the founding of the United States, are all acceptable costs according to this narrow mindset. Chertoff has admitted that, "Yes, you can get over it; yes, you can get under it," but in his mind an ineffectual border wall is still worth sacrificing the fundamental principles enshrined in the U.S. Constitution.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Project Seed Job Announcement *

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Project SEED is hiring bilingual individuals (English and Spanish) with high fluency (written and verbal) in both languages to conduct family interviews in the Austin area.

Job Description: Conduct home visits to interview parents and children in Spanish and English in the Austin area.

Requirements: Bilingual fluency (written and verbal) in English and Spanish. In order to accommodate the busy schedules of our participating families, interviewers must be available weekday nights and weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). If hired, interviewers must attend a paid training session. Must have excellent interpersonal skills. Must be reliable, detail oriented, and be able to meet deadlines. Must have a car and be familiar with the Austin area.

Preferred: Native Spanish speaker preferred. Possess a BA/BS degree. Social Science background a plus. Previous experience working with Mexican families also a plus.

Starting hourly salary: Depends on experience. No mileage reimbursement available.

About Project SEED: Sponsored by The University of Texas at Austin with the collaboration of Austin ISD, Project SEED seeks to learn about what Mexican families are doing to help their children grow up to be healthy, happy, and successful. We hope to use this information to develop programs and policies that will help children and their families.

How to apply: Please send resume, as a Word attachment, to Dr. Su Yeong Kim at sykim@prc.utexas.edu by 5 pm, October 12, 2008.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: AIRC Needs You Now! *

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AIRC needs your help to reach our goal of raising \$2,500 to continue the struggle for fair treatment of immigrants and just immigration reform. If 100 people donate \$25, we can reach our goal!

AIRC has witnessed an unprecedented campaign undertaken by the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) to use enforcement policies to "solve" the undocumented problem. Recently, on August 25, 2008, in Laurel, Mississippi, ICE launched the largest immigration raid in the country. Over 595 people were arrested. The raid follows a similar large-scale immigration operation at a meatpacking plant in Postville, Iowa, in May 2008 when nearly 400 workers were detained. ICE not only spreads fear and separates immigrant families through the use of raids, but also by collaborating with local law enforcement, increasing immigrant detentions, militarizing the border and exploiting immigrant workers through the use of Social Security no-match letters. The coalition will not stand by silently while honest, hard-working immigrants and their families are held under attack.

AIRC members recently formed 3 new committees to proactively address these issues on a local level:

1. The Raids Preparedness Committee will be working to educate hundreds of immigrants about their rights and how to defend them in the event of a raid, as well as how to document human rights abuses.
2. The Policy Committee will be working to educate AIRC members, partners and legislators on the ramifications of anti-immigrant bills during 2009 Texas Legislative Session. The Policy Committee will mobilize AIRC members to testify at the Session's Committee hearings and communicate their concerns about the bills using emails/faxes/phone calls/op-eds.
3. ICE out of the Jail Committee will continue its effort to scale back Immigration and Customs Enforcement's presence in the Travis County Jail. The committee has recently entered into dialogue with the Sheriff to work on mitigating the effects of collaboration between ICE and the county jail.

DONATE NOW online on our fiscal sponsor's website to help us continue the fight for immigrant rights! Your generous contribution will be recognized on the Coalition's website, www.austinirc.org.

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1. Oakland Institute: Background-Uprooted and Criminalized: The Impact of Free Trade Markets on Migrants
2. San Jose Mercury News: More than 1,100 arrested throughout California in immigration raids
3. Guardian UK: Celebrities plan protest against detention of Miami Five. The men were sentenced in 2001 for allegedly acting as agents for the Cuban government
4. Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times Op Ed: A nation with a conscience can stop allowing abuse of migrant farm workers
5. Immanuel Wallerstein: The Demise of Neoliberal Globalization

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Backgrounder

Uprooted and Criminalized:

The Impact of Free Trade Markets on Migrants

by David Bacon

Rufino Dominguez, coordinator of the Binational Front of Indigenous Organizations (FIOB, Frente Indigena de Organizaciones Binacionales) says there are about 500,000 indigenous people from Oaxaca living in the U.S. - 300,000 in California alone. Economic crises provoked by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and other economic reforms are uprooting and displacing Mexicans in the country's most remote areas, where indigenous people still speak their native languages. "There are no jobs, and NAFTA made the price of corn so low that it's not economically possible to plant a crop anymore," Dominguez says. "We come to the U.S. to work because we can't get a price for our product at home. There's no alternative." As he points out, U.S. trade and immigration policy are linked together. They are part of a single system, not separate and independent policies. The negotiation of NAFTA was in fact an important step in the development of this relationship.

Since NAFTA's passage in 1993, the U.S. Congress has debated and passed several new trade agreements - with Peru, Jordan, Chile, and the Central American Free Trade Agreement. At the same time it has debated immigration policy as though those trade agreements bore no relationship to the waves of displaced people migrating to the U.S., looking for work. Meanwhile, a rising tide of anti-immigrant hysteria has increasingly demonized those migrants, leading to measures that deny them jobs, rights, or any pretense of equality with people living in the communities around them. To resolve any of these dilemmas, from adopting rational and humane immigration policies to reducing the fear and hostility towards migrants, the starting point has been an examination of the way U.S. policies have both produced migration and criminalized migrants. [Å]

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More than 1,100 arrested throughout California in immigration raids

By Denis C. Theriault

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Federal immigration authorities today announced the arrests more than 1,100 people throughout California, the result of a three-week sweep billed as the largest in state history.

Targeting immigrants who have either ignored deportation orders or returned to the United States illegally after being deported, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers arrested 1,157 men and women, including 436 from Northern California. The raids also produced 420 arrests in the Los Angeles area and 301 in the San Diego area.

Statewide, 595 people had outstanding deportation orders and 346 had prior criminal convictions. In Northern California, which includes the Bay Area, 185 were fugitives and 92 had prior criminal convictions. A breakdown of arrests by city and county was not available, officials said.

Among the special enforcement teams conducting the raids was a unit in San Jose, one of two set up last year in Northern California, bringing the number to six, as ICE continues its five-year crackdown against immigrants who ignore deportation orders. Nationwide, there are 95 teams in operation, ICE officials said, and more than 100 are expected to be in place by the end of the year. In 2003, only 17 teams were in place. Contact Denis C. Theriault at dtheriault@mercurynews.com or (408) 920-5035.

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<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2008/sep/29/usa.cuba/print>

Celebrities plan protest against detention of Miami Five

The men were sentenced in 2001 for allegedly acting as agents for the Cuban government

* Ed Pilkington in New York

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* Monday September 29 2008 18:09 BST

Nine Nobel Laureates, including the South African campaigner Desmond Tutu and the German novelist Gunter Grass, join forces tomorrow with more than 100 celebrities from the arts, law and media to protest the on-going detention by the US government of five Cubans imprisoned for allegedly spying on behalf of the Cuban government.

The so-called Miami Five were sentenced in 2001 to prison terms of between 15 and 25 years for allegedly acting as Cuban agents within the exile community in Miami.

The men and their supporters have consistently protested that they had come to the US to infiltrate and disrupt right-wing exile groups perpetrating acts of terrorism within Cuba.

To mark the 10th anniversary of the arrests of Gerardo Hernandez Nordelo, Ramon Labanino, Antonio Guerrero, Fernando Gonzalez and Rene Gonzalez, full-page adverts are being taken out in the Guardian and the Independent tomorrow.

They claim that the men were unjustly jailed, and protest against the refusal to allow the wives of two of the prisoners to visit them from Cuba for up to 10 years.

Signatories to the adverts include the designers Vivienne Westwood and Jasper Conran, artist Howard Hodgkin, writers Iain Banks and Harold Pinter and actors Julie Christie and Susannah York.

The case of the Miami Five has attracted the attention of international human rights groups. Amnesty International has repeatedly raised the issue with the US government, arguing the refusal to permit spousal visits is unnecessarily punitive.

The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention has also found that the US failed to give the men a fair trial.

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Asheville (NC) Citizen-Times

September 29, 2008

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A nation with a conscience can stop allowing abuse of migrant farm workers

[by] Dr. Mark Heffington, M.D.

Migrant farm workers in the U.S. have been exploited and abused for more than 60 years with amazingly little improvement in their working and living conditions, despite exposés and increased coverage in the

media. Now the Bush administration's Department of Labor plans to make things even worse for legal guest workers, and in the process, for U.S. citizen and legal resident farm workers as well.

The current H-2A "guest worker" program establishes rules for the legal hiring of a limited number of foreign farm workers for temporary employment each year. It is supposed to protect the access of U.S. citizens and permanent legal residents to farm jobs by requiring employers to pay a prevailing wage. It requires employers to make real attempts to fill positions using U.S. workers before bringing in temporary foreign workers. It also sets certain minimum housing standards for migrant workers.

Rules not working

In practice, the rules are inadequate and are often broken, and many of us who witness the process on a regular basis know that real-life enforcement policy is but a bad joke.

Farm workers pay to enter the system. While in the U.S. they are bound by contract to work for a single employer, and they cannot change employers even if they are abused, mistreated, or robbed of wages by their "masters." Their jobs may be threatened if they dare to complain about safety issues such as pesticide exposure violations. They cannot demand decent living and working conditions for fear of being fired, sent home, and blacklisted from future employment.

Their vulnerability puts them at the mercy of bosses who range from kind to brutal.

The H-2A program needs to be changed in many ways in order to better protect both guest workers and U.S. workers.

Making things worse

As embarrassingly inadequate as the current system is, the Bush administration has figured out a way to make it even more abusive. The soon-to-be-announced proposed changes to the H-2A program will largely reverse the few and poorly enforced worker protections that current regulations at least provide in theory. The changes will result in reduced wages for both guest workers and U.S. workers. In addition, employers can essentially stop pretending to try to recruit U.S. workers.

Rather than improving the current appalling conditions, the Department of Labor proposes changes designed only to increase farm owners' profits by making it easier to import greater numbers of even more vulnerable, underpaid and exploitable foreign workers.

Our representatives in Congress should stand up for the rights of workers by demanding that the administration's proposed changes be canceled. The Department of Labor should withdraw the proposed changes and reverse its current direction. It should make its goal to improve the working and living conditions of all farm workers rather than to perpetuate their exploitation.

It is 60 years past time for the shameful treatment of migrant farm workers in our county to end.

Dr. Mark Heffington has practiced family medicine in Cashiers since 1982. He has been medical director and outreach physician for a migrant farmworker health program for the past seven years.

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Immanuel Wallerstein

The Demise of Neoliberal Globalization

<http://www.globalpolicy.org/globaliz/econ/2008/0204demise.htm>

February 4, 2008

The ideology of neoliberal globalization has been on a roll since the early 1980s. It was not in fact a new idea in the history of the modern world-system, although it claimed to be one. It was rather the very old idea that the governments of the world should get out of the way of large, efficient enterprises in their efforts to prevail in the world market. The first policy implication was that governments, all governments, should permit these corporations freely to cross every frontier with their goods and their capital. The second policy implication was that the governments, all governments, should renounce any role as owners themselves of these productive enterprises, privatizing whatever they own. And the third policy implication was that governments, all governments, should minimize, if not eliminate, any and all kinds of social welfare transfer payments to their populations. This old idea had always been cyclically in fashion.

In the 1980s, these ideas were proposed as a counterview to the equally old Keynesian and/or socialist views that had been prevailing in most countries around the world: that economies should be mixed (state

plus private enterprises); that governments should protect their citizens from the depredations of foreign-owned quasi-monopolist corporations; and that governments should try to equalize life chances by transferring benefits to their less well-off residents (especially education, health, and lifetime guarantees of income levels), which required of course taxation of better-off residents and corporate enterprises.

The program of neoliberal globalization took advantage of the worldwide profit stagnation that began after a long period of unprecedented global expansion in the post-1945 period up to the beginning of the 1970s, which had encouraged the Keynesian and/or socialist views to dominate policy. The profit stagnation created balance-of-payments problems for a very large number of the world's governments, especially in the global South and the so-called socialist bloc of nations. The neoliberal counteroffensive was led by the right-wing governments of the United States and Great Britain (Reagan and Thatcher) plus the two main intergovernmental financial agencies - the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, and these jointly created and enforced what came to be called the Washington Consensus. The slogan of this global joint policy was coined by Mrs. Thatcher: TINA, or There is No Alternative. The slogan was intended to convey to all governments that they had to fall in line with the policy recommendations, or they would be punished by slow growth and the refusal of international assistance in any difficulties they might face. The Washington Consensus promised renewed economic growth to everyone and a way out of the global profit stagnation. Politically, the proponents of neoliberal globalization were highly successful. Government after government - in the global South, in the socialist bloc, and in the strong Western countries - privatized industries, opened their frontiers to trade and financial transactions, and cut back on the welfare state. Socialist ideas, even Keynesian ideas, were largely discredited in public opinion and renounced by political elites. The most dramatic visible consequence was the fall of the Communist regimes in east-central Europe and the former Soviet Union plus the adoption of a market-friendly policy by still-nominally socialist China. The only problem with this great political success was that it was not matched by economic success. The profit stagnation in industrial enterprises worldwide continued. The surge upward of the stock markets everywhere was based not on productive profits but largely on speculative financial manipulations. The distribution of income worldwide and within countries became very skewed - a massive increase in the income of the top 10% and especially of the top 1% of the world's populations, but a decline in real income of much of the rest of the world's populations.

Disillusionment with the glories of an unrestrained "market" began to set in by the mid-1990s. This could be seen in many developments: the return to power of more social-welfare-oriented governments in many countries; the turn back to calling for government protectionist policies, especially by labor movements and organizations of rural workers; the worldwide growth of an alterglobalization movement whose slogan was "another world is possible."

This political reaction grew slowly but steadily. Meanwhile, the proponents of neoliberal globalization not only persisted but increased their pressure with the regime of George W. Bush. Bush's government pushed simultaneously more distorted income distribution (via very large tax cuts for the very well-off) and a foreign policy of unilateral macho militarism (the Iraq invasion). It financed this by a fantastic expansion of borrowing (indebtedness) via the sale of U.S. treasury bonds to the controllers of world energy supplies and low-cost production facilities.

It looked good on paper, if all one read were the figures on the stock markets. But it was a super-credit bubble that was bound to burst, and is now bursting. The Iraq invasion (plus Afghanistan plus Pakistan) are proving a great military and political fiasco. The economic solidity of the United States has been discredited, causing a radical fall in the dollar. And the stock markets of the world are trembling as they face the pricking of the bubble.

So what are the policy conclusions that governments and populations are drawing? There seem to be four in the offing. The first is the end of the role of the U.S. dollar as the reserve currency of the world, which renders impossible the continuance of the policy of super-indebtedness of both the government of the United States and its consumers. The second is the return to a high degree of protectionism, both in the global North and the global South. The third is the return of state acquisition of failing enterprises and the implementation of Keynesian measures. The last is the return of more social-welfare redistributive policies.

The political balance is swinging back. Neoliberal globalization will be written about ten years from now as a cyclical swing in the history of the capitalist world-economy. The real question is not whether this phase is over but whether the swing back will be able, as in the past, to restore a state of relative equilibrium in the world-system. Or has too much damage been done? And are we now in for more violent chaos in the world-economy and therefore in the world-system as a whole.

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Performing for Peace in the Heart of Houston! Oct 4 *

Dear Friends,

We are proud to say that our small organization is pulling together after Hurricane Ike to keep our original Culture Festival date of Saturday, October 4th! The SGI-USA Houston Culture Festival: Performing for Peace is one of the few festivals that has not been cancelled or postponed due to the hurricane. The Culture Festival features 30 performances featuring Mariachi MECA, Taiko drumming, spoken word, modern dance, ethnic dance, hip hop, vocal performances, classical violin and even country line dancing that will get the audience involved!

Please see the official press release below for details and let me know if you have any questions!

Thanks so much,
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A well-formatted version in MS Word is attached.

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " September 30, 2008 issue
Submit your event notices to hpjc-calendar-owner@yahoogleroups.com.

FEATURED EVENT

Big rally for universal health care coverage " Saturday, October 4 from 4-6 p.m. Read more complete information at October 4 below.

ELECTION SCHEDULE AND EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

See at bottom of calendar.

'THE REEL': HCCS'S NORTHWEST COLLEGE'S SPEAKER AND FILM SERIES

See complete schedule after list of EVENTS and before election information.

EVENTS

Environmental attorney Jim Blackburn " Tuesday, September 30

With climate change promising massive ecological disruptions, Texas' pioneering environmental attorney will offer observations about living things, our connectedness to them and our need to take effective action soon. The talk is entitled 'A Spiritual Quest: Enough? Enough!' The concept of ENOUGH will be woven throughout the presentation. Blackburn will introduce the concept of CONNECTUALITY and its power to transform our thinking, perception, and will to act. Blackburn's 2001 address at the Rothko Chapel, "Place, Spirituality, Activism," was the inspiration for his subsequent The Book of Texas Bays. He has received the National Wildlife Federation's National Conservation Achievement Award and the Bob Eckhardt Coastal Lifetime Achievement Award from the General Land Office of the State of Texas. 7 p.m. at Rothko Chapel, 1409 Sul Ross. For more information, call the Chapel, 713/524-9839.

Gene Green's town hall meeting on Fair Trade Act " Wednesday, October 1

At last a trade bill (HR 6180, S 3083) has been filed in Congress that will increase, not undermine, global economic justice. On June 4, 2008, more than 50 Members of Congress, including Representatives Al Green (D-9) and Gene Green (D-29), introduced the TRADE Act (Trade Reform, Accountability, Development, and Employment). It lays out a framework for how we can turn our free trade policies into fair trade policies, and how we can create a more democratic, just approach to globalization. Specifically, the TRADE Act

- *** Requires a review of existing trade pacts, including the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization (WTO), and other major pacts.
- *** Sets forth what must and must not be included in future trade pacts.
- *** Provides for the renegotiation of existing trade agreements.
- *** Describes the key elements of a new trade negotiating and approval mechanism to replace Fast Track that would enhance the role of Congress and the public in crafting trade agreements that can meet the needs of workers, family farmers, and the environment.

NOTE: Neither Sheila Jackson Lee nor Nick Lampson has signed onto this legislation. Call them about it.

Rep. Green is holding this forum to secure understanding and grassroots support for the TRADE Act. 7 p.m. at Houston Community College System's Southeast College, 6815 Rustic Ave. That's right on I-45 south on the east side. Going south, take Woodbridge Rd. exit shortly before I-610 interchange and come back north on the service road to Rustic.

Is there a 'Catholic' Vote? " Wednesday, October 1

The subtitle is, 'And should there be?' Clarke Cochran, recently retired professor of Political Science at Texas Tech, will make the presentation. Cochran specialized in religion and politics, as well as political philosophy

and health care policy. He is an ordained deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. This program will be October's First Friday Forum (even though it's on Wednesday). 7:30 p.m. in Jones Auditorium, Un. of St. Thomas. Parking is available in the Moran Center garage on Graustark between Alabama and Richmond.

Domestic violence awareness conference " Friday, October 3 & Saturday October 4

Women Healing & Empowering Women (WHEW), which is putting on this conference, is a reentry program for formerly incarcerated women and victims of domestic violence and homelessness. This is its annual Second Chance Conference, timed to be part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Day 1 will be at SHAPE Community Center and U of H Central. Workshops will focus on sharing solutions to problems afflicting communities of color such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, Black/Brown relationships, homelessness, and the glorification of prison culture in Hip Hop, among others. Day 2 will be at Diverse Works and Willow Street Pump Station in downtown Houston, with the viewing of three films: 'Silence: In Search of Black Female Sexuality' by Mya B, 'Hip Hop: Beyond the Beats and Rhymes' by Byron Hurt, and 'NO! The Rape Documentary' by Aishah Simmons. A panel discussion will follow with panelists Joyce Ann Brown, MASS, INC. who spent nine years in prison for a crime she didn't commit; Mya B., filmmaker and artist; Noah Rattler, activist for the homeless, and others. Suggested donations for both days \$35 (students \$15) or one day \$20 (students \$10). However, no one will be turned away. For more information and to register, call 713/874-0525 or 713/726-1280, or visit www.whew-now.org.

Health Care for All Rally " Saturday, October 4

Access to health care in the U.S. is appallingly expensive and unjust. Almost 50 million have no coverage (75% of the uninsured are citizens), and millions more are underinsured or have such high co-pays and limited coverage that they cannot afford to maintain their health properly. Medical bankruptcy is commonplace. Neither McCain nor Obama (nor Clinton) has embraced the only solution: universal single payer coverage, or Medicare for Everyone (but with coverage for mental health, dentistry, and long-term care). This coverage is what the President and Congress have, thanks to our tax money. Until for-profit insurance companies are removed from the system, there can be no justice. HR 676, now pending in Congress, will establish a single-payer system. Coalition of Working People and the Poor, a large coalition that includes, among others, the NAACP, Harris County AFL-CIO, CRECEN/America por Todas, and Houston Peace and Justice Center, has organized this rally along with Health Care for All Texas. Music and an important line-up of speakers. A closing funeral service for those who died for lack of access to care, complete with clergy, choir, and coffin. People with health care horror stories will be able to tell them on videotape for transmission to policy makers. We need a massive turnout. 4 to 6 p.m. in front of Houston City Hall. For more information, contact Cathy Courtney, ckorrf@earthlink.net. For more on single payer, visit <http://www.hr676.org/>

Screening of Pilger's 'The War on Democracy' " Tuesday, October 7

Released in 2006, this was the first major film for the cinema by renowned journalist and documentary filmmaker John Pilger. Set in Latin America and the US, it explores the historic and current relationship of Washington with countries such as Venezuela, Bolivia and Chile. 6:30 p.m. in the Dominican Sisters meeting room, 6501 Almeda.

National Neighbors' Night Out " Tuesday, October 7

The October date is a change from the traditional August date. Texas got an exception from the national sponsor, National Association of Town Watch, because of the heat. Last year, more than 640 NNO events were identified throughout the Houston/Harris County area. This response from the citizens resulted in a fourth place National Night Out Award for cities with a +300,000 population. The 2008 event will be its 25th anniversary. The Houston Police Department, Harris County Sheriff's Office, and surrounding law enforcement agencies will once again sponsor. Events should be planned to take place between 6 and 9 p.m. For more information, contact Cathy, ckorrf@earthlink.net.

World Day Against the Death Penalty Teach In " Saturday, October 11

Speakers will include exonerated former death row inmate Clarence Bradley, Linda White of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, Jared Tyler of the Texas Defender Service, and Texas legislative specialist Les Breeding. Sponsored by Texas Coalition Against the Death Penalty. A box lunch will be served.

RSVPs are requested and donations will be solicited at the event. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Ahern Room of Crooker Center at Un. of St. Thomas. Parking available in the Moran Center garage on Graustark between Alabama and Richmond. For more information and to RSVP, contact Nancy Bailey, 281/933-4925.
Annual Teaching Peace in Texas Schools Conference “ Saturday, October 11

Texans for Peace has organized this conference for four years, moving it around the state. Last year it was in Houston; this year it's in Austin. The program is geared to K-12 teachers, parents, and concerned members of the community. Some workshop topics will be Bullying Prevention“recognizing the signs of relationship violence in adolescents; Ending gang violence in the community; Teaching critical thinking skills as a key to helping students make good choices; Nonviolent communication for students; and Constructive self-expression as an alternative to violent behavior. Keynote speaker will be Jennifer DeLeon, former gang member and recent witness before Congressional Committee on Juvenile Gang Violence. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 w. 15th, Austin. Free parking in church lots. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.texansforpeace.org/ConferenceTeachingPeace.htm>.
Ninth annual Texas Conference for Women “ Thursday, October 16

The Governor and First Lady call this the premiere educational and networking event for the women of Texas. It has historically drawn more than 7,500 women. More than 75 speakers will lead seminars on the issues that concern women, such as health, personal finance, business and entrepreneurship. Women will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops on communication skills, leadership strategies, and work/life balance tools. The Conference will once again award six \$5,000 scholarships to qualified women applicants in the fields of arts, business, education, math and science, public service, and nursing at institutions of higher education in Texas. \$90 early registration fee still available, later \$100, half price for students with ID. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at George R. Brown Convention Center. For more information and to register, go to www.txconferenceforwomen.org.

Art exhibit to mark 60th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights “Sunday, October 19
Amnesty International USA Southern Regional Office is presenting this exhibition with original works by regional artists who are spotlighting the plight of internally displaced peoples. The title is 'From Darfur to New Orleans: Uphold the Right to Freedom of Movement and the Right of Return of internally displaced people in Sudan, across the Gulf Coast, and in Iraq.' Artists include Shelley Shanks, Gabriel Delgado, Dune-Micheli Patten, Patrick Medrano, Elizabeth Bick, and Ayad Al Rakabi, each of whom is creating original pieces for the event. The originals will be on display and signed prints will be available for sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Winter Street Studios, 2101 Winter St. (www.winterstreetstudios.net).

Peacemaker Fr. John Dear “ Wednesday, October 22

Fr. Dear is a Jesuit priest, peace activist, organizer, lecturer, and author/editor of 20 books on peace and nonviolence, including *Living Peace*, published by Doubleday. He has been arrested more than 75 times and has spent more than a year of his life in jail. He has been mocked by armed U.S. soldiers standing outside the doors to his New Mexico parish. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize. Fr. Dear will read from his autobiography, *A Persistent Peace, One Man's Struggle for a Nonviolent World*. The reading will be followed by a conversation and book signing. 7 p.m. in Dominican Sisters Meeting Room, 6501 Alameda Rd. For more information, call 713/440-3714.

Eleanor Clift at the Progressive Forum “ Wednesday, October 22

Get the insider's view just before the big election. Clift is a popular panelist on PBS's McLaughlin Group, Newsweek contributing editor, and a Fox News analyst. She'll also discuss what the last few years have meant to American history, as well as perspectives of a woman in male-dominated Washington. Her books include *Madam President: Shattering the Last Ceiling*; *War Without Blood: The Art of Politics*; and *Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Politics*. Brazos Bookstore will sell books,

which Clift will sign books after the program. Ernie Manouse will introduce Clift. His locally-produced PBS show InnerVIEWS is aired in more than 80 cities and has been nominated for an Emmy. 7:30 p.m. in Cullen Theater of Wortham Center. For ticket information, see Progressive Forum entry above this Events section.

Greater Texas PeaceJam SLAM " Saturday, October 25

Headquartered nationally in Denver and locally at the UH Graduate College of Social Work, PeaceJam encourages high school youth to become lifelong peace activists through a curriculum and group projects. It culminates in the spring each year with a weekend gathering featuring a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The 77506 Youth Advisory Committee PeaceJam group is hosting the PeaceJam SLAM at Pasadena High School. The SLAM will reconnect PeaceJammers who attended the March 2008 PeaceJam Youth Conference with new participants. The theme for this one-day event is the PeaceJam Global Call to Action "Social Justice and Human Rights for All." An adult sponsor training will be offered on-site during the SLAM. Teachers in schools and congregations are encouraged to involve their students in this transformative activity. For registration details and event information, please contact Jamie Parker, 713-743-8039 orpjam@central.uh.edu. You can also visit www.sw.uh.edu/peacejam for more information this event and PeaceJam generally.

9th Annual March to End Executions " Saturday, October 25

More than 400 people have been executed in Texas since executions in the U.S. resumed in 1982. The March to Stop Executions has been held each October since 2000. It is sponsored by several Texas anti-death penalty organizations, including the Austin chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, Texas Moratorium Network, the Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement, Texas Death Penalty Education and Resource Center, and Texas Students Against the Death Penalty. At the rally there will be talks by family members of those executed as well as local activists. The march will begin 2 p.m. at the SHAPE center at 3903 Almeda, then progress east on Alabama to the SHAPE Center on Live Oak. For more information, contact Gloria Rubac at 713/503-2633.

John Pilger Retrospective: Forty Years of Documentary Films "November 1-4

This showing of selected documentaries by the internationally known and award-winning filmmaker and journalist will culminate in a film-lecture by Pilger on November 3 (see below). Note that the screenings occur at different venues over the course of the four days. Also, during October there will be multiple screenings around town from the Pilger archive of more than 60 films. Some of them are listed in THE REEL series described at the end of this EVENTS section, and one will take place September 11 (see above).

*** Saturday, November 1 at Rice Media Center (take Entrance 8 at Stockton off University):

6 p.m. YEAR ZERO (1979). Documents the devastating impact of the Indonesian Khmer Rouge armies' invasion of Cambodia, their overthrow by the neighboring Vietnamese, and the inaction of Western governments to help rebuild the country.

6:55 p.m. WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA (1999). With the run-up to the Sydney Olympics, Pilger and Alan Lowery take a look behind the curtain of hype and glamour. Australia's Aborigines are still excluded, impoverished and mistreated - while their part in the brilliant history of Australia's sports successes goes virtually unrecognized.

7:45 p.m. STEALING A NATION (2004). In the 1960s and 70s, the British government, conspiring with American officials, tricked and expelled the entire population of the Chagos islands in the Indian Ocean. The aim was to give the principal island of this Crown Colony, Diego Garcia, to the Americans who wanted it as a major military base. The story is told by islanders who were dumped in the slums of Mauritius, and act the International Criminal Court now describes as 'a crime against humanity'.

8:45 p.m. PAYING THE PRICE: Killing the Children of Iraq (2000). Pilger and Lowery travel to Iraq with Denis Halliday, a former assistant secretary-general of the United Nations, who resigned over what he called the 'immoral policy' of economic sanctions. There they find a suffering nation held hostage to the compliance of a dictator, Saddam Hussein, over whom they have no control.

*** Sunday, November 2 at Rice Media Center (take Entrance 8 at Stockton off University):

6 p.m. VIETNAM: The Last Battle (1995). On April 30, 1975, the longest war of the 20th century came to a close. This film attempts to rescue Vietnam's past from media oblivion and describes its last battle against the forces of globalization.

6:55 p.m. DEATH OF A NATION: The Timor Conspiracy (1994). The exposure of another terrible human tragedy to which governments turned a blind eye. East Timor, a tiny country off the northern tip of Australia, is ruled by bloodshed and fear. More than 200,000 people were wiped out by neighboring Indonesia with US diplomatic approval and military assistance from the Carter Administration. Since East Timor's liberation in 1999, this film's contribution has been recognized worldwide.

8:10 p.m. JOHN PILGER GUARDIAN HAY FILM FESTIVAL (2005). An interview with Pilger on his film-making experiences and perspective.

9:00 p.m. WAR ON DEMOCRACY (2006). This was Pilger's first major film for the cinema. Set in Latin America and the US, it explores the historic and current relationship of Washington with countries such as Venezuela, Bolivia and Chile.

*** Monday, November 3 in Herzstein Hall Amphitheatre at HCCS's Northwest College, Town & Country Center/1010 West Sam Houston Parkway North.

7:00 p.m. Lecture by John Pilger

*** Tuesday, November 4 in Eagle Room of HCCS' Northwest College, Town & Country Center, 1010 West Sam Houston Parkway North.

1 p.m. Pilger will hold a Q&A session with Houston students.

Talk by former Secretary General of the Interchurch Peace Council in The Hague " Thursday, November 6
Dr. Mient Jan Faber is an international peace activist who was, for some 20 years, the Secretary General of the Interchurch Peace Council in The Hague. He is currently the Political Director of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly in Baku/Paris and a Professor of Human Security in War Situations in the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. He has written a large number of articles on subjects such as the Balkans, Palestine, and nuclear proliferation. The talk will be in the large room of the Honors College at University of Houston. It's located on the second floor of the library, with the entrance right at the front of the building. Time of the talk will be included in subsequent calendar editions. For more information, contact Alison Romano, 713/743-3714, ajromano@uh.edu.

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Childcare Cooperative at WHEW conference ---- Need volunteer *

Greetings,

The Real School aka Dragon Valley will be sponsoring the Childcare Cooperative "Kid Village" at next weekend's WHEW conference. We are looking for volunteers interested in being present with the children joining their mothers at the conference next Saturday at Diverse Works. The Kid Village hours are 10am-7pm and the shifts will be for 2-3 hours.

We are planning for the following activities:

costumes

board games

story times

free play with toys

art corner

We welcome all interested volunteers, but especially encourage volunteers of color - both men and women.

This is also a great opportunity for older kids and young adults to participate in community building. If you have a talent/skill you would like to share with the children, please contact Kim Pickens at atgettinstrongerproductions@yahoo.com or 713.385.2428. Feel free to forward this to your friends and contacts.

Peace & Blessings,

kim pickens

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Please make plans to attend the WHEW conference!!!!

WHEW's Second Annual SECOND CHANCE Conference via Connect the Dots

From Friday, October 3, 2008 ALL DAY To Saturday, October 4, 2008 ALL DAY

WHEW Women Healing & Empowering Women is a reentry program for formerly incarcerated women, victims of domestic violence, and homelessness.

WHEW decided to use October, Domestic Violence Awareness

Month, to host our annual WHEW's SECOND CHANCE CONFERENCE so that we can educate the community and demonstrate how the problems that affect our communities are interconnected.

Day 1 will be at SHAPE Community Center and U of H Central. Workshops will be focused on sharing solutions to problems afflicting communities of color such as domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, Black/Brown relationships, homelessness, the glorification of prison culture in Hip Hop and more.

Day 2 will be at Diverse Works and Willow Street Pump Station in downtown Houston, with the viewing of three films:

"Silence: In Search of Black Female Sexuality" by Mya B,

"Hip Hop: Beyond the Beats and Rhymes" by Byron Hurt, and

"NO! The Rape Documentary" by Aishah Simmons to be used to demonstrate the root issues connected to women being the fastest group going to prison.

Panel discussion will follow including:

Joyce Ann Brown, MASS, Inc., who spent nine years in prison for a crime she didn't commit;

Mya B., Filmmaker/Artist;

Noah Rattler, Homeless Activist, and other professionals/activists relating to WHEW's topics.

Suggested donations for both days \$35, students = \$15 or 1 day \$20, students = \$10. NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY.

For conference registration, please call 713-874-0525, 713-726-1280 or visit www.whew-now.org.

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Peace!

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<http://myspace.com/ladybinx151>

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Screening of "Brown is the New Green: George Lopez and the A *

The Center for Mexican American Studies & MACC Present the Documentary Screening of

Brown is the New Green: George Lopez and the American Dream

A new documentary film by Phillip Rodriguez that examines how media and marketers are shaping America's perception of Latinos.

Monday, October 6th, 2008
Screening @ 7:00pm
Texas Union Ballroom (3.202)

Followed by Q & A Session with the Director, Phillip Rodriguez, LatinWorks, and GSD&M.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: CAMILO MEJÍA - Speaks Thursday Oct 16 at 7pm *

Mecha has cosponsored the following event. Please forward widely.

CAMILO MEJÍA

Iraq War Veteran and Author of Road from ar Ramadi: An Iraq War Memoir

Speaks in Austin

Thursday, October 16, 7:00 PM

University of Texas at Austin, Garrison 0.102

Camilo Mejía grew up in Nicaragua and Costa Rica before moving to the United States in 1994. He joined the military at the age of nineteen, serving as an infantryman in the active-duty army for three years before transferring to the Florida National Guard.

After fighting in Iraq for five months, Mejía became the first known Iraq veteran to refuse to fight the war in Iraq, citing moral concerns about the war and occupation. He was eventually convicted of desertion by a military court and sentenced to a year in prison.

Mejía currently serves as the chair of the board of Iraq Veterans Against the War, and is the author of Road from ar Ramadi: The Private Rebellion of Staff Sergeant Mejia: An Iraq War Memoir (new edition, Haymarket Books 2008).

In Road from ar Ramadi, Mejía tells his own story, from his upbringing in Central America and his experience as a working-class immigrant in the United States to his service in Iraq - where he witnessed prisoner abuse and was deployed in the Sunni triangle - and time in prison. In this stirring book, he argues passionately for human rights and the end to an unjust war.

"The truth as I see it now is that in a war, the bad is often measured against what's worse, and that, in turn, makes a lot of deplorable things seem permissible. When that happens, the imaginary line between right and wrong starts to vanish in a heavy fog, until it disappears completely and decisions are weighed on a scale of values that is profoundly corrupt."

--Camilo Mejía, Road from ar Ramadi

PRAISE FOR ROAD FROM AR RAMADI:

"This is the extraordinary journey -- geographical, intellectual, moral -- of a U.S. soldier, from the front lines of Iraq to a military prison. Camilo Mejía, the first Iraq veteran to refuse to return to Iraq, gives us a close look at the day-to-day brutality of the war. We learn what happens when a young man decides to challenge the entire military establishment in order to follow his conscience. It is an inspiring memoir." --Howard Zinn

"A very moving, beautifully written book." --Amy Goodman

Camilo Mejía is speaking around the country as part of Haymarket Books' Resisting Empire authors tour. UT event is co-sponsored by Campus Antiwar Movement to End the Occupation, International Socialist Organization, Palestine Solidarity Committee, Iranians for Peace, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlan, and Campus Progress. Special thanks to Iraq Veterans Against the War. More info: camiloinaustin@yahoo.com or <http://resistingempire.org>

Facebook event: <http://facebook.com/event.php?eid=28736447181>

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TITLE: A Rose in Spanish Harlem *

A Rose in Spanish Harlem
a poem by Alberto O. Cappas
There is a Rose in Spanish Harlem
Hiding in exile until it becomes all clear
A community
Divided unto itself by itself with itself
While other cultures make themselves at home
We stay inside
Like Lobsters in a barrow
Managed by a social service over-dosed mindset
Cultural Centers keeping Boricua in the past
Preaching a strategy of outdated liberated emotions
Perpetuated by poets with words that erase
Possibilities of moving a new generation forward
Colonial chains still in full operation
A living electronic field of rappers and poets
Adding confusion to the meaning
A community consuming, not providing
Electing misguided egos into elected, public policy positions
Cementing the fate with physical evidence:
Babies coming from babies
The young echoing the "N" word as a daily sweet diet
Tattoos carved as billboards on human bodies
And slacks placed below the waist line as something very cool

As the poet
Pedro Petri said,
It is time to visit
"Sister Lopez" again
"The number one healer"
And pray that the spirits
Would heal and guide us out of
Ignorance and bondage
Giving us the wisdom to build
A new Spanish Harlem
And Liberate the Rose

Rise Puerto Ricans!
Rise Puerto Ricans!
Rise!

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TITLE: ARTICLE: East L.A seeks to become a city of its own *

East L.A seeks to become a city of its own

By CHRISTINA HOAG, Associated Press Writer Tue Sep 30, 4:22 PM ET

East L.A. " birthplace of the lowrider, Los Lobos and Oscar de la Hoya " is to Mexican-Americans what Harlem is to the black community. Now it wants to become its own city. Commonly mistaken for a part of Los Angeles, East L.A. is actually an unincorporated section of Los Angeles County, with more than 130,000 people " 96 percent of them Latino " packed into 7.4 square miles.

Cityhood proponents complain that East L.A. is treated as an afterthought by the county Board of Supervisors, and they want the community to take charge of its own destiny.

"We're a nationally branded area," said Diana Tarango, vice president of the East Los Angeles Residents Association, the prime backer of the effort. "We should be making our own decisions about planting trees on the street or putting up light poles."

While outsiders often see the area as gang-plagued and poverty-ridden, East L.A. possesses cultural and political symbolism for Mexican-Americans.

Fernando Guerra, director of the Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University, pronounced East L.A. "the epicenter of Latino culture."

For decades, East L.A. has been a first stop for immigrants just over the border, though these days there are nearly as many Salvadoran pupuserias selling filled tortilla patties as Mexican taquerias selling tacos.

Neighborhoods seem plucked straight from Latin American villages: a backyard rooster can be heard crowing, or a man peddles the rice-based drink horchata from a shopping cart. Brilliantly colored murals of the Virgin of Guadalupe and Aztec chieftains decorate walls of housing projects and corner grocery stores. In the 1960s and '70s, the community was the focus of the burgeoning Chicano civil-rights movement.

In 1970, police and thousands of Chicano anti-Vietnam war protesters battled in the street, and Los Angeles Times columnist Ruben Salazar was killed in the melee. A park in East L.A. is named for him. A boulevard nearby carries the name of Cesar Chavez, the migrant farmworker leader.

East L.A. is a fusion of cultures north and south of the border. Spanish is the predominant language, but it is a hybrid version, Spanglish, punctuated with Hispanicized English words: "breka" for break, "marqueta" for market, "cora" for quarter.

While nortena music booms from downtown stores, East L.A. has also produced artists such as Los Lobos, who have combined Mexican oompah sounds with American rock rhythms. Lowriders, often with customized Chicano-theme paint jobs, cruise the streets.

Among the community's famous sons are boxer De La Hoya and actor Edward James Olmos. Olmos came full circle when he starred in the 1988 movie "Stand and Deliver" as the real-life East L.A. teacher Jaime Escalante, who turned barrio kids into calculus champs.

Proponents of cityhood hope to draw on that cultural pride. The bid marks East L.A.'s fourth attempt at incorporation since 1961; the last one was in 1974. Tarango and others say the movement failed because of political infighting.

Rep. Grace Napolitano, D-Calif., who supports cityhood, said she is encouraged this time because residents are well-organized and informed.

"It has a great chance of passing," said the congresswoman, whose district includes East L.A. "But they will need to allay fears that incorporation will mean an increase in property taxes."

Voters probably won't get their say on cityhood for two years while the issue wends its way through the bureaucratic and political process.

The residents association must first submit a petition by December asking a county commission to conduct a study on whether a city of East L.A. would have an adequate tax base. So far, organizers have collected about half the 10,000 signatures needed, said Oscar Gonzales Jr., association president.

Gonzales said he expects the study will be favorable " a similar report ordered up by the residents association found the city would generate \$51 million in revenue, well above an expected budget of \$45 million.

If the bid for cityhood passes muster with the study commission and the county supervisors, the question will be put to the voters of East L.A. The supervisors are not taking a position until they see the study. Some East L.A. residents fear cityhood will cost them more. They worry, for example, that mom-and-pop stores that now manage to operate without business licenses might be forced to obtain them.

"I think it's good as it is," said Jacob Salazar, owner of a sporting good store. "I don't see any reason to change it."

But supporters say a city council would be more responsive than the county supervisors.

Auto dealer Louis Herrera said local officials would be more motivated to attract businesses like the Starbucks that opened last year. That would boost the downtown shopping district, which is dotted with 99-cent stores, dusty windowfronts filled with gowns for first communions and "quinceaneras," or Latin sweet-16 parties, and signs advertising Western Union money transfers to Mexico.

"The county is huge. Each supervisor has 2.1 million people," said Herrera, who also heads the East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. "We're sort of like a lost child."

On the Net: <http://www.cityhoodforeastla.org>
(This version CORRECTS spelling of `Guadalupe'.)

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TITLE: Fwd: Deadline Approaching: HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICAL ACTIVISM AND MEDIA *

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TITLE: DOCUMENTS: Texas/Mexico Border Wall Briefing Papers *

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From: Carl Webb

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University of Texas Working Group Submits Briefing Papers to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Alleging that the Texas/Mexico Border Wall Violates Human Rights

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Activists and Residents Speak Out Against CenterPoint Energ *

Reposted from: jessemuhammad.blogspot.com

Written by Jesse Muhammad

Photos by Jesse Muhammad

Houston, Texas--Led by Houston City Council Member Jarvis Johnson (District D), ACORN, the Houston Millions More Movement, Civic Leaders and local Ministers, a huge press conference was held on September 30 in the driveway of an elderly resident who has been without electricity for 18 days since Hurricane Ike struck the Gulf Coast.

"My husband has suffered three strokes due to being without lights which has impacted the memory portion of his brain", said Mrs. Johnnie Taylor, who's husband is on insulin. "We have been without lights since September 12 and CenterPoint has been promising our lights would be on. Were it not for the assistance of our neighbors I don't know where we would be."

Council member Johnson said "we must ensure that this does not happen again."

He then proposed a five-point plan of action to CenterPoint officials which included developing a better plan of deployment in response of these situations, devising a better communication model , building a database of critical care patients and elderly customers, getting generators in place at key locations and the need for Centerpoint to rethink their plans to charge people the same energy bill they had prior to Ike although they have been in the dark for over two weeks.

In light of the massive power outages in the aftermath of Ike, CenterPoint Energy failed to restore power to critical care patients and over 70% of its customer base in a timely manner. This has prompted restlessness and anger throughout the city and amongst this group of Acres Homes residents.

"I have been paying \$40 a day on gas for a generator and have been without lights for 18 days. You do the math. What's \$40 times 18?", said Robert Meacum Sr, with oxygen tubes hooked to his nose. "I'm on a fixed income! Centerpoint needs better management. I was expecting an outage but I didn't expect to go through this."

Deric Muhammad, of the MMM Ministry of Justice, stated that "it is a shame that our elderly has had to go this long without power. And it is a shame that CenterPoint is not sending out meter readers and is going to charge people the same rate as prior to the hurricane. This is legalized looting. You all should not pay those bills. Challenge them!"

Interestingly in the middle of Muhammad's words, CenterPoint restored electricity for some of the residents on the very same street. "See, it is no coincidence that they have turned on lights while we are out here. Sometimes it takes us coming together to get things done", Muhammad said.

Elderly Edna Barlow gave an account of how she has lived in her personal automobile because "it is cooler in the car than it is in my house. I am on insulin, a fixed income and this heat has caused me serious breathing problems. I've taken cold showers and boiled water on a Bar-B-Que pit. But I thank everyone that has helped me."

ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) has successfully helped more than 850 victims of Hurricane Ike receive assistance at two neighborhood meetings. "Some people think it's just an inconvenience for people to be without lights this long but we call it a catastrophe. We are sending letters to the CEO of CenterPoint to let them know they need to be here on the grounds communicating with the people", said Alana Hill of ACORN.

"It is neither practical nor cost effective to operate a 21st century modern city on an electrical system designed in the 19th century", said Council Member Peter Brown. "We absolutely must better protect our homeowners and businesses from massive power outages due to hurricanes."

The press conference was closed out by words and prayer from Bishop James Dixon of the Community of Faith Church. "Poverty is hell as it is and we are asking CenterPoint to withhold rate increases during this time. It would be wise, so there will not be an anti-sentiment amongst the people against them. I back Councilman Johnson and others."

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: October 12 NATIONAL DAY OF ACTIONS AGAINST RAIDS AND DE *

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NATIONAL DAY OF ACTIONS
AGAINST THE
RAIDS & DEPORTATIONS

Bail out the people, not the banks

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008

Dia de la Raza

Indigenous Peoples Day

2pm-5pm

March and Rally for Worker & Immigrant Rights

In front of Wells Fargo Bank

450-45 75th Street, Queens , NY

Take the #7 or the F/V to Roosevelt/74th St. Stop

Actions to be held in New York City, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, Madison, Detroit, South Bend, Seattle, Phoenix, Tucson, Austin, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and others

Why Wells Fargo ?

* Wells Fargo Bank houses and profits from racist, terrorist Sheriff Joe Arpaio in Arizona

* Wells Fargo profits from the sweat of immigrant labor making tons of money from remittances

* The Wall Street Bail Out will be stolen from the people. Wells Fargo will profit from that theft

In May of this year and then again in August, the Department of Homeland Security through the hated ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) carried out some of the biggest anti-worker raids in U.S. history.

These raids are made against workers at the very same time that the super-rich get saved on Wall Street!

The raids in the immigrant community are calculated to not only terrorize immigrant workers but they are meant to break unions, divide working people and send a message to us all: don't fight back or else.

The economy is reeling from rising unemployment, housing foreclosures, price hikes and the crisis on Wall Street is affecting every one but the super-rich. Yet it was them that made the crisis in the first place, not the people! At the same time, fear mongering such as that by Sheriff Joe Arpaio in Phoenix occurs which is meant to divert us from the real enemy. As one activist put it " Arizona has become for the immigrant rights movement what Mississippi was for the Black Civil Rights movement."

This is a time to come together.

We call on people from every walk of life, from every nationality, black, Latin@, Asian, Arab, Native, and white, U.S. or foreign born, documented or undocumented, in a union or unorganized to come out on October 12.

October 12 is part of a national day of action in over 30 cities. This day is known in the Latino community as Dia de la Raza and is a day for Indigenous People as a counter to the racist Christopher Columbus day, which is a day of conquest and disaster for the Americas .

Join us on October 12 to tell the Bush administration and all the presidential candidates: We demand:

* Bail out the people, not the Banks!

* Immediate Legalization for undocumented workers!

* Moratorium on the ICE raids!

* Moratorium home foreclosures!

* Money for hurricane victims not for war in Iraq !

- * No to ICE & police brutality. Justice for Sean Bell & all victims of brutality!
- * Political asylum for Victor Toro!
- * Union jobs at union wages for all!
- * Solidarity not racism!
- * No to Lou Dobbs & all hate-mongers!

Event initiated by the May 1st Coalition for Worker and Immigrant Rights. For more information visit www.may1.info or call 641.715.3900 x 97869 # or 212.633.6646.

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: Dia de la Dignidad: Dia de la Raza - Oct 11 *

Indigenous Dignity Day Human Rights March Oct.11Th. in San Antonio Tx. El Dia de La Raza no nacio una raza nueva pero sigiullo len existencia la raza antigua . Las gentes indigenas siempre han estado en este continente y siempre han sido seres Humanos. El dia 11 de Oct. vamos ha celebrar nuestra existencia, tambien vamos ha ser ciertas demandas. La declaracion del U.N. el respecto de derechos humanos de gentes indigenas debe ser affirmado por el gobierno de los estados unidos, las gentes indigenas de norte y sur america no deben ser divididas eso es apartir una raza. No es posible que gente indigena sea ilegal en su propio continente. March with us in celebration of indigenous identity and humanity. The declaration of the United Nations on Indigenous Human Rights should be adopted by the United States government. No indigenous people can illegal on there own continent. for more info contact (210) 396-9805
Antonio Diaz

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TITLE: Community Raids Response Survey -- Your Input Needed! *

The Immigrant Service Network of Austin (ISNA) is working on creating a "first response plan" in the event of an immigration raid in our community. Please click on this link to complete a brief survey so that the Enforcement Response Committee of ISNA can inventory the resources and capacities of AIRC participants:

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB2288CVNU2AG>

Submitting this survey does not commit your or your agency's resources to future raids response efforts, but your responses will help the Enforcement Response Committee better gauge the available resources. Please respond by Friday, October 10, 2008. We appreciate and value your input.

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TITLE: HARGILL: Arte del Pueblo : Taller de Plantilla (Stencil Workshop) - *

Museo {i}Menos y Voces del Futuro los invitamos a...

Arte del Pueblo : Taller de Plantilla (Stencil Workshop)

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Tamez to be awarded by Texas Civil Rights Project *

Tamez to be awarded by Texas Civil Rights Project

http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/tamez_90465___article.html/government_border.html

October 1, 2008 - 8:32PM

By Kevin Sieff, The Brownsville Herald

In her crusade against the border fence, Eloisa Tamez has galvanized residents along the Rio Grande, filing seminal lawsuits against the federal government that have changed the very nature of the barrier's construction.

In the process, media outlets from around the world have converged on Tamez's tiny community of El Calaboz. Congressmen have walked the levee behind her home, stride for stride with the 73-year-old associate professor of nursing at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. On Friday, Tamez will receive the Henry B. Gonzalez award from the Texas Civil Rights Project, praising her for her willingness to stand up for the rights of border residents. The award is given annually to an individual who has shown personal courage in representing his or her community.

"This makes me energized to continue on," she said. "It's an affirmation."

Of the hundreds of South Texans who live along the path of the proposed border fence, Tamez has been by far the most vocal. She has pushed her neighbors to join her fight, but many, she said, have resigned themselves to the government's plans.

"They're fatalistic," she said. "They fear the government because of the history of oppression along the border."

Tamez's family inherited the property from a Spanish land grant in 1847. Of the grant's original 12,000 acres, Tamez now owns three. The government plans to build a 15- to 18-foot-tall fence through the middle of that property.

Tamez's greatest battle, she said, has been informing Valley residents in similar situations that "speaking up is not against the law."

It's a principle she first recognized at the age of 15, when she led the rancheria of El Calaboz in de-segregation of public schools in Cameron County. She would later serve for 17 years in the U.S. Army Reserves before settling into her current position at UTB-TSC.

She didn't expect that her career as an activist would take off after her 70th birthday, but when she heard about the government's border fence plans, she acted swiftly.

"I may end up losing the land," she said, "but I'm going to be there until my last breath."

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Border fence construction to begin at UTB-TSC *

Border fence construction to begin at UTB-TSC

http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/fence_90502___article.html/utb_tsc.html

October 2, 2008 - 9:20PM

By Kevin Sieff, The Brownsville Herald

Ground will be broken next week on the border fence at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

In July, UTB-TSC and the federal government arrived at an agreement that would leave the campus virtually unscathed, allowing for a renovation of existing fencing and the addition of cameras and sensors.

On Tuesday, UTB-TSC awarded a \$1.04 million contract with Thrall, Texas-based Construction Rent-A-Fence to execute its plans. Six firms submitted bids for the project.

In the course of construction, some fencing will be heightened to 8- to 10-feet, and some segments will be replaced entirely.

The upgrades-a far cry from the 18-foot-tall steel fence the government had initially planned for the campus-are expected to be completed by Dec. 31, according to project manager Michael Putegnat.

The university's compromise with the Department of Homeland Security has since been hailed as a model for other contested border fence cases. But so far, the agreement-finalized in an August court order-has not been replicated for any other institution or individual.

Since the order was filed, UTB-TSC acquired the property and buildings between its campus and the U.S. Point of Entry at Gateway Bridge. The university will extend security fencing along the area for \$380,000. UTB-TSC will also spend approximately \$250,000 to enhance security technology on its campus, as the federal government requested in the original compromise.

Because of legal holdups, no conventional border fencing of any kind has yet been erected in Cameron County. However, contracts for several segments west of Brownsville were awarded last week.

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Since the order was filed, UTB-TSC acquired the property and buildings between its campus and the U.S. Point of Entry at Gateway Bridge. The university will extend security fencing along the area for \$380,000. UTB-TSC will also spend approximately \$250,000 to enhance security technology on its campus, as the federal government requested in the original compromise.

Because of legal holdups, no conventional border fencing of any kind has yet been erected in Cameron County. However, contracts for several segments west of Brownsville were awarded last week.

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PUBLISHED: 10/3/2008 8:54:00 AM

TITLE: AUSTIN: Community event: Prison Poster Project - Oct 5 *

This Sunday, October 5th, at 8 pm there will be a presentation of the Prison Poster Project, a 5 year long process involving contributions of more than 100 people and artists in prisons across the US. The presentation will happen during regular volunteer hours at the Inside Books Project, located at the Rhizome Collective, 300 Allen St. (for more detailed directions, go to www.insidebooksproject.org)

The event is FREE and will be presented by Etta Cetera, from Pittsburgh's Book'Em prison book project, & FED UP! The Prison Poster Project is an artistic production that aims to expose how the Prison Industrial Complex affects our diverse communities and also challenge the current reliance on prisons as a solution to social problems. Over the past 5 years a team of people on the outside and over 100 people in prison have collaborated to visually depict the multitude of issues facing the 2.3 million incarcerated peoples. The Prison Poster Project is an artistic production that aims to expose how the Prison Industrial Complex affects our diverse communities and also challenge the current reliance on prisons as a solution to social problems. Over the past 5 years a team of people on the outside and over 100 people in prison have collaborated to visually depict the multitude of issues facing the 2.3 million incarcerated peoples. This workshop will be a narrative picture-presentation taking participants through the historical roots of prisons, resistance to them and into the daily life of people living behind the razor wire. Through this project, we can amplify the voices of many that go unheard and generate visions of a more just and caring world. This workshop will be a narrative picture-presentation taking participants through the historical roots of prisons, resistance to them and into the daily life of people living behind the razor wire. Through this project, we can amplify the voices of many that go unheard and generate visions of a more just and caring world.

for more info, go to: www.prisonposterproject.org, or contactprisonposterproject@gmail.com

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NUMBER: 297

PUBLISHED: 10/3/2008 9:10:00 AM

TITLE: HOUSTON: Voter registration, local candidate debates on Channel 8 *

Reminder: Come out Saturday between 4 & 6 p.m. at Houston City Hall for BIG rally for universal health care.

Last day to register for the November 4 election is Monday, October 6. If you can devote some time to registering voters between now and then, here are some opportunities.

Voter registration opportunities

Times for the following sites are Oct. 4th and Oct. 5th, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. unless noted:

SharpsTown Mall @ 7500 Bellaire

Fallas Parades @ 45 and Tidwell

Northwest Mall @ 555 N.W. Frway.

Fallas Parades @ 290 and Bingle

Mystros Barber Shop @ 3050 Gears Road

Kroger @ Westheimer and Montrose (12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 4th & Oct. 5th)

Wal Mart SuperCenter, 9460 W. Sam Houston Tollway

Food Town , 8800 W. Sam Houston Toll

Wal Mart SuperCenter, 3506 Hwy 6 South

Wal Mart Neighborhood Ctr, 4810 Hwy 6 North near Clay Rd

Work Source, Franz Rd.(during business hours in main lobby)

International Trade Center, 11110 Bellaire Blvd, Suite 200

Hong Kong City Mall, 11201 Bellaire Blvd

99cent Only Westheimer and hwy 6.

Alief Community Park, Bellaire @ Kirkwood

HCCS, 2810 Hayes Rd

Save A Lot Grocery Store, Gessner @ Beechnut

Palais Royal @ 5782 Fairmont

Any dates and times at the following sites:

Kroger @ 6767 Spencer

CVS @ 3811 Scott

CVS @ 402 Gray Street

CVS @ 1003 Richmond

CVS @ 1001 Waugh

CVS @ 6504 W. Little York

CVS @ 2266 W. Holcombe Blvd

CVS @ 2900 Broadway

Half Price Books Rice Village @ 2537 University Blvd

Half Price Books W. Humble @ 9734 FM 1960

Half Price Books Clear Lake 961B Nasa Pkwy

Half Price Books Pearland @ 2556 Smith Ranch Rd.

HoustonPBS Great Debate Series 2008

HoustonPBS, in partnership with the Houston Area League of Women Voters, is hosting a series of debates between candidates for major offices in Harris County and the State of Texas. It's called Red, White and Blue: Great Debate Series 2008.

Gary Polland and David Jones will moderate the debates, which are scheduled every Friday night at 8 p.m. and re-broadcast at 5 p.m. on Sundays.

There will also be a forum for candidates for the Texas Supreme Court, with South Texas College of Law, the Houston Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Board of Trial Advocates as additional sponsors. Channel 8's Ernie Manouse will moderate this forum. It's on a Sunday and will not be re-broadcast.

Schedule

Harris County Sheriff

October 3 at 8 p.m.

Rebroadcast Sunday, October 5 at 5 p.m.

US Senate

October 9 at 8 p.m. (LIVE)

Texas Senate District 11

October 10 at 8 p.m.

Rebroadcast Sunday, October 12 at 5 p.m.

Texas Supreme Court

October 12 at 6 p.m.

US House of Representatives -District 22

October 17 at 8 p.m.

Rebroadcast Sunday, October 19 at 5 p.m.

Harris County Judge

October 24 at 8 p.m.

Rebroadcast Sunday, October 26 at 5 p.m.

Harris County District Attorney

October 31 at 8 p.m.

Rebroadcast Sunday, November 2 at 5 p.m.

NUMBER: 298

PUBLISHED: 10/3/2008 9:14:00 AM

TITLE: VIDEO: Wish It Were A Joke *

Check out this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r36Xc0GG4iQ>

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PUBLISHED: 10/3/2008 1:05:00 PM

TITLE: SAN ANTO: NOCHE AZUL DE ESPERANZA:::Next Wednesday *

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La Esperanza and Azul invite you to ...Noche Azul
de Esperanza
TEuo kuikatl to mo ueuetl
Nuestros Cantos de Raiz
Celebrating our indigenous roots in song

Wednesday, October 8th @ 8pm
at Esperanza Peace & Justice Center
(922 San Pedro at Evergreen St.)
\$5 suggested donation ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ CDs Available for Sale ~ ~
\$15
at Esperanza Peace & Justice Center
~
922 San Pedro Ave
San Antonio, TX 78212
(210) 228.0201
~
(entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

210.228.0201

NUMBER: 300

PUBLISHED: 10/4/2008 9:45:00 PM

TITLE: VIDEO: The Wall documentary film *

In addition to the documentary that Wayne Ewing is producing about the border wall, which the Brownsville Herald wrote up a month or so ago, Viva Zapata productions is finishing up a border wall documentary. They have posted some new clips on youtube and dailymotion pages of clips from the upcoming documentary. They will be on www.thewalldocumentary.com as well. You can click on any underlined words in this email if you want to see what the film will look like.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: No Border Wall

NO BORDER WALL COALITION

WWW.NOTEXASBORDERWALL.COM

WWW.NOTEXASBORDERWALL.BLOGSPOT.COM

WWW.BORDERWALLINTHENEWS.BLOGSPOT.COM

WWW.NOORDERWALL-TAKE-ACTION.BLOGSPOT.COM

NUMBER: 301

PUBLISHED: 10/6/2008 12:23:00 AM

TITLE: Fwd: EL PASO - Activities of the campaign: œEnough! Everybody agai *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Carlos Marentes <marentes@farmworkers.org>

Date: 2008/10/5

Subject: Border Wall Campaign

To: editor@lanuevaraza.org

Cc: Carlos Marentes <marentes@farmworkers.org>

We are sending you the following information with the hope that you can help us disseminate our efforts to stop the construction of the border wall in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez region.

The campaign includes:

Activities of the campaign: "Enough! Everybody against the wall!"

October 1: Vigil at the construction site.

October 12: Indigenous ceremony at construction site.

October 25: International Day of Action Against the Wall of Death.

October 26: Interfaith Action Against the Wall.

November 2: Day of the Death at the border.

November 9: Celebration of the 19th Anniversary of the fall of Berlin Wall.

November 27: No Thanks we Don't Want the Wall Day.

December 18: Action for Justice for all Migrants That Died at the border.

January 1, 2009: Probable Joint Action at the border.

January 17, 2008: Human Action to Suspend the Construction of the Wall.

Actividades de la campaña ¡YA BASTA! ¡Tod@s contra el Muro!

1 de Octubre: Vigilia en el sitio de construcción.

12 de Octubre: Ceremonia indígena en el sitio de construcción.

25 de Octubre: Día Internacional de Acción contra el Muro de la Muerte.

26 de Octubre: Día de Fe en Acción contra el Muro.

2 de Noviembre: Día de los Muertos en la Frontera.

9 de Noviembre: Celebración de la caída del muro de Berlín en la frontera.

27 de Noviembre: Día de Acción de No Gracias al Muro.

18 de Diciembre: Acto por Justicia por todos los migrantes muertos en la frontera

1 de Enero: Probable acto conjunto en la frontera.

17 de Enero: Acción de suspensión de la construcción del muro.

Thanks for the attention.

Carlos Marentes

Border Agricultural Workers Center
201 East Ninth Avenue
El Paso, Texas 79901
Tel. (915) 532-0921
Cell. (915) 873-8933

NUMBER: 302

PUBLISHED: 10/6/2008 10:02:00 AM

TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Protest Border Wall demand NO WALL - Oct 25 *

For more information, contact Ruben Solis at the Southwest Workers Union:
ruben solis <grulla@swunion.org> wrote:

PLEASE JOIN SOUTHWEST WORKERS UNION AND THE
BORDER AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CENTER IN EL PASO IN CALLING FOR:

YA BASTA: TOD@S CONTRA EL MURO!!!!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2008

HOPE PARK IN BROWNSVILLE 12:00 NOON!!!!

It has been 2 years since Bush signed the border wall into law in 2006 and we must STOP it! And TEAR IT
DOWN!

Ruben solis

Please mobilize!!!!

No te quedes en la casa!!!

*Please note change of email grulla@swunion.org

*Por favor de notar cambio de correo electronico grulla@swunion.org

Southwest Workers Union
PO Box 830706
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210 299 2666 cell 210 378 5699

NUMBER: 303

PUBLISHED: 10/6/2008 10:15:00 AM

TITLE: Pentagon Lobbies Senate to Maintain Secrecy at WHINSEC *

North and South, the People Say, Close the SOA! Donate
Pentagon Lobbies Senate to Maintain Secrecy at WHINSEC
Several months after the May 2008 House action on the FY 2009 Defense Authorization bill, the Senate finally moved forward on their version of the legislation and passed the bill after weeks and months of delay. In the blink of an eye, after intense lobbying from the Pentagon, Senate officials pressed their House counterparts to strip language from the bill that would have required the Pentagon and SOA/WHINSEC to release information about students and instructors that attend the school.

On May 22, 2008, the House approved the McGovern (D-MA) - Sestak (D-PA) - Bishop (D-GA) amendment to the Defense Authorization bill by a wide margin of 220-189. This amendment would have required the Pentagon and SOA/WHINSEC to release to the public the names, country of origin, rank and dates and courses attended at the SOA/WHINSEC. This amendment was widely supported based on outrage that the SOA/WHINSEC continues to maintain secrecy about the school. For several years, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests made by human rights organizations to learn the names of those taking military training have been denied, and the House stepped up and demanded a change in policy.

Despite the overwhelming public support for releasing this basic information that had previously been available with no objections, the Senate folded in the face of Pentagon lobbying, refused to include the language requiring the release of information and refused to consider compromise.

HOLD YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE! This November you can make your voice heard on Election Day!

Check out the SOA Watch Elections Packet and sign the LASC petition to Senators Obama and McCain!

Please watch for our congressional scorecard and Hall of Shame information that we will release in the next couple weeks!

Nov. 21-23, 2008: Converge on Fort Benning, Georgia

The annual November vigil to close the School of the Americas at the gates of Fort Benning will follow the presidential election by two weeks. It will be an opportunity for the progressive movement to push for the closure of the SOA/WHINSEC and to set an agenda against oppressive U.S. foreign policy, whatever the result of that election is.

[Click here to download the November Organizing Packet](#)

Order the November Outreach Palm Cards to spread the word in your community.
SOA Graduate and Instructor Cited for Paramilitary Ties

Last month, a Washington Post article revealed that the testimony of a demobilized paramilitary, once a soldier, against Colombian general Mario Montoya had led the Colombian attorney general to open a

preliminary investigation. General Mario Montoya is a graduate of the School of the Americas and also worked as an instructor (!) at the school. [Click here to read the article.](#)

[Open Letter to Condoleezza Rice: No US funding for violence in Bolivia!](#)

SOA Watch signed an open letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. [Click here to read the letter.](#)

Last chance to order 150 copies of Presente!

We still have a few boxes with 150 copies of the Fall 2008 issue of Presente, the newspaper of the movement to close the SOA available at cost (\$22 for shipping and handling) for bulk distributors. If you would like to spread the word about the SOA and distribute the paper in your community, please call the SOA Watch office in Washington, DC at 202-234-3440 with your credit card information or email your address to Apriland pay the \$22 via PayPal.

Work at SOA Watch in Washington, DC!

Check out the job openings at the SOA Watch office in Washington, DC. We are hiring a Communications Coordinator. For more information and to apply, [contact Eric.](#)

We appreciate your interest! You are subscribed to this list as info@larazaunida.com.

[Click here to unsubscribe](#), or reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

Contact us.

Our mailing address is:
SOA Watch, PO Box 4566, Washington, D.C. 20017, USA

Our telephone:
(202) 234 3440

[Donate to Support the Campaign to Shut Down the SOA/WHINSEC](#)

NUMBER: 304

PUBLISHED: 10/6/2008 10:16:00 AM

TITLE: Bill Guerra in Wall Street Journal today *

Bill Guerra and his foot bridge across the Rio Grande made it into the Wall Street Journal today...

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB122325020309406113.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Check the video...

Jay

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PUBLISHED: 10/6/2008 10:23:00 AM

TITLE: A great leading edge article on immigration... Jay *

<http://www.cqpolitics.com/wmspage.cfm?parm1=3&docID=weeklyreport-000002971127>

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PUBLISHED: 10/6/2008 11:16:00 AM

TITLE: AUSTIN: Learning Conjunto: A CMAS PlaticArte - Oct 9 *

Please distribute widely:

The Center for Mexican American Studies
of the College of Liberal Arts at The University of Texas at Austin

Presents

Learning Conjunto
A CMAS PlaticArte
Featuring

Joel Guzman (Accordion) & JJ Barrera (Bajo Sexto)
Instructors of UT's new Conjunto Ensemble

In the Fall of 2007, the School of Music began offering a conjunto ensemble course, taught by noted performers Joel Guzman and JJ Barrera. The course is offered as a practical introduction to the performance techniques of the diatonic button accordion and the 12-string bajo sexto. The course is open to all students, regardless of previous musical experience. Come hear Joel and JJ talk about the class and perform some Tex-Mex music.

Thursday, October 9, 2008
12 Noon " 1: 00 p.m.
Texas Union Theatre (2.228)

For information about this event, please call 471-4557 or visit the CMAS website at www.utexas.edu/depts/cmas.

Center for Mexican American Studies
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1 University Station F9200
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TITLE: Grassroots Media Tour! Austin, Houston, San Anto! *

Grassroots Media Tour!

The 2008 Grassroots Media Tour is sponsored by radical and independent media projects from around the US, including Bitch Magazine, \$pread Magazine, Left Turn Magazine, ColorLines Magazine, Free Speech Radio News, and Make/Shift Magazine. The tour has two primary functions; First, to get information out " to communicate about current struggles for justice and liberation, from criminal justice organizing in Jena to sex worker activism, from resistance to imperialism in Iraq and Latin America to resistance to school privatization, from immigration rights movements to post-Katrina organizing in public housing. Tour presenters come from many movements and background, but all of them are grassroots media makers.

Website:

<http://aidandabet.org/2008/09/21/grassro...>

Recent News

October 2 " Chapel Hill, NC
Internationalist Books
405 W Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
7 p.m.
For more info: 919-942-1740 / Internationalist Books

October 3 " Greensboro, NC
The HIVE, 1214 Grove St.
(Near the Coliseum, Glenwood Library and UNCG)
7:30pm-9:30pm
More info: Isabell at 336.209.4641

October 4 & 5 " Asheville, NC
Firestorm Cafe & Books, 48 Commerce St. (next to the purple building),
Downtown Asheville, NC
More info: 828-255-8115 or Kila
Oct 4: 7 p.m. Presentation
Oct 5: 12 noon "Pressed for Knowledge" workshop
Oct 5: 2 p.m.: "From Oral History to Radio Documentary" Workshop

October 7 " Atlanta, GA
Charis Books & More, 7 p.m.

October 9 " Valdosta, GA
Hildegard's
101 E. Central Ave

More info: Zachary
Details TBA

October 10-11 " Miami, FL
The Workers Center, 6127 NW 7th Ave, Miami, fl, 33127
Oct 10: 7 to 9 p.m., Oct 11: Workshops, 1 to 5 p.m.
More info: Joseph at 305-759-8717 ext 1029

October 12 " Gainesville, FL
Civic Media Center, 1021 W. University Ave
For more info: Civic Media Center or (352) 373-0010
Workshops at 3 and 5, Presentation at 7 p.m.

October 13 " Pensacola FL
More info: Open Books
3 p.m. "Pressed for Knowledge" Workshop: University of West Florida,
Room 191 in Building 36, the Communication Arts building, 11000
University Pkwy, Pensacola, FL 32514, Sponsored by The Voyager
7 p.m. Presentation, location TBA, sponsored by Movement for Change

October 14 " New Orleans, LA
7pm
Seventh Ward Neighborhood Center, 1943 Pauger St (at Urquhart), New Orleans, LA
Co-Sponsored by New Orleans International Human Rights Film Festival
and Mondo Bizarro
More info: emily@nolahumanrights.org

October 16 & 17 - San Antonio, TX
Details TBA
More info: Graciela or DeAnne

October 18 " Houston, TX
Rice Cinema on the Rice University Campus, entrance #8, University and
Stockton Drive
Workshops: 2 p.m., Presentation: 7:30 p.m.
Sponsors: Houston Media and Sedition Books
More info: tish.stringer@gmail.com or houston.indymedia.org.

October 19-21 " Austin, TX
Sponsored by Skillshare Austin
Oct 19: Workshops, details TBA, Rhizome Collective
Oct 20: 7 p.m. Monkeywrench Books, 110 E. North Loop, Austin, Texas 78751

October 22 " Denton, TX
8 to 10 p.m., J&J's Pizza, 118 West Oak Street, on the square
Web Presence workshop, 2-3:30 pm, Texas Woman's University library
More info: Ellen - ellsquid@gmail.com

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TITLE: A good reality check... *

A good reality check worth sharing...

<http://www.truthout.org/100508D>

Jay

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Mexican Film Screenings at the MACC *

SE BUSCA: LA REVOLUCION MEXICANA

Diez películas acerca de la revolución en México/Ten films about the revolution in Mexico

The series SE BUSCA: LA REVOLUCION MEXICANA, presented by the MACC and Cine Las Americas portrays an event that forever transformed the landscape of Mexican politics and its social and cultural life. In many ways, Mexico is still coming to terms with a revolution that shook the political foundations of the country from 1910-1920, and continued as a civil war through 1929. This series of films and documentaries serve as a cinematic legacy of the characters and events of an uncompleted revolution. The film series runs until October 22. For more information about the films, visit <http://www.cinelasamericas.org>

All screenings at the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC)
600 River Street, Austin, Texas 78701

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=600+River+street+AUstin+Texas&ie=UTF8&oe=utf-8&client=firefox-a&ll=30.258752,-97.739611&spn=0.010064,0.019612&t=h&z=16&iwloc=addr>MAP>

All films in Spanish with English subtitles are Free.

Indoor Screenings (all films start at 8:00 PM). Proyecciones al aire libre (todas las películas se exhiben a las 20.00 hrs)

Tuesday, October 7/Martes 7 de octubre 1910, LA REVOLUCION ESPIRITA
1910 THE SPIRITIST REVOLUTION Directed by/Dirigida por Alejandro Fernández Solsona 2006, Mexico, 72 min, Documentary

What were the reasons that brought Francisco I. Madero to defend the political rights of the Mexican people? What was his motivation to believe in democracy and the value of elections? To believe in a free society committed to its own destiny? Where did his belief in the law and his will to transform Mexico come from? This film presents a little known chapter of the Mexican Revolution: the involvement of Francisco I. Madero in the spiritist movement, the first revolutionary president of Mexico, who committed himself to create a consciousness in Mexican society through his own spiritual convictions. A revelation of the unknown events that put Mexico on the road to democracy.

Outdoor Screenings (all films start at 8:00 PM). Proyecciones al aire libre (todas las películas se exhiben a las 20.00 hrs)

Wednesday, October 8/Miércoles 8 de octubre EL PRISIONERO 13 PRISONER
13 Directed by/Dirigida por Fernando de Fuentes 1933, Mexico, 76 min,
Drama de la Revolución Starring/Reparto: Alfredo del Diestro, Luis G.
Barreiro, Adela Sequeyro, Arturo Campoamor.

Two gripping stories are interwoven in Prisoner 13; a son pays for his father's faults, and a desperate mother tries to save her son's life at any cost. Destiny and corruption play a trick on Carrasco when he is bribed to free a revolutionary and arrest someone in his place. Unbeknownst to him he ends up arresting his own son.

NUMBER: 310

PUBLISHED: 10/6/2008 11:14:00 PM

TITLE: El Paso vs. the Border Wall *

While the US economy sinks thanks to the thieves of Wall Street, the people of El Paso continue to fight against the Border Wall.

While the Bush regime was rewarding 700 billion dollars to the thieves responsible for the financial pillage, we completed another week of daily protests against the border wall.

While Bush was giving away taxpayers' money to Wall Street, with the enthusiastic support of both Democrats and Republicans and of course Obama and McCain, we intensified our acts of opposition against the infamous 7.5 million dollars per mile wall being built by the Kiewit Corporation of Omaha, Nebraska. Kiewit is not only one of the largest recipients of juicy government contracts, but the CEO of Kiewit was also one of the most generous contributors to the Bush/Cheney electoral campaigns.

We continue to protest every day, mornings and afternoons, the same way we have been doing since September 12 as a group of El Paso citizens opposed to the wall. The protests at this site were initiated by one individual on August 18. On that day Justo Rivera, a 63 year-old El Paso native and proud Vietnam veteran, just made a simple sign with big letters that read "Honk Honk for No Wall!" and staged a one person protest at the construction site. We gather at the entrance of the construction site located at Cesar ChÃ¡vez Highway (also known as Border Highway) and Yarbrough, with signs and leaflets. At times there are only three people protesting. Other times our group is composed of ten or more protesters. The number of people is increasing every day. Since this a heavy traffic intersection, hundreds of people see our signs and as well as the construction in progress. The majority of people express their opposition to the wall by honking to the Kiewit workers and the Border Patrol officers.

This week we also held two activities. The first was held on Wednesday October 1 which was a Vigil Against the Wall to begin our campaign: "¡YA BASTA! ¡TODOS CONTRA EL MURO!" (ENOUGH! EVERYBODY AGAINST THE WALL!)

The vigil was held in the evening and attracted more than 60 participants mainly from different religious communities as well as families residing in the vicinity of the construction site. The participants of the vigil carried candles and signs denouncing the immorality of the wall. The protesters converged at 6:30 p.m. at the park near the construction site to listen to presentations from a Catholic priest and representatives of other religions. Then following a group of matachines from St Pius X, the procession walked towards the site of the wall. A group of nervous Border patrol officers were at the entrance of the construction site. When the procession approached the wall, the officers parked their vehicles to block the entrance and rushed outside the entrance to stop the peaceful protesters. Two of the officers pushed the persons yelling at them, "This is federal property!" But the protesters were not intimidated and continued their march chanting, "No Wall! No Wall!" More Border Patrol officers arrived at the site to form a barrier at the entrance of the site although it was very clear that the protesters never had the intention to enter the construction site or to even get close to the entrance. Minutes later some officers from the El Paso Police Department (EPPD) also arrived to assist the Border Patrol agents in protecting the wall. Despite their attempts to intimidate the protesters, the vigil continued until very late into the evening. Many people passed by the intersection and saw the vigil. Most of the drivers were honking their horns in support of the protest against the wall.

Then on Friday, October 3, almost 40 students from UTEP and El Paso Community College arrived to the site to join the protest. They brought signs and musical instruments. Most of the students were from UTEP's Students for Reform. Many people and families from the vicinity arrived to participate. The group grew to about 70. The protest was cheerful, with much enthusiasm and lasted several hours. The group also walked along the construction of the wall.

This time the law enforcement officers and Kiewit Corporation were prepared for our protest.

To begin, they released the workers earlier than on other previous days, so by the time we arrived they had stopped working in the area. Then they closed the main gate with chains and locks and put up two big "No Trespassing" signs on each side of the entrance.

Also, this time the presence of EPPD and Border Patrol officers was very ostentatious. There were cops all over the construction site and in the surrounding areas. Somebody counted about 30 patrols in the area. There were also many plain clothes officers in unmarked vehicles taking pictures and videos of the protest. The officers of the EPPD did not allow people to park on the edge of the road the way we had been doing for many weeks of protests. When one of the protesters attempted to explain to the police that he was parked in a right of way, he was given a ticket and was warned to move or his car would be towed away. Then a deputy with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office also arrived at the area to harass the demonstrator who had been given the ticket. The deputy was so out of control that one of the police officers intervened to calm him down.

Anyway, the protest took place and hundreds of people passing by the area saw us and expressed their support to the struggle to stop the construction of the wall. Every day more and more people are realizing the infamy of the federal government against the people of the border community. We also expect more people to join our daily protests and to participate in the different actions being planned to stop the construction of the wall.

The protests at the construction site will continue during weekdays, mornings, and afternoons. The next action will be held on Sunday October 12, 2008 at the construction site. October 12 is the International Day of the World's Indigenous People therefore, this time we are planning an indigenous ceremony against the wall.

Carlos Marentes

10/05/08

(Feel free to circulate this message)

NUMBER: 311

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Railroading Immigrants *

Railroading Immigrants
Monday 06 October 2008

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by: David Bacon, The Nation

An undocumented worker is deported at the Mexicali border crossing. (Photo: David Bacon)

Tucson - A special Federal District court convenes every day at 1 pm in Tucson. All the benches, even the jury box, are filled with young people whose brown skin, black hair and indigenous features are common in a hundred tiny towns in Oaxaca or Guatemala. Their jeans, T-shirts and cheap tennis shoes show the dirt and wear from the long trek through northern Mexico, three days walking across the desert, and nights sleeping at the immigration detention center on the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Presiding over one court session in June, Judge Jennifer Guerin called these defendants before her in groups of eight. They walked up in tiny waddling steps, heavy chains binding their ankles and wrists to their waists, and sat. Judge Guerin recited a litany of questions, translated into Spanish through headphones. "You've been charged with illegal entry, a criminal offense...at trial you would have the subpoena power of the court...you have certain rights," she intones. At the end she asks anyone who doesn't understand to stand up. No one does. She asks if they plead guilty. After a moment in which her question is translated, seventy voices mumble "S ."

Leaving the courtroom a young woman stumbles, eyes streaked with tears. A public defender tells the judge her feet are covered with blisters from walking through the wilderness. A boy no older than 13 or 14 searches the room with his eyes as he's led away, perhaps seeking a friend or relative. No one seems older than 30, and most are much younger. They are today's border crossers - the mostly indigenous youth of southern Mexico and Central America.

They all plead guilty to a Federal criminal charge. Sentences run from time served to six months in a Federal lockup run by Corrections Corporation of America.

According to the Spanish news agency EFE, this new court process, dubbed Operation Streamline, convicted 5187 migrants from January 14 to June 10 of this year. Isabel Garcia, who heads Derechos Humanos, a leading immigrant rights organization in southern Arizona, says the current daily quota of 70 chained defendants will soon be raised to 100 - 50 tried on one shift, and 50 on another. Twenty-one new federal prosecutors will handle the surge, with CCA detention facilities to house it.

A new bureaucracy is growing rapidly, thanks to drastic changes in immigration enforcement. In past decades, migrants were treated very differently when caught without papers. They were allowed to leave voluntarily, or deported after being found guilty of an administrative infraction, the equivalent of a parking ticket.

Today's migrants have become criminals. The features pioneered in Tucson's courtroom - serious Federal criminal charges, mass trials of defendants in chains, and incarceration - are becoming standard features of immigration raids from Postville, Iowa, to Los Angeles, California. State laws now supplement Federal statutes, and Federal, state and local authorities cooperate closely to bring a large variety of criminal charges against migrants.

Working without papers has become the most serious crime of all. The vast increase in workplace raids under the Bush administration, however, is motivated by more than a zeal for enforcing the law, or even placating the nativist wing of the Republican Party. Enforcement is part of a pressure campaign designed to win passage of immigration reform centered on guest worker programs.

In November, 2006, 1282 workers were detained by hundreds of heavily armed ICE agents in military garb at six Swift and Co. packinghouses. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff then told reporters that raids would show Congress the need for "stronger border security, effective interior enforcement and a temporary-worker program." Bush wants, he said, "a program that would allow businesses that need foreign workers, because they can't otherwise satisfy their labor needs, to be able to get those workers in a regulated program."

This spring, in a New York Times interview, Chertoff elaborated: "We are not going to be able to satisfy the American people on a legal temporary worker program until they are convinced that we will have a stick as well as a carrot." His carrot is the prospect of massive contract labor programs for business. The sticks are the chains in the Tucson courtroom.

According to Garcia, each day's defendants are less than 10 percent of those picked up on the Arizona border. "They're making an example of them to create a climate of fear," she charges. "We are a laboratory. The model they're developing in Arizona is coming everywhere."

Garcia's warnings have made her a target of rightwing talk radio hosts, who routinely urge listeners to call the county executive to get her fired from her job as a public defender. But in Postville, Iowa, where Tucson's assembly-line justice was transplanted virtually intact, her warning was accurate.

On May 12 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents swooped down on workers at the Agriprocessors meatpacking plant. Twenty minutes after the shift started, Maria Rosala Mejia Marroquin saw people running past the line where she stood cutting up chicken breasts, shouting that the migra was in the plant. She ran too, and in a dark warehouse tried to squeeze between huge boxes. "Men came in with flashlights. One pointed a gun in my face, shouting 'No one will escape!'" she remembered. When she was interrogated, she told agents she had a daughter in childcare, but lied to keep them from knowing where the babysitter lived, fearing she'd be picked up as well. Agents finally strapped an electronic monitoring device onto her ankle, telling her she had to wait for a hearing.

Her brother Luz Eduardo was taken with 388 others to the National Cattle Congress, a livestock showground in Waterloo, two hours away. In a makeshift courtroom they went in chains before a judge who'd helped prosecutors design Tucson-style plea agreements five months before the raid even took place. In order to get a job at Agriprocessors, workers had given the company Social Security numbers that were either invented, or belonged to someone else. The judge and prosecutor told workers they'd be charged with aggravated identity theft, which carries a two-year prison jolt, and held without bail. If they pleaded guilty to misusing a Social Security number, however, they would serve just five months, and be deported immediately afterwards.

"They told [my brother] if he signed the papers they'd deport him, but it was a lie," Mejia says. "He didn't know he was agreeing to criminal charges, and now he's been in prison in Kansas for months." Translation into Spanish was provided, but according to Elida Tuchan, who was also arrested, about half the detainees speak only Cachiuel, an indigenous language from San Miguel Dueñas, their Guatemalan hometown. "They felt terrorized, that everything was against them. They didn't understand anything about the process or their rights."

To the workers, deportation became desirable. Anacleta Tajtaj was also braceleted, while her husband was deported and three brothers went to prison. "Our family in Guatemala was eating because of us. Now they'll go hungry," she lamented. It cost them each 33,000 quetzales (about \$4000) to get to the U.S., a huge sum in San Miguel Dueñas, requiring them to mortgage homes and farms. "Now we just want to go back. Everything here is a crime - all the normal things like working." Tajtaj and the other women can't go home yet, however. Three months after the raid they didn't even have dates for their first hearing.

"They can't work, they have no way to pay rent or buy food, their husbands or brothers are in prison or deported, and they're being held up to ostracism in this tiny town," says Luz Maria Hernandez, who heads the support network for 48 braceleted women at Postville's St. Bridget's Catholic Church. "This is a form of psychological punishment."

Ostracism has become a common element of workplace raids. Women released for so-called humanitarian reasons to care for children become isolated and dependent on friends and relatives. In Los Angeles,,

women braceleted after a raid at the Micro Solutions electronics plant on February 7 were shunned by their own roommates, who left them and their children facing eviction. A challenge by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles finally won removal of the bracelets after three months, but the support network of immigrant rights groups is not as strong in northern Iowa.

Workplace raids are sweeping the country. According to Secretary Chertoff, "arrests in worksite cases have jumped from a total of 850 in 2004 to 4,940 last year, including 863 arrests based on criminal charges." From January 1 to May 31, 2008 alone, ICE had arrested 3000 people for immigration violations, and 875 more on criminal charges.

In June among those arrested were 160 workers at Action Rags in Houston, 32 farm workers for Boss 4 Packing in Heber, California, and nine workers at water parks in Arizona. In May "cops and guns and badges and everything" were used to detain 16 workers at San Diego's French Gourmet bakery, according to Rod Coon, company vice-president. The same month, 25 construction laborers were picked up in Florida working on the Lee County Jail. April saw raids detaining 28 landscapers in El Paso, 24 construction workers in Little Rock, 63 taco makers at El Balazo restaurants in the San Francisco Bay area, 22 restaurant workers on Maui, 33 laborers on the federal courthouse project in Richmond, Virginia, 20 workers at Shipley's Do-Nuts in Texas, and 45 workers at a Mexican restaurant chain in several states.

This two-month snapshot is an incomplete count of smaller worksite enforcement actions, which go on constantly, along with frequent raids on street-corner day laborers. But in addition to Postville, large raids have also become much more frequent.

Worksite enforcement, in turn, is used to dramatize Bush reform proposals that come from some of the country's largest corporations. In 1999 a group of corporate trade associations, in industries employing large numbers of immigrant workers, formed the Essential Worker Immigration Coalition because U.S. industry, it said, faced a huge labor shortage. "Part of the solution," EWIC announced, "involves allowing companies to hire foreign workers to fill the essential worker shortages."

The group, headed by the US Chamber of Commerce, includes the American Meat Institute, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (Wal Mart, among others), the National Council of Chain Restaurants, and other industry associations. While EWIC doesn't contribute money directly to political campaigns, any politician its lobbyists visit know EWIC member industries give plenty. In the 2000 election cycle, for instance, the meat processing industry gave \$1,292,877 - \$145,520 to Democrats and \$1,143,107 to Republicans. So far in 2008, the restaurant industry has already given \$7,361,945 (\$2,918,797 / \$4,427,704). In an August 2001 letter to Bush, EWIC argued for "a temporary worker framework that provides a role for such workers whose labor is needed in the US." A 2002 Cato Institute report, authored by Daniel T. Griswold, said "the experience of the bracero program demonstrates that workers prefer the legal channel." A huge temporary visa program "should be created that would allow Mexican nationals to remain in the United States to work for a limited period." EWIC and its member associations immediately greeted the report. The National Restaurant Association warned that restaurants faced "a worker shortage of 1.5 million jobs," and said the plan "would give employers greater opportunities to fill these jobs."

The Bush administration issued its own proposals a year and a half later, and they were identical to those in the report. Cato's ties to the media helped guest worker proposals achieve greater legitimacy. When the Institute asserted that industries face a tremendous labor shortage, rather than a corporate unwillingness to pay higher wages to attract workers, much of the media treated it as fact. Cato and EWIC members shared an aversion to minimum wages. Rob Rosado, director of legislative affairs for the American Meat Institute, said "We don't want the government setting wages [in guest worker programs.] The market determines wages."

EWIC's ideas were embraced by Democrats as well as Republicans. The McCain/Kennedy, Hegel/Martinez and STRIVE bills all shared a similar architecture. They established large guest worker programs, allowing corporations and contractors to recruit hundreds of thousands of workers a year outside the country, on temporary visas that would force them to leave if they became unemployed. To force workers to come only as guest workers, and to stay in the program once they were in the U.S., the bills all mandated a tighter

border to make crossing without papers more difficult, and beefed-up employer sanctions to make it impossible to hold a job without a guest worker visa.

In the bracero program of the 1950s and early 1960s, many workers simply remained in the U.S., working under the table until they found a way to get a permanent visa. Many workers in current guest worker programs also stay in the country as undocumented immigrants, even though getting permanent status has become almost impossible. The enforcement provisions sought to cut off that option.

"Enforcement is not an issue you can separate from guest worker programs," says Mary Bauer, director of the Immigrant Justice Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center. An SPLC report, *Close to Slavery*, documents extensive abuse of workers in current programs, and the benefit to employers of a workforce with few rights, whose vulnerable status makes organizing to raise wages difficult. "Immigration enforcement is structurally necessary for these programs," she explains.

Most comprehensive bills also contained legalization provisions for currently undocumented people, but would have imposed fines and long waiting periods from 11 to 18 years, during which time applicants would be as vulnerable as ever. Employers, however, would be immune to employer sanctions for employing them, while recruiting new workers through guest worker programs.

A much more liberal immigration bill sponsored by Congress member Sheila Jackson Lee and members of the Congressional Black Caucus was dismissed as "politically unrealistic" because it contained no guest worker program. EWIC anchored an alliance with immigration lawyers, establishment civil rights organizations and several unions. John Gay, representing the National Restaurant Association in EWIC, became board chair of the National Immigration Forum, a powerful mainstream immigration lobbying group in Washington. Tamar Jacoby, former staffer at the rightwing Manhattan Institute, was one of the coalition's most prominent spokespeople. Today she has organized a new corporate lobby, ImmigrationWorks, that includes EWIC, National Council of La Raza, the National Restaurant Association, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. One key affiliate, the Federation of Employers and Workers of America, calls itself "the national voice of the existing legal guest worker programs," and represents industry associations that push for them.

After Congress failed to pass a guest worker/enforcement/legalization package, the administration began to implement its enforcement proposals through increased raids. "But we would have had raids with those bills too, because of their enforcement and funding provisions," says Marielena Hincapie, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center.

The administration also used the bills' failure as a pretext for relaxing restrictions on current guest worker programs. ICE Director Julie Myers told the Detroit Economic Club in April that "the administration has both streamlined the H2-A [agricultural guest worker visa] application process and has given U.S. employers more flexibility... These changes will make it easier for agricultural employers to hire foreign temporary or seasonal labor to harvest crops." It also allowed employers seeking H2-B guest workers to simply "attest" that they'd tried to find local workers, rather than have the Department of Labor certify that they'd made a real effort.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, the AFL-CIO and immigrant rights groups have bitterly opposed these changes. Employers have generally supported them. "We see employers on the Hill all the time, saying they have to have guest workers. At one hearing they had to open extra rooms to accommodate all the lobbyists," Bauer fumes. "And support is coming, not just from Republicans, but from Democrats like Barbara Mikulski, Zoe Lofgren, Ted Kennedy and even John Conyers."

Making it a crime for an undocumented person to hold a job is made possible by the Immigration Reform and Control Act, passed in 1986. Prior to that, workers could be deported for being in the U.S. without a visa, but working itself was not a crime. The then-Immigration and Naturalization Service conducted some workplace raids, but immigrants were either forced to leave the country voluntarily, or held for deportation hearings. They could make bail.

In the late 1970s, the INS and others began seeking laws to make it illegal for people without papers to work, and for employers to hire them. They argued that if people could not work legally, they would leave. The INS campaigned for passage of IRCA (then the Simpson-Mazzoli and Simpson-Rodino bills), with a wave

of raids called Operation Jobs. Agents would arrest workers in a factory, and go to the local unemployment office to hold a press conference. With reporters and unemployed workers in tow, they'd return to the raided factory, claiming they'd "created" jobs. They would then demand that Congress pass sanctions. Raids became more difficult after the INS was sued by Molders Union Local 164 and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund in the early 1980s. After the suit was won, agents had to stop their practice of locking workers in a factory, interrogating foreign-looking people about their legal status, and instead were required to have warrants naming specific individuals.

Then IRCA's passage made it a federal offense for an employer to hire someone without immigration papers, and for that person to hold a job. Job applicants now have to provide two pieces of identification to show their status, and a Social Security number. By inspecting employer hiring records, INS agents can come up with the names of workers to put on warrants for a raid.

Immigrants didn't go home, however. Defenders of sanctions ignored the ongoing displacement of people by structural adjustment programs in Mexico and other developing countries, reinforced by the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement. In the NAFTA years, over six million Mexicans came to live in the U.S. Since relatively few visas are available for legal immigration, most came without them.

Although Bush officials claim worksite enforcement hardly existed before the present administration, the current wave actually started in the Clinton era. The Social Security Administration began sending letters to employers listing employees' names and numbers that didn't match SSA records. Employers were then left free (and often encouraged) to assume that the reason for the mismatch was that the workers were undocumented. After numerous employers used the letters to fire activist workers during union campaigns, unions and immigrant advocates convinced SSA to include language in the letters warning employers not to construe a mismatch as evidence of lack of immigration status. Nevertheless, although no count has ever been made, thousands of undocumented workers have lost their jobs because of the letters.

In 1999, using Social Security numbers in Operation Vanguard, INS agents sifted through the names of 24,310 workers in 40 meatpacking plants throughout Nebraska. They then sent letters to 4,762, demanding they report to INS agents at their jobs. A thousand did, of whom 34 were arrested and deported. The rest, over 3500 people, were forced to find new jobs. One of Operation Vanguard's architects, INS Dallas District Director Mark Reed, claimed success, saying the operation was really intended to pressure Congress and employer groups to support guest worker legislation. "We depend on foreign labor," he declared. "If we don't have illegal immigration anymore, we'll have the political support for guest workers." Reed and the INS also conducted more traditional raids during those years, seizing workers for deportation at Nebraska Beef, Montfort Packing, Tyson Foods, and other plants.

Social Security grew so uncomfortable with the use of its database for immigration enforcement that after Operation Vanguard the agency refused to make it available for similar operations in other states. Today, however, ICE seems to have regained access to the files, and now uses mismatches to identify workers for raids, and to charge them with criminal offenses. Meanwhile, the money paid by undocumented workers under bad numbers reached \$586 billion in 2006. Since those workers may never collect benefits based on those earnings (which go into the Earnings Suspense File), they are contributing a huge subsidy to the retirement of all Social Security recipients.

Worksite enforcement actions accelerated enormously after George W. Bush took office. Following the 9/11 attacks, raids dubbed Operation Tarmac targeted airports around the country, leading to the firing and deportation of hundreds of mostly food service workers. After the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the new Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) took over from the old Immigration and Naturalization Service, and more raids followed.

The administration used worksite enforcement actions to dramatize its call for comprehensive immigration reform (the shorthand name given by Washington groups to the bills combining guest workers, increased enforcement and legalization). On April 10, 2006, the first huge immigrant rights march took place in Los Angeles, protesting House passage of the Sensenbrenner bill (HR 4437) the previous December, which would have made undocumented status a federal felony. On April 19, 1187 workers were arrested at plants of IFCO Systems North America, Inc. in New York, Texas, Wisconsin and Massachusetts. Then in December,

after the Senate passed an immigration bill more in line with administration proposals, ICE mounted probably the largest workplace raid in U.S. history, detaining 1282 workers at six Swift and Co. packinghouses.

The administration's drive was dramatized by other large-scale, highly publicized worksite sweeps. They included the arrest of 81 plastics workers at Iridium Industries in Poconos, Pennsylvania, 136 chicken workers at George's Processing in Missouri, 165 workers at Portland's Fresh Del Monte produce plant, 327 workers at the Michael Bianco leather factory in New Bedford, and 200 janitors for Rosenbaum-Cunningham International in 17 states.

Once the comprehensive reform proposals died in Congress in 2007, more major raids followed, including two at the Smithfield pork slaughterhouse in Tarheel, North Carolina, which took place in the middle of one of the country's longest and hardest-fought union organizing campaigns. In addition, 130 immigrants were arrested at Micro Solutions in Van Nuys, dozens at a Fresh Direct produce warehouse in New York City, and 161 poultry workers at Koch Foods in Ohio. Just before the Postville raid, 311 workers were detained at Pilgrim's Pride plants where they cut up chickens for KFC.

As early as the IFCO raid, some workers and low-level supervisors were charged with criminal violations, not just being in the country illegally. At Swift the administration began to shape its new strategy of substituting criminal charges for status violations. Some 65 of the workers arrested there were charged with identity theft or other criminal offenses, as were the workers picked up at Smithfield. Barbara Gonzalez, an ICE spokesperson, told reporters outside one Swift slaughterhouse that "we have been investigating a large identity theft scheme that has victimized many U.S. citizens and lawful residents." ICE head Julie Myers told other reporters in Washington, D.C. that "those who steal identities of U.S. citizens will not escape enforcement."

Dramatic identity-theft charges were intended to gain public support for the raids and the bills in Congress, but ICE was also announcing a new strategy for criminalizing work.

ICE claims that raids and sanctions protect wages against employers' use of undocumented labor. A week after the Postville raid, ICE Director Myers claimed enforcement targeted "unscrupulous criminals who use illegal workers to cut costs and gain a competitive advantage." An ICE Worksite Enforcement Advisory claims "unscrupulous employers are likely to pay illegal workers substandard wages or force them to endure intolerable working conditions. ... ICE's Worksite Enforcement Unit also helps employers improve worksite enforcement of employment regulations."

Actual enforcement of labor standards, however, is in freefall. On July 15 the Government Accountability Office charged that Department of Labor inspectors routinely fail to investigate complaints, and close half of them after short calls to employers.. From 1997 to 2007, the number of inspectors dropped from 942 to 732, and the number of cases went from 47,000 to 30,000, the lowest since World War Two. Meanwhile, the budget for the Border Patrol has climbed to \$1.6 billion, while 15,000 agents make ICE the second-largest investigative agency in the Federal government.

The affidavit supporting ICE's search warrant for the Postville plant stated a source saw a supervisor "duct-tape the eyes of an undocumented Guatemalan worker shut and hit the Guatemalan with a meat hook, apparently not causing serious injuries. The Guatemalan did not want to report the incident because 'it would not do any good and could jeopardize his job.'" Although ICE would not identify the beaten worker or confirm his detention, it is probable that after the raid he was in Federal prison, while the supervisor continued working. The Iowa Labor Commissioner documented 57 cases of child labor at Agriprocessors and filed 9000 child labor charges against the company. Some of the 57 young people are now undoubtedly in prison or wearing electronic ankle bracelets. Although some may get temporary visas as witnesses, all will eventually be deported.

Despite ICE claims that raids protect labor standards, enforcement often helps employers attack efforts by undocumented workers to better conditions. The two raids at Smithfield's Tarheel, North Carolina, packinghouse created a climate of terror during the union organizing drive, according to organizers. When housekeepers at the Woodfin Suites in Emeryville, California, tried to enforce a new municipal living wage law, ICE investigated them at the request of Congressman Brian Bilbray (R-San Diego), and company

president Samuel Hardage. According to Mejia, supervisors often used immigration status to threaten workers in a union drive at Agriprocessors a year before the raid. And at Pilgrim's Pride packing plants ICE and employers cooperated to arrest employees this spring.

After the first Smithfield raid in January, 2007, Mark Lauritsen, UFCW packinghouse director, said the Department of Homeland Security and the company "were worried about people organizing a union, and the government said, 'here are the tools to take care of them.'" Scott Frotman, spokesperson for the United Food and Commercial Workers, says "raids let companies drive down wages and working conditions." To NILC's Marielena Hincapie, raids show the employers' power: "Enforcement intimidates even citizens and legal residents. The employer brings in another batch of workers and continues business as usual. People who protest get targeted and deported."

Employers, while complaining about the inconvenience of raids, have been very willing to accept greater enforcement. American Meat Institute chair and Tyson Foods CEO Dick Bondhas supported the Bush plan "because it included some of the provisions that AMI and the industry really want: a path to legalization, a guest worker program and a better employee verification program."

Nan Walden, a former Democratic Congressional aide who owns a large pecan ranch near Tucson, and helped organize Arizona Employers for Immigration Reform, worries that "removing 9-12% of the workforce will be a disaster." She advocates a "humane" guest worker program, a verifiable identification system, a path to citizenship for undocumented people, and "market-based quotas" for future migration. She criticizes Arizona's sanctions law, however, for its "piecemeal approach." While she's "disturbed by the hatred stirred up by opponents of immigration," Walden warns that without a reform like the one she describes, employers will move operations out of the state and country. "Raising wages isn't the answer, because our costs are all going up, and we still have to be competitive."

Criminalizing work has helped ICE gain the involvement of state and local authorities. Last year Arizona passed bills requiring state employers to use the E-Verify system to ensure they were not hiring the undocumented. Employers must verify an applicant's immigration status with a database, that DHS said in 2006 "is still not sufficiently up to date to meet the ... requirements for accurate verification." The original bill would have punished any employer with an undocumented employee, but after employers protested, the law was changed so that they would be fined only for future hiring.

E-Verify makes undocumented workers more vulnerable. One woman employed in a Tucson bakery, who withheld her name, explained she was getting only \$10/hour for tending the oven, while legal residents were getting \$16 for the same job. "If I leave or get fired, how will I find another job with a bad Social Security number?" she wondered. A Tucson union organizer, also afraid to be identified, added that construction workers told her that contractors lowered wages from \$18 to \$10/hour after the law passed, and told them to bring their own tools to the job. She described rising unemployment, with workers leaving for other states. "It's not

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SIERRA BLANCA, Texas -- In a swampy corner of his desolate ranch, Bill Addington proudly flouts the law. The Department of Homeland Security has demanded that he tear down a rickety footbridge from his land across the Rio Grande into Mexico. Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, authorities have shut down nearly a dozen of these informal river crossings along the Texas border. This is the last they know to be operating. They want it gone. Mr. Addington refuses.

Border Threat or Bridge to Past

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Texas rancher Bill Addington refuses to dismantle an informal and illegal crossing that leads into Mexico. While Mr. Addington calls it a symbol of a bygone era, the Department of Homeland Security wants southern borders secured. (Oct. 6)

He crossed that bridge countless times as a boy, darting into Mexico to buy candy or watermelon juice or to flirt with the girls at church-hall dances. Mexicans crossed over, too, every day, to work the cotton fields for Mr. Addington's father -- a U.S. Border Patrol agent. After a hard season's labor, they would all celebrate together with a night of bilingual poker, fueled by whiskey and calf-brain stew.

Mr. Addington, who is 52, clings to those memories. So when the Department of Homeland Security sent his family a letter this past summer warning that his bridge could allow "the illegal entry of terrorists, aliens, and/or drug traffickers," he scoffed.

That's not his border. Not the bridge he knows. And he will not accept that it could be.

"They say it's a new era, but their vision of the border is a place of fear and trouble," he says. "We just don't see it that way. This is our home."

Mud slurped at his boots the other day as Mr. Addington trudged out to check on the bridge. It's a rustic affair, made up of old boards anchored to wires that stretch 30 feet across the river. The water beneath is about 10 feet deep, murky and swarming with mosquitoes.

Bill Addington

Mr. Addington grabbed hold of the hand rail -- a wire strung across the river at shoulder height -- and stepped onto the first board with a splash. Thirty teetering seconds later, he was in Mexico.

"I'm in forbidden territory!" he called, grinning mischievously.

Mr. Addington says he doesn't use the bridge much these days, except to round up cattle that have strayed into Mexico over a shallow passage downriver. Foot traffic from the Mexican side has slowed, too, because the region bristles with motion detectors, security cameras and federal agents.

Still, "people do cross and drugs are smuggled" over the bridge, says Bill Brooks, a regional spokesman for the Border Patrol. Mr. Brooks would not provide numbers. But fresh footprints were visible on a recent afternoon in the dirt path leading from the bridge, and a Mexican soda bottle lay in the weeds.

For years, authorities did not make a concerted effort to cut off the unmonitored crossings, like this bridge, that had linked Mexican and Texas border towns for generations. That changed after Sept. 11. Federal agents took out the rowboat ferry in the village of Lajitas; piled boulders to block a river-bottom road through a shallow stretch of the Rio Grande near Redford; began prosecuting anyone caught scrambling across a narrow dam that runs from bank to bank near Del Rio.

The crackdown did not reach this stretch of the river until a few months ago, when the Border Patrol, a division of Homeland Security, decided to move against six illegal footbridges. None posed a major threat to national security, Mr. Brooks says. But each made illegal entry easier. "We're making every attempt we possibly can to gain control of our borders, and it just got to be time for these bridges," he says. Landowners responsible for five of the crossings agreed to demolish them or asked the government to do so.

Mr. Addington vowed to fight.

A tall and rangy man with scraggly gray hair, Mr. Addington has thrown himself into campaign after quixotic campaign to preserve the borderland he loves. He helped fight off a nuclear-waste dump slated to be built in this poor-but-striking region of ragged mountains and rough scrubland. He spent years protesting a business venture that, until 2001, imported New York City's sewage by the trainload and spread the sludge across a ranch just outside the small town of Sierra Blanca.

Lately, he has been up in arms about the 670-mile fence that Homeland Security is building on the southern border. The fence will not cross his property -- there's a big gap along this stretch of the Rio Grande -- but Mr. Addington is distressed all the same.

He grew up on the river, soaring out over the international border on a tire swing, splashing in the lazy current, frying fresh-caught catfish with his Mexican buddies on one shore or the other. Border life has a unique culture and rhythm, he says, and he can't stand to see it locked down behind steel fencing. Or cut off by destroying a footbridge.

The local sheriff, Arvin West, backs him up. Sheriff West believes that security imperatives will one day require the bridge to close. He acknowledges that it can enable illegal immigration -- in fact, his own grandfather used it to sneak into this country. But Mr. West says the bridge is hardly a threat and calls it ridiculous for the government to target a flimsy string of two-by-fours when miles of border remain unsecured. So for now, he vows to stand "toe to toe and nose to nose" against any federal official who tries to shut down the crossing.

Such a confrontation is unlikely. The letter from Homeland Security did contain a vague threat of unilateral action: "Our goal is to work...in a peaceful and cooperative manner," it read, "...however, we cannot allow your bridge" to remain open.

But Mr. Brooks of the Border Patrol says authorities don't intend to forcibly remove the bridge. Instead, they have warned Mr. Addington that he faces a \$3,000 fine every time his bridge is used for an illegal crossing.

The Border Patrol doesn't have a permanent lookout at the bridge, but the local field office has authorization to add more than 300 new agents over the next 15 months and plans to step up patrols in the area. Agents already monitor motion sensors on roads around the ranch.

Mr. Addington shrugs off the warning. He'll take that risk, he says, for his friends across the border, for his fellow ranchers who rely on day laborers from Mexico, for the memory of those dances and the long evenings after the cotton harvest, when people from two nations bonded over barbecue.

"We should be building bridges, not walls," Mr. Addington says. "I'm not taking it down."

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The African American Diversity Ministry of MCC Austin at Freedom Oaks, Equality Texas Foundation, Soulforce, University Baptist Church, and Church of the Savior.

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WHERE: University Baptist Church, 2130 Guadalupe Street, Austin, TX 78705.

WHO:

Rev. Dr. Stephen Sprinkle, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, TCU's Brite Divinity School.

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TITLE: Another Raid: About 300 poultry workers arrested *

About 300 poultry workers arrested

Posted: 05:40 PM ET

(CNN) " Federal immigration agents arrested about 300 workers Tuesday in a raid at a poultry processing plant in Greenville, South Carolina, accusing them of being illegal immigrants, the Department of Justice said.

The agents executed a criminal search warrant at 9 a.m. at the Columbia Farms poultry processing plant, capping a 10-month investigation into the plant's employment practices, said Barbara Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

About 58 of those arrested were allowed to return to their homes to take care of their children or for other humanitarian reasons, she said. The others were to be held in an ICE detention facility in the area.

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TITLE: Fwd: [Coalition] You are invited to support Rick Noriega... *

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From: Donajih Rodriguez

Dear Community Leaders,

Rep. Rick Noriega needs your help tomorrow at 6:30pm at KHOU Channel 11(45N Exit Allen Parkway).

A debate is scheduled for tomorrow and you are encouraged to come out and support Rick, Cornyn protestors will there and it would be great to see you be part of a larger support group. Be part of this amazing opportunity to make an impact in the political arena.

See you there with your support banners.

United we DREAM,

Donajih

DREAM Act TEXAS Blog
www.dreamacttexas.blogspot.com

Coalition of Higher Education for Immigrant Students
www.cheis.net

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Monday at Monkeywrench: "Behind the Mask" Film Profiling Ani *

Monday at Monkeywrench: "Behind the Mask" Film Profiling Animal Rights Activists

United Student Activists is hosting its first event of the fall semester tomorrow at 8pm at Monkeywrench Books (110 East North Loop, map). To raise funds for animal rights activist Peter Young's October 15 talk at UT, we'll be screening "Behind the Mask: The Story of People Who Risk Everything to Save Animals," an award-winning documentary which looks beyond the corporate media's filter at the reality of the radical animal rights movement from the view of those who make it up. "Regardless of what one thinks about the tactics of the Animal Liberation Front, the film is an extraordinary one that is well worth watching," said one critic.

Join us for the film and discussion at Austin's only totally worker-run bookstore on Monday night. The film is 72 minutes long.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for Wednesday, Oct. 15. Young, who was jailed after liberating hundreds of animals from fur farms in 1997, will be speaking at 7pm in the Art Building (ART 1.102). His talk is co-sponsored by our group and Students Against Cruelty to Animals.

Solidarity,
United Student Activists

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From: Naomi Caballero

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TITLE: RIO GRANDE VALLEY: PfpJ Monthly Meeting Reminder - October *

PfpJ

Monthly Meeting

October 8th, 2008

Wednesday

7PM

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County Bldg.

1401 S. Nebraska Avenue

San Juan

Please send agenda items.

AGENDA ITEMS THUS FAR:

* Update on anti-war events and organizing

* Movie Night " Next Movie? Etc.

* Organizing against the Border Wall " Report from Resist the Wall coalition

For more information, contact PfpJ at:

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Video: The Border Fence . NOW on PBS

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TITLE: ARTICLE: 300 Suspected Illegal Immigrants Caught in SC Raid *

300 suspected illegal immigrants caught in SC raid

By MITCH WEISS and JEFFREY COLLINS

Associated Press Writers

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) -- Federal agents swept through a chicken processing plant Tuesday, detaining more than 300 suspected illegal immigrants, sending panicked workers running and screaming through the hallways. Worried relatives collected outside, fearful their loved ones would be deported.

Police and agents during a shift change ordered all workers at the House of Raeford's Columbia Farms to show identification, according to officials and witnesses. The business had been under scrutiny for months and the raid comes on the heels of even larger roundups at plants across the country.

Maria Juan, 22, was one of about 50 relatives and friends who huddled at the edge of the plant after the raid, some weeping and others talking frantically on cell phones. She was seeking information about her 68-year-old grandmother, a legal immigrant from Guatemala who went to work without identification papers but was later released.

"Families are going to be broken apart," Juan said. "There will be kids and babies left behind. Why are they doing this? Why? They didn't do anything. They only wanted to work."

Workers began running down hallways crying and screaming, said Herbert Rooker, 54, a third-shift janitor. He wore a blue band on his wrist, indicating agents had determined he was in the country legally.

Rooker had to duck into a bathroom to avoid what he called a stampede of people.

"I didn't know what they were running from. I had no reason to run," said Rooker who remained at the plant five hours after the raid because police still had his truck blocked.

Immigration officials kept the workers inside, spending most of the morning trying to figure out how many are in the country illegally, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin McDonald said.

The number could be substantial. A recent review found that immigration paperwork for more than 775 of 825 workers contained false information, McDonald said. Immigration agents scoured the plant for paperwork and other information for the investigation.

Hector Zapata said he was hauled in when he dropped his daughter off for work. Agents ignored his cries that he didn't work there, he said. Seven hours later, his daughter, in the U.S. legally, emerged, joining dozens of others milling around trying to figure out where their loved ones were being taken.

When he heard about the raid, Mateo Matias got his neighbor's three children out of school and brought them to the plant. He wanted immigration officials to see the boys -- ages 4, 5 and 6 -- in hopes they might release their mother, who is from Guatemala, where her husband remains.

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TITLE: CALIFAS: 'Discovering the Lost Columbus': Oct. 12 @ FRESNO STATE *

'Discovering the Lost Columbus' presentation is Oct. 12

<http://www.fresnostatenews.com/2008/10/lostcolumbus.htm>

"Discovering the Lost Columbus" will be discussed on Sunday, Oct. 12, at California State University , Fresno when the student organization, First Nations, provides an indigenous perspective about Columbus Day. The event at 5:30 p.m. in McLane Hall, Room 121 is free and open to the public. It includes dinner and entertainment followed by the film, "The Canary Effect."

The film explores the history of Native Americans after Columbus landed in North America .

A discussion panel will follow the film.

For more information contact, Dr. Kenneth Hansen at 559.278.2260 or at kennethh@csufresno.edu.

ABOUT THE FILM

THE CANARY EFFECT - Kill the Indian, Save the Man

<http://thecanaryeffect.com/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wm0EvTk8o4>

Based on facts, the Award Winning documentary, The Canary Effect is a culmination of Yellow Thunder Woman's first hand experience growing up as a Native American and Robin's passionate empathy of the need to bring such truths to a wider audience. This is the directors, Robin Davey & Yellow Thunder Woman's debut film and has been a hit on the International film festival circuit.

Delving deep into the often misunderstood and frequently over looked historic realities of the American Indian, The Canary Effect follows the terrifying and horrific abuses instilled upon the Indigenous people of North America, and details the genocidal practices of the US government and its continuing affects on present day Indian country.

Featuring interviews with the leading scholars and experts on Indian issues including controversial author Ward Churchill, the film brings together the past and present in a way never before captured so eloquently and boldly on film.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Mamas of Color seeking committed child-friendly allies *

LOOKING FOR A FEW COMMITTED CHILD-FRIENDLY ALLIES

* Do you want to support Mamas of Color (especially single working class moms) to be active in community organizing?

* Are you a non-parent activist who likes kids and supports the idea of including them in social justice work?

* Are you an early childhood educator or are you interested in Popular Education and creative games as ways to explore social issues?

* Do you see the importance of raising critical, creative and conscious kids in order for our movements to sustain longterm?

IF SO, SIGN UP TO DO CHILDCARE SOLIDARITY!

There are weekly opportunities to work with the children during meetings and workshops for moms of color.

It's not just support work, since our movements need to be inter-generational if they are to survive and thrive!

And if you want to be part of an upcoming childcare solidarity training by the folks who coordinated the children's programs at Critical Resistance 10 and the U.S.Social Forum, sign up now!

Email monsalve.jeanette@yahoo.com, kelleecol@gmail.com & paula@sistaisista.org to get involved.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Massive fire turned a perilous trek deadly for border cross *

From the Los Angeles Times

Massive fire turned a perilous trek deadly for border crossers

Of eight people killed last year by the Harris fire in San Diego County, seven were illegal immigrants. Other migrants trapped in the wind-swept flames were burned and treated at a regional burn center.

By Marjorie Miller

Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

October 5, 2008

First of two parts

SAN DIEGO " Moises Ramirez crossed into California the morning of Oct. 21, 2007, with a plan. He would get a restaurant job and, with the money he earned, build a house on land his father had given him in El Grullo, Jalisco. A year or two of hard work and he could go home to Mexico and the woman he loved.

On his way up Tecate Peak with six other migrants, Ramirez had stopped to pray at a statue of the Virgin of Guadalupe. But soon after they climbed over the border fence that Sunday, a Santa Ana blew in from the east, and they saw an orange glow rise up from the horizon. Flames raced toward them on 80-mph winds and the "coyote" they'd hired to guide them into the United States took off, leaving them to face a blaze that was chewing up chaparral like a wild beast.

Ramirez knew he couldn't outrun his fate, and his cries to the virgencita were failing to keep the wind-whipped Harris Ranch fire at bay. As he huddled behind a boulder with the others, flames as tall as trees engulfed them. The ground crackled around them, and then they were beating out fire on each other's backs with their bare hands. "I'm burning, put me out," one after another screamed. "I'm going to die," the 34-year-old Ramirez thought. "There's no salvation."

The blaze passed as quickly as it had arrived, leaving behind a windstorm of embers. Ramirez was blinded by smoke and ash, and the skin peeled off his hands and body like burnt newspaper curling in a fireplace.

Ramirez thought of his dream house and the woman he had wooed away from her husband and children to share it with him. His father had warned that he would pay for his sin of breaking up a family. Was this the retribution?

Well-traveled routes

Migrants have long made the journey to California on trails littered with lonely graves. Generations of frontier settlers, Gold Rush prospectors, Dust Bowl refugees and illegal immigrants from Latin America have found themselves at the mercy of nature crossing California's wide deserts and steep mountains.

More recently, millions of migrants from Latin America have made the illegal and dangerous trek across the U.S.-Mexico border, creating a vast supply of cheap labor and polarizing public opinion.

But newcomers and fire may never have crossed paths quite as they did last fall, when high winds and dry chaparral fed an arc of wildfires from Malibu to the Mexican border, destroying hundreds of homes and forcing thousands to evacuate. The worst was the Harris fire, which burned for 20 days, consumed 90,000

acres and left eight people dead. Largely unnoticed in the upheaval was that seven of the dead were undocumented migrants who were making the clandestine trek to the U.S. across well-worn border trails. Sixteen illegal immigrants caught in the flames were treated at UC San Diego's Regional Burn Center.

The blaze was first reported to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's station at Potrero, near the border, at 9:21 a.m.

As the fire burned quickly, the U.S. Border Patrol positioned agents in the open so immigrants could find help if they needed it. The first group of five surrendered shortly after the fire ignited, and they were held until it could be determined they had not started the blaze, according to Border Patrol spokesman Mark Endicott.

Other groups made their escape to the highways, where they were detained by authorities. "Radio traffic was heavy. It seemed like every 30 minutes or so they were finding a group of six, a group of eight," said state firefighter Heath Finton. Many others learned of the fire too late, however. "There was no way to warn them," said state fire department Capt. Kari Thompson.

A pattern of migration

In an arroyo near the border, Areli Peralta Rivera was heading north with five other migrants, guided by a coyote. The 25-year-old beautician from Mexico had recently lost a baby girl to birth defects and wanted a new start. She and her husband now hoped to make a better life in the United States.

Peralta's village of Mazatlan, in the southern state of Guerrero, had long sent its sons and daughters to work in el norte. Her father, Concepcion Peralta, had spent about a dozen years in California, most of them, he said, working for la compania Edison. He traveled home for Christmas each year to visit his wife and four children, sneaking back across the border to his job after New Year's.

In 1985, he had a chance to apply to become a legal U.S. resident. He began the process, but his heart wasn't in it and he never finished. "I didn't want to live there with my family," he said. He had saved enough money to build a modest home and buy furniture, so he moved back to Mexico.

When they grew up, Peralta's eldest sons made their way north and settled in Orange County, where they worked in construction. They liked living in California, and new fences and surveillance along the border made it difficult to go back and forth as their father had done. Their wives and children lived there with them.

Areli and her husband, Ruben Santos, were set to join them on the day of the Harris fire. Areli had broken the news to her father over a meal shortly before her departure.

She said, "Papa, yo me voy" (I'm leaving), recalled Concepcion Peralta. "I said, 'I don't know, my daughter. If you want to go, maybe you can follow your dreams.' "

He told Areli to be good, rather than to be careful. He knew the drill and wasn't worried about safety so much as he was about the fact that his daughter was a young woman going far from home.

She left Mazatlan the day before the fire started, along with her husband and two others. The next morning, they crossed the border near Tecate, headed for Anaheim.

Returning from funeral

Traveling another route with another group of migrants, Nicolas Beltran and his sister Maria Guadalupe were returning to northern San Diego County after attending their father's funeral in Cruz del Norte, Mexico. Both had been working in the United States, he in a plant nursery and she selling tamales at a strip mall. Both had children born in the United States who were American citizens. They were eager to get back.

Nicolas, 24, had come the first time as a teenager, his head full of stories about life in the United States from those who had gone before him. "You want to see it for yourself," Nicolas said. He figured he'd come for a year or two, then go home again. But this was his third trip north in eight years.

Guadalupe, 29, lived in Vista with her partner, Felipe Mercado, and their four children, ages 17 months to 8 years. She had taken the two youngest with her to Mexico and on the way back handed them to a family member in Tijuana. As American citizens, they could cross legally into the United States while she set out by foot to cross through the brush near Tecate.

By the time the Beltrons crossed the border Sunday afternoon, the Harris fire had already passed through the area, stripping away the dense vegetation Nicolas had seen on previous trips. This time they hiked into the night across a bed of black ash and smoldering tufts of brush. They slept by rocks and, in the morning, made their way north of Highway 94 to a pool of muddy water.

One more rest, Nicolas thought, and then they would finish the trek at the place where their guide had arranged for a car to pick them up. But when he stood up again, he felt a blast of hot air and realized the ravenous fire had circled back on them.

The coyote wanted to run, but Nicolas said no, it was too late. The blaze was only a couple of hundred yards away and here, at least, they were near a bit of water. They threw off their backpacks and lay down to wait. "We didn't talk. We concentrated on what was coming," Nicolas said.

Burned and desperate

Elsewhere in the smoke-shrouded borderlands, Moises Ramirez and his group examined their injuries and tried to gather strength to move on. They slowly pulled themselves up and began searching for their coyote, whom they found up the hill with melted shoes and badly burned feet. One charred leg looked broken. They asked him which way to go for help and he pointed straight, through a cloud of black smoke, but he couldn't move.

It looked to Ramirez as if the coyote had fled from the group straight into the arms of fate. "He was running fast, like he had to be right there at that moment," Ramirez said.

The six men still standing took the coyote's cellphone and headed off to find a signal. Eyes burning, hands swelling to uselessness, they slid and stumbled down the slope. Trying to ignore his pain, Ramirez crossed boulder fields and went past smoldering bushes. At last they reached a point with cell reception and could call 911.

"Señ±ora, we are where it's burning; we are very burned, please," one of them, a man named Cesar, yelled into the phone in Spanish.

"We can't take the pain of the burns anymore, seÑ±ora. Forgive me," he told an emergency operator in a taped call, a copy of which was obtained by UC San Diego videographer Laura Castaneda.

"Forgive me, señor, but if we don't know where you are, it's very difficult," the operator said in Spanish.

The problem was, the migrants had no idea where they were. There was smoke as far as the eye could see and no visible landmarks. Cesar pleaded for help.

"I know you're burned; I already told them," the operator said.

"Señorita, we can't do anything for our friends. They're going to die."

"I understand. Everyone in the world is working to help you, but it's very difficult to find you in the mountains and canyons, OK?"

Helicopters circled overhead and the group called to them, waving their burned arms. The pilots flew past, unseeing. Ramirez and the others decided they had to press on. An older man named Jose Israel said he couldn't go any farther and lay down. "Don't leave me," the man pleaded. But by then it was every man for himself.

Soon after, Ramirez gave up. He crawled beneath a rocky overhang and drifted off to the smell of his own burnt flesh and the echo of the old man's cries: "Help me."

A family's fears

In Anaheim, Areli Peralta's brothers were growing worried. Television news was reporting a big fire along the U.S.-Mexico border and it looked bad -- huge, forked-tongue flames for miles. They knew that their sister and her husband were headed north through Tecate. Why hadn't they called?

They spoke to their father, Concepcion Peralta, in Mexico; to Ruben's father; to the father of one of their friends. No one had heard from the pair. "We were desperate. We couldn't believe it. How was this possible?" said Peralta's brother Juan Miguel.

They called the Mexican Consulate in San Diego to report the couple missing and wanted to go search for her, but the Peralta brothers were in the United States illegally and couldn't risk going near the border. A sister-in-law who resides legally in the United States went instead. She checked with the hospital, the Border Patrol, the consulate, the morgue. Nothing.

Helping the injured

California Department of Transportation worker Don Elms lives in Potrero on land near the border that his father bought decades ago. He is accustomed to the sounds of migrants making their way through the night. Sometimes they stop to ask for water. Sometimes they make trouble. Sometimes he sees them shoot across the road like deer. The Border Patrol made 9,801 apprehensions of illegal immigrants last October in the San Diego sector -- a territory stretching from the Pacific Ocean east to Imperial County and north to San Clemente.

When the Harris fire started, Elms got the call to help close the roads. "It was the hardest wind I've ever seen in a fire," he said. Wearing his emergency vest, he cruised Highway 94 in a state-issued orange pickup. The land was black and empty, eerily silent. Around the bend at mile 37, a group of five or six burned immigrants appeared in the middle of the road like ghosts.

"They were shocked, in pain and just wanting help. I told 'em to get in. One of them said there were otros mas and pointed up the hill," Elms said. "I asked if they were muerto, and they said they didn't know." Elms saw their blistering skin and turned on the air conditioning so they could cool their hands in front of the vents as he drove to the Potrero fire station.

Elms' day ended with another evacuation -- of his own home.

'I couldn't see'

Nicolas Beltran lay face down in the pool of water his group had stumbled upon and held his breath as the flames latched onto him. The coyote had taken the deeper end and used his hat to douse himself with water. Nicolas' sister Guadalupe was nearby, and he was on the shallow side. He screamed as the fire chewed his ears and scorched his head, back and legs. Although he had covered his face, the heat seared off his eyelashes and, when it was over, ash as rough as sand scratched at his eyes.

"I couldn't see," he said. His sister told him he was badly burned. "I was more burned than she was, but she couldn't walk."

Guadalupe pleaded with her brother not to leave, but he told her no one would find them there and they had to get help. The road, it turned out, was not far away. He followed lights to a red emergency vehicle. A rescue team was sent in for Guadalupe, and an ambulance was called. With drugs, Nicolas' pain began to dim, and so did his awareness.

Path to salvation

Back in the hillside shelter, Moises Ramirez awakened. He couldn't tell how long he had been there. It was dark. His skin was charred, his lips parched. He thought he had given up for good, but now something inside said, "Stand up!" He steadied himself on shaky legs, urinated into his swollen hand and sipped the moisture.

Ramirez didn't know which way to go. Illegal immigrants had cut myriad paths through the chaparral, and he chose the one with the most burned water bottles and empty bean cans, following a trail of trash to salvation. Soon, he heard radio static and cried out, "Here I am." No one answered, and he feared the vehicles would leave. "I was almost running, going across the scorched side of the hill," Ramirez said. "I fell four or five times."

At last he saw the red and white emergency lights. When he reached them, gasping for air, he found what looked like police cars, ambulances and a white truck, perhaps belonging to the Border Patrol. They all seemed to be waiting for him. Burned and shivering, he was nonetheless lucid. Rescue workers gave him a blanket and oxygen, and wrapped his fingers in sterile gauze. An agent in a tan uniform took his photograph and copied his Mexican driver's license, but Ramirez was beyond caring.

"He was worn out," said Joel Ver Velde, a paramedic who treated him at the scene and took him to the hospital. "He went loose. He knew he was getting help, and he did what he was told. He was happy to be alive."

Charred beyond recognition

The fire had calmed by nightfall Thursday, when Rafael Hernandez, a volunteer with the Angeles del Desierto search and rescue group, came upon a couple of dozen firefighters and Border Patrol agents trying to retrieve four charred bodies from a ravine beneath Highway 94, near Barrett Junction.

A native of Mexico and legal resident of the United States, Hernandez spends most of his free time combing the border canyons and desert for immigrants in trouble. He and his colleagues leave bottles of water and warm clothes in the desert for lost migrants -- measures that critics say aid illegal immigration but that the Angels insist save lives. They also recover bodies.

Hernandez pulled up to help. Floodlights mounted on a truck shone on the valley of ash. A medical examiner had been down to look at the bodies, and now the rescue team was using ropes to lift them out.

"They were burned beyond recognition. You couldn't even tell if they were men or women," Hernandez said.

Authorities suspected they had found Areli Peralta, her husband and friends. To make a certain identification, the coroner needed DNA from family members, but Peralta's undocumented brothers were in no position to approach authorities. Instead, the Mexican Consulate arranged for their father to come north for three days to give a blood sample. Afterward, Hernandez took him to the spot where the bodies had been found. Although it would be weeks before a positive ID was made, Concepcion had accepted that Areli was dead.

"My daughter, I never thought this would happen to you," he wailed by the side of the road. As he hammered white crosses into the ground to honor the dead, he cried in agony. "Daughter, how I loved you."

The bodies of Areli and her husband were sent home two months later in closed coffins, accompanied to the graveyard by the mournful whine of brass bands. "I never thought my children would want to live up there," Peralta said. "If I'd known what would happen, I would have gotten my papers."

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Coming Tuesday: A hard road back to health for survivors

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TITLE: Fwd: The Study of the Spanish Speaking People of Texas *

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October 2008

The Study of the Spanish-Speaking People of Texas series consists of more than 900 images taken by Russell Lee between April and July 1949 in Corpus Christi, San Angelo, San Antonio, and El Paso. The photographs include images of the many poignant, proud, exasperating, joyful, and intimate moments in the lives of people in these Mexican-American communities at a very specific point in time. The images represent a unique visual record for that period, and are unparalleled in their variety, scope, and quality. Among the many subject areas are families, children, schools, churches, housing, migrant workers, professions, trades and vocations, businesses, community organization, health and homecare, politics, and leisure activities.

For more information:

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TITLE: EL PASO: Our Voices, Our Struggles, Our Media - Nov 20 *

OUR VOICES, OUR STRUGGLES OUR MEDIA:THE DIASPORA SPEAKS

2nd HUMAN RIGHTS, POLITICAL ACTIVISM AND MEDIA INSTITUTE

El Paso, Texas November 20th- 23rd

Applications Deadline October 10th, 2008

This intensive 2.5 days institute is aimed at seasoned human rights and social justice activists that will come together to share human rights and political strategies and get hands on training on alternative media, including radio, video and print mediums as well as online and virtual activism.

Requirements for Participation

ç Experience in domestic (US) human rights, social justice, activism, community development and a strong interest in producing media.

ç Demonstrated interest in participating in all of the activities of the program, a full commitment to 2.5 days intensive training, and to share the experience with others upon return home community/organization and to continue to work on collaborative projects building upon the institute and group experience.

Core Media: at the media training participants will have a choice of one of two core media: Radio or Video.

All participants must choose one core media. The core classes meet each day in the evenings and will have more than 14 hours of hands on the media of their choice (Radio or Video).

Workshops Include:* Fronteras/Bordelands

* Local Struggles, Global Voices

* Human Rights: Using a Critical Race, Feminist and Intersectional Analysis

* Media Landscape in the United States

* Models of Communications: Global South

* New Technology and Political Activism

* Desktop Publishing

* Creating a Media PlanFees: The fee for tuition for the media training is 550.00. The fee includes lodging (shared accomodation) and all meals. If you feel that you cannot afford these fees, we strongly encourage you to apply for a scholarship. For the 1st year almost 90% of participants received scholarships.

Application Deadline is October 10th, 2008

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TITLE: MEXICO: Ciberalerta ¡No al turismo depredador! Visita nuestro micro *

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Greenpeace apoya el turismo sustentable como eje motor de la economía y cree que para lograr estos objetivos no es necesario destruir el medio ambiente y violar las leyes vigentes. Por ello, durante la inauguración de la Expo Mexicana de Inversión Inmobiliaria y Turística, una activista dio el mensaje de "No al turismo depredador", mientras hablaba el presidente de México, Felipe Calderón.

Más imágenes...

Para saber más...

- Activista en bikini dice ¡No al turismo depredador! en la Expo Mexicana de Inversión Inmobiliaria y Turística.
- Fracasos y mentiras de Fonatur en Mar de Cortés.
- No al turismo depredador, dice GP en Sectur.
- Contribuye turismo a cambio climático; México hace caso omiso.
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Sigue estos ecotips para que seas un turista responsable. Documento:

Del cambio climático al desastre turístico

El objetivo de este documento es presentar argumentos del por qué es imperativa una nueva Ley General de Turismo que contemple medidas de adaptación y mitigación con el fin de aminorar las repercusiones del cambio climático en ese sector.

Escucha a Alejandro Olivera, coordinador de la campaña de océanos y costas de Greenpeace México

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TITLE: AUSTIN: SATURDAY 10/18, 1-5 pm: Fighting for a Fair Trade Future! Co *

:::::::::PLEASE FORWARD WIDELY!! (and see attached fliers!)::::::::::

My friends and Compañeros,

Next Saturday, October 18th, 2008, from 1-5 pm, Texas Fair Trade Coalition (and our family of organizers) will host FIGHTING FOR A FAIR TRADE FUTURE: a Community Forum, at the Conley-Guerrero Senior Activity Center, 808 Nile St, Austin, 78702

Panels, Workshop, and Discussion will cover today's situation on the Global Economy and the ways it has affected:

- Labor Rights in Central TX and abroad
- Water Privatization in the U.S. and abroad
- The T.R.A.D.E. act, progressive new legislation aimed at reforming free trade agreements
- The Trans-Texas Corridor
- The Sweat-free movement and Garment Industry
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Attached are fliers for the event. The first is a color version in .doc form; if the fonts are weird, use the 2nd one which is a PDF, and there is also a black and white version (the third).

If you could print and post these, that's great, otherwise, forward widely!

Thanks for all you do!

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TITLE: HOUSTON: Battle of Seattle Closes tomorrow at Angelika, come watch t *

"Battle in Seattle" is a Hollywood interpretation of the 1999 protest against the World Trade Organization negotiations in Seattle. It is playing at the Angelika Film center at 510 Texas avenue downtown. It opened last Friday and is apparently closing this Thursday. This call out encourages radicals and movie lovers to come watch the Thursday October 9th screening, where we will boo the cops, cheer for the protesters and hopefully not get embarrassed by how crappy the film is.

An activist project to preserve the real history of the protests:

<http://www.realbattleinseattle.org/>

Activist Critique from organizer David Solnit:

<http://www.yesmagazine.org/article.asp?ID=2850>

More on the film and venue:

http://www.angelikafilmcenter.com/angelika_film.asp?hID=3854&ID=701g09i.qz65104f744b55p49.52

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Corporate Greed: Unpatriotic and Un-American *

CORPORATE GREED: UNPATRIOTIC AND UN-AMERICAN

By James C. Harrington

Director, Texas Civil Rights Project

The stunning \$700 billion Wall Street fiasco didn't sit well with Main Street. The common folk who struggle to make ends meet, pay the high cost of food and gas, and lack affordable medical coverage had to bail out the feckless financiers, whose own personal wealth is staggering.

Part of the meltdown is because of CEOs' disgusting greed and lust for astronomical salaries. The average CEO salary is about \$11 million. And then they get "golden parachute" payments when they botch their job and have to leave. Most Americans only get their vacation pay, if lucky, when they get fired. The failed WaMu CEO just walked away with a \$40 million "severance"; that's pretty much the story for the other recent Robber Barons who wrecked and pillaged with abandon.

Just how many millions does it take for someone to be happy in life? These executives make more in a few minutes than a hard-working American makes the whole year. A CEO averages 344 times the wages of the typical worker. Even mega-billionaire Warren Buffett argues that CEO salaries should peak at no more than 20 or 25 times those of the average worker, which is closer to the European model that works well.

Unbridled greed for more and more money drives them. Corporate shareholders also are to blame because they, too, are driven only by profit, money \bar{A} ber alles. The wealth skew between the super-rich and working Americans is the greatest it's been since the decade before the Great Depression.

It's clearer every day that our nation has moved from democratic, regulated capitalism to state-supported capitalism. In other words, the government helps capitalism prosper for itself and not how it can best support working Americans and the country overall.

The real problem is that we don't recognize the danger of this greed to our society overall. Not only does it undermine our American ideal of a shared and common community, but CEO greed diverts money that could be better used to improve worker pay. Increased worker spending would improve the economy much more dramatically so than CEOs piling up their money to spend only on themselves.

The 2001 tax cuts for these wealthiest Americans already have cost \$928 billion. Now, the country has to front \$700 billion more for them. It would take "only" \$70 billion/year for a universal health care plan. How much of that could have been used to build up our infrastructure and create jobs? We now have the highest joblessness in 7 years. How many billions could have gone instead to improve our schools and pay teachers better, and so on? The point here is how personal greed undermines our entire community.

We have lost our sense that America is about much more than simply making all the money humanly possible. Paul Newman was fond of saying that we're like farmers: we take from the soil, but we also have to give back to the soil, if we are to prosper.

Capitalism, history shows, is the only economic system that works. History also shows that it does not work well without reasonable regulation. And it will not serve the American people until such time reasonable regulations are in place to further our common goals. That is the only way our democracy can flourish. A patriotic American is not a greedy American.

The Texas Civil Rights Project, a nonprofit foundation, promotes civil rights and economic and racial justice throughout Texas, attempting to bring about systemic change through education and litigation. Support Plain Talk for Justice:

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TITLE: LOS ANGELES: Stop the Raids & Deportations!! Protest & March in Los *

Stop the Raids & Deportations!!
Legalization Now!

Protest & March in Los Angeles
Plazita Olvera to ICE Building (300 N. Los Angeles Ave.)
Sunday October 12, 2008 @ 1pm by the Kiosko @ 1pm by the Kiosko

For more information contact Victor at 626-375-2873 or at sisepuedeamnistia@yahoo.com

With 1,157 people deported in the largest raid in California history and more than 300 in South Carolina, immigrant activists are saying, Ya Basta!! Both Republicans and Democrats have done nothing to stop the raids or legalize the undocumented. It's up to us to build a movement to pressure them to give us the rights that we demand. Join us in creating that movement by participating in this national callout by the National Alliance for Immigrant Rights and led locally by immigrant rights activists committed to stopping the raids and winning a legalization for all undocumented immigrants

Sponsored by: The Emergency Response Network, Hermandad Mexicana - Van Nuys, ISO, & affiliated activists

Alto A las Redadas!!
Legalizacion Ahora!!

Protesta y Marcha en Los Angeles
De Plazita Olvera al Edificio Federal (300 Avenida N. Los Angeles) Domingo 12 de Octubre @ 1pm junto al Kiosko

Para mas informacion contace a Victor al 626-375-2873 o a sisepuedeamnistia@yahoo.com

Con mas de 1,157 arrestados en la redada mas grande en California y mas de 300 en una redada en Carolina del Sur esta semana, activistas pro inmigrantes dicen Ya Basta!! Los Demócratas y Republicanos estan callados sobre inmigracion. Es nuestro deber en construir un movimiento fuerte para forzarlos a darnos los derechos que merecemos. Ayudenos en esta llamada nacional empezada por la Alianza Nacional de Derechos Inmigrantes y organizada localmente por grupos inmigrantes comprometidos a la lucha para detener las redadas y luchar por una legalizacion para todos.

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TITLE: Thousands of Troops Are Deployed on U.S. Streets Ready to Carry Out *

Thousands of Troops Are Deployed on U.S. Streets Ready to Carry Out "Crowd Control"

By Naomi Wolf, AlterNet

Posted on October 8, 2008, Printed on October 9, 2008

<http://www.alternet.org/story/101958/>

Background: the First Brigade of the Third Infantry Division, three to four thousand soldiers, has been deployed in the United States as of October 1. Their stated mission is the form of crowd control they practiced in Iraq, subduing "unruly individuals," and the management of a national emergency. I am in Seattle and heard from the brother of one of the soldiers that they are engaged in exercises now. Amy Goodman reported that an Army spokesperson confirmed that they will have access to lethal and non lethal crowd control technologies and tanks.

George Bush struck down Posse Comitatus, thus making it legal for military to patrol the U.S. He has also legally established that in the "War on Terror," the U.S. is at war around the globe and thus the whole world is a battlefield. Thus the U.S. is also a battlefield.

He also led change to the 1807 Insurrection Act to give him far broader powers in the event of a loosely defined "insurrection" or many other "conditions" he has the power to identify. The Constitution allows the suspension of habeas corpus -- habeas corpus prevents us from being seized by the state and held without trial -- in the event of an "insurrection." With his own army force now, his power to call a group of protesters or angry voters "insurgents" staging an "insurrection" is strengthened.

U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman of California said to Congress, captured on C-Span and viewable on YouTube, that individual members of the House were threatened with martial law within a week if they did not pass the bailout bill:

"The only way they can pass this bill is by creating and sustaining a panic atmosphere. † Many of us were told in private conversations that if we voted against this bill on Monday that the sky would fall, the market would drop two or three thousand points the first day and a couple of thousand on the second day, and a few members were even told that there would be martial law in America if we voted no."

If this is true and Rep. Sherman is not delusional, I ask you to consider that if they are willing to threaten martial law now, it is foolish to assume they will never use that threat again. It is also foolish to trust in an orderly election process to resolve this threat. And why deploy the First Brigade? One thing the deployment accomplishes is to put teeth into such a threat.

I interviewed Vietnam veteran, retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and patriot David Antoon for clarification:

"If the President directed the First Brigade to arrest Congress, what could stop him?"

"Nothing. Their only recourse is to cut off funding. The Congress would be at the mercy of military leaders to go to them and ask them not to obey illegal orders."

"But these orders are now legal?"

"Correct."

"If the President directs the First Brigade to arrest a bunch of voters, what would stop him?"

"Nothing. It would end up in courts but the action would have been taken."

"If the President directs the First Brigade to kill civilians, what would stop him?"

"Nothing."

"What would prevent him from sending the First Brigade to arrest the editor of the Washington Post?"

"Nothing. He could do what he did in Iraq -- send a tank down a street in Washington and fire a shell into the Washington Post as they did into Al Jazeera, and claim they were firing at something else."

"What happens to members of the First Brigade who refuse to take up arms against U.S. citizens?"

"They'd probably be treated as deserters as in Iraq: arrested, detained and facing five years in prison. In Iraq a study by Ann Wright shows that deserters -- reservists who refused to go back to Iraq -- got longer sentences than war criminals."

"Does Congress have any military of their own?"

"No. Congress has no direct control of any military units. The Governors have the National Guard but they report to the President in an emergency that he declares."

"Who can arrest the President?"

"The Attorney General can arrest the President after he leaves or after impeachment."

[Note: Prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi has asserted it is possible for District Attorneys around the country to charge President Bush with murder if they represent districts where one or more military members who have been killed in Iraq formerly resided.]

"Given the danger do you advocate impeachment?"

"Yes. President Bush struck down Posse Comitatus -- which has prevented, with a penalty of two years in prison, U.S. leaders since after the Civil War from sending military forces into our streets -- with a 'signing statement.' He should be impeached immediately in a bipartisan process to prevent the use of military forces and mercenary forces against U.S. citizens"

"Should Americans call on senior leaders in the Military to break publicly with this action and call on their own men and women to disobey these orders?"

"Every senior military officer's loyalty should ultimately be to the Constitution. Every officer should publicly break with any illegal order, even from the President."

"But if these are now legal. If they say, 'Don't obey the Commander in Chief,' what happens to the military?"

"Perhaps they would be arrested and prosecuted as those who refuse to participate in the current illegal war. That's what would be considered a coup."

"But it's a coup already."

"Yes."

Naomi Wolf is the author of *Give Me Liberty* (Simon and Schuster, 2008), the sequel to the New York Times best-seller *The End of America: A Letter of Warning to a Young Patriot* (Chelsea Green, 2007).

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TITLE: LACCC: Weekly News Update, Immigration & Prison Industrial Complex *

Our Voices, Our Struggles! The Diaspora Speaks Media Institute. Now Accepting Applications. Click here for more information. Radio Diaspora Migration Series/Oct 11: Detention and the Prison Industrial Complex Every day migrant brothers and sisters in the United States are being denied the most basic human rights guaranteed to all human beings under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These violations include tearing families apart and subjecting people to egregious conditions in detention centers across the country. Invited guests for this week's show are Adelina Nichols of the Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights and Azadeh Shahshahani of ACLU Georgia.

Tune into Radio Diaspora this Saturday from 5-7pm on 89.3 WRFG Atlanta or listen online at WRFG.org! The first hour of the program is in English, the second hour is in Spanish.

Winning the Fight of Our Lives: Immigrant Rights and Prison-Industrial Complex

If the immigrant rights movement doesn't understand raids, detention, and deportation in the context of the greater prison-industrial complex, and organize accordingly, we will lose the fight of our lives - a fight we can and must win.

During the immigration debates and protests of 2006-2007, a small but significant chorus of organizations - those working with families facing deportation - spoke out strongly against many of the immigration reform legislative proposals. What many in the beltway were calling "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" (CIR) wasn't comprehensive enough to fix the detention and deportation system that had eaten up and spit out almost two million people and destroyed nearly as many families. Instead, the grand bargain for reform was to allow for stricter immigration enforcement in exchange for a normalized status for some undocumented immigrant workers. Read Full Story

After the Raids

ERASMA ZUNIGA LOPEZ lives a cautious life since the day she was arrested during an immigration raid almost two years ago. Now, doors are always double-locked and curtains are shut at her home.

She lives near a police station in Greeley, Colorado, and she shivers any time she sees a police officer. She rushes back into her house when a white van approaches the station. She cries often for no immediate reason. Recurring nightmares haunt her. She no longer takes her eight grandchildren to the park a few blocks away. Her worst fear is to be separated from them again.

Lopez was one of 262 people who were arrested in 2006 when federal immigration agents raided the Swift & Company meatpacking plant in Greeley where she worked.

About 1,300 workers were arrested at six of the company's sites nationwide. Since the raid, justice has been postponed for at least 32 immigrant families like hers who live in legal limbo while they wait to see an immigration judge in October. Read Full Story

Documental revela injerencia de EEUU en masacre estudiantil del 68 en México

La llamada "Masacre de Tlatelolco" sucedió el 2 de octubre de 1968, cuando el Ejército Mexicano comenzó a disparar contra los 200 mil estudiantes que estaban reunidos en una movilización en la Plaza de las Tres Culturas. En el documental se revela la intervención de la CIA y el interés de la Casa Blanca, a través de su embajador Fulton Freeman, en que el Ejército asumiera el poder en México.

El canal seis de julio, en vísperas de cumplirse 40 años de la masacre de Tlatelolco, que ocurrió el 2 de octubre de 1968, entregó una nueva producción documental, "1968: La conexión americana", que pone al descubierto la intervención de la Agencia Central de Inteligencia (CIA, por sus siglas en inglés) en la masacre estudiantil de aquel año, y su interés en que el Ejército asumiera el poder en México.

Documentos e imágenes inéditas de esa época confirman, en el trabajo del cineasta Carlos Mendoza, la intromisión del gobierno de EEUU en la política mexicana, la cooptación (sustitución) de funcionarios

y militares mexicanos por la CIA, así como el desarrollo de una estrategia propagandística encaminada a hacer creer que en México se gestaba una "revolución comunista". [Read Full Story](#)

MEXICO- Recordando la Matanza de Tlatelolco: Impunidad 40 años después

40 años de la matanza de Tlatelolco, los responsables murieron o se hicieron viejos, pero ninguno ha pagado ante la justicia la brutal represión ocurrida el 2 de octubre de 1968 contra estudiantes mexicanos que dejó al menos 44 muertos, según cifras oficiales.

La impunidad es la línea que une a estos 40 años en los "que no se ha logrado ni en el tiempo moderno, ni con la experiencia lamentable y la llaga abierta del movimiento del 68, terminar o disminuir a niveles más lógicos de la impunidad que vive el país" dijo José Antonio Ibáñez, coordinador del programa de Derechos Humanos de la Universidad Iberoamericana.

Los cinco presidentes del Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI, 1929-2000) que le siguieron mantuvieron un hermetismo total sobre la masacre y sólo en 1998 se formó una comisión legislativa que llamó a declarar, sin mayores repercusiones, a Luis Echeverría, ministro del interior en 1968 y después presidente de México. [Read Full Story](#)

HAITI / Oct. 10 Actions: YES to International Assistance, NO to Occupation!

Please find below a new appeal issued by 20 Haitian trade union, political and community organizations that have joined together to call on working people and activists across the Americas to mobilize on October 10 " as they will be doing in Haiti itself " in support of Haitian sovereignty and for the immediate withdrawal of all the MINUSTAH (UN) occupation forces from Haiti.

On October 15, 2008, the UN Security Council " with the participation of all the governments with contingents in the MINUSTAH force " will vote whether or not to extend for one year the mandate of these occupation forces.

This new appeal was issued on Friday, Sept. 25. Over the weekend, the signatories of the appeal met in Port au Prince with a number of additional Haitian grassroots organizations that agreed to endorse, and urge support, for this international appeal. An updated list of Haitian endorsing organizations will be available shortly. [Read Full Story](#)

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Proof of legal status for driver's licenses *

New rules for ID cards, driver's licenses
Guidelines require proof of legal status for immigrants.

By Miguel Liscano

AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

Thursday, October 09, 2008

Immigrants must now prove they are in the United States legally to obtain new driver's licenses and identification cards, which will indicate their status, under new Texas Department of Public Safety rules. As of Oct. 1, applicants who are not citizens must present immigration documents before they are issued a card.

After documents are verified, an applicant will be issued a license with the cardholder's photo positioned vertically instead of horizontally. "Temporary Visitor" will be written on the card, and the date that the holder's temporary status expires will be printed on its face, according to the department.

In the past, people applying for a driver's license or identification card were required to show documentation to establish identity, not legal status, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said.

The new rules are "intended to enhance the security of the driver license and ID card, and to reduce the risk of identity theft and fraud," Mange said.

Because driver's licenses can be used to gain access to bank accounts, board airplanes and enter various government buildings, the commission "wanted to make sure the documents were as secure as possible," Mange said.

The new rules also require applicants to provide proof that their status has been updated or extended before they are issued a duplicate or renewal card, the department said.

People whose legal status in the country is limited to six months or less will not be able to get licenses or ID cards.

The new guidelines were approved by the Texas Public Safety Commission in late August and went into effect this month, Mange said.

Mange said most other states require proof that a person is in the country legally before granting licenses. She didn't know whether those states issue different-looking cards for citizens and noncitizens.

In 2005, a federal law intended to fight terrorism set standards for how states issue driver's licenses, requiring the 70 million or so Americans who get or renew licenses each year to provide more proof of who they are and where they live.

The law compelled states to more aggressively verify that information.

Gov. Rick Perry on Wednesday praised the new guidelines, saying, "We must ensure that this privilege is not abused by those seeking to enter our country illegally. The safety of Texans remains a paramount concern of my administration, and these new guidelines will provide additional security."

Jim Harrington, director of the Austin-based Texas Civil Rights Project, said the guidelines have little to do with national security.

He said it's one more example of state leadership trying to intimidate immigrants, legal or illegal.

"I can't tell you how many times people have said, 'It's better not to get mixed up with this because I'm going to have problems with immigration if I do,' " he said. "It shows government hostility toward them."

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Resistencia Bookstore - Writing Behind Bars *

Red Salmon Arts /Resistencia Bkstr. Oct. & Nov. 2008 Calendar

Thursday October 16 - Red Salmon Arts and the Mexican American Cultural Center present Writing Behind Bars, a special screening of the new documentary Writ Writer by Susanne Mason and a poetry reading by award-winning writer Jorge Antonio Renaud.

The event celebrates the creativity and courage of two convicted felons who refused to be shamed into silence by their history. With their pens they gave voice to the crushing brutality of prison life, seeking humane treatment of prisoners.

7pm - 9pm @ the Mexican American Cultural Center, 600 River Street, Austin, Texas FMI: call 512-416-8885

Writing Behind Bars is co-sponsored by the Texas Civil Rights Project and the Austin Film Society.

Writ Writer, portrays the historic conflict that emerged in the 1960s when prisoners in Texas rose up to challenge the brutal conditions in state prisons. Focusing on the story of Fred Arispe Cruz, the film portrays the protracted legal battle for the right of Texas prisoners to assist each other with lawsuits. In retaliation, prison officials subjected Cruz to untold months of solitary confinement and other punishments in an attempt to coerce him to drop his lawsuits. This attracted concerned civil rights attorneys who came to assist Cruz with his litigation for prisoners' rights. Ultimately, Cruz's legal battle initiated what led to the most comprehensive court-ordered state prison reform in U.S. history.

"This is the fascinating story of a prisoner who was brave enough (and crazy enough) to defend the Constitutional rights of Texas prisoners in the 1960s. Forty plus years later it's as relevant as ever," says film director Richard Linklater, founder of the Austin Film Society which sponsored the film since its inception in 1997.

Following the film, Jorge Antonio Renaud will read from his unpublished collection of poetry written while incarcerated. Renaud spent 17 years in Texas prisons for robbery, and was released in July 2008. This will be his first public appearance to read his work since his incarceration in 1991. Renaud's reading will pay tribute to one of his mentors, the late raulsalinas, founder of Resistencia Bookstore, casa de Red Salmon Arts. Renaud is the author of Behind the Walls: A Guide for Families and Friends of Texas Prison Inmates. His writing has been published in Americas Review, The Texas Observer, The Threepenny Review, Revista Chicano-Riqueña, and The Other Side, among other publications. He has received nine PEN awards for his poetry, fiction, nonfiction and memoir writing. Prior to his incarceration, he worked as a copy editor for the Austin American-Statesman.

"Jorge writes poetry that's powerful but tender, humorous and often stunningly moving," says Scott Henson, Grits for Breakfast blogger and college friend. "Jorge was the most innately talented Texas writer of my generation, even though he's spent most of his adult life behind bars," says Henson.

Filmmaker Susanne Mason has served as associate producer of several public television documentaries, including Are The Kids Alright? (2004 Regional PBS); Struggle In The Fields (1996 National PBS); Songs Of The Homeland (1994, National PBS); and Go Back To Mexico! (1994, Frontline, National PBS). More recently, Mason has produced and associate produced short historical documentaries about Austin, Texas, and the Great Society programs of the Johnson presidency.

Saturday November 8 - Rose Twofeathers Hernandez, local native American artisan and lightworker will be offering a two hourworkshop- The Healing Medicine of Feathers: A Workshop on Feather Medicine. 5pm

*?Creating a personal feather duster or smudging tool using materials provided,

*?Learning techniques to cleanse the body's auric field,

*?Practice on healing on other participants

The workshop includes one turkey feather, sewing materials, personal instruction, and special medicine for the feather's quill. There is a fee of \$20.00 which covers the cost of all materials and instruction. You are encouraged to bring your personal feathers to add to your tool. Rare Macaw feathers will be available at an additional fee. The intention of sharing this knowledge is to preserve traditions, to understanding the process and its use for everyday healing, and to spread the lightwork. Please call the bookstore to sign up to secure your place as there is limited seating. Phone # is 512-416-8885. For specific inquires, please call Rose @ 512-577-7595.

Rose Twofeathers has been a practitioner in crystal healing and lightwork for over 21 years, has made healing tools and jewelry for over 18 years, and has taught the technique of crafting for 8 years. She is Keeper of the Rock for her Mayan ancestors.

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State of Exile: Poems by Cristina Peri Rossi/translated from Spanish by Marilyn Buck (City Lights Books)

Telling Tongues: A Latin@ Anthology on Language Experience edited by Louis G. Mendoza & Toni Nelson Herrera (Red Salmon Press/Calaca Press)

Conquest: Sexual Violence & American Indian Genocide by Andrea Smith (South End Press)

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Warfare in the American Homeland: Policing & Prison in a Penal Democracy edited by Joy James (Duke Univ. Press)

where the apple falls: poems by Samiya Bashir (RedBone Press)

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Falling Angels: Cuentos y Poemas by Olga Garcia Echeverria (Calaca Press)

The First & Second Declarations of Havana by Fidel Castro (Pathfinder Press)

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TITLE: Fwd: [World Peace Alliance] ABC won't air our ad *

ABC refused to air the Alliance for Climate Protection's Repower America ad about how oil and coal companies have blocked the country's switch to truly clean energy. Tell ABC to reconsider their decision and air the Repower America ad.

<http://www.wecansolveit.org/ABC>

We're working to get 100,000 public comments to ABC before 20/20's next airing.

Thank you.

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TITLE: SAN ANTO:Esperanza Center - Que Pasa This Weekend? *

buena gente de esperanza!

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~ ~ ~San Antonio Sweat-Free Ordinance Coalition Meeting

Monday, Oct 13

6pm @ Guadalupe St. Coffee (1320 Guadalupe St, 78207)

Join a coalition of groups and individuals working to pass a local ordinance that allows city contracts to only work with companies that follow fair labor practices and enforce just worker treatment.

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

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--- On Thu, 10/9/08, Mcallendgarza@aol.com wrote:

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mcallendgarza wrote:

JAG comments on the aforementioned article.

Comment on: Mission defamation suit delayed again at 10/9/2008 12:32 PM CDT on themonitor.com
"IF YOU CAN'T STAND THE HEAT, STAY OUT OF THE KITCHEN"

Many residents of Mission feel the same way as Ms. Ester Salinas, the only difference is that they don't speak out in public about their discontent with their mayor. The residents of Mission, who have been victimized by the Helena Chemical Plant, continue to be victimized by city officials due to their lack of support and by failing to notify residents of the potential harm to their health if they continued to inhabit the area. Many lives have been destroyed and many more continue to fall victim to the lack of respect for human life in the city of Mission by its elected officials. Ms. Ester Salinas has had to shout out at the top of her lungs to fight the corruption and self interest of these two Mission Mayors. She continues to stick her neck out for justice in the community. If viewed as a radical, so be it! As long as people stay silent they will continue to be ignored and left to die until the "PROBLEM" of Mission has faded in history... These officials are certainly more interested in enriching their pockets by land developments and ignoring the cries of its impoverished victims of the superfund site. This lawsuit is the perfect example of how far they will go, to silence their critics and sweep their failures under the rug. As long as we have Mayors who only represent the well connected and advancement of corporations in their community, we will have citizens who are left behind. I only hope that every citizen remembers at election time, how far this mayor will go to silence his critics and how he has made money a priority in his reign of IGNORANCE!!!!

In complete discontent,

David Garza

Justice Advocacy Group (JAG)
of Hidalgo County

McAllen Tx

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Obama on the Border Wall *

Reform must include more border security, and border wall

Q: None of the 9/11 terrorists entered the US through the Mexican border. Why build a wall there in the name of national security? I would like to mention that Senator Obama, Clinton and Dodd voted in favor of the wall.

OBAMA: I have been a consistent champion of comprehensive immigration reform. And keep in mind that my father came to this country from a small village in Africa because he was looking for opportunity. And so when I see people who are coming across these borders, whether legally or illegally, I know that the motivation is trying to create a better life for their children and their grandchildren. So I was one of the leaders, along with several other senators, in passing comprehensive immigration reform. It failed in the House. That is going to involve some elements of border security because we've got to make our borders more secure. We can't just have hundreds of thousands of people coming into the country without knowing who they are.

Source: 2007 Democratic primary debate on Univision in Spanish Sep 9, 2007

http://www.ontheissues.org/2008/Barack_Obama_Immigration.htm#7

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From: Carl Webb

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PUBLISHED: 10/14/2008 11:51:00 PM

TITLE: MCALLEN: 10/18 RGV-MiniEncuentro! *

Spread the word. Everyone is invited to attend (flyer attached):

RGV- Student/Farmworker Alliance

Mini-Encuentro 2008

The Mini-Encuentro will be a day full of presentations, workshops, & discussions, including:

"Fair Food and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers" - a presentation

"Brand Busting" - taking on corporations with their own crap

"Solidarity Vs. Charity" - an anti oppression dialogue!

...plus more!

Who: ALL are invited to this exciting day of learning, reflection, and discussion!

When: Saturday, October 18th, 2008; 12pm-5pm

Where: Hosted at 'Gaston's Place': 1121 La Vista, McAllen, Texas

For directions, accommodations, or general info: call 956/905-2218 or
email worldpeacealliance@yahoo.com

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From: Greg Rodriguez

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TITLE: EDINBURG: Oct 15 - Resist the Wall Forum at UT Pan Am *

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From: Erik Carlos Toren

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PUBLISHED: 10/15/2008 12:13:00 AM

TITLE: VIDEO: Border wall report...hot off Time.com... *

Check out TIME.com's Border Wall Report at:

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/link/bcpid1485842900/bctid1846655601>

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Construction begins on UTB-TSC 'campus fence' *

Construction begins on UTB-TSC 'campus fence'

http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/fence_90773___article.html/construction_campus.html

October 13, 2008 - 10:17PM

By Kevin Sieff/The Brownsville Herald

UTB-TSC began construction Monday on their "campus fence" as their alternative to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's proposed border fence.

The structure is the product of a compromise between the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College and the DHS.

The winning bid of \$1.04 million to build the fence was submitted by Thrall, Texas-based Construction Rent-A-Fence.

Construction workers are currently trenching land along the fence's footprint. Next, a concrete base will be laid to ensure that undocumented immigrants cannot slip under the barricade.

University employees from are referring to the barrier as a "campus fence," explaining that a structure that would have been built even without the urgings of the federal government. However, the compromise with DHS has accelerated the construction process, which must be completed by Dec. 31, 2008.

The 4,000-foot-long fence will take different forms its in order to blend in with the various campus environments along the border.

For about 2,000 feet, from the baseball field to the former Brownsville Art League facility recently purchased by UTB-TSC, the barrier will be punctuated by brick columns.

It will be 10-feet-tall along the entire stretch - a far cry from the 15- to 18-foot-tall fence initially proposed by DHS.

Existing fencing near the university's baseball field is currently being torn down so the new barrier can go up. Later, cameras and sensors will be added to meet DHS's security demands.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Jasper-Style Lynching! Reporting on the Grounds in Paris, T *

Jasper-Style Lynching! Reporting on the Grounds in Paris, Texas

Reposted from: <http://jessemuhammad.blogspot.com>

Written by Jesse Muhammad

On Saturday, October 4, I received a serious phone call from Krystal Muhammad of the New Black Panther Party (NBPP) in regards to a possible dragging death in Paris, Texas which is located about five hours north of Houston. The first thing that immediately came to my mind was that 2008 is the tenth anniversary of the lynching of James Byrd, Jr. in Jasper, Texas. Liken unto that case, the victim in Paris was said to be a 24-year-old Black man and his killers were two White men.

I immediately Googled the town and saw that there were only a handful of media outlets that had covered the story which involved Brandon McClelland and these two White males. One reason possibly that there was hardly any coverage was that this killing took place on September 16, which was the tail end of Hurricane Ike hitting landfall so I am sure the town officials were hoping this would be swept under the rug. Too bad, because the Final Call is on top of it!

Sister Kyrtle told me that members of the NBPP Dallas Chapter were on the grounds already to meet with the family. So myself, Sis Krystle and my older brother Deric Muhammad hit the road on Sunday, October 5 to do some on the grounds work to see what really happened.

After a five hour drive, we arrived in the 'hood of Paris. We then caravanned over to the home of the McClelland family where Brandon's mother sat on the porch with tears in her eyes. Ms. Jacqueline McClelland and her family gave recorded statements to me for my Final Call story as well as the NBPP for an independent investigation. We were also joined by local activists, a head of the State NAACP chapter and other friends of the family.

After hearing their accounts, it was verified that her son was dragged on the back of a pickup truck by these two White males and his body was dismembered. Jasper all over again. Afterwards we drove over to the grave site.

We then went to the scene of the crime in Lamar County. You would not believe that parts of that Brandon McClelland's skull was still out there on the ground! Shows how much the police cared. It was like an episode of CSI:NY with blood tracks up and down the road and tire marks chased by the blood trails. This was one of the most painful stories I have had to cover in person.

"They tied my son to that truck and drugged him until his body parts were detached", said his mother Jacqueline McClelland to the Final Call. "His body was so destroyed that it could not even be embalmed by

the funeral home. This is a hate crime. I don't want the death penalty for these killers because that would be too quick. I want them to suffer for life in jail without parole since I will never have my son back."

Read my entire story in next week's edition of the Final Call Newspaper. Here are some more exclusive photos.

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From: Jesse Muhammad

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Trabajadores de œlke buscan cobrar su sueldo /Hurrican *

FotografÃa El DÃa / JosÃ© Carrera

MANUEL CHAVARRÃA, UNO de los trabajadores que alega que una empresa contratista no les pagÃ³ por todas las horas trabajadas Trabajadores de "Ike" buscan cobrar su sueldo

JosÃ© Carrera

DIARIO EL DÃA

HOUSTON, TX.- Manuel ChavarrÃa estaba trabajando en una imprenta cuando un amigo lo llamÃ³ diciÃ©ndole que viniera a la zona del Golfo de MÃ©xico para trabajar en los esfuerzos de limpieza tras el paso del huracÃn Ike. Motivado por la promesa de una buena paga, Manuel renunciÃ³ a su trabajo y viajÃ³ a Puerto Arthur, donde empezÃ³ a laborar limpiando las casas daÃ±adas por la tormenta, pero muy pronto su ilusiÃ³n de ganar un buen dinero y asÃ mandar mÃs remesas a su familia que se encuentra en El Salvador, se tornÃ³ en una odisea por cobrar sus horas trabajadas.

Pagos incompletos

Este trabajador dijo que durante una semana comiÃ³ solamente sÃndwich de pan blanco y jamÃ³n, acompaÃ±ado de agua. A Manuel y a otros compaÃ±eros se les prometiÃ³ alojarlos en un hotel, pero por tres dÃas tuvieron que dormir en el asfalto en el estacionamiento, debido a que el hotel no tenÃa cuartos libres, denunciaron los trabajadores. Tras trabajar una semana, Manuel recibÃ³ su primer cheque, pero se dio cuenta de que no le pagaron todo. Pensando que la falta se arreglarÃa en el prÃximo cheque, siguiÃ³ trabajando mÃs dÃas; sin embargo, eso no ocurriÃ³, ya que en todo este tiempo no le pagaron por 68 horas, de las cuales 44 fueron horas regulares y 22 horas extras, denunciÃ³ el afectado.

FotografÃa El DÃa / cortesÃa de Bryan Parras

LOS TRABAJADORES ENFRENTA de la oficina de la empresa contratista, exigiendo sus pagas.

El viernes pasado Ã©l y decenas de compaÃ±eros -que vinieron a Texas de estados como Carolina de Sur, Mississippi y Florida, como tambiÃ©n de Nueva Orleans- fueron traÃdos a Houston, en un autobÃs donde segÃºn se les iba a dar los cheques que les correspondÃan. "Estando aquÃ me di cuenta que otra vez no me pagaron por todas las horas trabajadas y de paso me informaron que ya no tenÃa trabajo", dijo Manuel, quien en vista de que no tenÃa donde quedarse, tuvo que pedir refugio en la Casa Juan Diego de Houston.

Son muchos los afectados

A mediados de septiembre pasado, activistas del Centro Interreligioso de Justicia Laboral de Houston (HIWJ, por sus siglas en inglÃ©s) habÃan viajado al Puerto Arthur a repartir volantes a los trabajadores, para de esa forma educarlos en sus derechos laborales. Cuando los trabajadores se encontraban en Houston, llamaron al HIWJ para denunciar lo que les estaba sucediendo.

"Son muchos los trabajadores que se encuentran en la misma situaciÃ³n que Manuel. Tengo una lista de por lo menos 150 trabajadores que no se les pagÃ³ por todo el trabajo que hicieron. Estimamos que alrededor de 500 personas son las que estÃn trabajado para esta misma compaÃ±a", dijo Laura Boston, trabajadora de HIWJ. ComentÃ³ que hasta el momento no es muy claro cuÃ©l es exactamente el nombre de la empresa contratista que empleÃ³ a estos trabajadores, pero Manuel recibÃ³ un cheque emitido por "Timberwood Carpentry". Boston aÃ±adiÃ³ que un abogado estÃ estudiando la situaciÃ³n de los trabajadores afectados y

buscar la recuperación de los sueldos no pagados. Una reunión entre los activistas y los trabajadores se llevará a cabo este miércoles en el salón de baile Río Grande.

Hurricane workers tired of waiting for paychecks

http://www.khou.com/news/local/houstonmetro/stories/khou081011_mp_hurricane-workers-waiting_for_checks.103033cd1.html

07:11 PM CDT on Saturday, October 11, 2008

Leticia Juarez / 11News

HOUSTON -- Overcoming Ike will no doubt take time and patience. But for workers helping to clean-up and rebuild the City of Houston, time and patience has run out.

Video

Hurricane workers tired of waiting for paychecks

October 11, 2008

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On Saturday, workers crowded the parking lot of Demco Timberwood in Southeast Houston with one question in mind: When would they get paid?

"I've been working for almost three weeks now. I still haven't gotten a check, no check, period," said Tiffany Simmons, unpaid worker.

For the past three weeks, she said she and many others have worked in Houston cleaning up moldy office buildings, picking up debris and helping restore the city.

Simmons said that while the contractor has been paid, the workers have not.

"If they don't have money to pay us, at least give us something to feed our families," said Kevin Miralda, another unpaid worker.

Miralda was lured to Houston from Louisiana with the promise of good pay, a place to stay and food. Now he and others just want to go home with something more in their pockets than an empty promise.

After Hurricane Katrina, reports began to surface about worker abuse. Hundreds of workers, who were brought in to help rebuild New Orleans, were left empty-handed by their employers. But this time, the company who owes these workers money claims it will be different.

"Everyone will get paid up to the last penny that is owed to them. We simply have a delay," said Eduardo Nava, from Demco Timberwood.

It may be a simple delay, but the tempers of the workers are running high.

All they want is what's owed to them for helping put a city back together after the storm.

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Oct 18-19 / Fair Food Austin Retreat + Fair Trade Forum *

Fair Food Austin Retreat + Fair Trade Forum

Please join us for two upcoming events on Oct. 18-19:

1. Fair Food Austin Retreat

Help chart the future of the Campaign for Fair Food in ATX -- Everyone's welcome!

Sunday, Oct. 19th, 11am-4pm

Friends Meeting of Austin

3707 E. Martin Luther King Jr. St., 78721

2. Fighting for a Fair Trade Future: A Community Forum

Check out a panel, keynote speaker, and workshops on the relation of trade to the environment, farmworkers' rights, immigration, and other critical issues.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008 1-5PM

Conley-Guerro Activity Center 808 Niles St., Austin, Texas

Free registration at oxfamut.org

Thanks,

Fair Food Austin

<http://sfa-atx.blogspot.com/>

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TITLE: RELATED ARTICLES: A poem called MELTDOWN *

Meltdown

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Banks lend to Banks
make an interest on the loans
whose money is being spent
its never their own
it's your money its your loan
your'e left poor and all alone
things go wrong
bubble of the nothing bursts
should you default
(unable to keep up)
you loose more
than your chones
and your home
banks screw up
wall street screws up
big business screw up
what is there to loose
once more
they tighten the noose
you and me swing on a rope
like true blue
red and white dopes
government and c.e.o.'s
sweep the millions
with their toes
tiptoe thru the tulips
into the robber baron
sunset " with the G7 mafia
politicians bring out a whip
pretend to punish the creeps
but on Christmas eve 2008
there on the chimney of the rich
along with a million dollar
severenace pay
is a 700 -- billion dollar gift
for the screw up banks
and the c.e.o. creeps!

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From: NEPHTALI DE LEON

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TITLE: ARTICLE: Children Aware of White Male Monopoly on White House; Young *

Children Aware of White Male Monopoly on White House; Youngest Citizens Say Exclusion Due to Voter Prejudice

October 6, 2008

E-mail this article

AUSTIN, Texas " Challenging the idea that children live in a color or gender blind world, a new study from The University of Texas at Austin reveals most elementary-school-age children are aware there has been no female, African-American or Hispanic President of the United States. And, many of the children attribute the lack of representation to discrimination.

Rebecca Bigler, professor of psychology, and a team of researchers at the university and the University of Kansas have published their findings in the October issue of the journal *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*.

During 2006, more than a year before Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama entered the presidential race, the researchers interviewed 205 children between the ages of five and 10 about their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about the similarities among U.S. presidents. In three studies, children from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds answered questions about the absence of female, African-American and Hispanic presidents. The researchers found most children are aware that women and minorities have been excluded from the U.S. presidency. Although most of the children believed people of all races and genders should be president, they offered surprising answers as to why only white males have held the nation's highest political office:

* One in four participants said it is illegal for women and minorities to hold the office of president;

* One in three children attributed the lack of female, African-American and Latino presidents to racial and gender bias on the part of voters; and

* While some children expressed the belief that prejudice shapes how adults vote, another third of the participants said members of the excluded groups lacked the skills to hold the position.

"The U.S. presidency is a high profile case of racial and gender exclusion," Bigler, director of the Gender and Racial Attitudes Lab at the university, said. "And because this topic is not typically explained to children, they appear to create their own explanations for the exclusion."

Children generally were optimistic about the possibility that they could become president, the researchers found. However, girls who attributed the lack of female presidents to discrimination were more likely to report they could not become president. In contrast, African-American children who identified discrimination as the reason for the lack of diversity showed an increased interest in becoming president.

"Perhaps the increased interest in becoming president is a result of the long and well-known history of African-Americans' struggle to achieve equality in the United States," said Bigler. "Young girls are not as aware of the women's rights movements and are less likely to be knowledgeable about women's struggles to achieve political power."

Bigler notes the 2008 presidential election has the potential to significantly alter children's view.

"If Obama loses his bid for the presidency, there may be little change in children's attitudes, but it could fuel their perception that American voters are racially prejudiced," Bigler said. "In contrast, if Obama wins children may believe that exclusionary laws and racial prejudice no longer shape the outcomes of the presidential elections."

To learn more about Bigler's research on children's perspectives on the presidency, please read the feature story, "Primary Education: From their views on the White House to the playground, children need mentors' help to reject stereotypes."

For more information, contact: Christian Clarke Casarez, Office of Public Affairs, 512-471-4945; Rebecca Bigler, professor, Department of Psychology and Center for Women's and Gender Studies, 512-471-9917.

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From: ma. sofia corona

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Oct 18 - Writing Behind Bars @ Resistencia *

Please Distribute:

FILM SCREENING OF THE NEW DOCUMENTARY "WRIT WRITER" BY LOCAL FILMMAKER SUSANNE MASON, FOLLOWED BY POETRY READING WITH JORGE ANTONIO RENAUD, EX-CONVICT AND AWARD-WINNING POET

Red Salmon Arts and the Mexican American Cultural Center present Writing Behind Bars, a special screening of the new documentary "Writ Writer" by Susanne Mason and poetry reading by award-winning writer Jorge Antonio Renaud.

The event celebrates the creativity and courage of two convicted felons who refused to be shamed into silence by their history. With their pens they gave voice to the crushing brutality of prison life, seeking humane treatment of prisoners.

When: Thursday October 16, 2008

Time: 7pm " 9pm

Where: Mexican American Cultural Center
600 River Street, Austin, TX

Writing Behind Bars is co-sponsored by the Texas Civil Rights Project and the Austin Film Society.

"Writ Writer", portrays the historic conflict that emerged in the 1960s when prisoners in Texas rose up to challenge the brutal conditions in state prisons. Focusing on the story of Fred Arispe Cruz, the film portrays the protracted legal battle for the right of Texas prisoners to assist each other with lawsuits. In retaliation, prison officials subjected Cruz to untold months of solitary confinement and other punishments in an attempt to coerce him to drop his lawsuits. This attracted concerned civil rights attorneys who came to assist Cruz with his litigation for prisoners' rights. Ultimately, Cruz's legal battle initiated what led to the most comprehensive court-ordered state prison reform in U.S. history.

"This is the fascinating story of a prisoner who was brave enough (and crazy enough) to defend the Constitutional rights of Texas prisoners in the 1960s. Forty plus years later it's as relevant as ever," says film director Richard Linklater, founder of the Austin Film Society which sponsored the film since its inception in 1997.

Following the film, Jorge Antonio Renaud will read from his unpublished collection of poetry written while incarcerated. Renaud spent 17 years in Texas prisons for robbery, and was released in July 2008. This will be his first public appearance to read his work since his incarceration in 1991. Renaud's reading will pay tribute to one of his mentors, the late Raul R. Salinas, founder of Resistencia Bookstore, casa de Red Salmon Arts.

Renaud is the author of Behind the Walls: A Guide for Families and Friends of Texas Prison Inmates. His writing has been published in Americas Review, The Texas Observer, The Threepenny Review, Revista Chicano-Riqueña, and The Other Side, among other publications. He has received nine PEN awards for his

poetry, fiction, nonfiction and memoir writing. Prior to his incarceration, he worked as a copy editor for the Austin American-Statesman.

"Jorge writes poetry that's powerful but tender, humorous and often stunningly moving," says Scott Henson, Grits for Breakfast blogger and college friend. "Jorge was the most innately talented Texas writer of my generation, even though he's spent most of his adult life behind bars," says Henson.

Filmmaker Susanne Mason has served as associate producer of several public television documentaries, including "Are The Kids Alright?" (2004 Regional PBS); "Struggle In The Fields" (1996 National PBS); "Songs Of The Homeland" (1994, National PBS); and "Go Back To Mexico!" (1994, Frontline, National PBS). More recently, Mason has produced and associate produced short historical documentaries about Austin, Texas, and the Great Society programs of the Johnson presidency.

About the film:

Writ Writer tells the story of Fred Cruz, a Texas prisoner who emerged as the trailblazing leader of the state's prisoners' rights movement in the 1960s. Cruz grew up in racially-segregated San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by drugs and drug traffickers. When he found himself in prison (for robbery by assault) with no lawyer and no money, he dedicated himself to studying law so that he could appeal his conviction. Using first person narration adapted from Cruz's own writings by writer Dagoberto Gilb, and performed by actor Jesse Borrego, Writ Writer reveals how Cruz's self-guided studies in the humanities inspired him to turn his focus to the human rights of prisoners. Law became his creative purpose, and writs of habeas corpus his revelatory dispatches to Texas judges who would read them.

About Red Salmon Arts:

Since 1983 Red Salmon Arts (RSA), a non-profit cultural arts organization, has remained a literary and cultural force in Austin. RSA provides a safe haven for youth literacy, the arts, and cultural exchange. RSA has a history of successfully nurturing the creative efforts of Austin's emerging writers and artists. In addition, RSA has an established record of fostering rich multicultural exchange by bringing renowned writers, poets, musicians, artists, and quality cultural events to underserved south and east Austin communities.

For more information contact: Red Salmon Arts, revolu@swbell.net, (512) 416-8885

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: THIS WEEK! :: Media Moves: Spreading Justice, Raising Conc *

La Esperanza, Texas Media Empowerment Project and Local 782 invite you to ...2008 GRASSROOTS MEDIA TOUR

Friday October 17, 2008

7pm @ LA ESPERANZA (922 San Pedro, 78212)

\$5 suggested donation

Join an ongoing platica with visiting activist

journalists on issues ranging from

criminal justice organizing in Jena to

sex worker activism,

from resistance to imperialism in Iraq and Latin America to resistance to school privatization

in the U.S.

Hadassah Hill

« aka Axon D'Luxe, a Brooklyn-based queer femme writer, performer and Art Director for \$pread Magazine

»

Jesse Muhammad

« writer, photojournalist, and reporter for The Final Call newspaper has gained worldwide recognition for consistent coverage of Hurricane Katrina»

Jordan Flaherty

« an editor with Left Turn Magazine and New Orleans Community organizer, the writer who first exposed the Jena Six story to a national audience »

2008 GRASSROOTS MEDIA TOUR GOALS:
To get information out and to communicate about current struggles for justice and liberation. Local Activistas Joining the Platica Presentation are...

~ San Antonio Free Speech Coalition's TEATRO CALLEJERO

~ Screening of LA GLORIA video, by Buena Gente de Esperanza

~ Hip-Hop by ITZLI

~ Video preview of IOWA ICE RAIDS

~ Spoken word by GENEVIEVE RODRIGUEZ WORKSHOPS WITH HADASSAH HILL: Creating a Web Presence

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008

12 NOON @ LA ESPERANZA Audio Recording and Digital Music

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2008

7 PM @ LA ESPERANZA ~ Please call by Oct. 16th to reserve your space in a workshop (210.228.0201) ~ MEDIA

MOVES - PART II Sat Oct 25, 2008 - 7pm

Las Mercedes del Movimiento

Film Screening of "A Crushing Love" (2008, 59 min)

& Platica with filmmaker, Sylvia Morales Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

922 San Pedro Ave ☿ San Antonio TX 78212

(entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

210.228.0201

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Support the Fast to Demand an End to the ICE Raids and *

Support the Fast for Our Future!

"Talk is cheap. It's the way we organize and use our lives every day that tells what we believe in." "Cesar E. Chavez

Dear Friends in the Struggle for Human Rights,

I am inviting you to join the Fast for Our Future that will begin on October 15, 2008 in Los Angeles, three weeks before the November 4th presidential election. Many people will be fasting in an effort to mobilize our community to vote for immigrant rights.

According to The Rise Movement:

"On October 15th, over 100 people will begin one of the largest hunger strikes in American history to call on Latinos, immigrants, and people of conscience"the Immigrant Rights Movement"to rise out of our fear and vote for change.

The Fast for our Future will be based in a permanent encampment at La Placita Olvera, the historic heart of Los Angeles, and will continue until at least 1 million people have signed this Pledge [or the fast will end on November 4 " after 21 days " whichever occurs sooner]. Through our shared sacrifice and commitment we will renew our movement and inspire an historic mobilization of Latino, immigrant, and pro-immigrant rights voters.

We must remember the I.C.E. raids, those detained and deported, the families torn apart, the dreams deferred. We must remember the marches, the walkouts, the boycotts, and the promise we made: Hoy marchamos, maÃ±ana votamos. Yesterday we marched for our rights, today we vote."

Source: <http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http://tinyurl.com%2F53umgp>

"Fasters will give up all food and juice liquids. We will only drink water. The Fast will be based at an encampment at La Placita Olvera, the historic heart of Los Angeles. The encampment will be a visual representation of the size of the hunger strike. Fasters will sleep in tents and live at the encampment for the duration of the hunger strike. The Fast will continue until at least one million people have signed the Pledge to vote and take action for immigrant rights."

(Source:<http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http://tinyurl.com%2F4ykcgg>)

Please sign the Pledge and invite everyone else you know to do so as well by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/l.php?u=http://tinyurl.com%2F4385qn>. The sooner we can register 1 million people to sign the Pledge the sooner the fast will end. However, we are fully prepared to fast the entire 21 days, if necessary.

I fully endorse this campaign on behalf of the Demand an End to the ICE Raids and the Inhumane Assaults on Immigrants, a Facebook group with over 3,200 members.

Even if you do not live in Los Angeles I am asking you to join the fasters in solidarity and support this historic effort. I will be personally participating in the fast and am hopeful that many others across the nation will join as well so we are united in spirit for this very important cause.

The lives and futures of millions of Latinos and other immigrants are at stake. Please answer this very important call to action and share this message with as many people as you can.

In Solidarity,

EfrÃ©n Paredes, Jr.

Administrator

Demand an End to the ICE Raids and the

Inhumane Assaults on Immigrants!

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TITLE: RIO GRANDE VALLEY: Oct 20 - The Union Votes *

The Service Employees International Union(SEIU) of the RGV is organizing a group voting effort on October 20th, 2008 - 1st day of early voting, 6pm-7pm at Palmer Pavilion in McAllen.You are all invited to join the Union, their friends and their families as they demonstrate their strength as a working-class political force.

But before that, your energy is also needed to make it happen. We need the volunteer efforts of a few committed folk** - volunteers are needed to help contact union members to make sure they are aware of the event, and to confirm how many folks they will be bringing along. Please call Greg at 956-522-1719, if you can volunteer any day(s) this week from 6pm-8pm.

This is a good opportunity for you all to meet and engage with one of the most effective and militant labor organizations of el Valle, and the working people that make it happen. You will aslo be able to enhance your organizing skills as you do event turnout and message framing.

Thank you.

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**bilingual volunteers are desired.

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TITLE: HOUSTON: HPJC's Calendar of Progressive Events - October 12 edition *

A version in MS Word is attached.

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " October 12, 2008 issue

Submit your event notices to hpjc-calendar-owner@yahoo.com.

FALL APPEAL FOR HPJC MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS

This calendar now goes out directly to >3700, KPFT posts it on its website, and many recipients forward it to their own listserves. Yet, it is but one way HPJC serves Houston's communities of conscience. Our pivotal role in forming and guiding the Coalition of Working People and the Poor is another. A third is promoting and funding activities to end the war in Iraq, educate and advocate about global economic injustice, and build a culture of nonviolence. To learn more about HPJC and to join/donate on-line, visit www.hpjc.org.

ELECTION SCHEDULE AND EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

See at bottom of calendar.

EXECUTION VIGILS

Twelve executions are scheduled this month and next. October dates: 14th(Alvin Kelly), 16th (Kevin Watts), 21st (Joseph Ries), 23rd (Bobby Woods), 28th (Eric Nenno), and 30th (Gregory Wright). November dates: 6th (Elkie Taylor), 12th (George Whitaker II), 13th (Denard Manns), 18th (Eric Cathey), 19th (Rogelio Cannady), and 20th (Robert Hudson). On each execution day a vigil will take place from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, on the corner of Binz and Main St. across from the Museum of Fine Arts-Houston. Parking is available at the church parking lot on Fannin. The best way to participate in these witnesses is to ask Burnham Terrell to put you on his email list. Burnham monitors the status of appeals to stay executions, and will notify everyone on his list by 4:45 p.m. on the day if there has been a stay of execution or if the vigil has been cancelled because of very bad weather. To get on the list, call 713/921-0948 or email burnhamterrell@att.net.

'THE REEL': HCCS'S NORTHWEST COLLEGE'S SPEAKER AND FILM SERIES

See complete schedule after list of EVENTS and before election information.

EVENTS

Politics on Film on Three Successive Mondays " October 13, 20, and 27

The Museum of Fine Arts-Houston is hosting this series of classic films on political topics. General admission is \$7, with students, seniors and MFAH members admitted for \$6. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Advance tickets can be purchased at the museum's website, www.mfah.org, or at any ticket desk during museum hours. The box office next to the theater opens 1 hour prior to show times. Start times vary. Location is the MFAH's Houston's Brown Auditorium Theater. Free street parking is available. For more information on the series, visit www.mfah.org.

Rally for Workers Rights at UH " Wednesday, October 15

UH Students Against Sweatshops and allies are having a Rally for Workers Rights. Custodial workers are underpaid; food service workers dreadfully exploited by Aramark, the national corporation that holds the food services contract; and UH won't agree to buy its logo apparel from sweatshop free suppliers. Noon to 1 p.m. in front of M.D. Anderson library. Enter campus at Entrance 1 off Calhoun and park in the parking garage or under the Hilton Hotel. For more information, call 832/771.7263.

'Loving Our Neighbor in a Shrinking World' " Wednesday, October 15

Kathy McNeely, who works in the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns in Washington, D.C., will present this talk focused on international issues that include climate change, a fair and sustainable economy, immigration, HIV/AIDS, and peace and security. McNeely has served in Central America as a missionary.

Sponsored by the local Maryknoll community. 7:30 p.m. at St. Cyril Catholic Church Room 207, 10503 Westheimer.

Screening of 'Everything's Cool' " Wednesday, October 15

This film is about America finally 'getting' global warming in the wake of the most dangerous chasm ever to emerge between scientific understanding and political action. While industry-funded nay-sayers sing what just might be their swan song of pseudo- scientific deception, a group of global warming messengers are on a high stakes quest to find the iconic image, the magic language, the points of leverage that will finally create the political will to move the United States from its reliance on fossil fuels to the new clean energy economy. Following the film a special guest speaker will be available to answer questions from the audience. Sponsored by Citizens League for Environmental Action Now (CLEAN). Free, but donations welcome. 7 p.m. at Rice Media Center. Take Entrance 8 from University at Stockton.

Ninth annual Texas Conference for Women " Thursday, October 16

The Governor and First Lady call this the premiere educational and networking event for the women of Texas. It has historically drawn more than 7,500 women. More than 75 speakers will lead seminars on issues that concern women, such as health, personal finance, business and entrepreneurship. Women will also have the opportunity to participate in workshops on communication skills, leadership strategies, and work/life balance tools. The conference will once again award six \$5,000 scholarships to qualified women applicants in the fields of arts, business, education, math and science, public service, and nursing at institutions of higher education in Texas. \$90 early registration fee still available, later \$100, half price for students with ID. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at George R. Brown Convention Center. For more information and to register, go to www.txconferenceforwomen.org.

Grassroots Justice Media Tour " Saturday, October 18

The goal of this tour is to share knowledge and tools for spreading justice. Sponsored by Left Turn Magazine, ColorLines Magazine, Free Speech Radio News, Make/Shift, and other radical and independent media projects from around the US, the tour is bringing performances, workshops, and inspiration to frequently underserved and underfunded areas of the country, beginning in the South and Midwest. In addition to getting out information about current national and international struggles, it seeks to connect communities of resistance, and to build relationships between grassroots activists and independent media. Presenters will be Jesse Muhammad and Jordan Flaherty, both of whom gained wide recognition for their coverage of Hurricane Katrina and the continuing struggle of its survivors, plus the case of the "Jena Six." Also on the program will be Hadassah Hill, a Brooklyn-based queer femme writer and activist who performs under the name Axon D'Luxe. There will be tabling by more than a dozen grassroots media organizations in Houston. Local sponsors of the tour include Houston Indymedia and Sediton Books. 7:30 p.m. at Rice Cinema (Take Entrance 8 off University at Stockton).

Art exhibit to mark 60th anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights " Sunday, October 19
Amnesty International USA Southern Regional Office is presenting this exhibition with original works by regional artists who are spotlighting the plight of internally displaced peoples. The title is 'From Darfur to New Orleans: Uphold the Right to Freedom of Movement and the Right of Return of internally displaced people in Sudan, across the Gulf Coast, and in Iraq.' Artists include Shelley Shanks, Gabriel Delgado, Dune-Micheli Patten, Patrick Medrano, Elizabeth Bick, and Ayad Al Rakabi, each of whom is creating original pieces for the event. The originals will be on display and signed prints will be available for sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Winter Street Studios, 2101 Winter St. (www.winterstreetstudios.net).

Houston Institute for Culture's Environmental Film Series " October 19, 21, 26, and 28

All screenings are at the Artery, 5401 Jackson at Prospect (enter on Prospect). For film descriptions and reviews, visit http://www.houstonculture.org/film/env_fall08.html. Or call Houston Institute for Culture, 713/521-3686.

First film is 'The Waterfront,' the story of Highland Park, Michigan and the larger issues of water privatization and human rights. 7 p.m.

Screening of 'The Manchurian Candidate' " Monday, October 20

Directed by John Frankenheimer (USA, 1962, 126 min.). Laurence Harvey stars as a former Korean POW brainwashed by the Communists to be a political assassin. But another former soldier (Frank Sinatra) may know how to save him. Angela Lansbury costars. A modestly bold exposure of McCarthyism, "This genuinely frightening and daring film blew holes in the political complacency of post-war American cinema."

"www.bbc.co.uk. 7 p.m. Part of MFAH's political film series. For costs and location, see October 13 above.

Grassroots Electoral Strategies at HAT luncheon " Tuesday, October 21

The Houston Area Table (HAT) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to fostering communication and cooperation among Houston area progressive groups. HAT meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. October's meeting (postponed from last month due to Ike) focuses on the efforts underway in Harris County to engage citizens in electoral politics. Topics covered will be Voter Education, Early Voting Strategies, and Getting Out the Vote. Panelists include Veronica Garcia, Houston Organization of Public Employees, Rev. Vincent Fana, Coalition of Working People and the Poor, and Richard Shaw, Harris County AFL-CIO. Lunch is free; RSVPs strongly urged. Noon at Jobing.Com, 3115 Allen Parkway, Ste. 300. Parking is behind the building on Rosine St., a small street that parallels Waugh one block west. If you're traveling on Allen Parkway heading west, turn south on Waugh, then take the first two right turns you can take and you'll be there. RSVP by the 17th to Nicole Porter, 713/782-8833, nicole.porter@texanstogether.org.

Screening of 'Everything's Cool' " Tuesday, October 21

The film examines the media strategies on both sides that have resulted in the US government's failure to take decisive action on global warming but also the awakening of public consciousness of the threat. 7 p.m. Part of Houston Institute for Culture's Environmental Film Series (see October 19 above).

Fundraiser to Help Increase Progressive Voter Turnout " Wednesday, October 22

Houston Votes is a project supported by Campus Alliance for Progress, Coalition of Working People and the Poor, Equality Texas, NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, Planned Parenthood of Houston, Texans Together Education Fund, Texas Freedom Network, and Texas League of Conservation Voters. Beginning in early 2008, Houston Votes worked to register lower income voters. Now its focus is getting a huge voter turnout beginning with early voting on October 20. Because the organization is non-partisan, contributions are tax deductible. 5:30 p.m. at Dean's Credit Clothing, 316 Main Street. For more information, contact Dee Young, dee_young2003@hotmail.com.

Peacemaker Fr. John Dear " Wednesday, October 22

Fr. Dear is a Jesuit priest, peace activist, organizer, lecturer, and author/editor of 20 books on peace and nonviolence, including Living Peace, published by Doubleday. He has been arrested more than 75 times and has spent more than a year of his life in jail. He has been mocked by armed U.S. soldiers standing outside the doors to his New Mexico parish. Archbishop Desmond Tutu has nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize. Fr. Dear will read from his autobiography, A Persistent Peace, One Man's Struggle for a Nonviolent World. The reading will be followed by a conversation and book signing. 7 p.m. in Dominican Sisters Meeting Room, 6501 Alameda Rd. For more information, call 713/440-3714.

Eleanor Clift at the Progressive Forum " Wednesday, October 22

Get the insider's view just before the big election. Clift is a popular panelist on PBS's McLaughlin Group, Newsweek contributing editor, and a Fox News analyst. She'll also discuss what the last few years have meant to American history, as well as perspectives of a woman in male-dominated Washington. Her books include Madam President: Shattering the Last Ceiling; War Without Blood: The Art of Politics; and Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Politics. Brazos Bookstore will sell books, which Clift will sign books after the program. Ernie Manouse will introduce Clift. His locally-produced PBS

show InnerVIEWS is aired in more than 80 cities and has been nominated for an Emmy. 7:30 p.m. in Cullen Theater of Wortham Center. For ticket information, see Progressive Forum entry above this Events section.

Greater Texas PeaceJam SLAM “ Saturday, October 25

Headquartered nationally in Denver and locally at the UH Graduate College of Social Work, PeaceJam encourages high school youth to become lifelong peace activists through a curriculum and group projects. It culminates in the spring each year with a weekend gathering featuring a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The 77506 Youth Advisory Committee PeaceJam group is hosting the PeaceJam SLAM at Pasadena High School. The SLAM will reconnect PeaceJammers who attended the March 2008 PeaceJam Youth Conference with new participants. The theme for this one-day event is the PeaceJam Global Call to Action "Social Justice and Human Rights for All." An adult sponsor training will be offered on-site during the SLAM. Teachers in schools and congregations are encouraged to involve their students in this transformative activity. For registration details and event information, please contact Jamie Parker, 713-743-8039 or pjam@central.uh.edu. You can also visit www.sw.uh.edu/peacejam for more information this event and PeaceJam generally.

9th Annual March to End Executions “ Saturday, October 25

More than 400 people have been executed in Texas since executions in the U.S. resumed in 1982. The March to Stop Executions has been held each October since 2000. It is sponsored by several Texas anti-death penalty organizations, including the Austin chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, Texas Moratorium Network, the Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement, Texas Death Penalty Education and Resource Center, and Texas Students Against the Death Penalty. At the rally there will be talks by family members of those executed as well as local activists. The march will begin 2 p.m. at the SHAPE center at 3903 Almeda, then progress east on Alabama to the SHAPE Center on Live Oak. For more information, contact Gloria Rubac at 713/503-2633.

Screening of 'Black Diamonds: Mountaintop Removal & The Fight for Coalfield Justice' “ Sunday, October 26

This documentary examines the escalating drama in Appalachia over mountaintop removal mining, an extraordinarily destructive way to mine. Following this film will be Robert Redford's 'Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars.' 7 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. Part of Houston Institute for Culture's Environmental Film Series (see October 19 above).

Screening of 'What a Way to Go: Life at the End of Empire “ Sunday, October 26

Is the American way of life completely unsustainable? More generally, where is capitalist/state-controlled civilization taking us, and what effects has social hierarchy had on human beings and other species since its development late in the game of human existence? \$5 suggested donation. Arrive early and browse the infoshop. 8 p.m. at Sedition Books, 901 Richmond Ave.

Screening of 'Reds' “ Monday, October 27

Directed by Warren Beatty (USA, 1981, 194 min. with intermission). Beatty also co-wrote and starred in this epic about American journalist John Reed's involvement in Russia's Communist revolution. The film focuses on Reed's (Beatty) turbulent relationship with writer Louise Bryant (Diane Keaton), their friendships with the intellectual elite—including writer Eugene O'Neill (Jack Nicholson)—and their adventures during the Bolshevik revolution. Sissy Farenthold will introduce the film. 6 p.m. Part of MFAH's political film series. For costs and location, see October 13 above.

Screening of 'King Corn' “ Tuesday, October 28

By growing an acre of corn in Iowa two friends uncover the devastating impact that corn is having on the environment, public health, and family farms. 7 p.m. Part of Houston Institute for Culture's Environmental Film Series (see October 19 above).

Third annual Quaker Peace Festival “ Saturday, November 1

The Quaker Peace Festival "Living in Peace" is an opportunity to learn how to build peace through community awareness and involvement. Connect with local and national organizations. There'll be live music by the Free Radicals, Sarah Golden, and other groups; a dance performance by Revolve Dance

Company; plus story telling, children's activities, food and fun. Arts and crafts will be available for sale. Artists and vendors wishing to take part should contact Lidney Molnari, 832/466-1342, lidneymolnari@yahoo.com. Noon to 6 p.m. at Live Oak Friends Meeting, 1318 W. 26th Street (between Durham and Ella).

John Pilger Retrospective: Forty Years of Documentary Films "November 1-4

This showing of selected documentaries by the internationally known and award-winning filmmaker and journalist will culminate in a film-lecture by Pilger on November 3 (see below). Note that the screenings occur at different venues over the course of the four days. Also, during October there will be multiple screenings around town from the Pilger archive of more than 60 films. Some of them are listed in THE REEL series described at the end of this EVENTS section, and one will take place September 11 (see above).

*** Saturday, November 1 at Rice Media Center (take Entrance 8 at Stockton off University):

6 p.m. YEAR ZERO (1979). Documents the devastating impact of the Indonesian Khmer Rouge armies' invasion of Cambodia, their overthrow by the neighboring Vietnamese, and the inaction of Western governments to help rebuild the country.

6:55 p.m. WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA (1999). With the run-up to the Sydney Olympics, Pilger and Alan Lowery take a look behind the curtain of hype and glamour. Australia's Aborigines are still excluded, impoverished and mistreated - while their part in the brilliant history of Australia's sports successes goes virtually unrecognized.

7:45 p.m. STEALING A NATION (2004). In the 1960s and 70s, the British government, conspiring with American officials, tricked and expelled the entire population of the Chagos islands in the Indian Ocean. The aim was to give the principal island of this Crown Colony, Diego Garcia, to the Americans who wanted

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Important-Reagan Community Dinner Tuesday, October 14 *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Andrea Melendez

Come out and support! These community members and educators and parents are working tirelessly and with complete devotion and faith in our youth and schools to overcome the most unjust obstacles!

Please come out and support their work and the youth. This is a special time in the history of our communities. We must work together to stop the trend in the educational system that wants to close schools and communities.

in faith*

~andrea m.

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--- Allen Weeks <aweeks@austin.rr.com> wrote:

> From: Allen Weeks <aweeks@austin.rr.com>
> Subject: Important-Reagan Community Dinner Tuesday,
> October 14
> Date: Sat, 11 Oct 2008 09:06:57 -0500
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> Dear Reagan Friends,
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> This Tuesday night, October 14, is the high point of
> our community
> planning process. After a month of meetings, we will
> be presenting a
> community-based plan to support Reagan at a
> community dinner from 6 to
> 8:30 pm. School board members, district folks, and
> Reagan alumni Rep.
> Dawnna Dukes and Rep. Donna Howard, along with
> community leaders and
> pastors, will be on hand to hear the plan. The media
> will also be out

> in force. I think it will be a tremendously positive
> night for the
> school!
>
> I want to ask several things:
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> 1. Please come! Encourage friends who want to show
> support for Reagan
> to be part of this evening. My hope is that we have
> 200-300 in
> attendance. I don't see why this shouldn't happen
>
> 2. Encourage alumni, parents, church, community
> members and potential
> volunteers to come!
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> 3. Encourage members of the business and
> professional community to
> come out!
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> We will have dinner together, some music from Reagan
> and the
> community, a few speeches, and the actual
> presentation of this
> exciting plan. Then there will be 30 minutes of
> breakout groups to
> discuss, add or comment on the plan. We will take
> this final round of
> community comments and integrate them into the plan.
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> This will also be a big night for the recruitment of
> volunteers.
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> Begin to spread the word!
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> If you have any questions, comments or ideas, please
> feel free to e-
> mail or call at 653-4935.
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> Thanks!
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> Allen Weeks
> St. John Community School Alliance
> 653-4935
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> What: Reagan Community Dinner to present Community
> Support Plan
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> When: Tuesday, October 14, 6 to 8:30 pm
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> Where: Reagan HS Cafeteria, 7104 Berkman Dr., 78752

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> Why: To work to keep Reagan open and growing towards
> academic excellence

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TITLE: AUSTIN: The Border That Defined a Nation - Book Presentation by Octa *

The Consulate of Mexico in Austin, the Mexican Center at LLILAS, and the Center for Mexican American Studies

host a book presentation:

El lindero que definió a la nación
(The Border That Defined a Nation)
by Octavio Herrera

Introduction by Ambassador Rosalba Ojeda, Consul General of Mexico in Austin and Bryan Roberts, Director of LLILAS

Readings and discussion in English and Spanish:

Jonathan Brown, LLILAS

Matthew Butler, Department of History

Marco Muñoz, LLILAS

Emilio Zamora, Department of History

Octavio Herrera and faculty from the Department of History and LLILAS will read selections from this award-winning history of the U.S.-Mexico borderlands.

Wednesday, October 22

Benson Collection Rare Books Room

SRH 1.108

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Mexican Center atmexctr@uts.cc.utexas.edu or 512.232.2423.

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TITLE: ARTICLE: After Raid, Laurel's Inter-Racial Bonds Still Strong *

After Raid, Laurel's Inter-Racial Bonds Still Strong

New America Media, News Feature, Marcelo BallvÃ©, Posted: Oct 13, 2008

Editor's Note: Nearly 600 people were detained in an immigration sweep in Laurel, Mississippi in August. New America Media's Marcelo BallvÃ© traveled to Laurel to find out how a small town has dealt with demographic change, and discovered proximity can give rise to both tensions and some surprising relationships.

LAUREL, Miss. -- Melvin Mack remembers the ugly days of Jim Crow when he witnessed the Ku Klux Klan march right past the downtown building where he now works as Laurel's first black mayor.

"At one time there was a lot of racism in and around the city of Laurel, a lot of shooting in black people's houses, a lot of cross burning, a lot of brutality," he says.

Mack, elected in 2005, is a symbol of Laurel's efforts to put this contentious history behind it. Of course, segregation's scars haven't healed completely. Poverty remains entrenched in the African-American community, pockets of prejudice persist. But Laurel has progressed enough so that when thousands of Latin American immigrants began arriving in the late 1990s, there was hardly any fuss at all.

Laurel Mayor Melvin Mack

"It didn't really raise any eyebrows," says Paul Barrett, publisher of The Review, a weekly newspaper in Laurel. "They were hard-working, they stayed to themselves."

The newcomers, mostly undocumented Mexicans and Panamanians, rented homes and trailers and renewed vacant storefronts and buildings with their restaurants, shops and churches. They found work in pine plantations, in wood and poultry-processing, and at Howard Industries, a homegrown billion-dollar electronics manufacturer that is the town's largest employer.

By all accounts, Laurel and surrounding Jones County had begun to piece together a civic coexistence, binding together black, white and immigrant.

Then, on Aug. 25, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents rushed into a sprawling Howard Industries transformer plant just outside town, arresting 595 undocumented workers and exposing the extent to which local businesses had begun to tap immigrant labor. Some tensions that had built under the surface for a long while received a public airing -- especially worries about whether illegal immigrants were taking jobs from poor locals.

Not surprisingly, immigration restrictionists, lately on the rise in Mississippi, extolled the raid.

State Sen. Chris McDaniel, a Jones County Republican, had co-authored a strict law that passed earlier this year. Among other disincentives to illegal immigration, it made it a felony for an undocumented worker to take a job in Mississippi. Shortly after the raid, McDaniel appeared on local NBC affiliate WDAM-TV news. "There's no question in my mind that Americans will do those jobs," said McDaniel, who is white. "I think it's a good thing what the federal government did."

McDaniel cited high unemployment in Jones County as a reason for welcoming the raid, although Jones has the fourth lowest unemployment rate among Mississippi's 82 counties-- 6.5 percent, according to state government statistics from July.

The Howard Industries transformer plant where the undocumented workers were detained.

The same news spot also showed scores of people, mostly African Americans, but whites, too, lined up at Howard Industries hiring offices. An anchor said that now, instead of illegal immigrants, "honest to goodness Americans" were seeking jobs. In on-air interviews, some applicants complained bitterly they'd formerly been shut out of Howard jobs because of an unstated preference for illegal immigrants who work for less wages.

But many in Laurel disputed that contention.

"The 'illegals are taking jobs away from American workers' chant doesn't ring true for me," wrote Barrett, the newspaper publisher, in an editorial. It may be true in a theoretical sense, but practically speaking, many of those doing the chanting aren't filling out the job applications."

According to several community leaders, Howard had been advertising jobs at all levels of pay for months, not only in local newspapers but also on a large billboard over Laurel's main drag, 16th Avenue, without achieving anything approaching what they described as a publicity-motivated post-raid response.

Rather than make it impossible for local workers to find jobs, what immigrants have done is removed some fluidity from the job market and made it more difficult for workers to exit and enter the labor force at will, switch jobs, and find work quickly, says Mack, the mayor.

"That did make people upset," he says, but he dismisses as "hot air" speculation of a deep rift dividing the black and Hispanic communities.

Other than occasional prickliness between races, the Aug. 25 raid laid bare what may turn out to be the newcomers' more lasting legacy: the surprisingly strong web of relationships that has woven immigrants deep into the town's fabric, and begun to change it.

Some signs of this interweaving are visible: the local Wal Mart stocks Jarritos-brand Mexican soft drinks and jars of mole sauce. Good old boys don't hesitate to recommend dinners at La Casita, one among the half-dozen or so Mexican restaurants that already outnumber barbecue spots. There's even a taco joint in Sawmill Square, the local mall.

Over at Tienda Las Americas, an Anglo customer comes in everyday to buy a Mexican brand of chocolate he's grown fond of.

Before the raid, the city sports complex hosted a 15-team soccer league, overwhelmingly composed of immigrants but with the participation of some locals.

The immigrant influx, more than just spurring economic renewal and injecting new diversity into Laurel, has clearly shaken up the town's old pattern of residential segregation. In recent years, white flight from Laurel to the surrounding county had turned Jones County into a demographic "donut," in the words of Barrett, the newspaper publisher.

Blacks concentrated in Laurel -- giving them a slight majority -- and whites bought up homes in the county's formerly rural areas.

The arriving immigrants, as many as 10,000 by some counts, moved into the vacuum left behind by whites. In Laurel, some immigrants moved into the historic district and its tree-canopied streets lined by Queen Anne, colonial revival and craftsman style homes built by early 20th Century lumber barons, mill owners and railroad entrepreneurs.

Local builders, sensing an opportunity, also erected new apartment residences for the newcomers, such as the sprawling La Joya Apartments, which locals dubbed "Hispanic City," located near the city's traditionally black south side. One defunct church near downtown Laurel, abandoned by its formerly white congregation, became Peniel Christian Church, with a mostly immigrant membership, but also including white and black worshippers, according to Pastor Roberto Velez.

Angelica Olmedo and

Magdalena Mina outside

the Catholic Church in Laurel

This year, Velez officiated at a marriage between a Hispanic immigrant woman and a Native American from the Choctaw Reservation in Sandersville, 11 miles to the north.

Trailer parks lining the access roads in and out of the city began to mix residents of all races.

Not surprisingly, among longtime Jones County residents, those who perhaps lived in closest contact with the newcomers were their landlords.

Harmon Sumrall, 65, the son of white sharecroppers, is now a property owner who rented out 10 rental homes, including apartments and trailers, to immigrant clients, who he says are the best tenants he's ever had.

Now, five of his units are empty. The tenants, even if they were not arrested, picked up and fled in fear afterward, leaving behind couches, frozen turkeys, kids' toys, cereal boxes, lawn ornaments and even DVD players.

"They were scared to death," says Sumrall, showing a reporter the inside of one abandoned trailer.

He's forgiven a month's rent to five immigrant households in the hopes that with a little help they might get on their feet and stay.

"I hate to say 'aliens', they're not aliens," he says. "They're immigrants. I mean we're all immigrants, we're all from somewhere If they get rid of all the illegal immigrants in Jones County, Jones County is going to suffer economically."

Sumrall's sympathy isn't just self-interest. He and his wife Frankie, 62, have developed real ties with immigrant families. They sheltered them at their house during Hurricane Katrina, which peeled trailers' roofs off, they've let tenants use their pool, and they've shared birthdays and barbecues.

Then there's what immigrants did for them. Sumrall was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease in 1996, and non-Hodgkin lymphoma last year. Tenants and former tenants helped with odd jobs, forgave Sumrall's lapses, and fetched glasses of water when they spotted him on his tractor-mower in the sun.

"They knew I was sick, and they were loyal, just good, loyal people," says Sumrall.

Bill Smith, 48, would agree. A year ago, he bought a motel and trailer park near to Sumrall's with money he made as a major distributor of immigrants' long distance phone cards.

Bill Smith at his mobile home park outside Laurel, Miss.

In 2004, he married an undocumented Mexican woman. Now, they're parents to a two-year-old, Smith speaks fluent Spanish, and he's also helping tenants by offering free rent for a month, two if need be.

"We're like a family," he says. "I've been in business with the Hispanics for 10 years and I do anything I can for them. I think that's at least fair, to help them out."

No doubt, a good number of people in Jones County believe Howard Industries and the unauthorized workers got what they deserved.

But what surprised Jason Niblett, editor of the daily Laurel Leader-Call, was that he received so few letters or calls celebrating the raid or denouncing the company's hiring of illegal immigrants. Most letters of that nature came in from out of town.

He attributes this in part to the popularity of the Howard family in Laurel, thanks to their charity giving and sponsorship of local sports teams and education (CEO Michael Howard declined to give an interview for this article). But Niblett also perceives a general tendency among all groups to get along in this working-class town, where he's lived since 2001.

"Compared to when I lived in San Antonio, I think it's better here" in terms of the tolerance toward Hispanics and the lack of divisions between groups, he says.

National media fanned the idea of a racial divide in Laurel when it reported that black workers at Howard Industries had clapped and cheered during the ICE raid, as Hispanic colleagues were arrested and led away.

Former employees say the transformer plant was by no means a multiracial workers' utopia, but also was not irredeemably polarized along race lines, or over union membership. (Some media reports speculated there was tension because of immigrants' relatively low union adherence amid a dispute with management over wages and benefits).

"I saw those people making fun of us," says Angelica Olmedo Paz, a Mexican immigrant who was arrested in the raid. "But for everyone that clapped, there were people who let us know they were with us, who cried with us, who didn't want us to leave."

Immigrant workers interviewed said that as far as they knew they did not receive less pay or benefits than U.S. citizen workers. Olmedo, 32, says that in part immigrant workers succeeded at the plant due to their willingness to work jobs with high turnover.

Her role at the plant was to replace workers in the production line who were absent or quit. Not surprisingly, she often found herself completing the most unpleasant tasks, such as pumping a lubricating oil into the transformers, which once full, had to be covered and pushed forward on metal rollers. The oil often spilled.

"No one liked being there," she says. "It was heavy, dirty work. I was always there, filling in for an Afro- or an Anglo-American, who'd last three weeks, a month at most. They'd leave, and again, I'd have to return until someone else came in."

Cory Welch, 22, who is half black and half Filipino, quit his job at Howard four days before the raid and now works at an athletic shoe store at the local mall, where the flexible hours allow him to attend accounting classes at the University of Southern Mississippi. He says many black workers resented the immigrants, but that on an individual level, they established friendships with the newcomers. "Some of them gave love to this person or that person," he says.

Olmedo, a single mother, was among the 106 detained workers, mostly female, who were released with an ankle bracelet device, so they can care for their children as they await court dates.

In order to save money, since she can't work any longer, Olmedo moved with her 12-year-old son into a trailer rented by a family that wasn't caught in the raid. Two of her friends, in her same predicament, did the same, and now they share a single room.

She shows a visitor a greetings card ("We miss you," reads one line) sent to her by an African-American ex-colleague, as well as an envelope on which at least a dozen workers, of all three ethnicities, scrawled the amount they were contributing to a cash collection organized on her behalf.

Learning she'd be living in a friends' home, they also gave her a cell phone as a gift.

The women with ankle bracelets realize they'll most likely have to leave the country, either voluntarily or via deportation. But even with their departure and that of many friends, they doubt the raid at Howard Industries represents a final chapter in Jones County's Hispanic community.

A good number of immigrants will hang on, and so will their children, many U.S.-born, who are already making their way through Jones County's increasingly ethnically diverse schools.

At the Laurel School District spelling bee earlier this year, a black student won first place, a Hispanic student second, and a white student third.

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TITLE: Fwd: Fast for Our Future begins October 15 *

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"Talk is cheap. It's the way we organize and use our lives every day that tells what we believe in." -Cesar E. Chavez

Dear Friends in the Struggle for Human Rights,

I am inviting you to join the Fast for Our Future that will begin on October 15, 2008 in Los Angeles, three weeks before the November 4th presidential election. Many people will be fasting in an effort to mobilize our community to vote for immigrant rights.

<http://www.therisemovement.org/>
According to The Rise Movement:

"On October 15th, over 100 people will begin one of the largest hunger strikes in American history to call on Latinos, immigrants, and people of conscience -the Immigrant Rights Movement-to rise out of our fear and vote for change.

The Fast for our Future will be based in a permanent encampment at La Placita Olvera, the historic heart of Los Angeles, and will continue until at least 1 million people have signed this Pledge [or the fast will end on November 4 - after 21 days - whichever occurs sooner]. Through our shared sacrifice and commitment we will renew our movement and inspire an historic mobilization of Latino, immigrant, and pro-immigrant rights voters.

We must remember the I.C.E. raids, those detained and deported, the families torn apart, the dreams deferred. We must remember the marches, the walkouts, the boycotts, and the promise we made: Hoy marchamos, maÑ±ana votamos. Yesterday we marched for our rights, today we vote."

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/53umgp>

"Fasters will give up all food and juice liquids. We will only drink water. The Fast will be based at an encampment at La Placita Olvera, the historic heart of Los Angeles. The encampment will be a visual representation of the size of the hunger strike. Fasters will sleep in tents and live at the encampment for the duration of the hunger strike. The Fast will continue until at least one million people have signed the Pledge to vote and take action for immigrant rights." (Source:<http://tinyurl.com/4ykcgg>)

Please sign the Pledge and invite everyone else you know to do so by visiting<http://tinyurl.com/4385qn> The sooner we can register one million people to sign the Pledge the sooner the fast will end. However, we are fully prepared to fast the entire 21 days, if necessary.

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I fully endorse this campaign on behalf of the Demand an End to the ICE Raids and the Inhumane Assaults on Immigrants, a Facebook group with over 3,200 members.

Even if you do not live in Los Angeles I am asking you to join the fasters in solidarity and support this historic effort. I will be personally participating in the fast and am hopeful that many others across the nation will join as well so we are united in spirit for this very important cause.

The lives and futures of millions of Latinos and other immigrants are at stake. Please answer this very important call to action and share this message with as many people as you can.

In Solidarity,

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"Life is struggle and struggle is life,
but be mindful that Victory is in the Struggle"
- Carlos MuÃ±oz, Jr.

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TITLE: Grassroots Media Justice Tour stops in Austin *

Skillshare Austin in collaboration with Monkeywrench Books and KPWR People Will Radio, will host two FREE events of workshops and presentations for the Austin stop of the Grassroots Media Justice Tour:

Sunday, October 19th, 1-7pm, at Space 12 (3121 E 12th, just west of Airport Blvd)

A day of media workshops including Hadassah Hill teaching us about creating a web presence and digital music recording, along with a whole bunch of local media activists sharing skills such as DJing, video editing, poetry writing, and web content management.

You'll have a chance to shadow a DJ as they broadcast live from the event, get a drupal tutorial geared towards your questions, take home a video clip you've edited and a audio sample you've recorded, and much much more.

Free childcare (sign up in advance) and vegan gumbo dinner included. Details here .

Monday, October 20th, 7pm, at Monkeywrench Books (110 E. North Loop)

Jordan Flaherty (Left Turn, Colorlines) talking about the links between the struggle for justice in the rebuilding of New Orleans, and struggles people are facing everywhere around housing, health care, and criminal justice.

Jesse Muhammad (Final Call) sharing his first-hand experiences as a journalist that helped bring the story of the case of the Jena Six to a national audience.

Hadassah Hill (\$pread Magazine) performing as her alter ego, Axon D'Luxe.

We'll also have Davey D, Hip Hop historian and journalist, Iris Rodriguez of La Nueva Raza, and Freestyling by Austin's Gnostic Prophet. Details here.

What is the Grassroots Media Justice Tour?

The 2008 Grassroots Media Tour is sponsored by radical and independent media projects from around the US, including Bitch Magazine, \$pread Magazine, Left Turn Magazine, ColorLines Magazine, Free Speech Radio News, and Make/Shift Magazine. the tour will bring performances, workshops, and inspiration to towns and cities in the South.

The tour seeks to communicate about current struggles for justice and liberation, from criminal justice organizing in Jena to sex worker activism, from resistance to imperialism in Iraq and Latin America to resistance to school privatization, from immigration rights movements to post-Katrina organizing in public housing. The tour also seeks to connect communities of resistance, and to build relationships between grassroots activists and independent media. Tour presenters come from many movements and background, but all of them are grassroots media makers.

FEATURED SPEAKERS on the Austin stop of the tour:

Jordan Flaherty is a writer and community organizer based in New Orleans. He was the first journalist with a national audience to write about the Jena Six case, and played an important role in bringing the story to national attention. His post-Katrina writing in ColorLines Magazine shared a journalism award from New America Media for best Katrina-related coverage in the Ethnic press.

Jordan is an editor of Left Turn Magazine and has written for a range of publications, from the Village Voice to Clarin in Argentina and Germany's Die Zeit. He has been published in several anthologies, including the South End Press books Live From Palestine and What Lies Beneath: Race, Katrina and the State of the Nation, and the upcoming AK Press book Red State Rebels. He has appeared as a guest on a wide range of television and radio shows, including CNN Morning, Anderson Cooper 360, CNN Headline News, Democracy Now, Radio Nation on Air America, News and Notes on NPR, and many other outlets. He has also produced news segments for Al Jazeera and TeleSur. On the tour, he will be using new video, photos and first-hand accounts to share the grassroots struggle around the Jena Six and New Orleans post-Katrina organizing.

Jesse Muhammad: Energetic, inspiring and effective are just some of the words audiences have used to describe the writings and messages delivered by writer, news reporter, artist, publicist and photojournalist Jesse Muhammad. Brother Jesse, a native of Houston, Texas, started contributing to the Final Call Newspaper in 2004 and was appointed as its Southwest Regional Correspondent. In 2005, after receiving rave reviews for his reporting on stories that mainstream media tends to over look, he was appointed as an official Staff Writer for the FCN, which is the only national Black-owned newspaper. Since that time, he has gained worldwide recognition for his consistent coverage of Hurricane Katrina and the continuing struggle of its survivors. In 2007, he was credited with bringing national and international attention to the case of the æJena Six, and helped to mobilize the 50,000 plus attendees to the historic æJena Six rally in September of that year. He has been a featured commentator on various television and radio shows in Houston, New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Louisiana, and as far as Ghana. His writings are now read in many print and online newspapers and magazines throughout the world.

In 2007, he became the co-founder and editor of For Youth Teens and Young Adults (FYTYA.com), which is a Houston based newspaper that highlights the accomplishments of high school and college students. As a member of the Nation of Islam, he has served in the youth and information departments. He is also the representative of the Ministry of Information for the Houston Millions More Movement Local Organizing Committee.

Hadassah Hill is a Brooklyn-based queer femme writer, creative, and activist who performs under the name Axon D'Luxe. She has worked in independent print, web, theater and audio media production for 10 years, and is currently the Art Director of the award-winning \$pread Magazine and is producing her second album and a graphic novel. She is committed to empowering individuals to speak for themselves using new technologies, and to creating representations of the diverse communities she embodies using self-taught multimedia techniques. She uses her experience learning technologies to promote and create her own projects to fund her expertise, and teaches a two-hour D.I.Y. New Media workshop on audio and web production and internet promotion.

Her workshops teach individuals and activist collectives how to use freeware and shareware technologies [ie, no-cost software] to:

- 1) record and edit audio for online distribution
- 2) name, create [yup, how-to code!], and publicize a web page
- 3) utilize technologies and networking to promote their projects.

She provides learners with a handout and a webpage full of links and tutorials, as well as inspiration and skills!

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TITLE: TAKE ACTION: Keep Jerzees de Honduras Open! *

Dear Friend,

I thought you might be interested in this United Students Against Sweatshops e-activism campaign. If you go to the URL below you can check out what is at stake and send your own message directly to the relevant decision makers.

<http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/jerzees?rk=Qpc834Fq3XZWW>

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TITLE: 'Poli-Migra': New Spanish Word for Blurred Line Between Police and ICE *

'Poli-Migra': New Spanish Word for Blurred Line Between Police and ICE

La Raza, News Report, Fabiola Pomareda, Posted: Sep 02, 2008

Traducción al español

Editor's Note: A new police tactic has caused alarm among Chicago's immigrant community. The term "poli-migra" has emerged in the local Spanish lexicon to reflect ongoing police efforts that have blurred the lines between local, state and federal authority. Immigrants from Latin American countries detained by Chicago police officers for minor infractions are increasingly ending up in "immigration hold" status. Fabiola Pomareda reports for Chicago's La Raza newspaper.

CHICAGO -- After spending almost an entire year behind bars, Arturo Trujillo was finally a free man. In June 2007, Trujillo was arrested for battery, having been accused of participating in a brawl with three other men. The charges were eventually dropped at the beginning of May -- Trujillo had acted in self-defense -- but the Mexican immigrant would spend three more weeks in jail, waiting for immigration officials to sign his release pending a separate court date regarding his immigration status.

The same thing happened to Luis León, a Mexican immigrant released on bail last week after being arrested Feb. 14 for driving without a license.

Last May, members of the March 10 Movement, a Chicago immigrant rights group, along with pastor José Landaverde of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Cook County Commissioner Roberto Maldonado, accused officials from the Chicago Police Department (CPD), Sheriff's Office for Cook County and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of dragging their feet on cases involving both documented and undocumented immigrants. Some were innocent. Others should have been freed on bond. But as the cases piled up, for the defendants, justice was less than swift.

Family members began looking for help. Their offers to post bail were rejected.

Both the city of Chicago and Cook County have sanctuary ordinances on the books that prevent arresting officers from asking detainees their immigration status during routine stops. Officers are also forbidden from reporting suspected illegal immigrants to federal authorities unless the detainees are official suspects in ongoing criminal investigations.

Serving time without a sentence

Landaverde and members of the March 10 Movement have documented 59 cases so far of Hispanic immigrants who have been placed on "immigration hold," a shadowy status that begs the question: What is happening with their cases?

"If you are arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, the judge suspends your license, gives you a fine and releases you," said Jorge Májica, member of the March 10 Movement. "But in these cases, (someone) is saying to them, 'You aren't going anywhere because you're on immigration hold.' The problem here is that regardless of the charge being brought against them and regardless of a judge's order, there is a second procedure that orders their detention due to their illegal status," Májica explained.

In June, Cook County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Penny Mateck told La Raza, "The agency that arrests a person, in this (Trujillo) case the Chicago Police Department, is the agency that's responsible for contacting ICE, which then initiates the immigration status proceedings against the detainee."

After being cleared of charges or posting bail, a detainee is held until being transferred to the custody of ICE, often resulting in lengthy delays. According to the Cook County Sheriff's Office, ICE has 48 hours to take custody of a detainee; otherwise the person should be released.

Mateck blamed the delay in releasing Trujillo on a "breakdown in communication" between the sheriff's office and ICE. "We were using a broader interpretation of the 48-hour rule. But we've made changes and now we are using more conservative criteria," the spokeswoman said.

But according to Cook County Commissioner Maldonado, "The Chicago Police Department is violating its own order that says they can't report anyone to ICE unless that person is involved in a criminal investigation. How are they going to report someone to ICE for a civil violation like driving through a red light?" Maldonado asked.

"The basic problem here lies with whoever it is that starts the ball rolling by reporting an undocumented person to ICE for an infraction that is not criminal," the commissioner said.

Public hearing gets hot

Since the issue has come to light, officials have been scrambling to reassure residents that past missteps by police have been corrected. On Aug. 5, the Chicago City Council's Human Relations Committee held a public meeting called by aldermen William Ocasio (D-26) and Daniel Solás (D-25), who have two of the city's biggest Hispanic constituencies.

CPD patrol captain and first deputy superintendent Beatrice Cuello assured residents, "We don't notify ICE, except when we are conducting a criminal investigation."

Cuello also said police recently began working with the Mexican Consulate in Chicago to produce a video that will inform undocumented immigrants of their rights if stopped by police. Police brochures will also be translated to Spanish.

"We want our immigrant community to know that we are here to serve them and that Chicago is a safe refuge," she said.

Alderman Solás wants a stronger commitment from police officers, and he is pushing for them to sign a contract stating that they understand the sanctuary ordinance and that there will be consequences for officers who violate it.

"Place of birth"

Nevertheless, CPD Internal Affairs chief Tina Skahill said, "Every officer asks detainees where they were born, because it's a standard question to identify suspects. When a person was born in another country, that information is included in the police report because a person could be confused with a criminal with the same name, but born in a different place," Skahill said.

Májica disagrees. "Asking someone their place of birth only adds confusion. I have two nationalities. I wasn't born here, but I am a U.S. citizen," he said.

Maldonado, the county commissioner, also thinks the question is irrelevant. "I'm not a public safety officer, but as a public and private person, I have to wonder why it is important to ask (a person's birthplace). In my opinion that question should only be asked when there is a criminal investigation," he said.

"We have to draw the line somewhere," he added.

Agents prowl courthouse

Responding to the polemic, ICE spokesperson Gail Montenegro sent La Raza a written statement saying that every day of the week three federal agents are assigned to the Cook County Courthouse. Their duties include "reviewing police reports of the previous day's detentions."

"We review the files of those subjects who appear before a bail bond judge. ICE reviews all the reports that indicate a detainee was born outside the U.S. to determine those individuals that are subject to deportation. This is done before the bail hearing and independent of their nationality," Montenegro wrote.

ICE then determines if an immigration hold should be placed on detainees who are criminals, and priority is given to those convicted of serious crimes, those who have been deported previously, or those who have a pending deportation order, the statement explained.

Montenegro also said ICE does not have a policy of racial profiling. Rather, the agency has a Criminal Alien Program that "seeks to ensure that foreign criminals are processed for deportation after completing their sentences rather than be released to the street."

In response to ICE's statement, Maldonado complained of a "systematic pattern" followed by the agency that has allowed ICE officials to penetrate Cook County's criminal justice system by placing agents in court rooms during bail hearings.

Cook County State's Attorney spokesman John Gorman told La Raza that police reports and case files are "public documents available in court rooms to public officials, whether for parole agents, police officers or immigration officials."

"(ICE agents) are looking at public information that is available to personnel from law enforcement agencies. They're not looking at our databases or computers," Gorman said.

Unanswered questions

What happens next is unclear. The city council's Human Relations Committee will issue a report as soon as they receive results from an internal inquiry from the police department, said Alderman Ocasio's assistant, Hector Villagrana. No one is sure when the CPD internal review will be completed.

In the meantime, the sheriff's office sent a report to Commissioner Maldonado documenting the number of persons placed in immigration hold from April to August this year. Out of 253 cases, 229 are Hispanic, most of them of Mexican descent.

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TITLE: The Knock at the Door: San Francisco's Sanctuary Status Under Fire *

The Knock at the Door: San Francisco's Sanctuary Status Under Fire

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Editor's Note: The arrest of six undocumented immigrants at a private home in San Francisco last week calls into question how protected undocumented immigrants in this "sanctuary city" really are. Elena Shore is an editor for New America Media. Josue Rojas is a producer for New America Media.

SAN FRANCISCO " Immigration agents entered a private home in San Francisco on Sept. 11, 2008, arresting six undocumented immigrants in what residents see as the most recent evidence that this is no longer a "sanctuary city."

"They say this is a sanctuary city, but they're throwing us away like garbage," says Freddie Herrera, 21, who was in the middle of dinner with his family when he heard the doorbell ring.

"Sanctuary doesn't affect ICE's efforts to enforce immigration law," explains Lori Haley, a spokesperson for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "ICE officers are sworn to enforce federal law."

But Jamal Dajani, chairman of the city's Immigrant Rights Commission, disagrees. He calls the arrests last Thursday "a total violation of the sanctuary ordinance. This is exactly why the sanctuary ordinance was created," he says.

In 1989, San Francisco passed the "City of Refuge" Ordinance (Sanctuary Ordinance) that prohibits city employees from helping ICE with immigration arrests unless required by federal or state law or a warrant. The fact that ICE agents entered a private residence with nothing more than a deportation order, Dajani says, is "totally different" from entering with a warrant for a crime. "They're going into private homes, which means the city can't protect its own residents."

"If this is allowed," adds Dajani, "it basically ends any kind of discussion about sanctuary cities " whether it's San Francisco or New York."

Julia Harumi, a lawyer with the ACLU of Northern California, says her organization has seen incidents in the past of ICE agents entering homes without consent. "If they didn't have reasonable suspicion that the residents were undocumented," she says, "then detaining them would violate the Fourth Amendment."

The agents that came to the door of a San Francisco home last Thursday were members of ICE Fugitive Operations, a unit dedicated to locating, arresting and removing individuals with outstanding deportation orders. One of the residents opened the door, and the agents found the individual they were looking for, as well as two others who also had outstanding deportation orders, says Haley.

Jilma Herrera (Freddie Herrera's sister), Carlos Gonzalez (Herrera's brother-in-law) and Roxana Cuellas, are currently in ICE custody in Arizona pending removal to Honduras.

The other three undocumented immigrants, Freddie Herrera, Eufemia Pineda and Ana Ruth Quintanilla, did not have outstanding deportation orders and were released with electronic monitoring devices on their ankles.

Pineda, 34, says she got home at 6:30 p.m. to find immigration agents in her living room.

"My kids were the first thing I thought about," says Pineda, who lives in the 10-person house with her husband, Roger Omar Cruz, 41, and their two children, Daniel, 7, and Keren, 2 years old.

Pineda, a childcare worker who has lived in San Francisco for nine years, hugs her son close to her. "Thank God my kids weren't there," she says. "What would they have thought to see me being taken away?"

While they were being detained the six immigrants, who are devout Evangelicals, prayed together. "My cousin Jilma started speaking in tongues," recalls Pineda. "It was the presence of God. And they told her to shut up."

But Pineda says her faith kept her going. "I felt a supernatural force only God could give," she says. "We know what we believe in."

Ana Ruth Quintanilla, 26, who moved to San Francisco two years ago, says the six immigrants were placed in a cold cell. "I told them, 'We're not criminals,' and they said, 'Your crime is being here,'" she recalls.

"But I'm here out of necessity," explains Quintanilla, who is supporting her children back home. Quintanilla works as a cook at Burger King, and sends money every month to her three children, ages 10, 8 and 4, who live with their father in El Salvador.

Her fianc e, 30-year-old Osmin Ortiz Gonzalez, wasn't home when the agents arrived. He says the only thing that has allowed them to get through this difficult time is their faith. "We're foreigners in this land," he says, "but God is here with us."

Pineda's husband, Roger Omar Cruz, 41, who works at a marble company, says he believes God will prevent all of them from being deported.

The night after the raid, the household gathered with their family and friends. Their pastor, Abel Garcia, lead a prayer, and each person prayed aloud to remain in this country and not be separated from family members.

Herrera, Pineda and Quintanilla will go before an immigration judge who will decide whether to deport them or let them stay in the country. Until then, they must wear electronic monitoring devices, even though none of them has a criminal record. They are not allowed to leave San Francisco. They cannot leave the house before 6:30 a.m. and must be home by 11:30 p.m.

Herrera lifts up his pant leg to reveal the electronic monitoring device on his ankle. "It's a iPod," he jokes. "I listen to songs on it."

Quintanilla doesn't know how long they will have to wear the ankle bracelets.

"This is a horrible experience that I'll never forget," says Quintanilla. "I'm just waiting for ICE to come. It's like a cross I have to bear."

Herrera has one piece of advice for other immigrants in the same situation: "Don't open the door to anyone you don't know," he says.

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TITLE: After Miss. Immigration Raid, Pastor Tries To Calm Chaos *

After Miss. Immigration Raid, Pastor Tries To Calm Chaos

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Editor's Note: Pastor Roberto Velez, like other clergy with a growing flock of undocumented immigrants, became de-facto leader of an emerging Hispanic community in Mississippi after immigration agents raided a local transformer plant, arresting 595 workers. New America Media's Marcelo BallvÃ© traveled to Laurel to uncover how a small town is dealing with the raid's aftermath.

LAUREL, Miss. -- After four years building up a bilingual Pentecostal ministry in this diverse, working-class town, Pastor Roberto Velez thought he might rest on his accomplishments.

But Velez's real trial by fire began Aug. 25. That morning, in a raid on a local transformer plant owned by local manufacturer Howard Industries, federal agents arrested 595 immigrants. Perhaps a dozen of them were members of Velez's Peniel Christian Church.

"It was terrible," he recalls. "I received calls starting at 8:10 a.m. I was having breakfast. They said, 'Pastor! Pastor! Immigration got into Howard.' I rushed over there."

Velez, a relative newcomer to Laurel, was suddenly thrust into a role he never expected to have: crisis management.

Outside the plant's perimeter, Velez waited with anxious immigrant families in a steady rain, comforting workers' children and wives. As blue-jacketed Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents milled around, Velez buttonholed them, demanding information on detainees' fates.

From that day forward, he would tend non-stop to his panic-stricken flock-- and to any other families who walked through Peniel's doors, in want after their breadwinners ended up imprisoned.

Velez's role is reminiscent of those assumed by other clergy in towns upended by large-scale ICE raids this year.

In Postville, Iowa, an elderly Catholic nun and retired priest stepped up to the front-lines, after the May arrest of nearly 400 illegal immigrants at a local meatpacking plant created what they described as "a man-made" disaster. In Greenville, South Carolina, Episcopal and Catholic clergy teamed up to create a safety-net for hundreds of affected families, after a raid Oct. 7 at a poultry plant.

It was a spontaneous ecumenical response at the grassroots. Independent of top-down organization, and unconcerned about the controversy surrounding illegal immigration, individual clergy like Velez took the initiative.

Though their work was accompanied by that of organized immigrant advocates, pro-bono lawyers and faith-based charities, they were motivated solely by extraordinary circumstances and their pastoral vocations.

A bespectacled Vietnam veteran who is more than 6 feet tall, Velez had recruited a robust membership of some 80 worshippers, including recently arrived Panamanian, Mexican, and Guatemalan immigrants, as well as some longtime black and white residents.

He also parlayed his pastoral experience into a job as a badge-toting local police chaplain and interpreter. Born in Puerto Rico and raised both in Brooklyn and the island, Velez, who voted twice for President George W. Bush, moves effortlessly between Spanish and English.

After the raid, he found himself at the center of a crisis.

Velez became not only a shoulder to cry on, and the dispenser of checks underwriting families' grocery and utility bills, but also the organizer of a significant food drive, as well as an all-around advisor and translator.

One day, this sometimes gruff pastor drove 11 relatives of arrestees 200 miles to a privately run federal detention center in Jena, La. Hundreds of former Howard Industries workers were being held there, awaiting court dates. (Beginning in September, some of the workers being held in Jena began to be deported, leading their families to leave as well.)

At first, prison authorities did not want the pastor inside. ICE detention facilities are notoriously strict regarding visits. After a back-and-forth, however, they relented, and he spent three hours with prisoners and their relatives.

"Everyone began weeping," recalls the 58-year-old pastor. "It's one thing to speak with (imprisoned) relatives on the phone, but to see them in person, hold them, that's another thing."

Between the new troubles and usual pastoral duties at Peniel, Velez hardly finds time to sleep. It isn't uncommon for him to be surprised by a nap as he catches his breath in a leather armchair in the church lobby.

"Naturally, I can stretch my resources only to the point I can manage," he says, "but I haven't been afraid to put myself out there, I haven't been afraid to speak up."

Velez's role as a spokesperson was particularly important in post-raid Laurel. Fearful of being misrepresented, the local Catholic Church refused to speak to press as it moved to aid immigrants with food and support, although in other places, such as Postville, the Catholic parish served as a nerve center for media relations.

Velez was particularly well positioned to help the immigrants because of his pre-existing role as a one-person linchpin between Laurel, its civic institutions, and the immigrant community.

"I work with Pastor Velez a lot," says Laurel Mayor Melvin Mack.

In fact, the mayor's only complaint regarding Velez is that he sometimes is too ambitious as immigrants' advocate, as when he requested Mack to issue a city driver's permit to undocumented immigrants.

"If I could issue drivers' licenses I'd be working for the state," says Mack. "He means well, he's a good fellow, but there's only so much I can do."

One mid-September evening at Velez's handsome brick-walled, blue-windowed church, a handful of parishioners are absorbed in prayer, one of them nearly prone over the shallow steps to the altar, while Christian music plays over loudspeakers.

Meanwhile, in his office, the pastor counsels two immigrants in their twenties, who work at a local sawmill. Mixing scripture with stern admonitions about responsibility and discipline, Velez trains them in leadership once weekly. In turn, the men spread God's word and anti-drug messages in their neighborhoods.

Conversation moves quickly to the raid, and one student worries aloud about his family's future after his father's arrest.

"There's total uncertainty, because we don't know where all this is going to lead," says Allan, 24, a Panamanian who only gave his first name since he entered the country illegally.

"I don't know how, but one day God will straighten out the situation," replies Velez.

Within the church's nave, the worshipers have ended their prayers and mill among the shiny wood pews. Most have been touched in one way or another by the ICE raid.

"I feel comforted here, supported," says 37-year-old Leonidas Santiago, who adds that her husband is being held in Jena.

She was arrested in the raid, but like 105 other detainees was released with an ankle bracelet monitoring device so she could care for her children, which in her case include a two-year-old U.S. citizen.

Velez doesn't deny that providing aid to immigrants dovetails with his proselytizing. As he helps, he's possibly attracting new faithful to his church, which is affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

However, Velez, says he feels compelled to help the immigrants mainly because he had the "privilege and blessing" to be born a U.S. citizen in Puerto Rico.

"They don't have what I had," he says.

Velez agrees the immigrants broke the law by entering the country illegally, but notes both current presidential candidates advocate some form of immigration reform. He blames the flawed system, not desperate migrants, for the problem.

Some locals complain he's aiding illegal immigration, Velez says.

"I tell them no, I'm not aiding and abetting. You can come to my church, you won't find anybody refuged here. The people who are here aren't wanted by the authorities. I'm helping because it's humanitarian, anyone might do it. Why not me? They're my people."

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TITLE: The EPA wants your opinion on endosulfan: tell them to ban this toxic *

Dear Friend,

I thought you might be interested in this United Farm Workers e-activism campaign.

Tell EPA to protect our food from the toxic pesticide endosulfan. Public Comment period ends on Monday, so take action today!

In February 2008, thousands of UFW supporters joined us and signed a petition asking the EPA to ban Endosulfan--an antiquated and dangerous pesticide. We've got their attention, but we need your help to make sure they actually take action to protect the public.

The EPA opened a new public comment period regarding this deadly pesticide. The UFW is again working with a coalition of our environmental friends to turn in a joint petition on Monday to show the EPA how concerned we are. Please TAKE ACTION today by signing this petition and demanding that the EPA ensures that no residues of endosulfan are found in food sold in the U.S.

Endosulfan is one of the most commonly detected residues in our national food supply. It persists in the environment and travels on wind and water currents to areas far from its use. It is acutely toxic and easily absorbed by the human body. Low levels of exposure in the womb have been linked to autism, male reproductive harm and other birth defects. The lethal chemical has been linked to dozens of accidental deaths. It is an organochlorine--which means it persists in our environment long after it has killed the target pests--thus leaving a deadly legacy for people and wildlife.

When we are successful in banning this poison, we will protect both farmworkers and consumers.

The European Union and several other countries have already banned endosulfan as less dangerous alternatives are available. It's time the U.S. does its part to protect communities and the environment from this toxic pollutant.

It is vital that we get as many signatures as possible. Please sign the petition today and then immediately forward this petition to as many friends as possible.

Thank you!

To sign the petition go to:

<http://www.ufwaction.org/campaign/endsulfan1008?rk=Q71pYBFqURCSW>

If you do not wish to receive emails sent from your peers on behalf of this organization, please click this link:

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TITLE: AUSTIN: HIPHOP FOR PRESIDENT--EARLY VOTING CONCERT OCT 20, 2008 *

VOTE=VOICE, ANOTHER OPTION PRODUCTIONS, NATIONAL HIPHOP POLITICAL CONVENTION AND THE VICTORY GRILL PRESENTS:

"HIPHOP 4 PRESIDENT"

COME VOTE EARLY AND CELEBRATE WITH US

WHERE: VICTORY GRILL 1104 E. 11TH STREET

WHEN: OCTOBER 20, 2008 5PM-MIDNIGHT

WHAT: VOTE EARLY AT THE CARVER LIBRARY/MUSEUM AND THEN PARTY WITH US(1ST DAY OF EARLY VOTING)

PERFORMANCES BY: BAVU BLAKES, BLACKLISTED INDIVIDUALS, LAS KRUDAS, DENVER, BREAKFAST CLUB CREW, DJ HELLA YELLA, CASINO, LEON LYRIC DAND MANY MORE

VOTE EARLY AT THE CARVER MUSEUM(ROSEWOOD/ANGELINA 4 BLOCKS AWAY) AND THEN PARTY WITH US. HIPHOP REPRESENT!!!!

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AUSTIN: CAMILO MEJÍA-A-Iraq War Veteran- speaking Oct 16, 7pm

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CAMILO MEJÍA Speaks in Austin This Thursday October 16, 7:00 PM University of Texas at Austin, Garrison 0.102 Camilo Mejía grew up in Nicaragua and Costa Rica before moving to the United States in 1994. He joined the military at the age of nineteen, serving as an infantryman in the active-duty army for three years before transferring to the Florida National Guard. After fighting in Iraq for five months, Mejía became the first known Iraq veteran to refuse to fight the war in Iraq, citing moral concerns about the war and occupation. He was eventually convicted of desertion by a military court and sentenced to a year in prison. Disturbing development regarding the Border Wall

Posted: 17 Oct 2008 05:28 AM CDT

The Texas Observer recently reported that the Mexican cement company Cemex had refused to provide cement for border wall construction. To read their report, go to: <http://www.texasobserver.org/blog/index.php/2008/09/18/cemex-wont-build-border-wall/> (<http://www.texasobserver.org/blog/index.php/2008/09/18/cemex-wont-build-border-wall/>) Now it appears that to get around that, DHS is prepared to worsen the damage that the border wall will cause. Grassroots Media Justice Tour stops in Austin

Posted: 17 Oct 2008 05:22 AM CDT

Skillshare Austin in collaboration with Monkeywrench Books and KPWR People Will Radio, will host two FREE events of workshops and presentations for the Austin stop of the Grassroots Media Justice Tour. Bracero Lawsuit Settlement

Posted: 17 Oct 2008 05:07 AM CDT

Monterey Mexico bracero processing center Photo: Leonard Nadel/Smithsonian Institution If you worked in the bracero program between 1942 and 1946, or if you are the surviving spouse or child of such a bracero, and you are living in the United States, you could get an award from a class action settlement. Deadline to submit your claim is December 23, 2008! Act now. The bracero program was a guest worker program. Initiated in 1942, the program brought several million Mexican laborers to the United States, to work in more than half the states in the United States, in agricultural jobs. Between the years 1942 and 1946, workers in the program did not receive full paychecks. Ten percent of their wages were deducted from each paycheck and set aside for a savings fund, allegedly to be reimbursed to them upon their return to Mexico. Many workers, however, never had their funds returned to them. Eight years ago, six of these braceros filed a class action federal lawsuit, on behalf of themselves and other braceros, against the Mexican government. Those six braceros and the Mexican Government have now entered into a proposed settlement, which may entitle you to a one-time award of \$3500 dollars from the Mexican Government. For quick answers to common questions about the settlement, click here (<http://www.casobracero.com/info.htm>). For a more complete explanation of the lawsuit and your rights under the settlement, click here (<http://www.casobracero.com/pdf/class.pdf>). For the forms you must fill out in order to make a claim for payment under the settlement, click here (<http://www.casobracero.com/pdf/claimform.pdf>). For a copy of the full settlement agreement, click here (<http://www.casobracero.com/pdf/agreement.pdf>). DEADLINES: All claims for money from the settlement must be submitted no later than December 23, 2008. You must submit your claim in person, using the claim form approved by the United States federal judge presiding over the case. Claim forms must be submitted to one of the Mexican Consulates (<http://www.casobracero.com/consulates.htm>) in the United States or to the Consular Section of the Mexican Embassy (<http://www.embassyofmexico.org/>) in Washington, D.C. and must be received by the consulate or the Consular Section of the Embassy of Mexico on or before

December 23, 2008. The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the settlement and after any appeals are resolved. YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM The only way to get a payment. EXCLUDE YOURSELF Get no payment. This is the only option that allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit about the legal claims in this case against the Mexican Government, Banco de Mexico, or the other two bank defendants, Banco Nacional de Credito Rural, or Patronato del Ahorro Nacional . OBJECT Write to the Court about why you=2 Odon't like the settlement. GO TO A HEARING Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the settlement. DO NOTHING Get no payment. Give up rights. <http://www.casobracero.com/>(<http://www.casobracero.com/>) <http://www.bibdaily.com/> (<http://www.bibdaily.com/>) Beware of Accidental Disenfranchisement

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Just ask, for example, any of the 17,000 New Mexicans who cast provisional ballots during the 2008 Democratic presidential primaries when they showed up to the polls to find that actually, they weren't registered after all. Or you could ask one of the 38,000 Arizonans whose applications for voter registration have been rejected because they didn't, or didn't know how to, provide identification that proved their American citizenship. How familiar are you with recent changes? Did you know, for example, that in many states, your name can be removed from your statewide registered-voter list if you don't respond to an address-confirmation notice, or if you haven't voted in four years? Alternatively, did you know that your name can be purged just for being difficult to spell? How the GOP Will Suppress Minority Votes on November 4" Legally

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LOS ANGELES -- News reports that state officials in the crucial battleground states of Colorado, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Nevada and North Carolina were purging thousands from voter rolls illegally drew a flurry of media and public scrutiny. Yet, the main ploys the GOP will use to tamp down minority votes on November 4th have drawn virtually no media attention. They include letter writing challenges, residence and citizenship challenges of non-native born Latino voters, and reliance on a provision in the Help America Vote Act on provisional ballots. Worst of all, these tactics are all perfectly legal. 3,000 Ex-Offenders Meet Voter Registration Deadline in Nation's Capital

Posted: 17 Oct 2008 04:53 AM CDT

District of Columbia residents flooded the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics in a last minute effort to register to vote in the upcoming presidential election, including people who had previously been incarcerated for felony convictions. ICE Conducts 1,172 Raids in 11 Months

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LOS ANGELES -- In less than a year, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has conducted 1,172 worksite raids across the country. In 11 months, from Oct. 1, 2007 to Aug. 31, 2008, ICE arrested 4,956 people in these operations, of which 1,022 were either wanted for criminal charges or had a deportation order against them. Of those arrested, 116 people were owners, managers, supervisors or human resources employees who were accused of hiring undocumented immigrants. HOUSTON: PRESS ADVISORY: Post-Ike Worker Abuse Must End

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We call upon all people of faith and especially Gulf Coast residents to support the Timberwood workers and to be on the lookout for such abuses of workers rights, which we know will continue in the context of Hurricane Ike recovery and beyond. After Miss. Immigration Raid, Pastor Tries To Calm Chaos

Posted: 17 Oct 2008 04:21 AM CDT

LAUREL, Miss. -- After four years building up a bilingual Pentecostal ministry in this diverse, working-class town, Pastor Roberto Velez thought he might rest on his accomplishments. The Knock at the Door: San Francisco's Sanctuary Status Under Fire

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SAN FRANCISCO " Immigration agents entered a private home in San Francisco on Sept. 11, 2008, arresting six undocumented immigrants in what residents see as the most recent evidence that this is no longer a

sanctuary city. They say this is a sanctuary city, but they're throwing us away like garbage, says Freddie Herrera, 21, who was in the middle of dinner with his family when he heard the doorbell ring. 'Poli-Migra': New Spanish Word for Blurred Line Between Police and ICE

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CHICAGO -- After spending almost an entire year behind bars, Arturo Trujillo was finally a free man. In June 2007, Trujillo was arrested for battery, having been accused of participating in a brawl with three other men. The charges were eventually dropped at the beginning of May -- Trujillo had acted in self-defense -- but the Mexican immigrant would spend three more weeks in jail, waiting for immigration officials to sign his release pending a separate court date regarding his immigration status. The same thing happened to Luis LeÃ³n, a Mexican immigrant released on bail last week after being arrested Feb. 14 for driving without a license.

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HOUSTON: Grassroots Media Justice Event

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MCALLEN: RGV Mini Encuentro

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9th Annual March to Stop Executions

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HOUSTON: THE DEATH PENALTY--GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS! SHUT IT DOWN! Join hundreds of people from around the state on: Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 2:00 PM S.H.A.P.E.'s Harambee Center 3903 Almeda at Alabama Houston, Tx We will rally and then march to the other S.H.A.P.E. Center and will be led by an important new organization--Kids Against the Death Penalty. For info: 713-503-2633 /Abolition.Movement@hotmail.com (mailto:Abolition.Movement@hotmail.com) Hear moving words from one of Texas' exonerated death row prisoners--Clarence Brandley. Clarence spent 10 years on death row before the peoples' movement and great attorneys freed him. Hear from Connie Wright, whose husband Greg is scheduled for execution a few days after the march. Listen to his story of injustice. Statements from Panther United for Revolutionary Education and innocent man Howard Guidry as well as Nanon Williams who was arrested at 17 and sent to death row by the HPD Crime Lab who now say, Sorry, we made a mistake--it wasn't your gun! Seventeen years later, he is still locked up! Spoken word by a dynamic, talented mujer, Dee!Colonize.IMMIGRATION: Priest: 'Nobody can tell me to shut up'

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POSTVILLE, Iowa (CNN) -- The Rev. Lloyd Paul Ouderkirk sits beneath a cross of Jesus, the sun shining through the stained-glass windows that line his church. Nobody can tell me to shut up, says Ouderkirk, the pastor of St. Bridget's Catholic Church in the tiny town of Postville, Iowa, the epicenter of the nation's immigration debate in rural communities.Ouderkirk is outraged at the way federal agents swooped into town and rounded up nearly 400 illegal immigrants on May 12 in a raid on the nation's largest kosher meatpacking plant, Agriprocessors. He's angry at the bosses of the plant who are accused of mistreating workers, including children, and using a workforce that the government contends was 75 percent illegal immigrants.Jesse and Jordan on KPFT 90.1 tonight! Indymedia Radio at 7:30pm

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Indymedia Volunteer Courtney Wilson recorded an interview with Jordan Flaherty of Left Turn Magazine and Jesse Muhammad of Final Call and

(Jessemuhammad.blogspot.com (<http://jessemuhammad.blogspot.com/>)) last night while they were in San Antonio, and we will be playing it tonight on the Houston Indymedia Radio Show, tonight, and every friday night, on KPFT 90.1fm.

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TITLE: Free film screening in Austin this Friday *

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Texas Folklife and the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC) invite you to a free screening of this powerful and affecting documentary. Award winning filmmaker Anne Lewis and special guests, Historian Martha Cotera and Sociologist Nestor Rodriguez will lead the post screening discussion.

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TITLE: Whatever Happened to Immigration as an Election Topic? *

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This is worth sharing with all we know...

How would John Cornyn fit in here?

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Whatever Happened to Immigration as an Election Topic?

By Jose Angel Hernandez History News Network 10/20/2008 Today is a watershed period in our history: the decline in our economy unseen in generations, an ongoing war in Iraq, and a historic election that may result in an African American as President of the United States. To add to this historical moment, we daily read about factories being raided, about families being separated, about children being torn from their loving mothers and fathers, and about innocent workers being forcefully deported to Mexico and Central America. Yet, in the debates between these candidates, the issue of immigration has not been discussed, nor have any questions been posed to the candidates regarding the relationship between economies and immigration. Indeed, the noted observer of immigration, Marcel Suarez-Orozco of Harvard University has noted that "the best predictor of anti-immigrant sentiment is the economy," thus underscoring the direct relationship between the national economy and the question of immigration reform. Thus, the outcome of this current election may decide how these problems and polemics get resolved. In just a few short weeks the people of this country will decide between John McCain and Barack Obama. According to a 1993 piece in Foreign Affairs entitled "A Brief History of Ethnic Cleansing," "ethnic cleansing can be understood as the expulsion of an 'undesirable' population from a given territory due to religious or ethnic discrimination, political, strategic or ideological considerations, or a combination of these." The recent workplace raids throughout our country and the thousands of Mexicans and Latina/os that have borne the brunt of this exclusion are evidence that the process of "ethnic cleansing" via deportation raids is alive and well today under a Republican administration. The numbers are difficult to ascertain, but recent reports from Mexico estimate that a million deportees have now returned to Mexico and that 90,000 children have been abandoned at the border as a result of these recent raids. An examination of the historical record illustrates, following the words of Marcelo-Suarez, that when the economic situation is tough it is often the immigrant workers" both "legal" and "illegal" that become the first victims of this government response. After the Great Depression of 1929, Republican President Herbert Hoover implemented the forced repatriation of Mexicans and Mexican Americans. This history is not well known in our country, and certainly not taught in local high schools. Some might argue that such expulsions happen only to those who entered "illegally," yet in 1929 more "legal residents" were deported to Mexico than those considered "illegal." It is well documented that these expulsions led to the well over one million people being deported to Mexico, sixty percent of whom were actually US citizens! In 1954, under another well known and very beloved Republican President, Dwight David Eisenhower, Mexicans were forcefully removed and repatriated under a program known as "Operation Wetback." According to the most comprehensive study of this event entitled "Operation Wetback: The Mass Deportation of Mexican Undocumented Workers in 1954," Juan Ram3n Garc3a notes that according to US government estimates, approximately 1.4 million individuals were forced or coerced to leave for Mexico. Paradoxically, it was between 1942 and 1964 that the governments of the US and Mexico established the well known and periodically lauded "Bracero Program" as a way to augment the loss of labor due to WWII. So, not only did Mexicans and Mexican

Americans participate and die during this war, but their families and relatives were being deported as they fought to save the world from the grasp of fascist dictators and the false notion of racial superiority. In this contemporary era we are at war with Iraq and Latina/os of all countries and ethnicities have taken the frontline in this war against Global Terrorism. Once again, while Mexican Americans fight on the frontlines in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families are being threatened with deportation and their communities are being terrorized by an agency that has as its mission this species of ethnic cleansing. Numerous stories have appeared about soldiers fighting both terrorists and the deportation of their loved ones at the same time. One such story was published by the Associated Press on August 10, 2007 was tellingly headlined "GIs worry illegal relatives will be deported; GIs fear about family could lower morale as immigrants swell military ranks." In that piece, the author noted that Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Eduardo Gonzalez is a citizen whose wife entered the country from Guatemala and currently in deportation proceedings. Gonzalez's reaction to this case sums up the contradictory stance of these policies when he noted "I'm willing to die for the United States, why can't I just be allowed to be with my family?" Some of the first casualties of this war, in fact, were migrants (legal and illegal) from Mexico and Guatemala. Marine Corporal Jose A. Garibay of Costa Mesa and Pfc. Francisco A. Martinez Flores of Los Angeles were both 21 year old Mexican migrants who lost their lives in Iraq in March 2003. Their deaths, however, represent only the first casualties among a longer list of ongoing sacrifices by both legal and illegal migrants. According to a September 2007 piece by Domenico Maceri of New America Media, "Figures from the National Center for Immigration Law show that one in 10 U.S. soldiers who have died in Iraq have been immigrants." Today, we have a decision to make and we have an observation to dissect when it comes to the political stance of the two candidates. Just two weeks ago, Senator McCain's attack on Senator Obama regarding immigration generated a vicious exchange between the two obligates us to examine the longer history of Mexican migration and Comprehensive Immigration Reform. In fact, although McCain had a long history of bipartisanship with immigration reform, we know that he is now against his own bill sponsored in 2006. Senator Obama, in this regard, has condemned the recent deportation raids but voted for a bill to extend the border wall. Today we must ask ourselves, as Americans of all backgrounds, whom should we vote for? Who will uphold our greatest tradition of being an Immigrant Nation? This election will determine the future of all Americans, but it seems that McCain's continuing contradictions only threatens to further the Latino struggle to become full citizens in a country that today faces the question of what it means to be a Nation of Immigrants. <http://hnn.us/articles/55760.html>

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Renewed Crackdown On Illegal Immigrants

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The Bush administration in its final weeks will revive a stalled crackdown on U.S. companies that hire illegal immigrants, issuing a new regulation and asking a federal judge to lift a ban on the measure, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced yesterday. A Big Brother Migration Solution

Posted: 24 Oct 2008 07:03 AM CDT

For perhaps at least the past generation, the so-called immigration debate has been code for scapegoating and getting rid of the wetbacks “ which of course in this country is but another code word for Mexicans.

Anybody brown, really. It could be called the hidden narrative, yet how hidden is it really? Esperanza Center: Chicana Filmmaker in SA!

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THIS SATURDAY MEDIA MOVES CONTINUES! Sat, Oct 25, 2008 7pm @ La Esperanza

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National Border Wall Summit - Dec 2-3

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Border Ambassadors, Border Network On Human Rights, Defenders Of Wildlife, Latin America Working Group, League of United Latin American Citizens, No Border Wall Coalition, Sierra Club, United Church of Christ, and The Wildlands Project invite you to attend a National Border Wall Summit in El Paso, Texas on December 2-3, 2008. Film screening for 2nd anniversary of APPO attacks

Posted: 27 Oct 2008 02:17 AM CDT

Remember the 2nd Anniversary of the Attack on the APPO in Oaxaca On October 27, 2006 the Mexican army and the Federal Preventive Police attacked the unarmed demonstrators and striking teachers that made up the Oaxacan Popular People's Assembly (APPO). Over 20 people were killed and hundreds were arrested. Sedition Books invites you to remember the anniversary of this historic moment in the Mexican people's rebellion against illegitimate authority with a film screening and a presentation by the Friends of Brad Will who will speak of recent updates from the case of murdered North American activist/journalist Brad Will. Oaxaca, El Poder de la Comuna (2007, 60 min) During the 2006 uprising, the Oaxacan Women's Committee of the APPO took over a government radio and TV station. The Mexican government responded with repression. This documentary was filmed during the most intense part of that confrontation. Sunday, November 9th 8:00 pm Sedition Books 901 Richmond Ave. Austin,

Tx www.seditionbooks.org (<http://www.seditionbooks.org>) sponsored by: Friends of Brad Will, Houston Indymedia Sedition Books If content is not displayed correctly, visit the group archive

at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/la_nueva_raza_news/messages Protest marks two years of local opposition to the Secure Fence Act

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Rio Grande Valley protesters joined with groups in El Paso, San Antonio and Oxnard, Calif., to oppose the U.S.-Mexico border fence Saturday. The protest marked the second anniversary of the week President Bush signed the Secure Fence Act into law, mandating hundreds of miles of additional fencing to be built along the nation's southern border with Mexico. Screening of "9 Star Hotel" Next Thurs 10/30

Posted: 27 Oct 2008 01:25 AM CDT

The UT Palestine Solidarity Committee Presents: Free film screening of 9 Star Hotel Join us for an informative presentation and film screening, followed by Q A Thursday, October 30 7PM UT Campus, Burdine 216 Nine Star Hotel is a riveting Israeli documentary which explores the grueling daily routines of Palestinian construction workers who cross the border before the sun rises each morning in order to make enough to survive. MCALLEN: John Pilger at South Texas College - Oct 30

Posted: 26 Oct 2008 10:39 PM CDT

South Texas College's Distinguished Speaker Series Presents John Pilger Thursday, 30th October at 7 p.m. Cooper Center, Pecan Campus Co-sponsored by Student Government It is not enough for journalists to see themselves as mere messengers without understanding the hidden agendas of the message and the myths that surround it" John Pilger

GEO/Wackenhut Corp charged with prison murders in Texas

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Raymondville, Texas “ Yesterday, Willacy County District Attorney Juan Guerra filed a three-count murder indictment against Florida-based GEO Group (formerly known as Wackenhut Corrections), the nation's second-largest for-profit prison company. The grand jury's two indictments for murder allege the GEO Group, through its agents ... did intentionally or knowingly cause the death of Gregorio De La Rosa, Jr., ... by allowing one or more inmates to physically assault the victim ... while using deadly weapons. A third indictment for manslaughter states the GEO Group caused the death of De La Rosa through its employees within the scope of their employment, which was authorized, requested, commanded, performed, or recklessly tolerated by the corporation.

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A Youth's Movement and the Veneration of a Worn-out Sheriff

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BARRIOZONA MagazineTues, Oct 28 - A Youth's Movement and the Veneration of a Worn-out Sheriff
videos slideshows **barriozona** A contrasting photo essay of the National Day against Wells Fargo
demonstration in Phoenix, and the rally at the Capitol where veterans and patriots honor Sheriff Arpaio.

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Thu Oct 30, 2008

All dayThu Oct 30Rosa Clemente @ Ruta Maya San Antonio (SAN ANTO)LNR EventsAll dayThu Oct 30POWER TO THE PEOPLE CAMPAIGN (SAN ANTO)LNR EventsAll dayThu Oct 30Screening of "9 Star Hotel" Next Thurs 10/30 (AUSTIN)LNR EventsAll dayThu Oct 30MCALLEN: John Pilger at South Texas College (MCALLEN)LNR EventsAll dayThu Oct 30 " Sat Nov 1THIS WEEK AT LA ESPERANZA . . . (SAN ANTO)LNR Events

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Updates from AIRC: Recent Immigration News

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Fourth Annual Celebration of the People Honoring Powwow

Posted: 09 Nov 2008 12:42 AM CST

No Border Wall Coalition Praises DHS' Decision to Spare 3 South Texas Communities

Posted: 09 Nov 2008 12:38 AM CST

The No Border Wall Coalition hails the decision by the Department of Homeland Security to give the communities of Roma, Rio Grande City, and Los Ebanos a reprieve from border wall construction in 2008. It is our hope that this will be made permanent by the new administration. We believe that Cameron County and the rest of the border which is slated for wall construction before the end of Secretary Chertoff's tenure should also be spared.

Congressman Cuellar Announces CBP Halts Three Border Fence Segments in Rio Grande Valley

Posted: 09 Nov 2008 12:34 AM CST

Washington, D.C. " U.S. Representative Henry Cuellar received notification today that Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has made a decision not to move forward this year on the construction of three proposed border fence segments in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Sector in Starr County , Texas (Rio Grande City and Roma) and Hidalgo County , Texas (Los Ebanos). Congressman Cuellar urges CBP to continue to address the security situation on the border with increased resources, including manpower, lighting, roads, technology and the eradication of Carrizo cane.

Upcoming Events at MECA

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Upcoming Events REPRESENTA! A theater performance sponsored by the National Performance Network at MECA November 14-15, 2008 Written and Performed by Paul S. Flores and Julio Cardenas Developed and Directed by Danny Hoch REPRESENTA! is a bilingual theater performance which combines spoken-word poetry with character portrayals that are simultaneously hilariously entertaining and provocative. A diverse and funny show with excellent super title translation for non- Spanish speakers who also want to learn more about contemporary Cuban culture. Admission: \$6 per person (all ages) presale online at TICKETWEB.com

(http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=0015FKVZLqVURtwnjgST42lOdVtvy3wY0JHPIugldKR6GkJqPlkYHTnpKmf7Sd5um3q_rbbG7HbEnGOp-4IBRWLjgkDQCQqIUiZrKima1Lyys4_Bcak7TpZbz-NK1gv5N2H19VsyhVKYVigt73NswPj5SG1NrLfobU7) or via phone at 866-468-7621 Seats purchased via

Ticketweb will be reserved to the first rows of the venue. \$10 per person (all ages) at the door Time: 8 p.m.

Location: MECA's Dow School Campus 1900 Kane Street Houston, TX 77007 Skyline Cinema Multicultural Film Series at Dow School Green LIVES FOR SALE Outdoor Movie Screening and

Discussion amber@hiwj.org (mailto:amber@hiwj.org). Each year more than 18,000 people are victims of mercenary traffickers promising safe passage, who instead find themselves sold as modern day slaves. In

LIVES FOR SALE, we meet and hear the stories of many of those caught up in this horrendous slave trade. Food and Beverages will be sold to benefit MECA. COMING SOON La Musica del Cielo Play based on the traditional Pastorela Directed by Peter Webster The battle between good and evil is brought to life in this traditional all Spanish shepherds play. La Musica del Cielo was written and directed by Peter Webster and inspired by Old Sixth Ward community member Juanita Vasquez. December 12-14, 2008 at MECA Stay tuned for more details! email: armando.silva@meca-houston.org (mailto:armando.silva@meca-houston.org) phone: 713-802-9370 web: <http://www.meca-houston.org> (http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=0015FKVZLqVURv29aJXHEhwXiHfvc3YLvM9trLdGzBaIA-45zNGAQT_T3CgpeN15a6XYcZZFo-s0xMK_AhOK8sDulkc6zdQzDrrGJ_qyAAsuc-n-TpK49SJ_A==) Multicultural Education and Counseling through the Arts (MECA) is a community-based, non profit organization whose mission is to promote the healthy social, cultural and academic development of at-risk youth through education in the arts. MECA offers classical and ethnic arts education and support services to approximately 5,000 students a year through the In-School, After-School and Summer Arts Programs. MECA has served Houston's First Ward, Sixth Ward, near Northside and Heights districts since 1977, providing a variety of arts education opportunities, community performances, public art and cultural celebrations. MECA's 31-year presence has given families and youth a positive sense of themselves, their community and their culture.

BROWNSVILLE: Screening of "SOMA: An Anarchist Therapy"

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SWU 20th Anniversary Program Booklet - Ads Available

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SOUTHWEST WORKERS UNION! 20th anniversary-Aniversario

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Dec. 5,6,7, 08 Celebration Festival Fiesta de Celebraci3n 20th ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM BOOKLET (Libro de Programa)

Screening of "Lives For Sale" at MECA

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Vigil to Honor Domestic Workers

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Pinata Protest! Bringing the Revolution to San Antonio at the DIY Factory - Nov 15

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 08:28 PM CST

This Sunday: Remember the 2nd Anniversary of the Attack on the APPO in Oaxaca

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 07:16 PM CST

On October 27, 2006 the Mexican army and the Federal Preventive Police attacked the unarmed demonstrators and striking teachers that made up the Oaxacan Popular People's Assembly (APPO). Over 20 people were killed and hundreds were arrested. One of the people killed was Indymedia activist and journalist Brad Will. Sediton Books invites you to remember the anniversary of this historic moment in the Mexican people's rebellion against illegitimate authority with a film screening and a presentation by the Friends of Brad Will who will speak of recent updates from the case of murdered North American activist/journalist Brad Will. Sunday, November 9th at 8:00 pm Sediton Books 901 Richmond Ave.<http://www.seditonbooks.org> (<http://www.seditonbooks.org/>)

Indigenous Communities Throughout Colombia Begin Mobilization

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 06:40 PM CST

Today we mark 517 years of resistance against an uninterrupted aggression. The Neo-liberal conquest, more cruel and technologically developed than the one that started with the European invasion, advances with its insatiable appetite of accumulation. This conquest joins rivers with oceans, crosses through mountains, cuts through forests and builds highways, thereby expelling populations, while robbing them of their ancestral wisdom, condemning to death cultures that are indispensable for the construction of life.

End Polunsky Unit Lockdown Now!

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 04:31 PM CST

Jose Angel Gutierrez at Kingwood College--Nov. 13

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 04:23 PM CST

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO FRIENDS and COLLEAGUES DosCentavos is proud to announce an upcoming visit and lecture by Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez to Lone Star College Kingwood. Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the Lone Star College-Kingwood Teaching Theater 6PM

Massive Overhaul of Immigration Services Planned

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 03:59 PM CST

The Bush administration has launched a massive overhaul of the nation's long-troubled immigration services agency, tapping an IBM-led industry consortium to re-invent the way government workers help immigrants obtain visas, seek citizenship and get approval to work in the United States.

Garcia on Obama's team

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 03:55 PM CST

President-elect Barack Obama has tapped University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College President Juliet V. Garcia to his transition team.

The Breakdown

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 03:53 PM CST

Battle the Corporations: Live Texas Underground Hip Hop

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 03:49 PM CST

What will Barack's victory mean for border fence [in Brownsville]?

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 03:37 PM CST

Will the presidential administration of Barack Obama derail the border fence set to soon run through Brownsville's backyard? Probably not, according to academics and former policymakers. But South Texas landowners have not given up hope. With the country embroiled in two wars and a devastating financial crisis, Obama - who voted for the fence in 2006 - is unlikely to upend the project, experts said. Construction will likely drag into the early days of Obama's administration.

NOCHE AZUL DE ESPERANZA:::Next Wed

Posted: 06 Nov 2008 03:26 PM CST

La Esperanza and Azul invite you to ... NOCHE AZUL DE ESPERANZA La Llorona Wed Nov 12 @ 8pm at Esperanza Center (922 San Pedro at Evergreen St. \$5 suggested donation Monthly Concert Series continues 2nd Wed CDs Available: \$15 Noche Azul LIVE ~Esperanza Peace Justice Center~ (entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown) 210.228.0201

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You can check out this week's events by visiting www.LaNuevaRaza.org or by clicking the link below:

<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tejaztlana%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

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HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS – November 10, 2008 issue

ARIZONA: Binational Border Fence Workshop - Nov 24-25

Posted: 10 Nov 2008 03:08 AM CST

Environmental Impacts of the Border Fence Between the United States and Mexico A Binational Workshop on Spaces, Instruments, and Actors (TEIA) Memorial Union, Arizona State University Tempe, Arizona Noon, Monday, November 24 – 4:00 Tuesday, November 25, 2008

La Llorona: Virgen, Sirena, Bruja

Posted: 10 Nov 2008 03:01 AM CST

La llorona virgen sirena bruja Esperanza and Azul invite you to another installment of the monthly concert series... Noche Azul De Esperanza ~~~~~ Wed Nov 12 @ 8pm at Esperanza Center (922 San Pedro at Evergreen St.) \$5 suggested donation Noche Azul LIVE CDs Available: \$15 ~Esperanza Peace Justice Center~

Esperanza Center: Call for Buena Gente!

Posted: 10 Nov 2008 02:57 AM CST

CALLING ALL BUENA GENTE!!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! MERCADO DE PAZ-PEACE MARKET 2008 Friday Saturday, Nov 28th and 29th 10am - 6pm Each year, San Antonio and our neighboring communities eagerly look forward to this special event that brings together over 90 local and international artistas and artesans. We need your help! We must prepare the Esperanza building before the event and volunteers are needed to run the Mercado de Paz for 2 days. Sign Up to Help in the Following Ways BEFORE the Market SAT Nov 15 SAT Nov 22 10am-5pm 10am-5pm -Yard Work: tree trimming, landscaping, brush removal -Leveling sidewalk -Patio Gate Restoration: vine trimming, rust treatment -Clean-Up: 1st 2nd floors, storage areas - Storage Organizing DURING the Market FRI Nov 28 SAT Nov 29 7:30am-8pm 7:30am-8pm -Vendor Assistance: covering for vendors during breaks, set-up/break down -Raffle Ticket Sales -Concessions Area: selling food, accepting donations -Esperanza Tiendita: eEsperanza will have a vendor booth too! -Parking Attendants: direct visitors to parking areas *DONATE YOUR FAVORITE DISHES FOR RESALE @ CONCESSIONS AREA !* VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED WEEKDAYS WEEKENDS nov 15-26! CALL AND LET US KNOW YOUR INTERESTS, SKILLS AND AVAILABILITY! (210) 228.0201 Esperanza Peace and Justice Center 922 San Pedro Ave c San Antonio TX 78212 (entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

111 Arrested in Florida Immigration Raid

Posted: 10 Nov 2008 02:26 AM CST

MIAMI - Two days after immigrant rights groups in southern Florida sent a letter asking president-elect Barack Obama to intervene and curb immigration raids, ICE announced the arrest of 111 undocumented immigrants in a new Florida raid, Univision reports.

Naturalizations and Deportations Both Hit Record High

Posted: 10 Nov 2008 02:23 AM CST

NEW YORK – The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service reported Thursday that both the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) set a high

productivity record this year. The World Journal reports that USCIS processed 1.17 million naturalization cases, which is 50 percent more than the number of cases that were processed last year. The time that it takes to process naturalization paperwork has been reduced from upwards of 18 months to about 10 months. USCIS expects the time will be shortened to five months next year. In the 2008 fiscal year, ICE deported 350,000 undocumented immigrants, which is a result of the Bush Administration's beefed up immigration law enforcement after Comprehensive Immigration Reform failed in Congress.

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EDINBURG: Breaking the Silence and Resist the Wall Rally

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7th Annual Consejo Grafico

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Critics cry foul over DPS license checkpoint plan

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 06:30 AM CST

A number of state legislators argue the Department of Public Safety Commission overstepped its authority Aug. 25 by issuing new rules requiring applicants to prove they are here legally before they can obtain or renew a Texas driver's license. Their suspicions deepened when, two weeks later, the commission's chairman asked Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott if it was legal for the commission to set up driver's license checkpoints. Staffed by state troopers or local police, the checkpoints would stop drivers to review their licenses, vehicle registrations and proof of insurance. State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, believes the two commission actions are taking aim at policing immigration.

Texas House of Reps to meet about border fence

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 06:23 AM CST

The Texas House of Representatives' Mexican American Legislative Caucus will hold a hearing Thursday to discuss border fence, in an early attempt to bring the issue to the attention of President-elect Barack Obama and his administration.

TBC Dumbfounded by CBP `Demands for Secrecy' Over Border Fence Talks, Land Acquisitions

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 06:16 AM CST

EAGLE PASS, Texas (Nov. 10, 2008) – A coalition of Texas border mayors, county judges and economic development associations today slammed a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency decision to shut Rio Grande Valley landowners out of federally-required talks over the border wall in Texas. Members of the Texas Border Coalition (TBC) also condemned a CBP decision to continue land acquisition near Roma, Rio Grande City and Los Ebanos even though the agency announced last week that it would indefinitely halt construction of moveable fencing near the communities.

Platica on Diabetes in the Latino Community

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 06:11 AM CST

Screening of: "Deserter" A Journey of a Deserting Soldier

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 06:03 AM CST

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WW II vet held in Nazi slave camp breaks silence: 'Let it be known'

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 05:52 AM CST

LOMA LINDA, California (CNN) -- Anthony Acevedo thumbs through the worn, yellowed pages of his diary emblazoned with the words A Wartime Log on its cover. It's a catalog of deaths and atrocities he says were carried out on U.S. soldiers held by Nazis at a slave labor camp during World War II -- a largely forgotten legacy of the war.

The Journey for Justice 2008 Caravan in Houston

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 05:49 AM CST

Tuesday, November 18th 8:00 pm CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAS ASSASSINSSedition Books, Houston, Tx
The Journey for Justice 2008 Caravan will be stopping into Houston, Texas on their way to the November Vigil to close down the School of Americas (SOA/WHINSEC) in Ft. Benning, Georgia. Come learn more about the School of the Americas with a short film, followed by testimonials of Community Activists involved in the movement.

"Making Race, Making Health" University Conference

Posted: 12 Nov 2008 05:45 AM CST

CALIFAS: Chican@ art so bad ass, Cheech doesn't even own it

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Thu Nov 13, 2008

All day Thu Nov 13 Screening of "Lives For Sale" at MECA (HOUSTON) LNR Events All day Thu Nov 13 Jose Angel Gutierrez at Kingwood College (HOUSTON) LNR Events All day Thu Nov 13 Platica on Diabetes in the Latino Community (AUSTIN) LNR Events All day Thu Nov 13 No Border Wall Meeting in the Rio Grande Valley Sunday (WESLACO) LNR Events

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Hurricane Season in Austin this Wednesday!

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The Off Center 2211 Hidalgo St Austin, TX 78702 (512) 476-7833 doors open 6:30pm show time 7:00pm www.hurricaneseasonontour.com/live/ (<http://hurricaneseasonontour.com/live/>)

RESIST THE WALL: A Disgrace to Humanity

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Women & Fair Trade Crafts Sale & Cultural Event

Posted: 15 Nov 2008 07:38 AM CST

Saturday and Sunday November 22nd and 23rd WOMEN FAIR TRADE CRAFT SALE AND CULTURAL EVENT St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 W. 15th St., Austin Just in time for the Holidays: Saturday and Sunday November 22nd and 23rd 10:00am- 7:00pm, the AFSC (Austin Office) presents its fifth annual Women and Fair Trade Craft Sale and Cultural Event. All eight of the participating vendors are groups comprised of women who have been affected by globalization processes; and in turn have organized cooperatives to replace income lost as a result.

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Human Rights Week: PACE what a DISGRACE

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Important-Orientation for Reagan Mentors, Tutors, Volunteers this Saturday

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 05:21 AM CST

This Saturday we will have our first orientation/training for Reagan volunteers from 9 am to 12 pm in the cafeteria. This includes those who want to mentor, tutor or be on campus regularly.

USCCB News Release: Poll Shows Overwhelming Support For Immigration Reform Among Catholics

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 05:19 AM CST

WASHINGTON-A recent Zogby poll of Catholics nationwide showed overwhelming support for reform of our nations immigration laws, with Catholics supporting a path to citizenship for the estimated 12 million undocumented persons in the country.

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Concertina Wire Installed on San Diego Sector Border Wall

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 05:15 AM CST

The wire, which agents say is not used elsewhere on the border, has been met with criticism. Yesterday, the Mexican consulate in San Diego released a statement calling it a detriment to international relations. Razor wire is not a signal that reflects the good relationship between our countries, the statement reads.

Vice President Cheney indicted by Willacy County grand jury - Immigrant D

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 05:12 AM CST

A Willacy County grand jury under District Attorney Juan Angel Guerra returned multi-count indictments Monday against Vice President Dick Cheney, former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, plus several other public officials. The indictment accuses Cheney and Gonzales of engaging in organized criminal activity. It criticizes Cheney's investment in the Vanguard Group, which holds interests in the private prison companies running the federal detention centers. It accuses Cheney of a conflict of interest and at least misdemeanor assaults on detainees by working through the prison companies.

On Immigration History is on Our Side I, is the first of several position papers written for the Imm

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 05:09 AM CST

It has been 38 years since the founding of the immigrant's rights movement that led us to the historic Immigration Reform Laws of 1986. 20 years have passed since and without a doubt, in my time, I have never seen such a draconian array of proposed immigration reform laws in congress. The proposed criminalization of the aliens and supporters, the wall and militarization of the border are all an invigorated deluge of white nationalism disguised as anti terrorism and national security.

Border fence: Legislature should join opposition - El Paso Times

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 05:05 AM CST

Opponents of the border fence want Texas state legislators torally behind the cause. That's a good idea.

Human Rights Week: PACE what a DISGRACE

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PiÑata Protest & Kick It! in ROBO TRUMBLE's REUNION

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Screening of SOMA: An Anarchist Therapy

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Immigrant Rights Organizations Announce Mass Mobilization and Renewed Call for Just, Humane Reform

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Washington - Under a theme that declared, "A New Day for America, A New Hope for Our Communities," leaders from grassroots immigrant rights organizations from across the nation stood together with renewed hope and sense of opportunity for just and humane immigration reform. The National Capital Immigrant Coalition and the Fair Immigration Reform Movement announced a mass mobilization planned for January 21, 2009 in Washington DC, to welcome the newly inaugurated President Obama.

PFPJ Screening of "The Visitor"

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Nov.22nd Video for Native American Month

Posted: 18 Nov 2008 10:26 PM CST

Film Screening Saturday 22nd of November We will have a video presentation and discussion at MACC 3115 W. Ashby (near Woodlawn area) Video presentation with discussion from 4-7 p.m. Food and drinks. Open to the public.

School of Americas Watch "Journey for Justice Caravan"

Posted: 18 Nov 2008 10:15 PM CST

November 18th 2008 8:00 pm School of Americas Watch: Journey for Justice Caravan Sediton Books 901 Richmond Ave. Houston, TX Speakers: Tiel Rainelli, Frankie Flores, Adriana Monjarras Phone 323-474-2024 The SOAW Journey for Justice 2008 Caravan will be stopping into Houston on their way to the November Vigil to close down the School of Americas (SOA/WHINSEC) in Ft. Benning, Georgia. Come learn more about the SOA with a short film, followed by testimonials of Community Activists involved in the movement.

Keep Familias Together! - Sat Nov 29

Posted: 18 Nov 2008 09:37 PM CST

It's a Picnic " All are Welcome! We invite you to join AMERICAN FAMILIES UNITED on Saturday, November 29 2008 from 11AM till 3 PM for a picnic, and "get to know each other" gathering at: Picnic Loop of memorial Park This is a pot-luck with no alcoholic beverages so feel free to bring anything that you wish. American Families United is an organization that works to affect Congress for immigration reform that will bring and keep families together. It is primarily made up of individual US citizens or lawful permanent residents who are facing or about to face separation from their immigrant family members because of harsh immigration provisions and procedures. For more information or to contact us, please visit:www.AmericanFamiliesUnited.org ***** Le invita reunirse con AMERICAN FAMILIES UNITED (Familias Unidas Americanas) Re nete con nosotros Sabado el 29 de Noviembre de 11AM-3PM para un picnic donde podemos conocer uno al otro: en el Parque: Lugar de 'Picnic Loop' al Parque Memorial Por favor, traye un plato para compartir, pero no podemos tener alcohol en el parque. American Families United es una organizaci n que trabaja para influenciar el Congreso para reformas migratorias que van a reunir familias y mantener familias juntos. Primariamente el grupo tiene ciudadanos y resident es legales que est n separados o en peligro de separaci n de sus familias por parte de las leyes de inmigraci n que son fuertes y injustas. Para m is informaci n o para contactarnos, favor de visitarnos en el internet www.AmericanFamiliesUnited.org

Two Executions This Week in Texas

Posted: 18 Nov 2008 09:27 PM CST

Two weeks after the first African-American was elected President of the United States, two African-Americans are set to be executed in Texas this week. Last week, Texas also executed two African-Americans. The week before that Texas also executed an African-American. 40 percent of the people on death row (<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001RhLstvkzbzah5ffWdnNg-mIHBATpo1EsixHS7kixN9PmyxoeTML8UYuBWbMhz9K8vzzWKj7LzcaTAtH2aI5Wsh9sbX2-AK1lorPcjfQ0zEDnTNLuy79GUzjNEIPWRVeL5JmcFZeqlVTI=>) in Texas are black, although blacks comprise only 11.9 percent of the Texas population (http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001RhLstvkzbzajDQxUwhYg-EvNv4Cs3Tpe_rAcK4ESlqfvalL7Xo7NOqsiNco5DUTucpS-pxokFI2R2WpS9il2ZUUtIlulyIMvxwrYqOvtAz7S4SZG2MLrEOxgpcYnkLySPOaSY6JBPUplZ7fD4YTpv3FHBWxOsIhFk). According to the TDCJ website (<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001RhLstvkzbzah5ffWdnNg-mE1XzgcIAvUO5PTCRnJeJYn3YWsBPAq2DW3PY5DaRkXW02tSmIpwRCK5RP2am4hr5ci3InVX9DnuscxcGsh92zDs6B0zHTOCeF-0oZdqr945BkhfSZp7-D-FrIdDVSTboDnWcd4WSLai>), of the fourteen executions starting with the one on Nov 6, Elkie Taylor, and going until March 11, 2009, all the people scheduled for execution in Texas are either African-American (8) or Hispanic (5).

Save Reagan March - Sat Nov 22

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Austin Tejano Music Coalition: Have You Voted?

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The Austin Tejano Music Coalition Press Release The Tejano music industry is filled with some of the most talented artists in the world but rarely do they receive the national spotlight they deserve. Here is your chance to catapult one of our own into that spotlight! Country Music Television (CMT) is hosting a contest called Music City Madness . From the initial 64 acts selected by CMT there are only eight acts left in the contest. The Electric Cowboys (Grupo Vida) is one of the remaining eight. So what will it take to send them to the next level? Your vote! <http://www.madness.cmt.com/> Go the website. Check out their video Because I Love You and cast your vote online. Be sure to click on the button Submit Vote for your vote to count. You can vote as many times as you'd like through midnight on Monday, November 24. Here's the exciting part: If the Electric Cowboys win, they will be flown to Nashville to tape their own Unplugged at Studio 330 performance and for their own private showcase with A R executives from Warner Bros. Records Nashville. PLUS... Grammy-winning artist Randy Travis will mentor the winner. How exciting is that? And how awesome would it be to see a Tejano/Country artist in the CMT winner's circle? We can make it happen! Please vote. And then vote again! For More Info On The Electric Cowboys Please Visit: www.myspace.com/electriccowboys Sent Courtesy of EFG Entertainment and The Austin Tejano Music Coalition www.austintejanomusic.com Supporting Our Tejano Music and Heritage

Arizonian will head Homeland Security

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 10:50 PM CST

Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano (D) has been chosen to serve as secretary of the vast and troubled Department of Homeland Security for President-elect Obama, Democratic officials said. Napolitano is a border governor who will now be responsible for immigration policy and border security, which are part of Homeland Security's myriad functions.

Feds offer border fence meetings

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 10:49 PM CST

McALLEN, Texas — South Texans whose land is being taken for the U.S.-Mexico border fence are getting another chance to discuss the project with federal officials. Even with construction on some sections of the fence moving forward and more than 230 condemnation cases making their way through federal courts in the Rio Grande Valley, U.S. Customs and Border Protection is offering to talk privately with landowners.

Congress pushed to OK immigration reform

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 10:49 PM CST

WASHINGTON — A coalition of immigrant rights groups from Southwest border states urged Congress Wednesday to adopt comprehensive immigration reform to reduce civil rights violations and immigrant deaths. Recommendations to improve immigration and border policy were included in a report titled Effective Border Policy: Security, Responsibility and Human Rights, and released during a news conference held by lawmakers, community advocates and faith leaders.

Protest Iraq War Sunday

Posted: 19 Nov 2008 10:47 PM CST

Protest Iraq War Sunday Nov. 23rd @ 4 p.m. Corners of Nolana x 10th McAllen

Mercado de Paz / Peace Market
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Esperanza Peace and Justice Center invites you to attend our... 19th Annual Mercado de Paz & Peace Market Fri Sat, Nov 28-29, 2008 & 10AM-6PM & Free Admission Featuring 100+ local, regional and international artist vendors! At the Mercado de Paz, you'll find unique handmade gifts and artesanía centered on themes of peace, social justice, cultural diversity and ecological concerns. Shop and support creative, conscientious, independent artists rather than corporations. Wares include pottery, textiles, jewelry, paintings, handbags, children's books, mosaics, folk art, and much more. @ Esperanza Peace Justice Center 922 San Pedro Ave (@ W Evergreen) San Antonio TX 78212 artwork by Lola Cueto M U S I C A L G U E S T S Azul Las Tesoros del Westside - Rita Vidaurri, Beatriz Llamas, Perla Tapatia, y Blanca Rosa - Eva Ybarra y su Conjunto ~ Kick It! ~ Xemilla y mas! Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

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TITLE: Movimiento Events for upcoming week *

Mon Nov 24, 2008

Fourth Annual Celebration of the People Honoring Powwow / SAN MARCOS
Binational Border Fence Workshop / ARIZONA (TEMPE)

Tue Nov 25, 2008

Fourth Annual Celebration of the People Honoring Powwow / SAN MARCOS
Binational Border Fence Workshop / ARIZONA (TEMPE)

Wed Nov 26, 2008

Fourth Annual Celebration of the People Honoring Powwow / SAN MARCOS
Underground Merger: Let the Art Speak for Itself / HOUSTON

Thu Nov 27, 2008

Fourth Annual Celebration of the People Honoring Powwow / SAN MARCOS

Fri Nov 28, 2008

Fourth Annual Celebration of the People Honoring Powwow / SAN MARCOS
Fair Food Austin protest at Chipotle (at UT) / AUSTIN

Mercado de Paz - Peace Market 2008 / SAN ANTO

Sat Nov 29, 2008

Fourth Annual Celebration of the People Honoring Powwow / SAN MARCOS
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Keep Familias Together! / HOUSTON

Piñata Protest & Kick It! in ROBO TRUMBLE's REUNION / SAN ANTO

Protest Iraq War / MCALLEN

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Texas Appleseed Receives Grant from Hogg Foundation to Protect Rights of Immigration Detainees

Posted: 24 Nov 2008 07:37 PM CST

News Release from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health AUSTIN " Texas Appleseed, a nonprofit public interest law center, was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health to identify, document and address problems and abuses in the immigration courts system in Texas related to treatment of detainees with mental health conditions.

NYC: The Campaign to Abolish Immigrant Family Detention

Posted: 23 Nov 2008 05:44 PM CST

GRASSROOTS LEADERSHIP at historic JUDSON MEMORIAL CHURCH 55 Washington Square South, New York
Sunday, December 7, 2008 11:00 am: Service and Agape Meal
Message: Luissana Santibañez
Music: Monica Simpson and Si Kahn
1:00 pm: Workshop: Families In Jail in America:
The Campaign to Abolish Immigrant Family Detention
Join Grassroots Leadership staff and board members Luissana Santibañez, Bob Libal, Si Kahn, Monica Simpson, Mafruza Khan and Mitty Owens for a short film screening of Hutto: America's Family Prison, a discussion of the issue and the campaign, and to find out what you can do to help stop 'immigrant family detention' before it spreads. Workshop space is limited, so please RSVP to Monica Simpson at msimpson@grassrootsleadership.org (<mailto:msimpson@grassrootsleadership.org>) or 704-968-0658

12/6: Fair Food Music Fest

Posted: 23 Nov 2008 05:33 PM CST

Fair Food Music Fest
Benefit for Fair Food

Austin
<http://fairfoodaustin.blogspot.com/> (<http://fairfoodaustin.blogspot.com/>) Saturday Dec. 6th, 2-7pm
Music Gym (815 E. 6th St.)
<http://musicgym.com/austin.html> (<http://musicgym.com/austin.html>) \$5-10
sliding scale
Woozyhelmet
Gio Mo Cua
The Bubbles
Diving Captain
And special guests...
Fair Food Austin is part of a national network organizing with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (<http://ciw-online.org> (<http://ciw-online.org/>)). The CIW is a community-based farmworker organization headquartered in Immokalee, Florida, with over 4,000 members. The CIW seeks modern working conditions for farmworkers and promotes their fair treatment in accordance with national and international labor standards. The CIW has aided in the prosecution by the Department of Justice of six slavery operations and the liberation of well over 1,000 workers.

Investigating the deaths of undocumented immigrants who can not be identified and end up in anonymity

Posted: 23 Nov 2008 05:21 PM CST

For many undocumented immigrants the American Dream begins when they put their feet on U.S. soil. But for many others crossing the U.S./Mexico border turns into a nightmare. Dan Doty, a U.S. Border Patrol Supervisor in the Rio Grande Valley Sector, said immigrants face dangerous elements when crossing the border. First the river, then the brush, then the heat, and the animals, and all together it can create a very deadly situation, Doty said. Immigrants say, there are no jobs, no schools and no future in their home countries. So they risk it their lives in their attempt to make things better back home. But dozens to hundreds of them end up as skeletal remains or bodies in an advanced state of decomposition with no one to claim them.

Stop the raids, detentions & deportations! Equal Rights & Full Legalization Now!

Posted: 23 Nov 2008 05:13 PM CST

Stop the raids, detentions deportations! Equal Rights Full Legalization Now! Sunday, November 30, 2008 10:00am - 12:00pm La Placita Olvera 535 North Main Street Los Angeles, CA by Students Against The Raids
Come and help us fight to Stop the Raids Win Legalization. We must go back out into the streets again!!!
This Event is organized by Student and Community Immigrant Rights groups that came together in the Emergency Roundtable on November 16th. There Groups agreed to increase pressure on the Obama administration to sign an executive order to Stop the Raids and to increase pressure so as to win full legalization for all.

Linkages: Border Wall & Prison Industrial Complex - Money Talks

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RAYMONDVILLE " The Willacy County attorney is speaking out against his county's new contract for a massive detention center because he said it involves companies still under a cloud from the 2004 bribery convictions of three elected officials.

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Vigil opposes renewing of Hutto center contract

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GEORGETOWN — More than 100 Central Texans gathered for a vigil outside the Williamson County Courthouse on Sunday night, asking Williamson County commissioners to end a contract with the T. Don Hutto Residential Center. County commissioners are to vote in January on extending the contract with the center, a former medium-security state prison in Taylor that holds 385 people, including 92 children, who are awaiting immigration hearings. Retired pastor Milton Jordan said that closing the center is a moral issue for all the county's residents. The practice of incarcerating families and children, with little regards to their civil rights, is destructive ... to our community as a whole, Jordan said. Protesters held signs that said Prison is no place for children and Shut down T. Don Hutto while singing the civil rights standard We Shall Overcome. They also donated toys, clothing and calling cards to detainees that will be delivered Dec. 20, said Sherry Dana, a member of the WilCo Family Justice Alliance, which organized the vigil with several other groups. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement oversees the center, which is operated by for-profit Corrections Corp. of America through a contract with Williamson County. The county gets about \$15,800 a month from the company. It could go back to (being a prison), and nobody would be hurt; nobody would lose their jobs, Dana said. The detainees hail from all over the world and are seeking asylum or are being held on noncriminal violations of immigration law. In 2007, the University of Texas School of Law's Immigration Clinic and the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas won a settlement in a federal suit that accused the government of violating the rights of minors held at the center. The settlement changed how families are treated and changed federal standards for treatment of immigrant women and children held at ICE facilities. pgeorge@statesman.com (<mailto:pgeorge@statesman.com>); 445-3851

The Beehive Collective presents Meso-America Resiste! at Sediton Books 12/20

Posted: 10 Dec 2008 12:06 AM CST

****SATURDAY DECEMBER 20TH** 8:00 PM Sediton Books 901 Richmond Avenue** The Beehive Collective presents: MesoAmerica Resiste!--The struggle of diversity vs. homogenization in the Americas Sediton is pleased to announce this appearance of the Beehive Collective in Houston. The Beehive has produced a series of amazingly intricate drawings that represent the struggles in the Americas using insects as an extended metaphor. The art is incredible but the politics behind the drawings is the real clincher! So come out and listen to Juan from the Beehive Collective. Bring \$\$ if you want to purchase posters or patches! ++++++++ This graphic takes a critical look at Project Mesoamerica (formerly Plan Puebla Panama) - a development plan designed to facilitate the exploitation of resources by corporate interests in Central America, and transform much of its land to create more efficient trade routes for global markets. This plan is a threat to the very survival of unique and important ecosystems and traditional cultures. The presentation illustrates many inspiring and successful examples of resistance to this top down development through horizontal community based organizing. The Beehive's graphics tell stories of resource extraction, militarization, and development in Latin America, drawing clear connections between the colonial history of the Western Hemisphere and contemporary patterns of corporate globalization, violence, and racism. Using these graphics as a springboard for discussion, the Beehive Collective works to analyze and dismantle the forces at work in our capitalist society through a metaphorical lens of stories from the natural world. For the past several years, Bees have been touring the Americas and Europe with their graphics. With enormous, highly detailed, hand illustrated portable murals, a six foot tall fabric storybook, and an engaging narrative, the Bees have awed and inspired audiences with a presentation intended to be understood by anyone - not

just the experts and political analysts! <http://www.beehivecollective.org/english/tour.htm>
(<http://www.beehivecollective.org/english/tour.htm>) =====

Protest the closing of the stop cancer clinic in mcallen thursday at 4 pm!

Posted: 10 Dec 2008 12:02 AM CST

This is being sent out by our TFA group, but it's so much bigger than us. please share this with any person or group who might support it. Women's lives depend on it. This document may be found online at:

https://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dc5mqjh_14f7f3rdc4 hl=en

(https://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dc5mqjh_14f7f3rdc4 hl=en)Thursday, Dec. 11, 4 pm. 901 E. Vermont Street, McAllen. BE THERE TO SUPPORT THE STOP CANCER CLINIC When hurricane Ike devastated Galveston this year, UT used it as an opportunity to close their medical branch there. This not only stripped thousands of people of their employment in Galveston, it has also had an immediate effect on a local clinic here in McAllen, the Stop Cancer Clinic, that had been supported by UTMB. This clinic provides cancer screening, treatment, follow-up, prevention, education and referral services to thousands of indigent and low-income women in the Valley. They are closing Friday, leaving no services like this available to poor women here in the valley. TFA is filing a lawsuit against the UT system for the way in which the massive layoffs were conducted at UTMB (a violation of the open meetings act), but that won't help the clinic. Tom Johnson, the TFA Executive Director, has also called for a public action, a protest supported by a coalition of local groups, to draw attention to this problem. We're hoping that if UT doesn't restore funding/staffing to the clinic, somebody will. Raul Martinez, TFA's Political Liason, has spearheaded a call to action for this Friday. Several organizations, including Mujeres Unidas, People for Peace and Justice, Caf  Revolucion, and the United Farm workers have been invited to participate. If you know of other people or groups who would be interested in this issue, please forward them this information. And please take an hour of your own busy time on Friday to stand with us in support of the clinic at 4 pm. It's just over at 901 E. Vermont (by STC's Health Science Bldg). In solidarity, Te Norman President STFA

La Voz de Austin December 2008

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The latest edition of La Voz de East Austin is out! Check it out at:

http://www.lavoznewspapers.com/La_Voz_de_Austin_December_2008_internet.pdf

(http://www.lavoznewspapers.com/La_Voz_de_Austin_December_2008_internet.pdf)

On Immigration-History is on Our Side Part II-English and Spanish-This is the 3rd of a series of posi

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Companer@s This is the third of a series of historical and analytical articles written to assist and humbly give today's immigrant rights movement a historical framework to part from, especially now that we are about to enter 2009, the last stage of a 22 year struggle for the empowerment of the millions of undocumented immigrant workers in the United States. I urge you to read it and critique it and distribute to your lists.

A Call to Action: International Migrants Day

Posted: 09 Dec 2008 11:42 PM CST

A CALL TO ACTION International Migrants Day December 18, 2008 Following a historic Presidential election, the National Network for Immigrant Refugee Rights (NNIRR) invites you to close the year by organizing and supporting events to commemorate December 18th – International Migrants Day, and by reaffirming our commitment to the rights of all immigrants by joining us to call for an end to immigration raids, detentions, and deportations. About December 18, International Migrants Day On December 18, 1990, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families was approved by the United Nations General Assembly, after almost a decade of governmental negotiations and pressure from migrant rights advocates around the world. Following lobbying efforts by advocates and

migrant groups, in December 2000 the United Nations proclaimed December 18 as International Migrants Day. Since 2001, in solidarity with other migrant rights organizations around the world, NNIRR has commemorated this day with members and allies. Each year we assist growing numbers of local events and initiatives with widely-endorsed call-to-actions, educational and organizing materials, and commemorative posters and t-shirts. (For more details, visit www.nnirr.org/december18 (<http://www.nnirr.org/december18>); for international events, visit www.migrantwatch.org (<http://www.migrantwatch.org>) and www.december18.net (<http://www.december18.net>)). International Migrants Day 20082008 has been a challenging year in the struggle for immigrant rights, with immigration raids, detentions and deportations taking place during the course of the build up to the recent election. During the last eight years of the Bush Administration we have witnessed and experienced the assault on the human rights of immigrants: families, workers and entire communities subjected to intense policing, hundreds of thousands detained, and due process rights blatantly violated and ignored. Using new forms of illegal racial, ethnic/nationality and religious profiling, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) heightened policing of immigrant workers, violating their labor rights, implemented special policies, including secret programs targeting Arabs, Muslims, South Asians and Sikhs, and illegally rounded up and deported hundreds of thousands. In recognition of the challenges ahead of us, NNIRR calls on organizations and individuals around the country to commemorate this year's International Migrants Day with a local event or action highlighting the following demands: ~ The immediate cessation of all immigration policing and raids;~ A moratorium on all immigration detentions and deportations, while hearings -- that must include the testimony of those affected -- are held to determine the changes needed to restore due process rights and humanitarian policies and to hold DHS accountable. By ending raids and placing detentions and deportations on hold, President-elect Obama and the new Congress can create a respite to consider humanitarian policy alternatives that reinstate due process and the rule of law to immigration services and enforcement. We encourage these activities and messages as a launch pad to press the new Administration and Congress to implement humanitarian policies and practices -- to decriminalize immigration status and protect the rights of all workers. We must continue to demand a fair and just immigration policy that is "de-linked" from national security, and which includes the demilitarization of our borders. Especially on International Migrants Day, when we recognize and honor migrants throughout the world, we need to raise awareness about the need for policies that ameliorate involuntary displacement and forced migration, including fair trade and sustainable community development, and fulfilling the need and access to healthcare, education, housing, and safe, healthy environments. * * * * *To spotlight these urgent petitions, NNIRR encourages you and your community to organize a local event on or around December 18, 2008. Your event can take place at any number of places, and in various forms -- an afternoon action at a Federal Building, an evening gathering at a place of worship, even a potluck dinner at a local community center. We encourage you to publicize your activity in the media to call attention to the significance of the day as well as to highlight our collective efforts to end immigration raids. We also encourage groups to coordinate their efforts with others locally, and to reach out to allies through this event. NNIRR will collect information on all these activities to publicize them nationally and internationally, to raise the collective power of grassroots community action. We will also circulate a national press release on December 16, 2008, highlighting your events, and post this information on our website. If you plan to organize an activity for International Migrants Day, please complete this online form (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=FyTSqSOQ38Jez_2bF7JB5jaw_3d_3d (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=FyTSqSOQ38Jez_2bF7JB5jaw_3d_3d)) or the attached response form and email to crajah@nnirr.org (<mailto:crajah@nnirr.org>), or fax to 510-465-1885. For more information, contact: Colin Rajah, NNIRR510-465-1984 [x306crajah@nnirr.org](mailto:crajah@nnirr.org) (<mailto:crajah@nnirr.org>) ~•~International Migrants Day Actions 2008Registration FormYes! Please register our activity as part of the International Migrants Day Actions 2008. Name of Organization: Contact Person: Contact Phone: Contact Email: Date Time of Event/Action: Brief Description of Event/Action:Please email or fax (by December 14th, 2008) to: Colin Rajah; crajah@nnirr.org (<mailto:crajah@nnirr.org>); Fax: 510-465-1885Colin RajahInternational Migrant Rights Global Justice Program DirectorNational Network for Immigrant Refugee

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Celebrate International Migrants Day (DEC. 18) with AIRC!

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General Meeting of the Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition Thursday, December 18- International Migrants Day! 7-9 p.m. Cristo Rey Church (2215 E. 2nd St.) Members and non-members are invited to participate in AIRC's general meeting. Topics will include: 1. update on the campaign to get ICE out of the Travis County Jail2. deciding on issue priorities in the 2009 Texas legislative session3. sharing important information on your rights in the event of a raid 4. launching a Welcoming Austin Initiative public education campaign to change public dialog around immigration issues *If you would like to attend, please RSVP to caroline@austinirc.org (<mailto:caroline@austinirc.org>) with language preferences.* Asamblea General de la Coalición por Derechos de los Inmigrantes de Austin jueves, 18 de diciembre- el Dia Internacional de Migrantes 7-9 p.m. Iglesia Cristo Rey (2215 E. 2nd St.) Miembros y no-miembros son invitados para participar en la asamblea. Asuntos incluirán: 1. actualizar la campaña de sacar ICE de la cárcel del condado de Travis2. decidir en las prioridades para Sesión Legislativa de 2009 de Texas 3. compartir información importante sobre sus derechos en evento de una redada 4. lanzar una Iniciativa de Bienvenida de Austin de educación pública para cambiar el dialogo público acerca de asuntos de inmigración *Si le gustara asistir, favor de email caroline@austinirc.org (<mailto:caroline@austinirc.org>) con su preferencia de idioma.*

Peticion Especial, A Los Companeros de Esta Lucha

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Our Right to March - Tuesday & Saturday - Free Speech Coalition Meetings

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The Int'l Woman's Day March Committee Free Speech Coalition urge you to attend a Free Speech Coalition meeting! We need your help to protect community marches and free speech! Two Meeting Times next week: TUESDAY December 9, 2008 6:30pm @ Esperanza 922 San Pedro Ave SATURDAY December 13, 2008 10am @ Esperanza 922 San Pedro Ave Need More Information? Download our Talking Points in English or Spanish (<http://www.esperanzacenter.org/freespeech/>) Our Streets Will Not Be Silenced! ¡Las Calles No Se Callan! are the slogans that the Free Speech Coalition has adopted as we move forward with a lawsuit against the City of San Antonio challenging the new March Ordinance that arbitrarily charges some groups exorbitant rates to march down city streets. The court date on the case has been moved to January 26, 2009. You can place your name on a contact list if you are available to join us in court on January 26th. The community's support has been solidly behind us and we are counting on a large turnout in the courtroom as well. Also, to help increase our visibility, pick up your yard signs and bumper stickers TODAY!!! To get more involved, please call Amanda at (210)228-0201. SUPPLIES NEEDED Are you able to donate... Wooden stakes for yard signs? Blank DVDs and jewel cases? Reams of paper? Refreshments for meetings and events? Money to support legal expenses? Printing and postage costs? BUENA GENTE NEEDED Can you help out by ... Distributing yard signs, bumper stickers, and flyers? Writing Op Eds or letters to the editor in English or Spanish? Gathering signatures or tabling at community events? Organizing a cafecito house party in your home? Inviting the Coalition to speak at your school, church, workplace, or organization? Making phone calls? Entering contact information into our computer database? Click here (<http://www.esperanzacenter.org/freespeech.htm>) to learn more about this issue. Click here (<http://www.petitionnow.com/freespeechsa2>) to join the S.A. Free Speech Coalition online. Click here (<http://www.esperanzacenter.org/quepasa/freespeech/joincoalition.pdf>) for a printable Coalition sign-up sheet. Also visit ... La Tiendita de Esperanza Featuring Oaxacan tin ornaments, textiles, clay artwork (including MujerArtes), books, CDs and more Gallery / Store / Office hours: M-F 10am - 7pm Esperanza Peace and Justice Center 922 San Pedro Ave ¢ San Antonio TX 78212 (entrance on W Evergre

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Fri Jan 16 HOUSTON Events in Solidarity with Palestine Sat Jan 17 SAN ANTO ACLU Know Why You're Marching / Mock Trial Sat Jan 17 HOUSTON MEXICANOS AL GRITO DE GUERRA -- (MEXICANS ON CRY OF BATTLE) Sat Jan 17 AUSTIN Honor Dr. MLK's Legacy at Oak Springs Preserve! San Jan 17 AUSTIN Austin in Solidarity with Gaza: Rally at the Capitol! Sun Jan 18 HOUSTON Events in Solidarity with Palestine Mon Jan 19 HOUSTON Day of Service in Houston Neighborhoods Wed Jan 21 SAN ANTO 100 Days of Action - Protest ICE Sat Jan 31 MCALLEN Invite to workes in the VALLEY! Union Organizer Training - IWW Sat Jan 31 SAN ANTO Forum on the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo Sat Jan 31 HOUSTON Black-Brown Convening / Grassroots Leadership and ACLU Sat Jan 31 EDINBURG Southwest Worker's Union Community Forum Sat Jan 31 AUSTIN Fundraiser for Capoeira da Rua Youth Program Sat Jan 31 DALLAS Texas DREAM Action Summit 2009 Sun Feb 1 MCALLEN Invite to workes in the VALLEY! Union Organizer Training - IWW Mon Feb 16 SAN ANTO 11th Annual United San Antonio Powwow Tue Feb 17 SAN ANTO 11th Annual United San Antonio Powwow Sat Feb 21 AUSTIN Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty 2009 Conference

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URGENT! Leonard Peltier's Safety in Jeopardy!

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AUSTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Screening of border wall film at UT Austin

Just Immigration Speaker Series

HOUSTON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photos from the Vigil from Immigrant Rights on Houston IMC + Pledge Drive

Vigil for Just Immigration Reform in the First 100 Days

Black-Brown Convening / Grassroots Leadership and ACLU

Events in Solidarity with Palestine

HPJC's Calendar of Progressive Events - January 14, 2009 edition

"Mexicanos Al Grito de Guerra" -- (Mexicans Battle Cry)

Day of Service in Houston Neighborhoods

Houston Indymedia Year in review 2008 - Pitch in in 2009

RIO GRANDE VALLEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Invite to workes in the VALLEY! Union Organizer Training - IWW

SAN ANTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRIAL RESCHEDULED in Free Speech Case

Press Coverage: Wednesday Protest at San Antonio ICE Office

Forum on the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

ACROSS AZTLAN / US

Brown Beret, mother of three, shot in the back by a Riverside County Sheriff

DALLAS: Texas DREAM Action Summit 2009 - Saturday, January 31

The Time Has Come-Wednesday Jan 14,2009 Meeting to Begin Organization of May 1st

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Call to action! Use your phones to combat private prisons and demand fair treatment

Urgent Action Request - Call & Fax to Support Prisoners Rights & Demands

¿En qué va nuestra campaña de marzo? ¡Firma ahora!

Statement of Union del Barrio on the murder of Brown Beret Annette Garcia

UPCOMING EVENTS

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DESDE ABAJO - SPECIAL REPORT from PECOS:

Blatant Abuse of Human Rights: Jesus Manuel Galindo is killed and rebellion ignites

LINK: http://www.larazaunida.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2075&Itemid=47

La Nueva Raza News Special Report Desde Abajo

Spanish translation follows

Last week on Friday, February 13th families from all across Anahuak traveled to Pecos, TX to demand justice and dignified treatment for all prisoners inside the county owned, GEO privately run Reeves County Detention Center. Many of them drove entire days from as far as Oklahoma seeking answers and demanding an end to the conspiracy of silence.

"Nobody wants to listen to them, so we're here supporting them. We're not going to stay quiet." Maria Reynaga, hermana of an inmate said. "They are not animals!"

COMMUNITY VOICE: End Family Separation - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY_xfR8Y_SQ

Neither the lawyer Juan Guerra nor outside investigators have been allowed inside the prison. To date, no county government official has given public testimony over the exact details of the incident and GEO founder/CEO George C. Zoley has refused to comment.

Many of the prisoners are migrantes who have been punished over and over again with increasing jail time for getting caught crossing back into the U.S. In an effort to reunite with their families and return to the barrios that raised them, many were compelled to return. Desgraciadamente, Operation Streamline and the increased militarization of the southern border, have forced them into a vicious cycle of entrapment that criminalizes them with aggravated felonies for "re-entry" and up to 20 years in jail.

Aun mas triste todavia es que la gran mayoria de los prisioneros are there doing serious time for petty drug and theft cases.

Among them is a young chavalio serving 5 years for marijuana possession/conspiracy to distribute for about as much marijuana as Olympic medalist Michael Phelps probably smoked during that one party and about as much prison time as former UT-student Laura Ashley Hall will serve for her role in the murder and dismemberment of 21-year-old-Jennifer Cave. !Que gacho!

COMMUNITY VOICE: Donde esta la Justicia? - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6l34ulrCjA>

Es por esto que las Familias estÃ¡n exigiendo:

1. Una investigaciÃ³n criminal por parte del FBI y la Division de Derechos Civiles sobre las muertes sospechosas en esta cÃ¡rcel! GEO Group Inc. es una compaÃ±Ã­a de prisiones privadas que tiene una larga trayectoria de violaciones de derechos civiles e humanos en todas sus cÃ¡rceles. Es por eso que consideramos a todos los gerentes ejecutivos de GEO Group Inc. y de PNA (Physicians Network Association) culpables por provocar la muerte de JesÃ©s Manuel Galindo !Presente! PNA es una compaÃ±Ã­a privada de servicios mÃ©dicos que contrata con GEO para atender "supuestamente" las necesidades medicas de sus pacientes.

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Unase a Nostr@s! Check out La Nueva Raza for updates - LaNuevaRaza.org

y llame a Familias Unidas por la Esperanza; (512) 968-8738 para mas informacion.

Abuso de Derechos Humanos: Muere Jesus Manuel Galindo y surge la rebeliÃ³n

El Viernes, 13 de Enero familias de todos lados viajaron a Pecos, TX a demandar justicia y tratamiento digno para todos los prisioneros que se encuentran tras las rejas en elReeves County Detention Center de la compania privada GEO Group, Inc. Muchas de las familias manejan por dÃ­as enteros sin dormir desde estados como Oklahoma exigiendo respuestas y un fin a la conspiraciÃ³n de silencio.

"Nadie los quiere escuchar, por eso estamos aquÃ­ apoyÃ¡ndolos. No nos vamos a quedar callados!" dijo Maria Reynaga, hermana de un prisionero. "No son animales!"

Lo ultimo que supimos por medio de una llamada anÃ³nima fue que los guardias tienen a los prisioneros en un edificio quemado, sin ropa y en puros calzoncillos, sofocÃ¡ndolos con el fumo del humo. Nadie menos las autoridades han podido entrar a la prisiÃ³n para investigar lo ocurrido. El fundador y gerente ejecutivo de la prisiÃ³n privada GEO Group Inc., George C. Zoley, tampoco ha dado la cara.

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Raw footage of the Rebellion can be seen at:
http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=9766729&nav=menu505_2

Further Investigative news/media reports on the negligence, secrecy, corruption, and blatant disregard for human life by the U.S. Justice and Immigration System:

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The Business of Detention
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TITLE: First Worksite RAID of Obama Administration - TAKE ACTION NOW! *

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Date: Wed, Feb 25, 2009 at 7:56 PM

Subject: [Coalition] FW: First Worksite RAID of Obama Administration

To:

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Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2009 15:24:50 -0500

From: mbelanger@immigrationforum.org

To: dignidad@hotmail.com

Subject: First Worksite RAID of Obama Administration

On yesterday (Tuesday, February 24), the Obama Administration executed the FIRST WORKSITE RAID of his administration. Outside Seattle in a factory in Bellingham, Washington, 28 workers, including 3 mothers, were chained and arrested as part of an ICE enforcement operation.

TAKE ACTION:

1. Call the White House at 202-456-1414 and tell President Obama:

*?Business as usual at ICE is not change we can believe in.

*?Now more than ever, a top to bottom review of ICE priorities and it enforcement operations is needed.

*?At a minimum, until the new ICE Director (named Monday) and an oversight strategy is in place, please halt these types of enforcement actions.

*?Just last week, you promised that you are committed to fixing the broken immigration system through comprehensive immigration reform. The President can't say one thing and do another. The community needs clarity.

*?Latino and immigrant voters turned out in massive numbers to vote for change and we will be watching very closely how you handle this incident, these detainees and their legal rights, and the immigration issue in general.

2. Issue a press release or statement expressing your concerns. Sample below.

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TITLE: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HISPANICS ON THE RISE IN THE SOUTH *

CIVIL RIGHTS -- DISCRIMINATION AGAINST HISPANICS ON THE RISE IN THE SOUTH: A new study from the Southern Poverty Law Center documents the rise of hate crimes and anti-immigrant discrimination against Hispanics in the South. The report "Under Siege: Life for Low-Income Latinos in the South," surveyed 500 low-income Hispanics, both legal residents and undocumented immigrants. It found that regardless of citizenship status, Hispanics are victims of wage theft, worker abuse, sexual abuse, and racial profiling. The report found that 41 percent of Hispanics reported wage theft -- being denied payment for a job they completed. Eva San Martin, "an advocate working in New Orleans," described an incident of wage theft: "The contractor raised his shirt and showed he had a gun -- and that was enough. He didn't have to say any more. The worker left." Another trend Martin observed is "amigo shopping," in which Latinos working as day laborers are attacked and robbed on the street because it is known that they have to carry cash since they cannot open bank accounts. Further, the SPLC found that more than 300 "nativist extremist" groups have been formed since 2005, attributed mostly to the immigration debate, which has "gained currency in large part because talk radio [e.g., KURV] and television news programs trusted by the public have provided a platform...for fueling anger and hate against Latinos." Indeed, the report writes, "Latinos are targeted for harassment by racist extremist groups, some of which are directly descended from the old guardians of white supremacy."

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TITLE: Port Isabel Detention Center Detainees Engaged in Non-Violent Hunger *

April 22, 2009

Contact: Elizabeth Garcia (TX) 956-459-3205/ Manisha Vaze: Families for Freedom (NY) 917-748-0938

For Immediate Release “ Developing Story

Port Isabel Detention Center Detainees Engaged in Non-Violent Hunger Strike

Organizations in Texas and New York stand in solidarity with protesters!

Los Fresnos, TX: Today, 200 detainees at the Port Isabel Detention Center (PIDC) began a passive resistance movement with an organized hunger strike to protest physical and verbal mistreatment they face at the facility. Over the last few months, inmates have made many complaints to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and facility operators Ahtna Technical Services Incorporated (ATSI), but the continued deplorable conditions has pushed detainees to engage in non-violent protest.

Detainees have stated that they face violations to their due process rights, do not receive adequate medical attention, and have experienced physical and verbal abuse from ICE and ATSI officers.

Organizations in Texas and New York are standing in solidarity with protesters, as many have received complaints from detainees and family members about conditions at PIDC since early this year. “We’ve heard of detainees being denied food, beaten and shackled as retaliation for speaking up about inadequate conditions. Many of the detainees are legal permanent residents from northeastern cities [and] they’ve been shipped to this desolate prison away from any kind of family and community support. ATSI staff is being very brazen in their lawlessness. I think there’s a perception that no one will speak up in defense of immigrants. It all seems designed to break down the will of the detainees so that they will agree to being deported,” remarked Maria Muentes, an organizer from Families for Freedom in New York City.

Mark Bevans, whose brother is being detained there said, “my brother was physically abused there and was refused medical care until his consulate was notified and advocated for him to receive the attention he needed. He is from New York, and they took him away from all his resources. They are not giving him a fighting chance to get out by putting him all the way down there. It’s hard.”

Catherine Yee, a loved one of a detainee said, “the point of this hunger strike is to let the media and the community know that the detainees’ rights are really being violated. My boyfriend has been there for over 180 days and they cannot deport him since the country where he was born does not recognize him as their national. He is thousands of miles away from his home and attorney in Boston, and he is not getting medical care.”

Organizers and family members of the Coalition of Amigos in Solidarity and Action, the Southwest Worker’s Union, and Families for Freedom stand in solidarity with detainees at the facility and their families and further demand full and proper investigations into the alleged human and civil rights abuses detainees are

currently facing and accountability from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Ahtna Technical Services Incorporated for their ongoing inability to resolve this issue.###

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RED SALMON ARTS / RESISTENCIA BOOKSTORE Newsletter

Conjure: Calling up the Spirit of Struggle, Resistance, & Liberation
Unofficial CD release party for 3 Jazz Collective's latest collection
of music: she danced

We invite you to a forum for progressive artist/activists:
A series of experiments in jazz music, dance, spoken word, & cinema.

This session will feature:

spoken word performance by Ana-Maurine Lara, visual expression by
Wura-Natasha Ogunji, & special guest host Samiya Bashir.

Rooted in the tradition of improvisation, revolution, and blues,
Conjure is a sovereign site for artistic/exploratory/spiritual
collaboration, expression, and rejuvenation. Each jam session will
highlight the "Afrological improvised music" of the 3 Jazz Collective
along with a featured spoken word performer, dancer, and filmmaker
inspired by the jazz aesthetic.

9pm April 25, 2009

Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A South First St., Austin, Tejas

\$5 dollar suggested donation

a salmonrojo production.

Music by: 3 Jazz collective featuring: Joao Costa Vargas " bass;
Phillipe Vieux " baritone, tenor, & soprano saxophones; Kevin Witt "
drums; Bruce Saunders - guitar www.myspace.com/3jazzcollective

Sponsored by Thematic Initiatives and Community Engagement of the
University of Texas at Austin (TICE)

NUMBER: 406

PUBLISHED: 4/23/2009 7:18:00 PM

TITLE: HOUSTON: Reclaim Your Education - A Dialog and Community Building Op *

*** Please forward to all your friends and family that have an interest in learning!!!! ***

Reclaim Your Education is a global week of action taking place in various locations across the world the week of April 20-April 25, 2009. In an effort to bring attention to peaceful educational alternatives, The Real School aka Dragon Valley invites the community to our next Open Dialog on Education on April 25, 2009 from 2pm-8pm.

The Real School aka Dragon Valley is an unschooling cooperative in Houston, Texas. Unschooling is another way of saying self-directed learning which is a type of homeschooling philosophy. If you have or currently are questioning the institutionalized system of education, this day is for you.

"It's not that I feel that school is a good idea gone wrong," he says, "but a wrong idea from the word go. It's a nutty notion that we can have a place where nothing but learning happens, cut off from the rest of life."
- John Holt, author of How Children Fail.

At this Open Dialog

- * Find out about the current homeschooling laws in Texas and how you and your children can begin a process of learning vs. education.
- * Meet parents and children who have unplugged from the system
- * Talk to teachers on what the current school system is teaching children
- * Listen to community members who are working for more educational freedoms
- * Musical and poetry performances showcasing talented conscious Houston artists **** DJ Sunonwater will spin some reggae favorites / Freak in the Frame - 3 talented women you can't miss / Raj Pickens - singer/songwriter with his rock-soul-world music / and more...

This Open Dialog will be held at The Real School 1525 East 32 ½ St, Houston Texas 77022 in Independence Heights. There is no cost for this event, but donations to our organization are always welcome. There is a suggested reading list on our website as well as more information on our cooperative at www.therealschoolhouston.org. The phone number at the school is 832-767-0404.

Peace & Blessings,
kim pickens

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From: <gettinstronger@riseup.net>

NUMBER: 407

PUBLISHED: 4/23/2009 7:19:00 PM

TITLE: AUSTIN: This Friday at 1 pm: Indigenous Struggle & Human Rights in C *

Here are this Friday afternoon's listings on 91.7 FM here in Austin, immediately after the 12:58 broadcast of that day's Jim Hightower commentary:

PEOPLE UNITED talks with University of Texas anthropologist Shannon Speed about her book *_Rights in Rebellion: Indigenous Struggle and Human Rights in Chiapas_*. Allan Campbell hosts, with a regular commentary from Rahul Mahajan ("Tortured Moralizing about Torture"). Fri., April 24, 1 pm. KOOP Radio 91.7 FM. www.koop.org

TEXAS POLITICS TODAY is the only weekly radio show in Austin that focuses on state and local politics. Deece Eckstein and David Kobierowski host. Friday, April 24, 2 pm. KOOP Radio 91.7 FM www.koop.org

And here is what else is happening in town:

Tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 9 pm, the Lilith Fund hosts the Sixth Annual Reproductive Equity Award celebration at Mercury Hall, 615 Cardinal Lane here in Austin. This year's honoree is Sarah Wheat, Vice President for Community Affairs at Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region and former Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Texas. The Lilith Fund is an abortion access fund for low-income women and girls in the state of Texas. For more information, you may visit <http://www.lilithfund.org/Events.asp>

Tonight (Thursday) from 6:00 to 8:00, PODER hosts a Mayoral and City Council Candidates Forum at Space 12, located at 3121 E 12th St in East Austin. Co-sponsored with Space 12, Rosewood Neighborhood Contact Team, and Muntu: Reflections in East Austin, the forum plans to be addressing quality of life in East Austin as well as neighborhood planning and Austin's overall growth, development and governance. For more information, you may contact PODER by calling (512) 472-9921 or emailing poder.austin@gmail.com

This Friday at 7 pm, architect and writer Levi Romero reads from his book *_Poetry of Remembrance: New and Rejected Works_* at Resistencia Bookstore, 1801-A South First St here in Austin. Levi Romero remembers family, community, and traditions from his upbringing in northern New Mexico's Embudo Valley. For more information, you may call Resistencia Bookstore at (512) 416-8885; or, you can check out Red Salmon Arts' new blog at <http://salmonrojo.tumblr.com/>

Next Tuesday at 7 pm, Norman Finkelstein, whose books include the forthcoming *_A Farewell to Israel: The Coming Break-Up of American Zionism_*, speaks at the University of Texas campus in room 3.502 of Welch Hall. (For a campus map, you may visit <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/wel.html>) Norman Finkelstein's

lecture is titled "Roots of the Israel-Palestine Conflict, the Gaza Massacre, and Prospects for Peace." The event is sponsored by UT-Austin's Palestine Solidarity Committee. For more information, you may visit <http://utpalestine.org/2009/04/18/norman-finkelstein-comes-to-ut/>

Next Wednesday at 6 pm, _Democracy Now!_ host Amy Goodman, whose new book (co-authored with her brother David) is _ Standing Up to the Madness: Ordinary Heroes in Extraordinary Times_, speaks at the University of Texas campus in room 2.102A in the University Teaching Center. (For a campus map, you may visit <http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/utc.html>) The event is sponsored by UT-Austin's Muslim Student Association. For more information, you may visit <http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/msa/> or http://tour.democracynow.org/2009/04/austin_tx.html

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Allan Campbell, Producer & Host
People United: The Show in Solidarity with the People of the World.
Fridays at 1 pm, US Central Time
91.7 FM, KOOP Hornsby/Austin
<http://www.koop.org>

Live Simulcast Options on the Worldwide Web:

<http://ct5.fast-serv.com:8508/listen.pls>
(glorious stereophonic for broadband)
<http://ct5.fast-serv.com:8534/listen.pls>
(punchy monaural for any connection)

Favorite Show: Lost and Found
<http://www.koop.org/?page=schedule>

Yahoo! Groups Links

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PUBLISHED: 4/23/2009 7:24:00 PM

TITLE: RIO GRANDE VALLEY: "Faith-based Activism in the Chicano Movement in *

All of the stories of the men and women involved with la causa are engaging and deeply emotional; many include touching or humorous anecdotes. They all provide interesting details of how larger personal and group goals were achieved, and they all reveal an impressive depth of faith and conviction.

Faith-based Activism in the Chicano Movement in Texas: An Oral History Project

Posted by:Virginia Gause on 4/21/2009

Today's Date: 4/21/2009

Dr. Gilberto M. Hinojosa, Professor of History at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, will give a presentation on "Faith-based Activism in the Chicano Movement in Texas: An Oral History Project" on Thursday, April 23, in UTPA Library Classroom 1 at 7 pm.

Dr. Hinojosa and Dr. María Eva Flores, CPD have launched an oral history project to capture the experience of men and women who, motivated by their faith convictions, joined various social justice causes related to the Chicano Movement in Texas.

Dr. Hinojosa will describe the project and present some preliminary findings.

"This presentation is sponsored by Humanities Texas."

For more information, please contact Dr. Gilberto M. Hinojosa directly at hinojosa@uiwtx.edu

From: Erik Carlos Toren

NUMBER: 409

PUBLISHED: 4/24/2009 9:52:00 AM

TITLE: Celebrate & Support Mumia Sat @ SHAPE @ 5PM *

Reminder for Saturday

More Than Just A Book Party!

* Book Sale & Reading from Mumia's new book--Jail House Lawyers: Prisoners Defending Prisoners V. the USA--by Ester King, Ayanna Ade and Ray Hill

* Hear real-life stories from Texas jail house lawyers--Sensei Benton, Bobby Mudd, and Prince Imari Obedele.

* Tribute to Texas' most famous jail house lawyer, David Ruiz.

* Political and legal update on our brother Mumia as we celebrate his 55th birthday

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**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**BOOK READING & BIRTHDAY PARTY for**

**MUMIA ABU-JAMAL**

**S.H.A.P.E. Community Center, 3815 Live Oak**

**SATURDAY, April 25, 2009, 5-7 PM**

\* Reading from Mumia's newest book, Jailhouse Lawyers: Prisoners Defending Prisoners V. the USA: Community Activist Ester King, Black Panther Sister Ayanna, and KPFT Prison Show Host Ray Hill

\* Texas Jailhouse Lawyers to be Honored: Sensei Benton, Bobby Mudd, and Prince Imari Obadele

\* Political Analysis of Mumia's Case, Book Sale & Signing, Birthday Cake and Ice Cream

Sponsored by:

Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement

**[Abolition.Movement@hotmail.com](mailto:Abolition.Movement@hotmail.com) / 713-503-2633**

**NUMBER: 410**

**PUBLISHED: 4/29/2009 9:43:00 AM**

**TITLE: Hunger strike Puerto Isabel Detention Ctr 4.09 \***

Southwest Workers Union

Justicia & Dignidad

ATTENTION

CALL FOR SOLIDARITY HUNGER STRIKE AT ICE PORT ISABEL, TX. DETENTION CENTER

We make a call for solidarity with the HUNGER STRIKE to all working class, grassroots, and immigrant organizations and movements mobilizing for May 1st Marches across the country to win full, just and comprehensive rights for immigrants and workers.

Search results for "Port Isabel Detention Center,"

Link:

<[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Port+Isabel+Detention+Center,+Los+Fresnos,+tx&sll=26.306453,-98.152365&sspn=0.001786,0.003487&ie=UTF8&ll=26.157441,-97.430534&spn=0.114482,0.22316&z=13](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Port+Isabel+Detention+Center,+Los+Fresnos,+tx&sll=26.306453,-98.152365&sspn=0.001786,0.003487&ie=UTF8&ll=26.157441,-97.430534&spn=0.114482,0.22316&z=13)>

T Netix Port Isabel Detention Center  
27991 Buena Vista Blvd  
Los Fresnos, TX 78566  
(956) 233-4004

Please send the form protest letter attached to the following!

Cong. Thompson, Committee on Homeland Security

Staff Directory for Cong. Bennie Thompson (MS 2nd Dist. "Dem.):



Washington D.C. Office  
2432 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-5876  
(202) 225-5898 (Fax)

Staff:

Lanier Avant, Chief of Staff  
Karis Gutter, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Jennifer Jimerson, Schedules

Bolton

107 West Madison Street  
P.O. Box 610  
Bolton, MS 39041  
(601) 866-9003  
(601) 866-9036 (Fax)  
(800) 355-9003 (In State)

Contacts:

Fannie Ware  
Charlie Horhn  
Stephanie Booker (Scheduler)

Greenville

910 Courthouse Lane  
Greenville, MS 38701  
(662) 335-9003  
(662) 334-1304 (Fax)

Contacts:

Juliet Thomas  
Timla Washington

Greenwood

509 Highway 82 West  
Greenwood, MS 38930  
(662) 455-9003  
(662) 453-0118 (Fax)

Contacts:

Trina George  
Elmus Stockstill

Jackson

3607 Medgar Evers Boulevard  
Jackson, MS 39213  
(601) 946-9003  
(601) 982-5337 (Fax)

Contact:  
Brenda Funches

Marks  
263 East Main Street  
P.O. Box 356  
Marks, MS 38646  
(662) 326-9003

Contact:  
Samuel McCray

Mound Bayou City Hall  
106 Green Avenue, Room 106  
P.O. Box 679  
Mound Bayou, MS 38762  
(662) 741-9003  
(662) 741-9002 (Fax)

Contact:  
Geri Adams

FORM LETTER:

Michael J. Pitts, Field Director

27991 Buena Vista Blvd.

Los Fresnos, TX

April 29, 2009

Attn: Field Director Michael J. Pitts

RE: HUNGER STRIKE

Today, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, Southwest Workers' Union and other Community Organization are fasting and had a rally of support for the detainees that are currently on hunger strike at the Port Isabel Detention Center. We are declaring this 1 day fast and demanding to be let into the facility to monitor the detainees on hunger strike.

Most importantly, although all officials at the facility have denied the hunger strike to the public and press, it is our understanding that detainees have been separated and isolated.

Michael J. Pitts, we want you to know that if any harm should fall on any of the detainees on Hunger Strike we are holding you personally responsible. More specifically, we would like to know the physical condition of Colin Roach, a detainee who was separated, and is on hunger strike. We understand that you are principally the one who has had contact with them. We are also holding Dora Schriro, Special Advisor on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Detention & Removal to the Secretary of Homeland Security responsible since she visited the facility shortly prior to the hunger strike and did not report any of the abuse.

Our community cannot let this abuse go unrecognized. And we cannot trust that you are truly making an effort to correct the abuse, since you deny the hunger strike exists all together.

Our main priority is to ask for you to recognize the hunger strike publically and allow community members be allowed into the facility to monitor the detainees on hunger strike so that we can have a transparent process. Attached to this letter you will find our list of demands. We are releasing this letter to the press as well as to the general public.

Sincerely,

Anayanse Garza

Southwest Workers' Union

RGV Office

956.207.9459

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Attachement:

To: Michael J. Pitts, Field Director for Port Isabel Detention Center;

Dora Schriro, Special Advisor on Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Detention & Removal to the Secretary of Homeland Security

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Given the FACTS mentioned in our letter to you today, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, our primary demand is that:

-Community members be allowed to enter the facility and monitor the detainees on hunger strike as soon as possible.

Other demands for the Detainees include:

-Detainees on the Hunger Strike must be allowed visitation during the required -hours and to make a public statement.

-To know the status of the hunger strike and a report on the condition on the hunger strikers by made publically

-Detainees should get the required medical attention they need if they are ill or have medical complications.

-Detainees should have adequate legal resources available to them

-Detainees have a right to due process

-All physical and verbal abuse from ICE and ATSI officers must stop immediately

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Southwest Workers' Union and Community members hope to hear from you soon. Contact Anayanse Garza at 956.207.9459 at SWU Rio Grande office or, Che Lopez at 210 299 2666 or 210 378 5132 cell

**NUMBER: 411**

**PUBLISHED: 5/20/2009 2:43:00 PM**

**TITLE: 1, 800 Prisoners in Arizona Jails on Hunger Strike: Sheriff Retaliat \***

\*\*\*Please Forward Widely\*\*\*

(especially to Prisoner Rights Groups)

I want to make sure you know about the 1,800 prisoners in Arizona jails that have been hunger striking to protest food and other conditions under Sheriff Arpaio there. They've been intermittently striking for the past two weeks to demand better food.

The Sheriff retaliated yesterday placing the majority of the county jails on lock down and denying all prisoners their phone calls and visitations.

The Sheriff has been coming under fire for his actions under the federal 287g program that enables local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws. Arpaio has used this program to deputize hundreds of volunteer posse members, including known white supremacists, and set up ski masked check-points and round ups in Latino and indigenous communities. 5,000 people marched in February to demand that former Arizona Governor and now Dept of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano end Arpaio's 287g program.

The Puente movement in Phoenix is rallying around the prisoners and attempting to break the media silence around this incredible collective action.

There will be more information coming, but right now I just wanted to spread the word.

[http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/text\\_only/jails\\_lockdown\\_05\\_18\\_2009](http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/text_only/jails_lockdown_05_18_2009)

<http://www.kpho.com/news/19488085/detail.html>

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2009/05/19/20090519jaillockdown0519.html>

[http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/bastard/2009/05/hunger\\_strike\\_continues\\_in\\_joe.php](http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/bastard/2009/05/hunger_strike_continues_in_joe.php)

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This list is for discussion & networking within the Student/Farmworker Alliance.

Support SFA - become a sustainer today!  
<http://www.sfalliance.org/donate.html>

[www.sfalliance.org](http://www.sfalliance.org)

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**PUBLISHED: 5/21/2009 8:14:00 AM**

**TITLE: Gira de solidaridad con PR 5.09 \***

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From: ruben solis

sorry for double posting....

Dignity & Justice

Southwest Workers Union

Union de Trabajador@s del Suroeste

Gira de Solidaridad con la Lucha de Puerto Rico/Summer Solidarity Tour"Caribbean without borders---

'Caribe sin fronteras'

Dia de viaje: Junio 19, 2009 (Viernes)

Recepci3n de bienvenida/reception and welcome

Sabado: 20 de Junio

Viejo San Juan/Old San Juan

La Perla

Piñones por la noche (cultural)/cultural night

Domingo: 21 de Junio (Dia del Padre)

Yunque/rain forest

Humacao

Lunes: 22 de Junio

Conferencia de Prensa/Press conference

Cantera y Cañ3n/public housing projects

Martes: 23 de Junio (Dia de San Juan)

Vieques/See environmental justice issues (military toxics)

J3venes/meeting with youth

Playa/beach

Mi3rcoles: 24 de Junio

Vieques/environmental justice struggle

Jueves: 25 de Junio

Casa del Pueblo (Adjuntas)/Center for alternative development (sustainable)

Viernes: 26 de Junio

Mayag3ez/western side of Island nation

S3bado: 27 de Junio

Mayag3ez

Regreso a SJU/return to SJ

Fiesta de despedida/Going Hawai party

Domingo: 28 de Junio

Viaje de regreso/return travel





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**TITLE: AUSTIN: May 1st video and slideshow \***

Video by Morgan Wajda-Levie and Matt Gossage:

<http://www.vimeo.com/4656242>

(password/clave: bikeToTacoDay)

Slide show by Ruxandra Guidi and Bear Guerra:

[http://www.bearguerra.com/may\\_day/](http://www.bearguerra.com/may_day/)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Caroline Keating-Guerra

Caroline Keating-Guerra, Coordinator

Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition (AIRC)

P.O. Box 4429

Austin, TX 78765-4429

512-524-2012

[www.austinirc.org](http://www.austinirc.org)

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**PUBLISHED: 5/21/2009 2:12:00 PM**

**TITLE: Hondo citizens file a Section 5 complaint against recall election un \***

05-19-09 SA Expr-News - Fed suit seeks to invalidate Hondo recalls.doc

05-18-09 Hondo Complaint re recall election.pdf

05-17-09 SA Expr-News - Hondo unsettled after bitter election.doc

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From: ruben solis <grulla@swunion.org>

Dear Good People,

Attached is the Federal Court complaint for an injunction filed by Latino citizens in Hondo, Texas, against the recall election held last week as the result of a petition drive in the white community to unseat the three Latino incumbents who won election for the first time in 2008.

Also attached are two articles from the San Antonio Express-News, a Hearst newspaper, from May 17 and May 19, 2009, which provide background about the recall election. The articles are also available on the websites of both the Southwest Workers Union and the San Antonio Express-News, where you can find additional coverage of the unfolding struggle by the Latino community to establish a meaningful voice and effective role in policy formation and implementation at the municipal level.

City officials who conducted the election without input from the City Council failed to obtain Section 5 preclearance from the Justice Department for any of the changes in procedures they employed to engineer the outcome that resulted in an apparent narrow victory for recall.

The details set out in the suit provide searing evidence of the continuing importance of Section 5 as a vital protection of minority voting rights.

Within the next month the Supreme Court should be rendering a major decision on the continuing validity of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act in the Texas sewer district case that was argued this month. During oral argument before the Supreme Court it was noted several times by attorneys and Justices that Texas is the state from which the most Section 5 violation complaints are sent to the US Dept. of Justice.

Mike Sayer

Southern Echo

**NUMBER: 415**

**PUBLISHED: 5/21/2009 3:41:00 PM**

**TITLE: The Link: A Project of the TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force \***

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Emiliano Diaz de Leon

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THE LINK

A Project of the TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force

May 2009 Volume 1 Issue 3
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This is the third issue of "THE LINK", which is intended to provide you and your organization with "links" to on-line information, articles, resources, book reviews, and a list of men's non-violence trainings/conferences/events around the state of Texas and country. We hope that you find this issue useful and will share it with individuals and organizations that are working with boys and men on a variety of issues. Please consider writing an article, book review, or sharing a resource for future issues by contacting Emiliano Diaz de Leon at [ediazdeleon@taasa.org](mailto:ediazdeleon@taasa.org). Article of the Month

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* Minimizing the Damage - Male Accountability in Stopping Men's Violence Against Women
By Ben Atherton-Zeman

I have been working to end men's violence against women for almost 20 years and I am doing this work largely because of the inspiration, teachings, and welcome of powerful, smart, feminist women. We men (myself included) owe it to these women, and to ourselves, to practice true accountability. More and more men are (finally) joining the movement to end men's violence against women. This is partly because of the efforts of a growing, multiracial movement of men, but it is mostly because of the efforts of women. The domestic violence movement has always invited and urged men to become involved - my gender is a bit slow to respond, but it seems as if we finally are responding.

Continue reading

* Originally published in The Voice, Spring 2009

Book Review of the Month
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Men Speak Out: Views on Gender, Sex, and Power, Edited by Shira Tarrant  
By Jared J. Selly

It can be hard to find a positive voice as a man when so many people may be up against you, especially other men and even some women when discussing issues of sexual and domestic violence. The book, "Men Speak Out: Views on Gender, Sex, and Power," provides an outlet for men to have their voices heard on topics including; masculinity and identity, sexuality, feminism, points and perspectives, and taking action and making change. Shira Tarrant is the editor of the book and she provides dialogue between each section of the book. Her discussions give the reader a sense of where these men come from and what they will want to share about their own stories of involvement on issues of sexual violence. Involvement of men in

the movement towards more awareness of these issues is what the book aims to demonstrate to its readers.

Continue reading

YouTube Video of the Month

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Bitter Memories

Written by Mariella Zavala, Pharr, Texas

Distributed by Scenarios USA

Rob is a young man who grows up watching his father abuse his mother. When jealousy brings Rob face to face with his own violent tendencies toward women, he confronts his father's behavior so he can learn how to be un hombre verdadero.

Consider creating your own discussion questions, or use these to start:

1. Does anyone want to share their thoughts about the film or the characters in the film?
2. Do you recognize the conversation between Rob and his friends about miniskirts from things you've heard at school?
3. To what extent do Rob and his father have the same attitudes about masculinity?

Questions taken from the Scenarios USA Bitter Memories Lesson Plan. Blog of the Month

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### Responsible Men

By Ted Rutherford, Founder

I began developing Responsible Men in 2007 after I left teaching to work at SafePlace in Austin, Texas. It didn't take long to realize that not many men (relatively speaking) were involved in preventing domestic violence and sexual assault. In an agency of over 100 staff members, I was one of 6 men working in either prevention or direct services. It seemed logical to me that since men are largely responsible for a long history of domestic violence and sexual assault, then men should be responsible for ending it as well (thus the name Responsible Men). I wanted to organize men and charge them with the task of repairing the long history of damage already done and challenge them to teach their sons to have compassion, love, and respect for themselves and for the women in their lives.

Conference/Training of the Month

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1st National Conference for Campus-based Men's Gender Equality & Anti-violence Groups

Across the country, groups of male students are making their voices heard! More and more men are finding the courage to say "no" to ideas of manhood and relations between the sexes that aren't good for women or men. They're speaking out against date rape and violence against women, and they support gender equality. Some of these men work through residence life or student activities offices, while others do the work through women's centers and counseling programs. At campuses nationwide, there are even branches of national organizations like MVP, White Ribbon, Men Can Stop Rape, 1 in 4, and V-Men.

These men face common problems: How can they have an impact? How do they find positive ways to get their message to other campus men? How do they deal with backlash, work in partnership with women's groups, or recruit and sustain their groups?

For the first time, campus-based pro-feminist men's groups from across the country are meeting together to share resources, trade their best ideas, discuss strategies, and simply find out what's happening on other campuses.

November 6-7, 2009

St. John's University

Collegeville, Minnesota

Registration: \$10 students. \$50 other.

Texas Event of the Month

Houston, Texas Screening of Consuming Kids

CONSUMING KIDS throws desperately needed light on the practices of a relentless multi-billion dollar marketing machine that now sells kids and their parents everything from junk food and violent video games to bogus educational products and the family car. Drawing on the insights of health care professionals, children's advocates, and industry insiders, the film focuses on the explosive growth of child marketing in the wake of deregulation, showing how youth marketers have used the latest advances in psychology, anthropology, and neuroscience to transform American children into one of the most powerful and profitable consumer demographics in the world. CONSUMING KIDS pushes back against the wholesale commercialization of childhood, raising urgent questions about the ethics of children's marketing and its impact on the health and well-being of kids.

WHEN: Saturday, June 27, 2009 2:00 PM

TICKET PRICE: FREE, RSVP required

HOSTED BY: Houston Family Coalition

WHERE: Freed-Montrose Library (Houston Public Library) 4100 Montrose Blvd Houston, Texas 77006

Monthly Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting

Saturday, June 27, 2009 9am-3pm

TAASA Office: 6200 La Calma Suite 100, Austin

TAASA's Mobilizing Men Task Force includes various individuals/organizations who work with boys and men around a variety of issues. This task force meets every fourth Saturday of the month and provides participants an opportunity to connect with others around the state, share resources/information, and more importantly, support each other's efforts. For more information about the activities of the task force or to participate in the upcoming meetings, please contact Emiliano Diaz de Leon at ediazdeleon@taasa.org.

[ssociation Against Sexual Assault](#)

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TITLE: Bhopal Survivors Tour 2009 *

GroupJuan.psd

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bryan Parras

About the Tour

The campaign and tour are committed to 'No More Bhopals' - exposing the great need for more effective regulation to protect marginalized communities from chemical harm. The Bhopal campaign hopes to gain North American NGO and government support for holding Union Carbide's parent, Dow Chemical, responsible for the ongoing toxic disaster in Bhopal and cleaning it up.

We welcome opportunities to collaborate with other groups in the environmental health, environmental justice, corporate accountability, labor, human rights, women's and youth movements.

Please call 617-524-6018 or email afreechild AT environmentalhealthfund DOT org for more information.

More About the Tour:

The Bhopal survivors' tour is a celebration of solidarity among Dow-impacted communities, coalition partners, students, and unions. The tour includes meetings with:

- * U.S. Congressional representatives, many of whom wrote a letter to Dow asking the company to own up to its responsibilities in Bhopal last year;
- * Communities disproportionately impacted toxic pollution of their air, water and soil due to their economic and racial marginalization;
- * Trade union allies, who daily face the threat of job loss, union busting and hazardous chemical exposure on the job;
- * Students around the U.S., some of whom have passed resolutions to stop their universities from investing in Dow Chemical or taking Dow funds until the chemical maker cleans up Bhopal.
- * Chemical security advocates working to address a potential Bhopal or 9/11, in communities all over the country due to large quantities of toxic-if-inhaled chemicals stored in and transported through our communities;
- * Human rights advocates, who are working to establish a new set of human rights guidelines for corporations at the United Nations and regard Dow as a poster child for human rights abuses around the world;
- * Socially responsible investors who are deeply concerned about the mounting liabilities faced by Dow for creating environmental and public health disasters around the globe.

Survivors & Advocates on Tour

Safreen (Rafat) Khan and Sarita Malviya are confident youth advocates who are committed to justice in Bhopal and have recently helped found the group 'Children Against Dow-Carbide' in Bhopal. Their families along with 25,000 other people have consumed toxic water polluted by Union Carbide and Dow Chemical who refuse to clean up acres of toxic waste left in Bhopal. They are joined by senior advocates Rachna Dingra and Satinath Sarangi based in Bhopal.

Rachna Dingra, originally from Delhi, was just six years old when the world's worst industrial disaster struck Bhopal in 1984. When she was eighteen, she moved to the US with her mother to attend the University of Michigan; it was there that she first became active in the Association for India's Development (AID). Through AID she developed an interest in activist and women's issues, keenly following the struggles in the Narmada valley and in Bhopal. In Ann Arbor, she and other AID volunteers began a campaign against Dow Chemical that continues to this day, which later developed into Students for Bhopal. After graduating with a business degree in 2000, Rachna joined a consulting firm where her first client, ironically, was Dow Chemical! Eventually she decided to follow her passion and quit to join the people's struggle in Bhopal. She describes this passion herself - 'I truly believe in the power of ordinary people because they simply are capable of doing extraordinary things. I see it Bhopal everyday and that is what keeps me going and inspired.'

Satinath 'Sathyu' Sarangi is a metallurgical engineer turned activist who arrived in Bhopal a day after the disaster and stayed on to become a key figure in the struggle for justice in Bhopal. He is a founding trustee of the Sambhavna Clinic, a non-profit clinic dedicated to the holistic treatment of gas-affected persons in Bhopal. As the founder of the Bhopal Group for Information and Action, Sathyu has been involved with relief, research and publication of studies on the health impacts of the ongoing disaster on the residents of Bhopal.

Sarita Malviya is a resident of one of the many water contaminated communities around the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal. Sarita joined the Bhopal movement at the age of 14 when she learned that the water in her community was contaminated. At a time when most of her friends were busy simply grappling with school lessons, Sarita was busy demanding justice for her family and for the gas victims. Ms. Malviya is one of the founding members of 'Children Against Dow-Carbide.' She also played an instrumental role in the 'Prime Minister: Walk Your Talk' 2008 Campaign. During this 6 month agitation, she was arrested several times for asking the Prime Minister to fulfill the demands of justice and life of dignity for people poisoned by Union Carbide.

Sarita has since traveled to many states in India and addressed several school and college students. Now 16, Sarita wants to be a lawyer when she grows up and fight for the poor.

Safreen 'Rafat' Khan belongs to a family of six members who live behind the Union Carbide factory. Her mother was exposed to the gas in 1984. After which they moved to their new house in Gupta Nagar only to discover that their water was laced with the same poisons from the same factory that had gassed thousands of people. Now having nowhere to go, Safreen and her family continue to live in the area and consume poisoned water daily.

Safreen and her sister Yasmin were the youngest members of the team of 50 survivors who walked from Bhopal to Delhi to meet the Prime Minister earlier this year.

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TITLE: Support PODER's Young Scholars for Justice program! *

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From: Erika Gonzalez

May 21, 2009

Dear Youth Supporter:

Our East Austin youth need your assistance. In the summer of 1995 PODER initiated the Young Scholars for Justice Project (YSJ). The YSJ are youth of color who collectively set an agenda to address pressing issues that impact their daily lives in educational, environmental, and economic arenas.

PODER continues to provide youth leadership development at the local, state, national and international level with an emphasis on East Austin social justice issues. We need your assistance in continuing to build the capacity of young people.

This summer, PODER will be hiring 17 middle school and high school youth from East Austin for our YSJ summer program. The program lasts four weeks and students will be getting paid \$160 for each work week totaling \$640 for each Young Scholar. This equals to \$10,880 for the hiring of the 17 youth: 3 from Martin Middle School, 5 from Eastside Memorial High School, 2 from Lanier High School, 4 from Austin High School, 1 from McCallum High School, 1 from Texas Empowerment Academy and 1 from the Del Valle Opportunity Center

The themes we will be working on this summer are: Environmental Justice for a Healthier Community, Stop the Rail to Jail, Art and Activism, and Sacredness of Mother Earth.

Please support PODER's YSJ by contributing to our summer youth program. \$160 sponsors a student for one week, but any contribution would be greatly appreciated. Make your tax-deductible contribution now "and help East Austin youth work towards a vision which honors the sacredness of human life and the environment. Please send your contribution to PODER, P O Box 6237 Austin, TX 78762. In the memo of

your check please write YSJ.

Respectfully,

Susana R. Almanza, Co-Director Erika González, Co-Director

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TITLE: DREAM Act 2009 - President Obama, VP Biden, Napolitano & Harvard Uni *

DREAM Act 2009
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20Dear DREAM Act Advocate,

It is with great pride and excitement that we share some news. After all these years of advocating for the DREAM Act, with the support from the general public, Microsoft, College Board, US colleges and Universities, and today President Obama's and his Administration's public announcement of their support for the DREAM Act seem surreal. Today, we ask you to please keep calling, emailing, faxing, and visiting your congress members and President Obama and his Administration. You can make the DREAMS of talented, dedicated, and patriotic youth a reality. Please do not let those dreams, hopes and determinations slip away. Today more than ever, is our time to ensure that the DREAM Act passes in 2009. Let's make history together.

Sincerely,

United We DREAM & the
University Leadership Initiative
President Obama stated support of DREAM Act with most widely radio host in
Spanish radio in the country
20President's statement below

"I support the DREAM Act 100 percent," Obama reiterated. "In fact, I am committed to education... My administration has increased the amount of money invested in education; because I want more students to have the opportunity to go to college, and to have access to more resources, scholarships, and loans. Referring specifically to undocumented students, the president stated, "these students are now children of the United States, and it is very likely that they will remain in this country."

Obama signaled that the United States has to make a big decision: Have "them remain in this country without an education or work to enable them to take advantage of the academic opportunities that this country offers. "

The President argued that beyond creating legal mechanisms for undocumented students to attend college, we must develop a plan so that they can work legally in the United States once they graduate. "We need to get at least 60 votes in the Senate and a majority of the House of Representatives... That is something that we have yet to accomplish," Obama indicated.

A DREAMER meets with Vice-President Joe Biden
From the DREAMer's perspective
First and foremost, thank you for the great vibes and wishes I received after I announced I would be meeting with Vice-President Joe Biden. They really helped me get pumped and most importantly, pushed me to be vocal about our issue. The following is a long summary and I am happy to answer any further questions.

The meeting took place at 10am in a Los Angeles hotel. About ten to fifteen people were in attendance and they came from various organizing backgrounds such as labor (EFCA), marriage equality (from the Courage

Campaign) and advocates for universal health care. I believe I was the only student present and to my knowledge, the only advocate for immigrant rights/DREAM Act.

We were initially told by staff that the purpose of the meeting was simply a meet and greet with a photo opportunity and it was only scheduled to last about 15 minutes but we ended chatting with him for about an hour before he had to leave.

Time ran out after that and he was being encouraged to finish the meeting by his staff. I felt disappointed that I did not have the courage to just speak up in front of all the other organizers. I thought about the unique opportunity I had before me, and how many people would be disappointed if I didn't at least try. Before I could open my mouth, the third question was being asked and my heart sank. I guess the person asking the question either got stuck asking the question or never finished asking it, so there was a moment of silence and I took the chance.

Given the level of my excitement and my growing concern of not being able to ask anything, my voice was unusually loud and clear. "Mr. Vice-President!" I almost shouted. I then went into automatic pilot, as if I've done this a million times over. I stated the issue, gave some numbers and economic stats, and then talked about my own peers at UCLA. I disclosed my efforts as a leader on the issue and also as an advocate for issues students care about as the Southern California Regional Director of the California College Democrats. I was in the process of asking him "the question" when he stopped me mid-sentence. "The answer is YES," he stated. I responded by saying that I knew he was a supporter of the DREAM Act when he was a Senator and was well aware that Obama was a co-sponsor at one point, but that my question was more of a when and how.

He began to talk about his background to the group. He said that with an Irish Catholic background he understood that immigrants of the past came to this country due to religious persecution and that now, we are looking at a surge of immigrants because of economic dislocation. He said, "No one comes to this country leaving their family, culture and everything they own, only to be hated and treated poorly here, they come for jobs. It's a matter of survival."

He then went on to talk about the importance of international relations, decreasing poverty abroad, etc. He gave the group the big picture. He then came back to specifics. "If it were up to me and Barack, we'd have something out by the end of year. We hope to."

It was the answer I expected. I don't know what else I could have gotten out of it, and I must admit, I may have romanticized the situation through my own anticipation and thus felt disappointed. As he was walking away, I decided to approach him and pull him aside. I asked him if I was allowed to give him anything and he said he didn't see why not. So I handed him a copy of Underground Undergrads (I had previously written a personal note in it), a letter from Kevin Prada and a Support the Dream Act button. I explained a bit of what they were, and he promised to read them on the plane back home. I hope he did.

He then asked me to thank everyone who was doing this work, for putting it on the radar. "Thank you so much for the work you do, really. Thank you" Feeling a bit better, I walked away wondering about how that meeting could have possibly contributed to the movement.

A few hours later at UCLA, I found out one of our IDEAS members' sister had gotten deported that 20day. She is 17.

Perhaps this meeting is one of those once in a lifetime moments you take with you your whole life. It's not everyday a Dreamer gets the chance to speak directly with people like our Vice-President. I hope it inspires

people to know that at least I had a seat at the table that one time, for one hour and that he listened and he cared. It was a true honor to have met Vice-President Joe Biden.

DHS Secretary Napolitano endorses DREAM Act Press Release from the National Immigration Law Center

May 6, 2009 - Washington D.C. - Today, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Napolitano endorsed the DREAM Act during a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee

In response to a question by Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), Secretary Napolitano highlighted her support of the DREAM Act in her previous role as the governor of a border state. She reaffirmed her continued support for the bill as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

"Secretary Napolitano's endorsement of the DREAM Act is a positive step towards the passage of the DREAM Act and is indicative of the Administration's support for reforming our immigration system," said Marielena Hincapié, Executive Director of the National Immigration Law Center. "NILC commends her support of this essential piece of legislation that would make it possible for many deserving young people to realize their dreams."

The DREAM Act currently enjoys the backing of House and Senate leadership, all of the relevant committee chairs and now the Obama Administration. "With the Administration's public support of the bill, the DREAM Act is in the best possible position to be passed this year" said Adey Fisseha, Interim Federal Policy Director of NILC.

Harvard's Faust backs path to legal residency for illegal immigrant bill called 'lifeline'

By Maria Sacchetti Globe Staff / May 21, 2009

Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust yesterday backed federal legislation that would clear the way for illegal immigrant students to apply for legal residency, an endorsement that stunned students and drew criticism for a president who has largely steered clear of fierce debates.

"I believe it is in our best interest to educate all students to their full potential - it vastly improves their lives and grows our communities and economy," she wrote in a letter to Senators Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry and Representative Michael E. Capuano, thanking them for their support for the legislation. "This bill will help move us closer to this goal."

Faust, who declined to be interviewed, is not the first leader to endorse the Dream Act. But her action adds a powerful new voice to the debate over a bill that has languished in Congress since 2001.

The Dream Act often surfaces in the debate in individual states over whether illegal immigrant students should pay resident tuition at public colleges and universities.

But the latest version of the Dream Act focuses largely on allowing illegal immigrant students to apply for legal residency, which is an issue that affects public and private colleges such as Harvard because its graduates cannot legally work in this country. (The act would make it easier for states to charge resident tuition, but does not require it).

Private colleges do not rely on government funding and can decide to finance those students on their own.

Harvard students said they have been lobbying Faust for months on the issue. They held a rally and submitted a petition with 120 signatures, said Harvard junior Kyle de Beausset, one of the organizers.

In recent months, two Harvard students who are in the United States illegally met with Faust in her office to seek her support. Yesterday, one of those students, an 18-year-old former high school valedictorian who has been in the United States since he was 9, said he was thrilled.

"We realized that what we were asking her to do wasn't an easy thing. The issue of immigration is politically charged," said the student, who spoke on the condition that his name not be used. "I am and will forever be indebted to this institution."

But Bob Dane, spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, said Harvard should not admit illegal immigrants because they displace students here legally.

"Maybe the elites at Harvard should come down from their ivory tower and get some ground perspective on what kind of cost and competition that legal US residents are actually incurring these days," said Dane. Maria Sacchetti can be reached at msacchetti@globe.com.

Never doubt the power of your dreams, your power to make a difference in someone's life.

Sincerely,

United We DREAM
University Leadership Initiative

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TITLE: Carta Solidaridad con Lourdes Contreras (English y Espa ol) *

National Women's Fightback Network / Red de Mujeres en Lucha
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212-633-6646 - fax 212-633-2889
Boston —† Detroit —† Los Angeles —† New York —† Philadelphia
Email: mujeresenlucha@peoplesmail.net

Thursday, May 21, 2009

The Women's Fightback Network/Red de Mujeres en Lucha, based in the United States and affiliated to the Women's International Democratic Federation, strongly condemns the despicable action on the part of the United States' authorities against the citizen of the Dominican Republic, Lourdes Contreras Perez.

Contreras Perez was held for more than ten hours in the airport of Miami by U.S. agents last May 13 while she was on her way to attend a conference about gender in Kingston, Jamaica as professor and Director of the Gender Center at the INTEC University in the capital of the Republic.

Although she had no criminal record or charges, U.S. agents held her for long hours of hostile and illegal interrogation without letting her know the reason for such a despicable maneuver. Without any reason her visa for entrance to the United States was revoked and she was deported to the Dominican Republic.

It is clear that this was an operation totally based on the political ideals of Contreras Perez, who is a well-known socialist in her country, and by her association to the equally well-known socialist activist Narciso Isa Conde, to whom she is married.

We demand that the State Department of the United States reinstate Contreras Perez's visa to and offer her a public apology. Otherwise, the President Barack Obama administration's promise to improve the relations with Latin America will be only hollow words. Only by respecting the rights of peoples will the foundation be laid for improving relations, something that obviously was lacking in this case.

The Women's Fightback Network is in complete solidarity with Ms Lourdes Contreras Perez and her family.
Berta Joubert-Ceci

Co-Coordinator National Women's Fightback Network

CC:

Barack Obama, President of the United States - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

Hillary Clinton, Secretary of State - <http://contact-us.state.gov>

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La Red de Mujeres en Lucha/Women's Fightback Network, basada en los Estados Unidos y afiliada a la Federaci n Democr tica Internacional de Mujeres, condena en rgicamente la vil acci n por parte de las autoridades estadounidenses contra la persona de la ciudadana de la Rep blica Dominicana, Lourdes Contreras P rez.

Contreras P rez fue detenida por m s de diez horas en el aeropuerto de Miami por agentes estadounidenses el pasado 13 de mayo cuando iba de paso para asistir a una conferencia sobre g nero en Kingston, Jamaica en calidad de profesora y Directora del Centro G nero de la Universidad INTEC en la capital de la Rep blica.

Pese a no tener ning n antecedente delictivo fue objeto de largas horas de interrogaci n hostil a la vez que ilegal, sin decirsele el motivo de tan despreciable maniobra. Sin raz n alguna su visa de entrada a los Estados Unidos fue revocada y a continuaci n fue deportada a la Rep blica Dominicana.

S lo queda pensar que esto fue una operaci n totalmente basada en los ideales pol ticos de Contreras P rez, quien es una reconocida socialista en su pa s, y por su asociaci n al tambi n reconocido luchador socialista Narciso Isa Conde, de quien es esposa.

Exigimos al Departamento de Estado de los EEUU que le reintegre la visa a Contreras P rez y le ofrezca p blicamente una declaraci n de disculpa. De lo contrario, son palabras huecas de la presente administraci n del Presidente Barack Obama cuando prometi  mejorar las relaciones con Am rica Latina. Es respetando los derechos de los pueblos como se mejoran y se cimentan las relaciones, algo que obviamente falt  en este caso.

La Red de Mujeres en Lucha se solidariza totalmente con la compa era Lourdes Contreras P rez y con su familia.

Atentamente,

Berta Joubert-Ceci

Co-Coordinadora Nacional

Red de Mujeres en Lucha

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TITLE: The Police Foundation Study on 287(g) *

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From: maria jimenez

Below is the link to the study by the Police Foundation that concludes 287(g) has many problems for local law enforcement.

Chief Harold Hurtt was at the press conference of its release and hinted he was not in agreement with it. The City's request was Mayor White's idea.

Reminder that there is another protest scheduled for Wed. May 27 at 11:30 am at the Police Union 1600 State Houston 77007.

If you cannot go, quote the study and send a strong message to Mayor White and Chief Hurtt.

Thanks.

From: adrianafernandez241

Study released by the Police Foundation on immigration.

<http://policefoundation.org/indexStriking.html>

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TITLE: GREENPEACE Mexico *

Si no puedes ver este mail, haz click [aquí](#)

Clima y energíA Transg nicos Oc anos Bosques T xicos La Ant rtica perdi  un bloque de hielo del tama o de Nueva York en d as recientes, debido al calentamiento global. Se form  durante cientos de a os y hoy se ha desprendido. Lee m s El bi logo, investigador y socio de Greenpeace, V ctor Toledo, estrena esta columna para contar historias exitosas sobre mexicanos que construyen otro campo posible y sostenible. Lee m s Monsanto pretende experimentar con nuevas cruzas transg nicas en campo abierto y con supervisi n privada. Hay 12 solicitudes de pruebas que podr an aprobarse.

Lee m s

Por favor, no respondas este mail

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TITLE: [Cuba/Lat-Am] ; Roberto Mart Ñ nez, presente ahora y siempre! *

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 20, 2009

HUMAN RIGHTS PIONEER ROBERTO MARTINEZ PASSES AWAY PEACEFULLY SURROUNDED BY HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY

ROBERTO MARTINEZ WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORING AND DOCUMENTATION IN BORDER COMMUNITIES

SAN DIEGO [MAY 20] ¹ Roberto Martinez, a lifelong Chicano civil and human rights advocate and former director of the US-Mexico Border Program of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) in San Diego, passed away this morning in the presence of his immediate family. He was 72 years old. Roberto was a fifth generation Chicano who witnessed blatant discrimination and racial intolerance as a young man. He became a prominent advocate for migrant communities in the late 1970s and early 1980s and worked with several organizations in order to confront law enforcement abuse of authority. In 1983, Roberto became the director of the AFSC's US-Mexico Border Program, and he was instrumental in developing a human rights methodology that is now widely used by human rights organizations along the US-Mexico border. In 2001, Roberto retired as director of the AFSC because of complications with diabetes, after 18 years of service with the AFSC, and after a lifetime of advocacy for human rights in border communities.

Throughout the course of his life, Roberto participated in countless community forums, panel presentations, and testified before the US Congress on Border Patrol violence and the increasing militarization of the US-Mexico border. Roberto became an internationally recognized advocate of the dispossessed, the disenfranchised, and those relegated to the margins because of immigration policies. In 1992, Roberto became the first US citizen to be honored as an International Human Rights Monitor by the international human rights organization Human Rights Watch for his pioneering human rights advocacy in border communities. Recently Roberto received the prestigious Ohtli Award presented to him by the Mexican Government, the highest honor granted to a non-Mexican national for their service to Mexicans abroad. He was also the recipient of the Quezalcoalt Award, presented to him by the Mexican National Commission for Human Rights. Roberto is survived by his wife, Yolanda, nine children, 23 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Information about services for Roberto are forthcoming. [SEE BELOW]

Roberto will surely be missed. He was a mentor to many, always worked with integrity and treated everyone with respect. Roberto's determination in

advocating for justice, peace, and dignity is an admirable legacy that should serve as an example for all.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the outpouring of support and condolences for the Martinez family. These have been difficult moments for them and for our communities. Roberto will truly be missed; voices like his are needed urgently in the quest for justice and dignity.

Roberto's wish was that all who attended the services wear white, his favorite color and to also remember the recent and historic marches demanding justice for migrants, that so inspired him and our communities.

Services will be held:

Visitation:

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 from 5 PM to 9 PM

Rosary will be held at 7 PM

Humphrey Mortuary

753 Broadway Ave

Chula Vista, CA

Funeral Mass:

Wednesday, May 27 at 10 AM

St. Jude's Catholic Church

1129 South 38th Street

San Diego, CA

Please send sympathy cards and contributions to

Yolanda Mart[~]nez

c/o AFSC

PO Box 126147

San Diego, CA 92112

If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution, you may send it to:

PIQE

Morena Blvd. #200,

San Diego, CA 92117

In the subject area of the check, write ³Roberto Martinez Donation.² They will mail you a receipt with PIQE's non-profit tax I.D.

¡Roberto Mart[~]nez, presente ahora y siempre!

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TITLE: CARA MIA THEATRE presents CRYSTAL CITY 1969 *

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May 2009Cara Mia Theatre Company
presents
Crystal City 1969
A play by David Lozano and Raul Treviño
Premiering December 9-19, 2009
at the Latino Cultural Center, Dallas, Texas

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Help make Crystal City 1969 a reality!

Contribute Now!

Dear Familia,

In commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Crystal City, Texas student walkout, Cara Mia Theatre Company proudly presents the world-premiere production of Crystal City 1969. Written by David Lozano and Raul Treviño, this play is based on the true story of Mexican American students who walked out of school and into civil rights history.

Student leaders Severita Lara, Diana Serna and Mario Treviño challenged the establishment to live up to the true meaning of our nation's principles of democracy and justice. With the sound support of mentor José Angel Gutiérrez, and other influential trailblazers including the late Ralph Yarborough, George H. Bush, and Joaquin Jackson, ordinary students made an extraordinary contribution to the tapestry of our nation's history of civil rights.

This month, take a moment to hear from La Raza Unida Party co-founder, José Angel Gutiérrez, and one of the three student leaders, Severita Lara. José Angel Gutiérrez was interviewed by David Lozano, Raul Treviño and videographer Cesar Hernandez in preparation for the writing of Crystal City 1969.

[Click here to see video interview](#)

Cara Mia traveled to Crystal to interview Severita Lara in the Crystal City High School library. Witness a legend of Chicano history describing the Crystal City walkout!

[Click here to see Severita Lara interview](#)Please support Crystal City 1969 by making a financial contribution! Cara Mia Theatre set a \$5,000 fundraising goal for this month, ending May 31. Currently, we have raised \$775. With only 7 days left, please help bring us closer to our goal! Any donation of \$25 or more will help us realize this important production! [Click on the link below and donate today!](#)

Contribute Now! Aydenos to develop a partnership between the arts and cultural history. Each month we will share our financial goals and writer/director notes, along with production and education updates via this Crystal City 1969 E-Newsletter.

We need the community to make this event a reality! Please contribute and stay posted to our upcoming news!

Keep an eye and ear open for upcoming trailers and shout outs on the horizon with news from the CrystalCity 1969 E-Newsletter.

Sincerely,
David Lozano & Raul Treviño
Co-Writers and Co-Producers
Crystal City 1969
Cara Mia Theatre Company
www.caramiatheatre.com

Cara Mia Theatre Company

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TITLE: Teatro Vivo wants you to attend... *

Teatro Vivo invites you to
two great Latino arts events...

Teatro Vivo presents
Noche de Coraz n y Alma
an evening of fabulous Latino artists
to support Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program
Saturday June 13 7-11 pm
at the fabulous Casa Rodriguez
3501 E - K Lane Austin TX 78754

You will enjoy delicious appetizers, a variety of beverages, a silent auction and an evening of entertainment
by some of Austin's finest Latino music, dance and performing artists, all in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Enjoy the music of
Myrna Cabello

Dancers from Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico

Poet and performance artist
Felix Rivas

Makayla Machado and 32 Flavors

Your hosts for the evening will be Teatro Vivo's company members. Meet and mingle with the actors from
the productions you have enjoyed!

Pre sale \$25 tickets/ \$30 day of event
On sale now!
AUSTIX 474-8497
Buy Tickets Here Available On-line

Can't attend? Want to make a contribution to Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program?
Use your credit card on a secured PayPal site .

All funds raised support Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program that focuses on making theatre
accessible to students, seniors and other members of our community who do not have access to the arts.

Support Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program and have a fabulous time at
Noche de Coraz n y Alma on Saturday, June 13.

Get your tickets here!
Teatro Vivo
PO Box 300028
Austin, Texas 78703

Teatro Vivo

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Bilingual Romeo & Juliet @ Zilker *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Carmen Llanes

Hello, compas & amig@s,

This Zilker show was mentioned to me by a friend and old compaÑera de baile, who works with teatro vivo and has a great artistic eye. You might want to check it out or take friends/fam :) I'm going to try to go weekend after next....-carmen

Hi ya'll,

I just wanted to say a quick hello and encourage ya'll to go see the biligual version of Romeo and Juliet showing now until June 7th at the Zilker Hillside Theatre.

I was able to go this past weekend and enjoyed it very much. Amongst my favorites were Montegue and the Nurse, two very expressive and vibrant characters throughout the play. It's set in the time of 1940's, somewhere in Texas-con pachucos y a quincenera where Romeo & Julieta first meet. The multicultural cast and sprinkles of spanish will lure you into this timely classic, making it seem all anew.

For more information, go to www.austinshakespeare.org

I talked to a couple of actors after the show, and their main concern was to get "more gente" to come and support them. So please, forward this on to your friends and family and make it a night of food, fun and family, everything our cultura is all about.

Gracias y abrazos,

Jenny

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Carmen Llanes

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"In the final analysis, it doesn't matter what the political system is...We don't need perfect political systems; we need perfect participation." -Cesar E. Chavez

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TITLE: AUSTIN: "Altered Lives: An Immigration Film Series" *

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From: Matthew Gossage

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

In conjunction with the special exhibit, Forgotten Gateway, the Museum continues its "Altered Lives: An Immigration Film Series" this Thursday evening with a series of short films presented by Austin Film Festival. Thursday at 7pm; Museum members FREE; non-members \$5.

Altered Lives: An Immigration Film Series

February " June 2009 7-9 PM

Spirit Theater

Film Organizations Members and Museum Members FREE

Non-Members, \$5

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum is located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in downtown Austin, Texas. With close proximity to Interstate Highway 35 and MoPAC Expressway (Loop 1), the Museum is easy to access.

To help tell the story illustrated in the special exhibition, Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island, the Museum is hosting a film series that will run from February through June.

May 28, 2009:

Austin Film Festival presents Stories of Borders: Short Films about Immigration. Join us for an evening of film and an appearance by local filmmakers Matthew Gossage (Director of America's Family Prison) and Angela Torres Camarena (Director of Exiled in America). The short film lineup includes:

Wet Foot/Dry Foot " Finding themselves stranded on a deserted island, two Cuban refugees must struggle against nature and each other to stand a chance at freedom. Get caught in the water, and they send you home, but touch dry land and you're allowed to stay. (USA, 17 min.) Directed by: Carlos Gutierrez

Muertas " A young American journalist attempts to piece together the fractured memories of a love lost amidst the ongoing Juarez, Mexico murders. (USA, 9 min.) Directed by: Ryan Piers Williams

Victoria Para Chino " In May 2003 a refrigerated truck carrying more than 80 undocumented immigrants from the Mexican border drove into the Heartland of Texas. This is a story of that journey. (USA, 13 min.) Directed by: Cary Fukunaga

America's Family Prison " A determined people stand in solidarity with imprisoned, non-criminal immigrant families to close the for-profit residential facility which holds them. (USA, 18 min.) Directed by: Matthew Gossage

Exiled in America “ A group of siblings cope with the deportation of their mother, a legal U.S. citizen, while calling into question the legality and morality of the nation’s zero tolerance laws. (USA, 10min.) Directed by Angela Torres Camarena

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TITLE: REMINDER: SA Free Speech Coalition Meeting TOMMORROW! (WED) *

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SA Free Speech Coalition WORKING MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

@ 6:30pm

at the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center

922 San Pedro, 78212

Join the S.A. Free Speech Coalition for a working meeting

to make flags and signs

for cyclists at

Critical Mass (May 29th)

and to distribute at

First Friday (June 5). PARADE ORDINANCE

LAWSUIT UPDATE:

In March 2009, Judge Fred Biery lifted the injunction on the parade ordinance, which means the city can now enforce the ordinance and charge unjust fees on our free speech until the case is decided.

He still hasn't assigned a court date.

LA LUCHA SIGUE!

Although this is not good news for us, it is increasingly important that we all continue

TALKING TO EVERYONE about this local/global

struggle against the silencing of dissent by

- Distributing flyers - Gathering signatures -

- Making presentations & announcements -

- Talking with family & friends -

- Putting out signs & bumper stickers -

WE COULD BE ASSIGNED A NEW

COURT DATE AT ANY MOMENT!

WE MUST BE READY!

www.esperanzacenter.org/freespeech

S.A. Free Speech Coalition meets the

1st Wednesday of every month.

Next Regular Meeting

June 3 @ 6:30pm

at Esperanza

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center
922 San Pedro Ave ¢ San Antonio TX 78212
(entrance on W Evergreen, 1/2 mile north of downtown)

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: PMA meeting July 09 *

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From: ruben solis

ATTENTION

Please join the People's Movement Assembly...

Are you a member of a grass-roots, Kentucky-based organization that would love to reach out on an organization-to- organization level? Then contact us for more information about getting listed and participating in discussions affecting Kentucky.

* Peoples Movement Assembly to gather @ KY Social Forum!

Posted on May 27th, 2009 Angie Impellizzeri No comments

The Peoples Movement Assembly plans to meet on Friday, July 31st at the Kentucky Social Forum in Berea, KY! We want to support the amazing efforts in Kentucky to bring the social forum process home, to build excitement and plans for Detroit (site for the 2010 US Social Forum), and to build the PMA team by working together and participating in the ongoing process. We propose that a second meeting would be held in Detroit (perhaps in conjunction with a work brigade in early 2010) to provide solidarity on the ground there and move the PMA process forward within the USSF planning process.

We have an opportunity to organize a powerful process in line with global calls for action from the US. Let's build it and connect this work to our ongoing work! We all bring experiences and wisdom in facilitating large group processes towards strategic movement & decisions. Let's put our heads together!

The July 31st face-to-face meeting will accomplish several key goals:

I. Discuss, develop and design the process of the PMA

 ç Look at examples of current and historical assembly-based processes

 ç How does it work? What makes it a PMA?

 ç Designing participatory, decision-making processes for 60-600 people

II. Co-create a plan for Before, During & After the Forum

 ç Opportunities and plans for Assemblies leading up to the Forum

 ç What process are we proposing to happen during the Forum (Is it right before? Does it happen the last day?)

 ç How does the PMA process provide avenues for exit strategies coming out of the Forum to build on the momentum of Detroit

III. Resources

 ç What do we need to make it happen? Organizing spreadsheets, communication plan, hiring a coordinator

 ç Create a PMA Organizing Kit for the web and for organizations and networks to use to hold PMAs in regions

 ç Connecting to the National Planning Committee and local & regional anchors for the USSF

& Next Steps . . .

Please let us know if you know of other folks who may be interested, and we'll add them to the list. Attica mentioned the Virginia Peoples Assembly, and there have been many convergences across the Gulf South, at the US/Mexico Border, the Queer Left Forum, etc. It's an open process, and we'd love to be able to touch base with folks before the meeting.

EMAIL stephanie@projectsouth.org if you're interested in attending this meeting. We will work on logistics based on the numbers. Folks would most likely fly or drive into Lexington and then travel to Berea College.

Take care, and stay in touch,

Steph Guilloud, Project South

Ruben Solis, Southwest Workers Union

œAnother Kentucky Is Possible! and she is on her way!

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Posted on April 14th, 2009 Angie Impellizzeri No comments

Save the date and JOIN US! We are looking for workshop proposals, educators, groups, entertainers, fundraisers, youth, organizations, donations, activities, attendees, vendors and more!

Please pass the word! Be apart of History and don't miss the first statewide-organized Social Forum.

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TITLE: ATLANTA: Latin American and Caribbean Film Festival Press Release *

For Your Consideration / Para su Consideracion (en Espanol)Press Release

Date: Wednesday May 27, 2009

Contact: Janvieve Williams Comrie, Director

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Atlanta's Fourth Annual Latin American and Caribbean Film Festival Presents Films From 15 Countries in June

Atlanta - Organizers today announced the final program of the fourth annual Latin American and Caribbean Film Festival. From Thursday, June 11, through Sunday, June 14, 2009, nineteen recent films from across the Americas and the Caribbean will be screened at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History, 101 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

The documentaries and dramas to be screened at the Latin American and Caribbean Film Festival feature the themes of culture and the arts, labor and immigration, grassroots media, and the spirit of resistance around the hemisphere. Highlights include *Un Poquito de Tanta Verdad* (Corrugated Films), about the power of community radio in popular struggles in Oaxaca, Mexico; *Morristown: In the Air and Sun* (Anne Lewis) about industrial decline and immigrant workers in Morristown, Tennessee; *Rap de Saia* (Janai Na Oliveira), about young women rappers in Brazil; *The Price of Sugar* (Bill Haney) about the plight of Haitian workers in the Dominican Republic; *Soy Andina* (Mitch Teplitsky), about a New York dancer's search for her Peruvian cultural roots; and *Play Jankan'1*, *Play* (Oliver Green), about the culture of the Garifuna people in Belize, to name a few. All films produced in Spanish, Portuguese, Kreyol, and indigenous languages are subtitled for English-speaking audience members. For more information and the screening schedule, see www.lacfilmfest.org.

Each day of the festival a panel discussion will illuminate issues raised by the films. Invited panelists include film director Oliver Green, International Black Docufest Director Lydia Odenat, and film producer Simone Pierre, to name just a few. For further details, see www.lacfilmfest.org.

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The twofold objective of Atlanta's Latin American and Caribbean Film Festival is to bring to light through film and video the realities and histories of Latin American and Caribbean countries, with a special emphasis on African-descended and indigenous peoples, and the stories of their diasporic and immigrant communities elsewhere. For more information, please visit www.lacfilmfest.org.

Fecha: Jueves, 21 de Mayo de 2009

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Cuarto Festival de Cine Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Atlanta presenta películas de 15 países en Junio

Atlanta - Organizadores hoy anunciaron el programa final del IV Festival de Cine Latinoamericano y del Caribe. Desde el Jueves 11 hasta el Domingo 14 de Junio del presente año, se estrenarán 19 películas de varios lugares de las Américas y del Caribe. Estas serán presentadas en la Biblioteca de Investigaciones de Cultura e Historia, Avenida Auburn, 101 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Los documentales y dramas que serán estrenados en el Festival de Cine Latinoamericano y del Caribe abordarán temas de arte, cultura, trabajo, inmigración, medios de comunicación independientes, y espíritu de resistencias de diferentes partes del hemisferio.

Los documentales que resaltan incluyen Un Poquito de Tanta Verdad (Corrugated Films), sobre el poder de radio comunitario en luchas populares en Oaxaca, México; Morristown: En el Aire y Sol (Anne Lewis) sobre la declinación industrial y trabajadores migrantes en Morristown, Tennessee; Rap de Saia (Janai Na Oliveria), sobre mujeres jóvenes cantantes de rap en Brasil; El Precio de Azúcar (Bill Haney) sobre las luchas de trabajadores Haitianos en República Dominicana; Soy Andina (Mitch Teplitsky), sobre una joven Peruana que va en búsqueda de sus raíces culturales; y Play Jankanu, Play (Oliver Green), sobre la cultura de los Garifunas en Belice entre otros. Todas las muestras producidas en Español, Portugués, Kreyol y lenguas indígenas están subtituladas para audiencias anglo-parlantes. Para más información y la agenda del festival, por favor visitar www.lacfilmfest.org Después de cada presentación del festival, habrá un panel de discusión que enfocará los temas presentados en los documentales. Los panelistas invitados incluyen el Director de Cine, Oliver Green, la Directora del Festival de Documentales Negros, Lydia Odenat, y la Productora de Cine, Simone Pierre. Para obtener más información, por favor visitar www.lacfilmfest.org

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El objetivo del Festival del Cine Latinoamericano y del Caribe de Atlanta es de dar luz a través de documentales y películas sobre las realidades e historias de la región Latinoamericana y del Caribe, con énfasis en la historia de las comunidades Afro latinoamericanas e Indígenas y poder así documentar las historias de migración humana tal cual existen en regiones de Norte América, África, Asia y Europa.

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From: ruben solis

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Southwest Workers Union

Union de Trabajador@s del Suroeste

TALLER SOBRE LOS MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES DENTRO DEL PROCESO FORO SOCIAL EN EEUU Y

METODOLOGIA LIBERTADORA PARA CONSTRUIR MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES EN PUERTO RICO

5.23.09

ORGANIZADO: Dra. Doris Pizarro, y Esterla Barreto Escuela de Trabajo Social e Instituto de Política Social

Dra. Doris Pizarro

Facilitación: Maria Reinat Pumarejo y Ruben Solis

Escrito por Dr. Jorge Colon

El sábado asistí a un encuentro e intercambio sobre Movimientos Sociales: Estrategias de Organización Comunitaria, auspiciado por el Instituto de Política Social y Concentración de Comunidad de la Escuela de Trabajo Social Beatriz Lassalle de la UPR y organizado por la cras. Doris Pizarro y Esterla Barreto. Asistieron como 25-30 personas. Los recursos fueron el cro, Rubén Solís de la Unión de Trabajadores del Sureste (San Antonio, Texas) quien habló sobre los movimientos de base del Foro Social de los Estados Unidos y María Reinat Pumarejo de ILCO quien habló sobre una metodología liberadora para la organización en los movimientos sociales.

A mí me gustó mucho el taller. Les incluyo abajo mis notas sobre la actividad. Hablaron muchos y no pongo lo que dijo cada cual, excepto para los recursos y par de personas más, por lo que algunas intervenciones están mezcladas. Les advierto que son unas notas bien largas. Perdonen, pero no tengo tiempo para resumir lo que pasó.

Prácticamente pasé exactamente las notas como las tomé. Espero que sean de utilidad.

Saludos,

Jorge

Rubén relató que nació y se crió en el pueblo La Grulla en Texas, en la frontera con México. Su familia vivió a un lado del río y otros al otro lado del río y luego de la Guerra de Estados Unidos y México de 1845-1848 el río se convirtió en la frontera, que ellos no reconocen. Explicó que la Southwest Workers Unión la compone alrededor de 3,000 miembros y organiza a trabajadores no-docentes de escuelas en San Antonio, hacen trabajo comunitario a favor del ambiente y organizan también a la juventud para desarrollar liderazgo juvenil.

El trabajo del SWU parte de la premisa de que Estados Unidos tiene "columnas vertebrales" que son:

1. El genocidio de los pueblos originarios 2. El acaparamiento de la tierra mediante la propiedad privada 3. La esclavitud de los pueblos indígenas y pueblos africanos 4. El patriarquismo 5. El expansionismo (imperialismo, Doctrina Monroe)

Ellos entienden que la relación de Estados Unidos con los pueblos originarios es una relación colonial (aunque sea una colonia interna). Les impusieron el inglés, la historia sobre Estados Unidos que al poder le interesa.

Ha habido siempre resistencia. Ejemplos son los movimientos de pueblos indígenas, de afro-descendientes, el movimiento latino, los que luchan por la igualdad de género, movimiento LGBT, anti-patriarcal, lucha en contra de la criminalización de la juventud. Movimiento pro derechos civiles, contra la guerra de Vietnam, movimientos a favor de la mujer, la historia del Black Panther Party, el American Indian Movement, el movimiento Chicano, el del People of Color, el movimiento sindical.

En el 1999 se dio lo de Seattle por la reunión de la Organización Mundial de Comercio, donde participaron anarquistas (casi todos blancos), ecologistas, sindicalistas, académicos, pero que los pueblos originarios y los negros no estuvieron tan de lleno allí y que buscando como forzar un espacio dentro de esos movimientos ayudaron al inicio del Foro Social Mundial en el 2001, un intento de permitir un junte de personas de todas estas luchas, algo autoorganizado, sin líderes (aunque sí con un comité organizador para lograr que se lleve a cabo el junte). Se han llevado a cabo 8 hasta ahora. Luego se organizó el Foro Social de las Américas, el de Estados Unidos, que ellos ayudaron a organizar porque si en los foros se trataba tanto sobre la amenaza de Estados Unidos a todos los pueblos y movimientos sociales, ellos tenían la responsabilidad de organizar ese foro bajo el lema "Para que otro mundo sea posible, otro Estados Unidos es necesario", en el 2006 se hizo el Foro Social de Puerto Rico, y también se ha hecho el Foro Fronterizo en Ciudad Juárez al otro lado de la frontera con El Paso, Texas.

En vez de que cada organización tire su línea y eso sea lo que impulsen en el Foro, buscan que la línea se adecúe a las condiciones. En vez de ser líderes que pretenden ser los educadores que van a enseñar lo que hay que hacer a los seguidores, que les van a decir qué es lo que hay que hacer, es que todos participen en la determinación de qué hay que hacer. (NOTA: Antes del comienzo de la actividad, Rubén me había comentado a mí y a otro compañero que todavía existe la controversia sobre si la Asamblea de Movimientos Sociales, que se organiza al final de cada Foro Social, pero no ocurre así desde el principio, debe seguir ocurriendo o no. La SWU impulsa que sí, porque es en la Asamblea de Movimientos Sociales donde las organizaciones llegan a acuerdos y se decide el trabajo conjunto que se llevará a cabo de aquí en adelante. Otros creen que esas Asambleas no son necesarias y que buscan dirigir el movimiento, pero sin ella, la SWU entiende que todo se quedará en encuentros buenos y mucha palabra, pero sin acción concreta entre Foro y Foro.)

Dice que a veces los movimientos todo lo que hacen es reuniones y más reuniones pero sin llegar a verdaderos resultados. Antes de poner una reunión hay que establecer qué es lo que se quiere lograr de esa reunión. Es mejor algo circular, no jerárquico con líderes que limitan la participación. De cada reunión debe salir un acuerdo político, no crear más comités para hacer más y más reuniones sin resultados. No se debe hacer primero la estructura para entonces llegar al pensamiento conjunto con el cual estamos de acuerdo todos.

En ocasiones se les exigen a los participantes en movimientos sociales que tienen que participar de todas las marchas, piquetes, etc que se hagan y si uno no va como que te miran mal como recriminándote.

El factor más importante para el cambio social sistémico del Sistema es la gente, no la estructura que adopte la organización.

Rubén indicó que ellos hacen una serie de 5 ejercicios el comienzo de organizar un grupo comunitario. Uno de ellos es el Mapa de la Vida, una manera de que las personas nos conozcamos mejor. Se le da un pedazo de papel a cada persona y se le pide que escriba allí, o dibuje, un mapa de su vida, desde que nacieron hasta el día de hoy, de sus pensamientos y cómo se desarrollaron, lo que los ha marcado hasta el día de hoy. Si hay suficiente tiempo, se hace la presentación en parejas, donde una persona coge el papel del otro y lo presenta y viceversa, hasta que se haya presentado a todo el grupo, o si no hay tanto tiempo se le pide a unos pocos que presenten su mapa de vida y luego todos los demás se pegan a una

pizarra para que en el receso todos puedan ir a verlos. La idea es que es el tejido humano, las historias, el subrayar aspectos de la vida de cada quien, cómo la sociedad nos impacta, lo que es importante. El tejido humano nos conecta a todos, no los issues. El Factor Humano.

Otro ejercicio es el Mural de la Realidad, donde se les pide a las personas que en un papel identifiquen los problemas más grandes que enfrentamos como sociedad, país o sector. Se recogen esos papeles y se colocan en una pared o pizarra y luego al discutirlos se nota que varios son de temas relacionados y se empiezan a colocar juntos en temas. Eso representa los conocimientos de toda la gente del grupo. Reconocer que el conocimiento que necesitamos está en el salón, entre todos nosotros. Eso da paso a empezar a trabajar en lograr un consenso. Se empieza a discutir 5, 10 o 20 temas que son prioridades para el grupo. No es que alguien diga que él o ella sabe cuál es el problema más importante, no es una competencia de ideas. Todas son importantes.

Luego de ese ejercicio el próximo es un ejercicio sobre el poder. Identificar quienes son los que tenemos a nuestro lado que son el poder en contra de nosotros y cuál es nuestro poder. Quién tiene el poder. Y cómo aumentar nuestro poder. Discutir alternativas al problema y la solución. A quién estamos a favor. El plan de acción. Qué está haciendo cada organización. Ponerlo en una agenda común, primer paso para llegar a una integración de esfuerzos. Como esto nos lleva a otro mundo que es posible y cuál es la aportación que cada uno puede hacer. Entonces podemos volver a quienes somos en el Mapa de la Vida y identificar entonces hacia donde vamos. Es la articulación concreta del problema y la solución. Lograr una convergencia, no una convocatoria de líderes o movimientos individuales.

Por su parte, María Reinat contó que al mudarse a Massachusetts en Estados Unidos con su hija al tiempo se integró al esfuerzo de la Casa Latina en North Hampton pero luego se dieron cuenta que estaban trabajando con los síntomas de la enfermedad y no con la enfermedad. Fundaron entonces a ILA (que significa casa o suelo en Yoruba) y como algunos decían que una sola palabra tan corta no era suficiente le añadieron al nombre: Organizadores para la Conciencia-Acción, porque mucha conciencia sin acción se llama cinismo. Pregunté qué educación es la verdadera liberación. ¿La que invisibiliza o la que da sentido de poder? Puso de ejemplo la campaña que llevan en cuanto al censo del 2010. En el censo del 2000, a pesar de que desde pequeños se nos inculca que todos tenemos herencia española, taína y africana, aunque en los libros escolares le dedican muchas páginas a la española, dos o tres a la taína y quizás media página a la africana, el 80% de los puertorriqueños dijo que eran blancos. El trabajo uno lo empieza en su casa y lo más cerca de su casa, por lo que ella sugirió a una maestra de su hijo hacer una actividad sobre el 22 de marzo, Día de la Abolición de la Esclavitud, que fue un logro monumental de todo un pueblo, y que, a diferencia del "Día o Semana de la Puertorriqueñidad" en noviembre, así se da libre pero no se discute con los estudiantes.

La maestra no le contestó sobre su idea, pero luego la llamó porque una niña de 6 años, cuando se estaban montando en una guagua porque iban a ir a una gira, al llegar su amiguita que es negra, la niña de 6 años le dijo "los negros van para la parte de atrás de la guagua". La maestra entonces fue que la llamó para que implantara su idea con el salón porque era obvio que hacía falta hablar sobre el racismo. Explicar como nos han querido desplazar nuestra identidad. Y hay que utilizar la metodología de la liberación. Pregunté entonces por qué hay que usar la metodología de la liberación. Varias personas intervinieron y expresaron que era porque tenemos muchas visiones y la opresión es de todo tipo y que es necesario para que todo el mundo se sienta incluido.

Un compañero bastante mayor, antiguo estudiante de la Escuela de Trabajo Social, entonces hizo una intervención de manera bien enérgica (como regañando) en que dijo que lo que se necesita es utilizar la metodología del marxismo, que eso explica todo lo que se estaba discutiendo. Que eso que se estaba explicando de opresión, liberación lo explicaba el marxismo, que en Seattle, aunque no se había dicho en la intervención de Rubén, hubo marxistas, y que lo que había que hacer era discutir a Marx y el marxismo.

Váctor García San Inocencio hizo una intervención en contra del dogmatismo y visiones calcificadas que hay que superar.

En eso la profesora Liliana Cotto trajo de ejemplo que ella enseñaba a jóvenes de 17, 18, y 19 años y que no puede tratar todos los temas de opresión en un semestre, así que este año enfatizó sobre el tema de la pareja y los problemas de opresión a la mujer, y problemas de violencia de género, y salían las preguntas de porqué las mujeres maltratadas no se van de la casa y ella en esa discusión pudo entonces hacer la analogía con nuestra situación colonial y porqué seguimos en nuestra condición colonial. Una forma de integrar el micro con el macro y que eso se le llama dialéctica.

Otro señor mayor, que si entendí bien se llama Basilio, repartió antes de empezar la actividad un documento con la imagen de Marx y el Che en la portada e hizo una intervención diciendo que los Foros Sociales y toda esa "palabrería" sobre sustentabilidad es parte de una agenda, la Agenda 21, que es lo que es en verdad la "Globalización" que no es otra cosa que hacer a los ricos más ricos y a los pobres más pobres y que estaba de acuerdo con lo que dijo el compañero anterior de que todo eso lo explicaba el marxismo y que eso era lo que había que discutir. Habló de que lo que quieren hacer es unir a Estados Unidos, a México y a Canadá y formar lo que llaman el American Union como antes a lograr un gobierno mundial para seguir explotándonos.

Rubén expresó que se puede creer en el marxismo pero que esas mismas corrientes habían excluido a pueblos originarios y negros y que eso se intenta superar. Dijo que ha habido personas que ven como prioritario la lucha de clases por sobre la lucha por la liberación nacional pero que él las ve como iguales no una sobre la otra.

María dijo que necesitamos liberarnos de la ideología de la imposición. De la que dice que "Mi manera y visión es la real, la única y verdadera que nos puede ayudar". Hay que lograr concebir la posibilidad de que fuimos socializados de una manera que nos evita la liberación. La metodología de la imposición es la del opresor. Nos imponen su historia, y sus mitos que están distorsionados. Trajo una frase de una poeta lesbiana negra que decía (más o menos) "La casa del amo no se puede tumbar con las herramientas del amo". Hay que descolonizar la mente. Dijo que la definición de locura es hacer lo mismo uno y otra vez esperando que resultados distintos. Habló de la opresión internalizada. Que todos tenemos deseo de reconocimiento que lleva a algunos a ser opresivos hacia los demás.

Una educación liberadora es para recabar poder, acceso legítimo a las instituciones sancionadas por el Estado. Pero esas instituciones están putrefactas. Hay que cambiarlas, transformarlas. Un ejemplo de patrones de opresión internalizada que nos hace repetir es el uso de procedimientos parlamentarios, los "Robert Rules", ¿quién era ese "Robert"?, es una forma de imponer su "orden" que nos limita como que esa es la única forma posible de hacerlo. Juntos y con respecto podemos aprender juntos. Hay que hacerlo de abajo hacia arriba y de adentro hacia afuera. Tenemos que liberarnos nosotros. No hay absolutos. Tenemos que desarrollar el poder de reflexionar.

El mismo sistema nos crea desesperanza, nos lleva al cinismo para no actuar. Entonces no podemos entusiasmar a los demás. Hay que humanizar a la organización y los procesos. El análisis de poder ayuda en eso. Hay que decir las cosas claras sobre el poder venga de donde venga. A veces la conspiración de la amabilidad no nos permite crecer. Hay que escuchar. No debemos usar términos "grandes" (como ideología, neoliberalismo) porque quizás hay gente en el grupo comunitario con el que estamos trabajando que no entiende esos términos.

La opresión nos silencia. Díjelo efectivo, no entre sordos. Desarrollar esa voz, clara, con sentido, rítmica, no certeza, fundamentada, no cada cual hablando su locura. Que somos diversos es lo que nos hace ricos. Saber escuchar, lograr la inclusión real.

Cuando él hace reuniones sobre el racismo por ejemplo, que es un taller de par de días, se establecen unos acuerdos desde el principio, para que no se vaya la discusión a otras cosas y facilitar la dinámica de grupo, si no habrá siempre personas que quieren desviar la discusión a su tema, y neutralizan la comunicación. Sabotean nuestros procesos, repitiendo los mismos dogmas en cada grupo en que participan.

Para ayudar a facilitar la discusión y el trabajo comunitario, según el grupo, se debe proveer cuidado de niños, avisar a reuniones y talleres con suficiente tiempo, con calma, tener merienda para el grupo. Reflexionar para qué sirve lo que hago. Lograr el "respeto al círculo" (no hacer reuniones donde la

gente se sienta en un auditorio tipo teatro y al frente están los líderes, sino hacer un círculo de sillas donde todos estemos al mismo nivel. No usar podio. Caminar la comunidad, que la comunidad sea la que diga que se debe enfatizar. Sentido de equidad, Lograr alcanzar un vocabulario y análisis comunitario de lucha. Ser amantes críticos de los movimientos. Dejar que otros hablen. La gente desarrolla liderazgo, su propia voz. Hay que modelar como uno se acerca a la autoridad para que otros puedan también hacerlo. El verdadero líder no puede estar por la libre haciendo lo que le da la gana si rinde cuentas, Tiene que establecerse un cuerpo fiscalizador que lo pueda llamar a capítulo si hace falta. Existe miedo a la autoridad. El individualismo rampante nos viene de Estados Unidos. Aquí nosotros somos más colectivos-gregarios, pero eso se está violentando. También nos han inculcado su sentido de lo que es "progreso". Que el tiempo es oro. El educador libertario tiene que inspirar.

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

In conjunction with the special exhibit, Forgotten Gateway, the Museum continues its "Altered Lives: An Immigration Film Series" this Thursday evening with a series of short films presented by Austin Film Festival. Thursday at 7pm; Museum members FREE; non-members \$5.

Altered Lives: An Immigration Film Series
February – June 2009 7-9 PM
Spirit Theater
Film Organizations Members and Museum Members FREE
Non-Members, \$5

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum is located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue at the intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in downtown Austin, Texas. With close proximity to Interstate Highway 35 and MoPAC Expressway (Loop 1), the Museum is easy to access.

To help tell the story illustrated in the special exhibition, Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island, the Museum is hosting a film series that will run from February through June.

May 28, 2009:
Austin Film Festival presents Stories of Borders: Short Films about Immigration. Join us for an evening of film and an appearance by local filmmakers Matthew Gossage (Director of America's Family Prison) and Angela Torres Camarena (Director of Exiled in America). The short film lineup includes:

Wet Foot/Dry Foot – Finding themselves stranded on a deserted island, two Cuban refugees must struggle against nature and each other to stand a chance at freedom. Get caught in the water, and they send you home, but touch dry land and you're allowed to stay. (USA, 17 min.)
Directed by: Carlos Gutierrez

Muertas – A young American journalist attempts to piece together the fractured memories of a love lost amidst the ongoing Juarez, Mexico

murders. (USA, 9 min.) Directed by: Ryan Piers Williams

Victoria Para Chino “ In May 2003 a refrigerated truck carrying more than 80 undocumented immigrants from the Mexican border drove into the Heartland of Texas. This is a story of that journey. (USA, 13 min.)

Directed by: Cary Fukunaga

America’s Family Prison “ A determined people stand in solidarity with imprisoned, non-criminal immigrant families to close the for-profit residential facility which holds them. (USA, 18 min.) Directed by: Matthew Gossage

Exiled in America “ A group of siblings cope with the deportation of their mother, a legal U.S. citizen, while calling into question the legality and morality of the nation’s zero tolerance laws. (USA, 10min.) Directed by Angela Torres Camarena.

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From: Caroline Keating-Guerra

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Asamblea General de AIRC/AIRC General Assembly *

June General Assembly

Asamblea General de junio

JOIN US! Thursday, June 25, 7-9 p.m. at Cristo Rey Church

After mobilizing for Just and Humane Immigrant Reform on May 1st, we will discuss how we can win these reforms. Center for Community Change Organizer Mayron Payes will join us in the discussion.

¡Unase a nosotros! Jueves, 25 de junio, 7-9 pm en la Iglesia Cristo Rey

Despu s de la movilizaci n para la Reforma Migratoria Justa y Humana del 1   de Mayo, vamos a discutir c mo podemos ganar estas reformas. Organizador del Centro para Cambio de la Comunidad Mayron Payes se unir  a nosotros en el debate.

The Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition is a grassroots, action-oriented coalition of immigrants, students and allies, as well as labor, faith and community organizations. Our efforts embody the promotion of human rights and racial, gender and economic justice. AIRC works to recognize human dignity and achieve fairness for all immigrants.

AIRC es una coalici n de inmigrantes, estudiantes, personas de sectores populares y aliados orientados hacia la acci n, as  como tambi n de organismos laborales, religiosos y comunitarios. Nuestros esfuerzos promueven los derechos humanos y raciales, de genero y de justicia econ mica. AIRC trabaja para reconocer la dignidad humana y lograr la justicia para todos los inmigrantes.

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TITLE: HOUSTON: UPDATE ON 287(G) AND PRAYER VIGIL MON JUNE 1 CITY HALL 8 PM *

There is still active opposition to the Mayor's request for 287(g) to extend immigration enforcement authority to HPD.

LULAC passed a resolution opposing it. The Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Committee also manifested itself against it. A Houston Chronicle article indicated Police Chief Harold Hurtt is and had been opposed to it.

Yesterday a delegation of community representatives met with the Police Officers Union at their invitation to discuss our differences. We agreed to disagree.

Two major issues arose on the national level:

1. A Washington Post article revealing the Obama Administration strategy of using 287(g) to arrest and deport more than a million undocumented immigrants who land in city and county jails.
2. A Police Foundation study that explores the negative consequences of the 287(g) program to community policing and crime fighting.

Still on our agenda is keeping up the pressure to either have the City withdraw its request or eliminate the Misdemeanor C violations screening as part of the 287(g).

So the fight goes on.

NEXT STEP: PASTORES EN ACCION WILL HOLD A PRAYER VIGIL TO END 287(G) ON MONDAY JUNE 1 AT 8 PM AT CITY HALL REFLECTION POOL.

See you there. Bring flashlights to light up our gathering for justice.

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From: maria jimenez

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TITLE: NHEC Members, Supporters, Educators, and Community leaders *

CA Student Application.pdf

CA Medical Form.pdf

CA How to Apply.pdf

CA Fact Sheet.pdf

Dear NHEC Members, Supporters, Educators, and Community leaders:

For those who may not have seen our earlier emails, the National Hispanic Environmental Council (NHEC) is accepting applications from students to participate in our 2nd annual "California Minority Youth Environmental Training Institute", to be held June 25-30, 2009, at sites in and around the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Channel Islands National Park.

The CA Institute is an intensive, residential, science-based, 6 day environmental issues and environmental career awareness program for talented teens, aged 16-18, selected competitively from across California. Through a full scholarship, NHEC will COVER ALL COSTS for accepted students, including transportation, housing, meals, books, equipment, etc. Like our NYC and Wash. DC regionals, this program is a regional version of the national Institute we hold each summer in New Mexico.

The Institute is being funded by the Pacific West Region of the National Park Service (NPS), and will be held at several national parks and other public lands in the Ventura/Oxnard/Camarillo area. Students will be housed at CA State University Channel Islands, supervised by NHEC instructors and staff.

The CA Institute is designed to teach students about key environmental and natural resource topics, especially as it relates to California. It will also teach students about the wide range of careers in the environmental and natural resources arena, as well as give them information about universities and college majors open to them in environmental fields.

The attached pdf files contain all materials necessary for a student to apply to the Institute. Please read the "Fact Sheet" first, as it has key information about the program. Also included are materials for environmental professionals interested in serving as "role models" at the Institute. Students should apply as soon as possible

We also ask that you forward this email on to those you think would be interested in this highly educational program, including students, educators, youth organizations, and more. We appreciate your assistance.

Feel free to contact NHEC, especially our Programs Coordinator, Juan Rodriguez, at jrodriguez@nheec.org or myself, at rrivera@nheec.org if you have any questions. Thank you!

Roger Rivera
President, NHEC

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TITLE: Donate Your Old Work Boots! *

Donate Your Old Work Boots

Every 2.5 days a construction worker dies in Texas.

On June 16th Workers Defense Project will hold a press conference calling for better working conditions in the construction industry.

We're asking for donations of old work boots. At the press conference these boots will stand in as a visual representation of the 142 construction workers who died last year on the job in Texas. Boots can be used, old, any size, and any color or condition. If need be, they can be returned to the owner.

We've already collected 40 pairs, helps us reach our goal of 142!

If you would like to make a donation:

Please call- (512) 391-2305 or email maribel@workersdefense.org

An arrangement can be made for pick up. Please forward this request to friends and family.

Thank you for helping us honor all of Texas' construction workers who have died on the job.

Workers Defense Project
P.O. Box 6423
Austin, Texas 78762
512-391-2305

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TITLE: Check out SW Worker's Union EL GRITO NEWSPAPER! *

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Please check out these attachments.

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From: ruben solis

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TITLE: National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women is requesti *

The National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women is requesting your help!

We are searching for grassroots groups in the country that are working to end violence against immigrant women or working on immigrant women issues.

Please, help us identify them by sharing their information with us using the short form below.

?? We would like to connect, share information, and learn about their work.

Beyond "mapping" the great work that is being done across the country, we are hoping to involve the immigrant women and communities doing the work in a more direct and formal way with the activities and leadership development efforts of the National Network.

?? At a later time we would also like to use the information to document best practices that truly transform communities through leadership development and grassroots organizing.

?? We are specially looking for community based groups of women (they can also be sponsored by an agency or church, and they do not have to be part of a formal organization like a non-profit) in which immigrant community members are taking leadership in the activities that support the development of immigrant communities, especially on women's issues and in rural and metropolitan areas.

It's important that the grassroots work being done by and for immigrant women be recognized, so if you know of such work, or are part of such an effort, please fill out the information below:

Information Needed

Name of organization, group or project (please include any sponsoring agency/entity supporting the group):

Contact name at this organization or group:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Location: (city, town, community, state)

Description of organization or group and the work that they do:

Immigrant community: (i.e. African, Asian, Latina, Russian, indigenous from ____)

Your name, organization and relationship to this group if any:

Any other relevant information about the group and/or work being done:

Please send information to Jackie Santana at e-mail Jackie@asistahelp.org , Tel: (515) 244-2469.

Thank you for taking the time to support the work of the National Network!

Jackie Santana

Assistant Manager

Training Coordinator

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Des Moines, IA. 50312
(515) 244-2469.

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From: Caroline Keating-Guerra

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TITLE: SAN ANTO: April 28th Arrest at Metrpolitan Hosp. San Antonio TX. *

April 28th some members of Texas Indigenous Council stood in support of civil and human rights of an undocumented Mexican reporter that was arrested and forcibly removed from the Mexican consulate in San Antonio TX. We gathered outside of the Metropolitan Hospital where Mr. Macias had being taken to by ambulance ,subsequently during his forceful removal from the consulate his leg was injured . Mr. Macias had kept in contact with me during his protest at the Mexican Consulate and during his removal from the consulate. I alerted some of our T.I.C. members to meet me at the consulate to insure Mr. Macias safety . I arrived at the consulate as the ambulance was transporting Mr. Macias to the hospital. We staged a peaceful vigil outside of the Metropolitan Hospital on the public sidewalk. We started to videotape the incident at the hospital in hopes of being able to videotape Mr. Macias being transferred from the hospital and into police custody. That's when the opposition started by the Metropolitan Hospital Security, who in turn brought the attention of the San Antonio Police, whose presence was already there and in mass 6 cruisers and a paddy wagon van. After 2 attempts at intimidating our members and supporters to leave the sidewalk and after my attempts at explaining that we have civil rights that allow us to assemble and petition of our govt. which I reminded the police Sgt. in charge that perhaps the hospital security was unaware of 1st amendment rights but that they SAPD were aware and should protect our right of peaceful assembly not threaten to arrest us for exercising our constitutional rights. Approximately at 9p.m. 5 of us were arrested and four of us spent the night and part of the next day in jail for seeking to support an undocumented man`s human and civil rights.

The struggle continues we go to court on the 5th of June , we ask for support, we will hold a press conference at the courthouse located at 300 Dolorosa on Weds, the 3rd of June at 10:00a.m. for more info call (210) 396-9805 or 473-2759.

Freedom only exists if we live it!

Antonio Diaz
Spokesperson: Texas Indigenous Council

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From: Antonio Diaz

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TITLE: HOUSTON: HPJC's Calendar of Progressive Events - May 29, 2009 editio *

HOUSTON PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER'S CALENDAR OF PROGRESSIVE EVENTS " May 29, 2009 Issue

Submit your event notices to hpjc-calendar-owner@yahoo.com.

SUMMER PEACE CAMP

Monday, July 13 " Friday, July 17 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cameron Retreat Center, 2403 E. Holcombe.

This is the 10th year of the Peace Camp for children ages kindergarten through 5th grade. Sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the camp's mission is to provide an alternative day camp experience that fosters understandings of peace, justice, and care for the environment appropriate to the ages of the children involved. A major goal is for the children to have fun while learning peacemaking skills. The program includes lots of arts and crafts, story telling, yoga and cooperative games. Open to anyone in the designated age range. Tuition is \$125, but there are subsidized, sliding-scale places. For more information and to register, contact Lynn Furay, 713/726-1266, LFuray33@sbcglobal.net

EVENTS

Urban Farm Party - Saturday May 30

Rebel Roots, Houston's worker owned and operated food co-op, will be holding their first spring urban farm party at the Last Organic Outpost's Emile St. Farm. Cruelty-free vegan food will be served and all proceeds aid in their goal to establish a community space that provides cheap vegan food to all people. Main dishes will consist of enchiladas, ceviche and curry, with pasta salad, coleslaw, spring rolls and hummus as sides. Drink choices are melon juice, strawberry lemonade or mint water, with your choice of lemon bars or Jell-O for desert. Food will be served from 4-7 p.m. and plates are \$8 with options for seconds. 700 Emile St (near Gunter). For more information on the event, visit www.lastorganicoutpost.org.

Zain Bhikha Live Performance - Saturday, May 30

Helping Hand's Global Orphan Support Program helps orphans around the world. This organization will bring the Muslim singer and song writer Zain Bhikha as part of their Orphan Sponsorship Tour. Bhikha will present an evening of inspirational nasheeds (Islamic-style songs) and workshops of creative thinking and expression for youth. All proceeds go to providing food, shelter, education, health and other programs for needy orphans in 13 countries. 7 p.m., Marriott Westchase, 2900 Briarpark. Tickets are \$30 per person, Family \$100(4 ppl), \$45 at the door. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Ilyas Hasan Choudry 832/275-0786 or visit www.helpinghandonline.org.

Discussion on Quality, Affordable Health Care for All " Sunday, May 31

Why is "Expanded and Improved Medicare for All" a critical social justice issue? What does Single Payer National Health Care entail? How can we as citizens advocate for universal access to nonprofit health care financing? Participate in this discussion on how our nation can have the excellent and affordable health care system we deserve. 12:30 p.m., First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin. For further information, contact Margaret Kallsen, mkallsen@yahoo.com, 713/869-0820.

Protest of 200th Execution under Gov. Perry " Tuesday, June 2

The 200th execution under Governor Rick Perry is scheduled to take place on June 2nd. This execution will be marked by protests around the state. In Houston, the Texas Death Penalty Abolition Movement is organizing a demonstration from 5:00 until 6:30 under The Old Hanging Tree, located at the corner of Bagby and Capitol streets downtown. A press conference will be held at 5:00 followed by an open mic so members of the public can speak about their outrage. If your organization would like to co-sponsor the Houston protest, contact the Abolition Movement at Abolition.Movement@hotmail.com.

Political Participation in Egypt: Opposition Groups, Social Networking, and Youth Activism “ Tuesday, June 2
Access to education, career development, and social roles are universal for today's youth. Egypt is greatly affected by these challenges, with unemployment estimated at 25% and limited entry to universities. This situation is becoming more urgent with the new voice of young Egyptians. They are using social networking sites to organize and campaign for change, widening the scope of youth activism and creating a new format of political participation. Can the government of Egypt move fast enough to satisfy this energetic and ambitious generation? Speaking on these issues will be Dr. Jerry Leach, professor of American Studies at the American University in Cairo. Prior to this appointment, he was the president of the World Affairs Councils of America. He has served as the regional director for the Peace Corps in Eastern Europe, Soviet Republics, Middle East, Asia, and the Pacific; director of International Economic Affairs at the National Security Council; and deputy director the Office of Strategic Technology Affairs, U.S. Dept. of State. Presented by the World Affairs Council. Registration: 6:00 p.m., Program: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m at the Junior League, 1811 Briar Oaks Lane. World Affairs Council members are free, non-members are \$20. For more info, email rsvp@wachouston.org, call 713/522-7811, or visit www.wachouston.org.

Author, Activist & Musician on Palestine “ Wednesday, June 3

Gilad Atzmon, Israeli expat, writer, philosopher, activist and talented jazz saxophonist will perform at the Station Museum. A discussion and Q&A session will follow regarding the Israel/Palestine conflict. The Station is located at 1502 Alabama at LaBranch, and the event begins 8:00 p.m. Please arrive early as seating is limited. Donations will be accepted at the door. For more information, visit www.stationmuseum.com or call 713-529-6900.

Social Justice Conference at St. Thomas “ Thursday & Friday, June 4 & 5

Poverty in the USA and Abroad is the theme of this year's annual Social Justice Summer Conference at the University of St. Thomas. Among the presenters will be Rev. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, and Rev. Thomas Massaro, S.J., professor of Moral Theology at Boston College. Some of the topics that will be addressed are Poverty and Education, Breaking the Cycle, Rehabilitative Justice, and Poverty and Spirituality. Licensed professional counselors and licensed social workers can earn continuing education units. Sessions will be 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon St. Fee is \$50 (\$25 for students); it includes meals and materials. For more information and to register, contact Prof. John Burke, 713/525-3814, jfburke@stthom.edu. Also visit www.theyounginstitute.org.

Living Library “ Saturday, June 6

In partnership with the Center for the Healing of Racism, the Houston Public Library invites Houstonians to check out æLiving Books (people who have chosen to be a public representative of a certain part of the community) for 30-minute conversations on various topics. The premise is that these personal conversations can foster mutual understanding and the goal is to connect strangers who might not normally have an opportunity to hear each other's points of view. Book topics and discussions were selected by the Center and will include interracial couples, a death row advocate, a Sikh woman, a Muslim woman, and a Latin American woman who is also African American. One of the great features of checking out a æLiving Book, is that there are no such things as stupid questions. æBooks will be prepared and available for you to be able to dig deep and find out what you always wanted to know about the book topic. The Living Library will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Houston Public Library Central Library, 500 McKinney. RSVP by calling the Center for Healing Racism at 713/520-826 or emailing cfhr1@juno.com. Limited walk-in check-outs will also be available. For further information, visit the Houston Public Library at www.houstonlibrary.org or call 832/393-1313.

Socialist Forum: Marx Is Back! - Wednesday, June 10

They said that Marx was dead--that capitalism had triumphed. Then came the realities of globalization, endless wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression. To some, Marx's ideas seem to explain the world a lot better than what you see on Fox News. The International Socialist Organization is presenting this discussion of Marx's ideas and how they apply to today. 8 p.m., UH-Main Campus, University Center, Rodeo Room (top floor). For a campus map or information on parking,

see <http://www.uh.edu/cgi-bin/campusmap>. For more information, e-mail houston.iso@gmail.com or call 713/ 560-7227.

Nancy Pelosi at the Progressive Forum “ Friday, June 12

Nancy Pelosi made history when she became the first woman Speaker of the House in January 2007. In a candid conversation with Progressive Forum president, Randall Morton, Pelosi will discuss the broad range of challenges facing the nation and the world, a rare and timely opportunity for Houstonians. This is also an ideal event for families, especially girls. Pelosi will discuss her book, relate personal stories, and encourage women to get into politics. All attendees will receive a complimentary copy of her book, *Know Your Power: A Message to America's Daughters*. Pelosi will sign books and greet fans at the end of the evening. Regular ticket prices for this event are \$19-\$54, all in orchestra level. Besides regular tickets, a limited number of patron seats are available at \$144 and include a private reception with the speaker at 7:00 p.m. The talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Brown Theater, Wortham Center. For more information, see the general entry for the Progressive Forum below the EVENTS section of this calendar.

Protest at Nancy Pelosi's Event “ Friday, June 12

As listed above, Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the US House of Representatives, will be in Houston to speak and promote her new book. Houstonians who do not appreciate her support of war and empire will gather outside her speaking engagement with signs asking her to: End the Iraq and Afghanistan occupation and provide humanitarian aid, not bombs. Stop the no-strings-attached military aid to Israel that supports the siege of Gaza, the apartheid wall, oppression of Palestinians, and repeated serious violations of international law. Support prosecution of Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, and other war criminals. Stop funding of the School of the Americas/WHINSEC. Apologize for allowing torture to continue for so long. Provide funds for closing Guantanamo. Support real health care reform with single payer universal health care. Bring your sign and join the protest outside the Wortham Theater, 550 Prairie St at Smith St., downtown Houston from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information, visit <http://paa-tx.org> or <http://www.protest.net/HIMC/calendrome.cgi?span=event&ID=1694758>.

Monthly Caf  Dialogues “ Thursday, June 18

The Institute for Sustainable Peace conducts monthly world caf  dialogues, open to the public, on the third Thursday of each month, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm at The Breakfast Klub. In a world caf  dialogue, the environment is set up as a caf . People sit at tables of four and have a series of conversational rounds about the topic presented and questions posed. At the end of each round, which lasts approximately 30 minutes, people rotate tables, where the conversation can deepen, or a new but related question can be addressed. In this dialogue forum, all participants have an equal opportunity to talk and contribute, no matter how introverted or extroverted. The format allows a large group to speak to and listen to each other in a very meaningful way about important topics and initiatives. The Breakfast Klub is located on 3711 Travis St. Dinner is provided. A \$10 donation is requested to help cover food and drink costs. Please RSVP to lpalmer@2peace.org.

Ally Award Luncheon “ Saturday, June 20

The Center for the Healing of Racism will host its 15th Annual Juneteenth Ally Award Bar-B-Que Luncheon. The 2009 Award Recipient is Tim Wise. Tim Wise is an anti-racist writer and educator, having spoken in 48 states and on over 400 college campuses. He has trained teachers, as well as corporate, government, media, military and law enforcement officials on methods for uprooting institutional racism and is the author of four books. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased by calling 713/520-8226 or e-mailing to cfhr2@yahoo.com. For more information, visit <http://www.centerhealingracism.org>. 12:30 p.m. at the Cullen Oaks Community Center, 4600 Cullen Blvd.

Swamiji Talk on Ending War through Inner Change “ Tuesday, June 23

Swamiji Suddhananda has been teaching, conducting workshops, and giving lectures on Self-Knowledge all over the world for the last 25 years. The topic for this event is “Ending All Wars: Change Yourself and the World Changes.” The speech will begin at 7:30 p.m. with an Indian music concert beginning at 9:00 p.m. At

the Artery, 5401 Jackson at Prospect (entrance on Prospect). For more information, visit www.arteryhouston.org.

Education for Liberation National Conference “ Thursday, June 25 - Sunday, June 28

Free Minds, Free People is a national conference that brings together teachers, high school and college students, researchers, parents and community-based activists/educators from across the country to build a movement to develop and promote education for liberation. Education for liberation prepares the most excluded, under-served members of our society, in particular low-income youth and youth of color, to fight for a more just world by: teaching students the causes of inequalities and injustices in society and how communities have fought against them; helping them develop both the belief in themselves that they can challenge those injustices and the skills necessary to do that; and supporting them in taking action that leads to disenfranchised communities having more power. The goal of Free Minds, Free People is to provide a forum for sharing knowledge, experiences and strategies that support the use of education as a tool for liberation. The conference will feature more than 70 activities on a variety of topics including educating new teachers, youth participatory action research, Arne Duncan, science and social justice education, youth organizing, a bike tour of Houston, quilt-making, hip hop as a tool for liberation and much more. The keynote speakers are Charles Cobb, journalist and organizer of the 1964 Freedom Schools, and Rosa Clemente, hip hop activist and 2008 Green Party vice presidential candidate. The lead organizations for Free Minds, Free People are The Brotherhood/Sister Sol, the Chicago Freedom School, the Education for Liberation Network and the SHAPE Center. A fee range is being offered and you decide how much to pay within that range. The Early Bird range starts at \$15 for youth (21 and under) \$60 for adults. The top end of the range is \$300, and there are several levels in between--\$100, \$140, \$180, \$220 and \$260. Early Bird registration ends on June 1, then fees go up to \$20 (youth only), \$75, \$115, \$155, \$195, \$235, \$275 and \$315. At the George R. Brown Convention Center, for more information visit, www.freemindsfreepeople.org.

Film on the Struggle to Keep the Urban Garden in South Central L.A. “ Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28

The South Central Farmers created more than just a farm when they established the fourteen-acre community garden at 41st & Alameda in South Central Los Angeles. In one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods, they created a community. Growing their own food and feeding their families. Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary, *The Garden* follows the plight of the farmers, from the tilled soil of this urban farm to the polished marble of City Hall. Mostly immigrants from Latin American countries where they feared for their lives if they were to speak out, they organize, they fight back, and they demand answers: Why was the land sold to a wealthy developer for millions less than fair-market value? Why was the transaction done in a closed-door session of the LA City Council? Why has it never been made public? The film raises crucial questions about liberty, equality, and justice for the poorest and most vulnerable among us. Co-sponsored by Museum of Fine Arts Houston and Houston Indymedia. June 26 & 27 at 7 p.m. and June 28 at 5 p.m. at the Brown Auditorium Theater in the MFAH Theater Wiess Law Building (use the Main Street entrance). Tickets are \$7, however, no one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Film Opening on the Stoning of Soraya Manutchehri - Friday, June 26

The Stoning of Soraya M. is based on the true story of a village's persecution of an innocent woman, Soraya Manutchehri, who in 1986 was stoned to death by her fellow villagers, in the presence of her children. Becoming both a daring act of witness and a compelling parable about how people react when someone in their community is turned into a scapegoat: who will join forces with the plot, who will surrender to the mob, and who will dare to stand up for what's right. At once a classic fable of good vs. evil, *The Stoning of Soraya M.* is a tribute to courageous women fighting against violence all around the world. The film was nominated as Best Foreign Language Film at the 2009 Academy Awards. Directed by Cyrus Nowrasteh, starring Jim Caviezel, rated R. At the Angelika Film Center, 510 Travis (at Smith). For show times, visit www.angelikafilmcenter.com/houston closer to the opening day. For more information on the film, visit <http://www.thestoning.com/>.

Houston Darfur Awareness Night “ Friday, July 24

Join Houston Save Darfur for a night of culture, awareness, and activism. Houston Darfur Awareness Night is meant to raise awareness about the brutal crimes of genocide and to take a step toward ending the suffering in Darfur. There will be live music and dance as well as crafts and food, all of which will be provided by the Sudanese refugees living here in Houston. All proceeds will go to the Save Darfur Coalition. 6-9 p.m. at the Heritage Society, 1100 Bagby. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, children 10 & under are free. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.houstondarfurawarenessnight.blogspot.com/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Peace Camp (see description under PEACE CAMP at beginning of this calendar) is looking for 2 young adults who enjoy working with children and share the goal of bringing up peaceful children. This is a week-long paid position. For more information, call Lynn Furay at 713/726-1266.

EXECUTIONS

June date: 2nd (Terry Hankins), see that date above for special observance; July dates: 16th (Kenneth Mosley), 23rd (Roderick Newton); August dates: 13th (Tracy Beatty), 20th (David Wood); September date: 16th (Stephen Moody). Vigils in May and June will be 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. in front of First Unitarian Universalist Church, 5200 Fannin (corner Southmore). The best way to keep abreast of the vigils, including if there has been a stay of a scheduled execution, is to ask Burnham Terrell to add you to his contact list. Reach him at 713/921-0948, burnhamterrell@att.net. KPFT (90.1 FM) HD-2 broadcasts a live show hosted by Ray Hill at 6 p.m. each day there is an execution, streaming at www.executionwatch.org. To go to Huntsville to protest at the death house, contact Gloria at 713/503-2633. They leave Houston by 3:30 p.m.

FREEWAY BLOGGING FOR PEACE

Veterans for Peace-Chapter 12 continues to hold up signs over the freeway calling for an end to the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. The site has moved, however. It is no longer on the Montrose Bridge over US 59. Now it is on the footbridge over I-45 just south of where that freeway crosses the I-610 South Loop. Join the event every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

PROGRESSIVE FORUM LECTURE SERIES

For several years now, Randall Morton has been bringing national figures here to explore a range of issues important to building a decent and sustainable future. Upcoming guests are Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House (Friday, June 19); and Brian Greene, theoretical physicist and author of *The Elegant Universe* (Thursday, September 29). All the talks will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Wortham Center (see entry under EVENTS for theater). For the hearing impaired, free headsets are available from the ushers. Regular ticket prices for most speakers are \$14, 24, 34, 44, and 54, all in orchestra level. Besides regular tickets, a limited number of patron seats are available and include a private reception with the speaker prior to the talk, a complimentary autographed book, a commemorative bookplate, and center-front seating. Discounts of 10% are available off all regular price levels except patron for students; educators including teachers and administrators at all levels; seniors 65 and older; and groups of 10 or more; valid ID required at the door. Tickets are available at the door on event night. Prior to event night, there are no tickets sold at the Wortham box office or any other physical box office. Tickets may be purchased and printed out at the website, www.progressiveforumhouston.org, or phone at 832/251-0706 from 9: a.m. to 9: p.m. seven days a week.

NUMBER: 440

PUBLISHED: 5/29/2009 10:48:00 PM

TITLE: Brownsville and DHS Border Wall Agreement *

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PRESS RELEASE

From: Pat Ahumada

Date: May 29, 2009

Time:

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- 3) The proposed wall is ineffective and liken to the Berlin Wall, which has proven to been a huge mistake, as this wall will prove to be historically.
- 4) America's immigration crisis and sealing our borders to deal with the crisis is a regional issue and not national, which requires the federal government to work with local leaders and law enforcement officials on how to best deal with the illegal immigration that get's thru the southwest border region. It also requires the federal government to recognize that fifty percent of the illegal immigration comes into our country legally thru ports of entry, which has nothing to do with building a wall, but is being used to justify building a wall by relying on statistics of illegal immigration in order to create a perception that sealing the border with a wall will address the illegal immigration that comes into the U.S. legally and then later overstayed their visas.
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TITLE: Texas youth learn to advocate for sexuality education *

Do you know a young person who would be interested in an all-expenses paid training this summer on how to become an advocate for effective sexuality education? If so, please forward them this important information!

Youth Summer Summit - June 12 & 13
Austin, Texas

Click here at http://www.tfn.org/site/PageServer?pagename=youth_summer_summit to submit an application.

(Please note that participants must be 15-24 years of age.)

Teenage pregnancy and birth rates in Texas are among the highest in the nation. Now more than ever, it's important for young leaders to reach out to their peers and advocate for more responsible sexuality education policies.

Texas Freedom Network Education Fund (TFNEF), in partnership with Advocates for Youth, is seeking passionate youth activists to attend a Youth Summer Summit! The summit will take place on June 12 & 13 at the University of Texas at Austin. Participants will learn about the history of sexuality education in Texas, School Health Advisory Councils (SHACs), and how these councils allow young people to influence sexuality education policies in their communities.

Apply for the Youth Summer Summit today to learn how to advocate for responsible sexuality education in Texas public schools and empower other youth to get involved in their communities!

Click here to submit an application.

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What are you waiting for? Click here to apply today!

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Texas Freedom Network advances a mainstream agenda of religious freedom and individual liberties to counter the radical right.

<http://www.tfn.org>

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On Facebook

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From: Roberto Flotte

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TITLE: People for Peace and Justice - Monthly Meeting - June 2009 *

PfPJ Monthly Meeting

June 10th, 2009

Wednesday

7PM

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County Bldg.

1401 S. Nebraska Avenue

San Juan

Please send agenda items.

AGENDA ITEMS THUS FAR:

- * Update on anti-war events and organizing
- * Movie Night
- * Organizing against the Border Wall
- * Detention Center Update
- * New NPR station for the Valle - Update
- * Paster for Peace - Update

For more information, contact PfPJ at:

pfpjvalley@sbcglobal.net

peoplepeacejustice.blogspot.com

(956) 467-0649

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From: <PanchoFX@aol.com>

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TITLE: AUSTIN: Teatro Vivo wants you to have a great time at... *

Teatro Vivo presents
Noche de Coraz n y Alma
an evening of fabulous Latino artists
to support Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program
Saturday June 13 7-11 pm
at Casa Rodriguez
3501 E - K Lane Austin TX 78754

You will enjoy delicious appetizers, a variety of beverages, a silent auction and an evening of entertainment by some of Austin's finest Latino music, dance and performing artists, all in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Enjoy the music of
Myrna Cabello

Dancers from Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico

Poet and performance artist
Felix Rivas
Makayla Machado and 32 Flavors

Your hosts for the evening will be Teatro Vivo's company members.
Meet and mingle with the actors from the productions you have enjoyed!

Pre sale \$25 tickets/ \$30 day of event
On sale now!
AUSTIX 474-8497
Buy Tickets Here Available On-line

Can't attend? Want to make a contribution to Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program?
Use your credit card on a secured PayPal site .

All funds raised support Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program that focuses on making theatre accessible to students, seniors and other members of our community who do not have access to the arts.

Support Teatro Vivo's Community Outreach Program and have a fabulous time at
Noche de Coraz n y Alma on Saturday, June 13.
www.teatrovivo.org
Teatro Vivo

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PO Box 300028
Austin, Texas 78703

NUMBER: 445

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TITLE: National Conference: Free Minds, Free People - HOUSTON *

Free Minds, Free People

Houston, TX

June 25 to 28, 2009

<http://www.freemindsfreepeople.org/> www.freemindsfreepeople.org

The deadline for Early Bird Registration for Free Minds, Free People is Monday, June 1, after which registration fees increase. Free Minds, Free People is a national conference that brings together teachers, high school and college students, researchers, parents and community-based activists/educators from across the country to build a movement to develop and promote education for liberation. It will take place in Houston, TX from June 25 to 28, 2009.

Our keynote speakers are Charles Cobb, one of the architects of the 1964 Freedom Schools in Mississippi, and Rosa Clemente, a hip hop activist and journalist and the Vice Presidential candidate for the Green Party in the 2008 elections.

<http://www.freemindsfreepeople.com/fmfp/registration> Click here (<http://www.freemindsfreepeople.org/fmfp/registration> www.freemindsfreepeople.org/fmfp/registration) for more information about conference fees, vendor and exhibition tables, the conference location, transportation and for a link to our online registration page. You can also pre-order conference t-shirts online for \$15 when you register

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The lead organizations for Free Minds, Free People are The Brotherhood/Sister Sol, the Chicago Freedom School, the Education for Liberation Network and the SHAPE Center.

Forwarded by Kamala Platt

NUMBER: 446

PUBLISHED: 6/1/2009 10:38:00 PM

TITLE: Shutting Down Hutto - Advisory/Invitation *

Three hundred to five hundred people held with children in secret conditions brings to mind Nazi Germany. However, this is happening today in Texas. The documentary T. Don Hutto is available online and documents the conditions under which children are being held as a result of their parents CIVIL immigration infractions.

I have personally spoken to people who have had ICE threaten their friends and family members with the detention of their children if they do not volunteer to be deported, a most disgusting and vile practice.

It is our opinion that this, and all criminal-detentions for civil violations, constitutes a breach of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, a hemispheric agreement which was accepted by the United States. Therefore, we declare all detentions for "illegal presence" an illegal act in and of itself, and beneath the dignity of our great people.

We are happy to work in concert with Maria Elena Castellano's efforts to create a coalition to shut this prison down. The ad-hoc coalition is planning a caravan from Houston to the Hutto prison in conjunction with participants from other cities on June 20th.

Meanwhile, La Raza Justice Movement is tentatively planning a rally for July 11th, and continues to coordinate with small businesses and the people on the Northeast part of town.

I would like to invite you and your organization to participate in either or both.

Hector A. Chavana Jr.
La Raza Justice Movement

NUMBER: 447

PUBLISHED: 8/6/2009 8:16:00 AM

TITLE: Fwd: Hutto to stop detaining families, no new family detention cente *

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bob Libal and Luissana Santibanez <news@grassrootsleadership.org>

Date: Thu, Aug 6, 2009 at 6:45 AM

Subject: Hutto to stop detaining families, no new family detention centers!!!

To: tejaztlana@gmail.com

Dear friends,

We are celebrating these lines in this morning's New York Times:

"[T]he government will stop sending families to the T. Don Hutto Residential Center, a former state prison near Austin, Tex., that drew an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit and scathing news coverage for putting young children behind razor wire. ...

The decision to stop sending families there - and to set aside plans for three new family detention centers - is the Obama administration's clearest departure from its predecessor's immigration enforcement policies."

The past three years have seen thousands of people participate in dozens of Hutto vigils, two great documentary films on family detention, major media scrutiny, a landmark lawsuit settlement, 60,000 petition-signers, and the organizing of students, immigrant rights advocates, faith activists, and everyday people around the country to end family detention.

Today's announcement is not just a victory for Grassroots Leadership's Campaign to End Immigrant Family Detention, but for an entire movement for justice that has come together to close Hutto and to end immigrant family detention.

We'll send you more details in the coming days. While our work to end immigrant detention altogether is certainly far from over, please join us in celebrating this incredible moment.

Bob Libal and Luissana Santibanez
Grassroots Leadership
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NUMBER: 449

PUBLISHED: 11/19/2009 7:45:00 PM

TITLE: La Nueva Raza is Reborn! Visit site and sign up for NEW Listserv! *

Saludos familia -

LaNuevaRaza.org is Reborn! Visit our NEW site at www.LaNuevaRaza.org and sign up for the NEW Listserv!

This listserv is no longer active...the new site and web subscription allows you COMPLETE control of your mail preferences.

Just enter your email address in the prompt and you'll be set up in no time!

Que siga la onda!

En solidaridad,

Iris
aka TEJAZTLANA
tejaztlana@gmail.com
LaNuevaRaza.org

NUMBER: 452

PUBLISHED: 12/6/2009 8:44:00 PM

TITLE: LNR Upcoming Events *

LNR Events

2009-12-10 PECOS: Pecos: Protest, March and Vigil

Posted: 10 Dec 2009 12:00 AM PST

Dec 10, 2009

<http://nuevaraza.wordpress.com/2009/12/04/take-action-pecos-prison-problem/2009-12-19> AUSTIN:

December TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting

Posted: 19 Dec 2009 12:00 AM PST

Dec 19, 2009

<http://nuevaraza.wordpress.com/2009/12/07/austin-join-us-for-the-december-taasa-mobilizing-men-task-force-meeting/>

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TITLE: LaNuevaRaza 12.7.09 *

LaNuevaRaza

- * HOUSTON: Screening of '800 Mile Wall' in honor of International Human Rights Day
- * MISSION, TX: Plaintiffs ponder pesticide plant settlement
- * AUSTIN: Join us for the December TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting
- * PHOENIX: National Call to Action
- * PECOS, TX: Dec 10-12 March and Vigil for Human Rights at the Reeves County Detention Center (Pecos, TX)
- * Western Civilization: To be or Not to be
- * SAN ANTO: Platica sobre El Tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo/ Forum on Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
- * AUSTIN: We Will Always Be Here!
- * Dia de la Virgen, 12th: March and Vigil for Human Rights at the Reeves County Detention Center (Pecos, TX)
- * CALIFAS: JUSTICE FOR NATIVO FUNDRAISER

HOUSTON: Screening of '800 Mile Wall' in honor of International Human Rights Day

Posted: 06 Dec 2009 04:17 PM PST

Attached is the invitation to the exclusive, pre-screening of The 800 Mile Wall at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 10 International Human Rights Day at the Rice Media Center at University Blvd and Stockton, Entrance 8. For a trailer, see www.800milewall.org. The objective is to view the film and to celebrate our collective efforts to defend human [...]

MISSION, TX: Plaintiffs ponder pesticide plant settlement

Posted: 06 Dec 2009 04:13 PM PST

Web Posted: 12/03/2009 11:17 CST Plaintiffs ponder pesticide plant settlement By Lynn Brezosky - Express-News EDINBURG " All of the roughly 1,800 plaintiffs claiming illnesses from the former Hayes-Sammons pesticide plant in Mission must agree to divvy up a \$4.2 million settlement " or restart what has been a decade-long challenge to get their lawsuit to trial, according [...]

AUSTIN: Join us for the December TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting

Posted: 06 Dec 2009 04:09 PM PST

Mobilizing Men Task Force A gathering for activists against men's violence Join men and women from Austin and the surrounding area who are interested in mobilizing men to stand up against violence. Please register by December 18, 2009. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER WHEN: Saturday, December 19, 2009 TIME: 9:00 a.m. " 3:00 p.m. WHERE: \[...\]](#)

PHOENIX: National Call to Action

Posted: 06 Dec 2009 04:08 PM PST

These are websites that have video and clips of why it is IMPORTANT for people come and participate in this national call to action in Phoenix. www.ndlon.org www.puenteaz.org Please forward to your groups. Housing will be provided. If you have questions, please email me or call me at 602.575-8829. Thank you, Sylvia Herrera Posted in National, Take Action Tagged: arizona, events, immigrants, [...]

PECOS, TX: Dec 10-12 March and Vigil for Human Rights at the Reeves County Detention Center (Pecos, TX)

Posted: 06 Dec 2009 04:07 PM PST

Compañer@s, please read the urgent message below and the attached documents. They provide information about the upcoming Vigilia and March for Human Rights on December 12th, el Dia de Tonantzín/Virgen de Guadalupe and encourage your participation. We will send out more information as it comes along, but please let us know if you would like to [...]

Western Civilization: To be or Not to be

Posted: 06 Dec 2009 03:48 PM PST

Column of the Americas Western Civilization: To be or Not to be December 1, 2005 By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez Mahatma Gandhi was once asked by a journalist: "What do you think of Western Civilization?" He responded: "That Would be a Good Idea?" It is not certain that Indigenous peoples in the Americas have ever been asked the same question, though the response [...]

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- * TAKE ACTION: Support Congressman Gutierrez's Bill
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- * 3 Police Officers among 5 People Indicted in Race-related Beating of Luis Ramirez
- * TAKE ACTION: Tell DOJ and BOP to stop abusing immigrant prisoners at Reeves
- * Civil Rights Coalition Honors International Human Rights Day with Protest at GEO Group Regional Headquarters
- * HOUSTON: On Human Rights Day: Support Domestic Worker Rights
- * El Paso Groups Rally to Fight Wage Theft
- * Rio Grande Valley-wide Network of Allies for Immigration Reform "Join us!
- * HOUSTON: Grant 4 a non-profit in the Latino community in 2010.
- * TAKE ACTION: Help Protect Children From Toxic Pesticides

SAN ANTO: Int'l Woman's Day Planning Meeting Schedule for '09-'10!! 1 Attachment

20 Dec 2009 08:10 PM PST

Posted:

[Attachment(s) from Esperanza Peace and Justice Center included below] International Woman's Day March! Saturday, March 6, 2010 Attention Mujeres: Int'l Woman's Day March & Rally Planning Meetings @ Esperanza Peace & Justice Center 922 San Pedro, 78212 MEETING DATES: TUE Dec 22 " 6pm TUE Jan 5 " 6pm TUE Jan 12 " 6pm SAT Jan 16 " 10am TUE Jan 19 " 6pm TUE Jan 26 [...]

TAKE ACTION: Support Congressman Gutierrez's Bill

20 Dec 2009 08:08 PM PST

Posted:

*****A Message from Reform Immigration for America***** Today, Congressman Luis Gutierrez and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus introduced their immigration reform bill, aptly titled the "CIR ASAP Act." It's the first bill to provide a comprehensive plan, and clearly lays out many of the realistic solutions that we have been pushing for. Your work has gotten us this [...]

Immigration Policy Update "Immigration Reform & Repeal of 287g

20 Dec 2009 07:41 PM PST

Posted:

Gutierrez Proposal Sets a Marker for Reform On December 15, Representative Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) introduced legislation to reform our immigration laws. The Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act (CIR ASAP) represents an important step in getting Congress to act to fix our broken immigration system next year. Below is a thumbnail sketch of [...]

3 Police Officers among 5 People Indicted in Race-related Beating of Luis Ramirez

20 Dec 2009 07:36 PM PST

Posted:

Federal intervention and indictments in the Luis Ramirez case! The murder of Luis Ramirez, many of us believe, was a direct result of the hate mongering by Lou Dobbs and other xenophobes and racists that use the air waves to attack Mexicanos. Dobbs is gone but many others are still on the air waves run [...]

TAKE ACTION: Tell DOJ and BOP to stop abusing immigrant prisoners at Reeves

20 Dec 2009 07:31 PM PST

Posted:

Take Action Today! Dear Iris, Earlier this year, NNIRR responded to a flood of calls from family members of immigrant prisoners at the Reeves County Detention Complex (RCDC) in Pecos, Texas where prisoners protested inhumane conditions, which led to the deaths of several prisoners after being punished with solitary confinement for requesting medical care for delicate conditions. Now, [...]

Civil Rights Coalition Honors International Human Rights Day with Protest at GEO Group Regional Headquarters

20 Dec 2009 07:28 PM PST

Posted:

Compañer@s, Aquí les mando unos links de reportes que han salido sobre Reeves para que las demandas de dignidad se escuchen en todas partes. En solidaridad, Luissana NPR AP article KPFK LA Forwarded message From: Luissana Santibanez

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=121248709><http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/6762816.html>http://64.27.15.184/parchive/mp3/kpfc_091209_213030special.MP3Posted in News *

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CALIFAS: COURT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MIGRANT DEATHS ALL AMERICAN CANAL

28 Dec 2009 01:49 PM PST

Posted:

CONTACT: Jack Lorenz Gatekeeper Productions, LLC 323-656-1355 213-324-6101 mobile John Human Rights Advocates set to go to Court in El Centro MEDIA ADVISORY On Dec. 29. 2009 Filmmaker John Carlos Frey and founder of Citizens for All American Canal Safety, Dr. John Hunter will be in an El Centro, CA courthouse to hear charges brought against them for a humanitarian act of civil [...]

ARIZONA: Virtual Tamales for Macehualli Day Labor Center Survival

28 Dec 2009 01:48 PM PST

Posted:

Dear Friends, As we reach the beginning of a new year we would like to thank you for all the support you have given us to help save the Macehualli Center. However, the families helped with the center will lose this important pillar of support early next year unless we do an extraordinary effort to save it. We have had [...]

AUSTIN: New Year Celebration 12/30/09

28 Dec 2009 01:45 PM PST

Posted:

Full Moon New Year's Celebration *Wednesday, December 30, 2009 7:00 p.m. * new date Hosted by Madre Azul Drumming Circle Alma de Mujer Center for Social Change 13621 FM 2769 Austin, TX 78726 512.258.3880 Please bring the following items: drum and/or rattle, blanket, water, offerings (smudge stick, tobacco, copal), and food to share. This project is funded and supported in part by the City of Austin [...]

Esther Chavez dies at 76; activist decried murders of women in Ciudad Juarez

28 Dec 2009 01:43 PM PST

Posted:

Esther Chavez dies at 76; activist decried murders of women in Ciudad Juarez " During My time at La Mujer Obrera I had the opportunity to meet Esther Chavez through our work to defend the dignity of women. She was a strong woman. She understood the danger that Violence against Women posed in our communities if it was [...]

<http://www.facebook.com/l/33e91;latimes.com>

Video Game on Immigration:

28 Dec 2009 01:37 PM PST

Posted:

Forwarded message From: Bryan Parras

www.icedgame.com ICEDgamesmall.pdf Posted in News Tagged: detention, ice, immigrant, immigration

SAN ANTO: Call for Submissions " Int'l Woman's Day March

28 Dec 2009 01:34 PM PST

Posted:

Call for Submissions Attention: Mujeres, women, sisters, hermanas! Call for submissions: Submit your drawing, painting or panelo to be used as the 2010 International Woman's Day March Image!! The chosen image will be featured on flyers, posters, invitations & t-shirts. Please note that full color images may be converted to one or two colors for the screen-printing of images on t-shirts. Submission [...]

NUMBER: 458

PUBLISHED: 1/11/2010 8:14:00 AM

TITLE: LaNuevaRaza 01.11.10 *

The site has just been created...postings will be made soon.En Solidaridad,IRIS RODRIGUEZLaNuevaRaza.org
La Nueva Raza News has now joined Facebook! LINK:

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#/pages/La-Nueva-Raza/246107868163?ref=mf>

LaNuevaRaza

- * TAKE ACTION: Stop TX from erasing Cesar Chavez & Hispanics from school books
- * ARIZONA: Urgent Call to Action! January 16th 2009 in Phoenix Arizona
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- * NYT: ICE officials covered up evidence of detainees' mistreatment
- * RAYMONDVILLE: Willacy County Detention Center Solidarity Action: Jan. 8-9
- * SAN ANTO: Corazones On Fire " Sat Jan 16
- * HOUSTON: Latino Giving Houston Meeting " Jan 8
- * SAN ANTO: NEXT WEDNESDAY @ ESPERANZA:::Noche Azul~Boleros III

TAKE ACTION: Stop TX from erasing Cesar Chavez & Hispanics from school books
09 Jan 2010 07:30 PM PST

Posted:

Stop Texas from erasing Cesar Chavez and Hispanics from school books We urgently need your help to stop the Texas state Board of Education from erasing Cesar Chavez and all Hispanic historical figures from public school text books. Since Texas is such a major textbook purchaser, such a move could have a nationwide impact. This Wednesday, Jan. [...]

ARIZONA: Urgent Call to Action! January 16th 2009 in Phoenix Arizona
09 Jan 2010 07:29 PM PST

Posted:

Dear Friends, The time has come to once again take the streets and stand up against hate! Twice in the past year we have stood up with resounding response and results. After our two previous five thousand plus people actions: First, investigations from the US Justice Department and FBI were started. Second, congressional hearings were hosted [...]

ODESSA: Support for Voz Unida
09 Jan 2010 07:18 PM PST

Posted:

It's that time of year when many non-profit organizations begin their fundraising momentum. We at Una Voz Unida of Odessa are launching our first online fundraiser to benefit our CBO. That being said we are

introducing \$5 Mondays to our over 200 free members! \$5 Monday's will help keep the organization (CBO) in the black. As [...]

NYT: ICE officials covered up evidence of detainees' mistreatment

09 Jan 2010 07:16 PM PST

Posted:

NYT: Feds hid truth about immigrant jail deaths NYT: ICE officials covered up evidence of detainees' mistreatment By Nina Bernstein The New York Times updated 4:14 p.m. CT, Sat., Jan. 9, 2010 Silence has long shrouded the men and women who die in the nation's immigration jails. For years, they went uncounted and unnamed in the public record. Even [...]

RAYMONDVILLE: Willacy County Detention Center Solidarity Action: Jan. 8-9

09 Jan 2010 06:55 PM PST

Posted:

Here is the press release. Tomorrow we will be fasting outside of the Willacy County Detention Center all day 10am. At 12pm we will go warm up at a local Methodist Church. Then we will return to the Detention Center and united with the vigil at 4PM. If you have any further questions please contact Anayanse [...]

SAN ANTO: Corazones On Fire " Sat Jan 16

09 Jan 2010 06:33 PM PST

Posted:

œCorazones On Fire ☞ on Saturday, January 16 at 2:00pm. Event: Corazones On Fire œEnchanting Tokens for Enamorados (Single or Couples)☞ What: Retail Start Time: Saturday, January 16 at 2:00pm End Time: Saturday, January 16 at 6:00pm Where: Luz de Luna BotanicArte @ Gallista Gallery To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below: Posted in Central, News, Tejastlan Tagged: arte, cultura, [...]

NUMBER: 460

PUBLISHED: 1/13/2010 7:03:00 AM

TITLE: LaNuevaRaza 01.13.10 *

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=237062487731&mid=1af7da7G795ddcG999a8caG7>

Stop Texas from erasing Cesar Chavez and Hispanics from school books to stop the Texas state Board of Education from Since Texas is such a major textbook purchaser, such a move could have a nationwide impact.

We urgently need your help erasing Cesar Chavez and all Hispanic historical figures from public school text books.

to adopt new standards for social studies texts. These new standards would Cesar Chavez, arguably the most important Hispanic civil rights leader of the 20th Century, is among the historical figures to be eliminated. One of Lowe's so called "experts" said that Chavez and should not be Also eliminated are a number of key Texas history makers such as Irma Rangel, the first Hispanic woman elected to the state Legislature.

This Wednesday, Jan. 13, the state board will take a preliminary vote eliminate all Hispanics since the conquest of Mexico in the early 16th Century."lacks the stature...and contributions" "held up to our children as someone worthy of emulation."

Board members and their appointees have complained about an in the current social studies standards. "over representation of minorities" This is ironic as Hispanics will soon comprise the majority of all Texas public school students.

Tell the TX State Board of Education not to allow a handful of ideological extremists to revise history by eliminating people of color.

Please take a few moments right now to send board Chair Lowe an e-mail. .Please act now

Go to:

<http://action.ufw.org/page/speakout/cectxjan10>

Si Se Puede!

at the William B. Travis Building, Room 1-104, 1701 No. Congress Ave. in Austin.

The state board meets at 9 a.m. on Jan. 13

Electronic registration forms are available online at the following link: .

If you are in the area and can attend to voice your outrage at these proceedings, you must register no later than next Monday, January 11th. www.tea.state.tx.us/sboe/forms

A number of longtime farm worker movement leaders and civil rights attorneys are testifying. Besides sending your e-mail we would also appreciate it if you call or fax TX state board of Education Chair Gail Lowe at 512-936-6262 (phone) or 512-936-4319 (fax).

Recent News Clip:

Washington Monthly: Revisionaries-How a group of Texas conservatives is rewriting your kids' textbooks. and keep up with the latest news.

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LaNuevaRaza

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- * Despite a U.S. Supreme Court ban, Texas has continued to send mentally retarded criminals to death row.

Will a Mexican immigrant's case correct this injustice?

El Paso housekeepers sue ex-employers for fair wages

12 Jan 2010 02:11 PM PST

Posted:

Email not displaying correctly? View it in your browser. El Paso housekeepers sue ex-employers By ABC-7 Reporter Daniel Marin El Paso, Texas " So many of them begin their days near the bridges and bus stops. Their commutes, taking them to Sun City neighborhoods and the homes of El Pasoans who can afford an extra set of hands [...]

HOUSTON: JOIN MEETING TO PLAN IMMIGRANT RIGHT ACTIONS, TUES JAN 19 HIWJ 6:30 PM

12 Jan 2010 06:34 AM PST

Posted:

What actions do we need to take to protect, promote and defend immigrant and refugee rights in 2010? The Coalition in Defense of the Community will hold its first meeting of 2010 on Tues, Jan 19 at 6:30 pm at the offices of the Houston Interfaith Workers Justice Center, 2906 Houston Ave, 77009. We hope to see [...]

Invitation to Texas Convention for Immigration Integration: A Call for Immigration Reform

12 Jan 2010 06:32 AM PST

Posted:

Statewide Convention on Immigration AUSTIN, TX SAVE THE DATE: February 20 About us Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance (RITA) The Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance (RITA) is a multi-sector statewide network dedicated to building support for comprehensive immigration reform. RITA's goal is to present a common, pro-reform Texas voice and educate Texas elected officials about the need to fix America's broken [...]

WESLACO: FIFTH ANNUAL PEACE & JUSTICE GATHERING " Sat Jan 30

12 Jan 2010 06:30 AM PST

Posted:

FIFTH ANNUAL PEACE & JUSTICE GATHERING SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2010 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM South Texas College, Weslaco, Student Services F-Building Keynote Speaker Sarwat Husain President, San Antonio

Council of American-Islamic Relations œThe War, Islamophobia, and the Aftermath of the Fort Hood Shootingsœ Also Featuring: Workshop on Immigration Rights and Upcoming Legislation Workshop [...]

Virtual Tamales for Macehualli Day Labor Center Survival

12 Jan 2010 06:24 AM PST

Posted:

Dear Friends, As we reach the beginning of a new year we would like to thank you for all the support you have given us to help save the Macehualli Center. However, the families helped with the center will lose this important pillar of support early next year unless we do an extraordinary effort to save it. We have had [...]

AUSTIN: Join us for the January TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting

12 Jan 2010 06:14 AM PST

Posted:

Mobilizing Men Task Force A gathering for activists against men's violence Join men and women from Austin and the surrounding area who are interested in mobilizing men to stand up against violence. Please register by January 21, 2010. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER WHEN: Friday, January 22, 2010 TIME: 9:00 a.m. " 12:00 p.m. WHERE: [...]

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- * SAN ANTO: Congratulations Fuerza Unida! 20 Years of Resistance!
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- * AUSTIN: œFeria Para Aprenderœ " Feb 7
- * Conjunto Heritage Taller Events
- * CALIFAS: Protest Obama's first year a promise unfulfilled to the immigrant communities " Jan 20
- * Obama administration grants Temporary Protective Status
- * TAKE ACTION: End All Deportations To Haiti and Grant TPS status to Haitians
- * SAN ANTO: Conjunto Heritage Taller Newsletter
- * The Huehuetlahtolli (Ancient Guidances) re Sheriff Arpaio

Call for Submissions: Migration, Mobility, Exchange, and the U.S. South

18 Jan 2010 08:53 PM PST

Posted:

Southern Spaces () invites proposals for essays, photo essays, original documentaries and multimedia projects about migration, mobility, and exchange in the regional and global reaches of the U.S. South. We encourage submissions that combine innovative scholarship and analysis with ideas for digital media elements such as images, maps, audio, or video. From Charles Reagan Wilson's Routes [...]

www.southernspaces.org

SAN ANTO: Congratulations Fuerza Unida! 20 Years of Resistance!

18 Jan 2010 08:39 PM PST

Posted:

Esperanza Peace & Justice Center congratulates Fuerza Unida! FUERZA UNIDA 20 Year Anniversary ~ TUES JAN 19, 2010 12pm @ Fuerza Unida 710 New Laredo Hwy. ~ Join FUERZA UNIDA for lunch & Press Conference announcing their 20 anos of resistencia! ; more events to follow throughout the year! ~ ESPERANZA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER 922 San Pedro c San Antonio TX 78212 c 210.228.0201 (entrance on W. Evergreen, 1/2 mile [...])

AUSTIN: Mamas of Color Rising Catering Coop Training " Feb 4

18 Jan 2010 08:36 PM PST

Posted:

Third Coast Workers for Cooperation(TCWC)is an Austin-based organization committed to the development of ecologically sustainable worker cooperatives. Our mission is to empower low-income communities to create a thriving network of eco-friendly, worker-owned businesses throughout the greater Austin area. We offer a 16-week training course called the Cooperative Business Institute (CBI), a comprehensive training program designed to equip workers with the skills [...]

AUSTIN: Education Collaborative promotes: Urban Roots Internships and Social Justice Dialogue

18 Jan 2010 08:34 PM PST

Posted:

Education Collaborative promotes: Urban Roots Internships and Social Justice Dialogue Please note that the first Urban Roots announcement is directed towards high school youth ages 14-17 and the second is not. Also, the CPPDR announcement is aimed at UT undergraduate and graduate students (see attachments). Abrazos, Education Collaborative (512) 940-4320 ***** 1. Urban Roots Youth Internships (Sent to us by Mike Evans [...])

PHOENIX: Thousands protest sheriff's immigration efforts

18 Jan 2010 08:23 PM PST

Posted:

Thousands protest sheriff's immigration efforts LINK: PHOENIX " Thousands of immigrant rights advocates marched in front of a county jail in Phoenix Saturday in a protest that was aimed at Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio's immigration efforts and was marked by a clash between a small group of protesters and police officers. Posted in Arizona, National, News [...]

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?inbox%2Freadmessage.php&t=1210054659041&mid=1bd5287G5af33245a049G101ec3G0detentionwatchnetwork.wordpress.com>

AUSTIN: œFeria Para Aprender " Feb 7

18 Jan 2010 08:15 PM PST

Posted:

"Feria Para Aprender" Saturday, February 7 at 10:00am. Event: Feria Para Aprender "Para Una Buena Vida" What: Informational Meeting Start Time: Saturday, February 7 at 10:00am End Time: Saturday, February 7 at 2:00pm Where: Burger Activity Center To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below: Austin Partners in Education has joined efforts once again with the Austin Spanish-language media outlets, including Univision [...]

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=31181518058&mid=1bc523bG795ddcG9c6ef3eG7>

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* SAN ANTO: La Voz Mailout :: Tomorrow, Thursday :: Noon " 5pm

* AUSTIN: Haitian Fundraiser " Jan 24

* œWar on Drugs over?

* Doctors Without Borders Cargo Plane Blocked From Landing in Port-au-Prince

* 70 Detainees Hunger Strike at the Port Isabel Detention Center in TX On National Day of Action Against Sherriff Arpaio, Hunger Strike grows in Celebration of MLK

Update on Cesar Chavez and the Texas history book situation

21 Jan 2010 06:04 PM PST

Posted:

Update on Cesar Chavez and the Texas history book situation We want to thank all the UFW supporters who sent e-mails to the Texas State Board of Education and told them not to erase Cesar Chavez and Hispanic historical figures from public school text books. Your response was overwhelming with more than 11,000 people taking action [...]

SAN ANTO: La Voz Mailout :: Tomorrow, Thursday :: Noon " 5pm

21 Jan 2010 05:07 PM PST

Posted:

**Buena Gente, we need your help! first La Voz mailout of 2010! February 2010 Issue La Voz Mailout
Thursday, Jan 21, 2010**

NUMBER: 464

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TITLE: La Nueva Raza News 01.27.10 *

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HOUSTON: Janitors Picket PJS Tomorrow at Noon!

26 Jan 2010 10:20 AM PST

Posted:

Hey all! Come out and support the janitors by joining our picket line tomorrow! Just a few minutes of your lunch time could help make a difference for hundreds of janitors and their families. Come out and join the FIGHT for JUSTICE!!! SI SE PUEDE Michael Espinoza Lead Organizer SEIU Local 1- Houston Justice for Janitors [www..HoustonJanitors.org](http://www.HoustonJanitors.org) (832) 277-3903 Janitors Picket PJS! Tuesday, [...]

Hunger Strike Spreads; Haitian Immigrant Activist Freed]

26 Jan 2010 10:19 AM PST

Posted:

Hunger Strike Spreads; Haitian Immigrant Activist Freed <> <> On January 17 a group of immigrant rights activists in Florida suspended a hunger strike " the Fast for Our Families <> " which they began on New Year's Day. "After watching the suffering of our Haitian brothers and sisters, and seeing the determination of the Department of Homeland Security to ignore the [...]

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jane-guskin/hunger-strike-spreads-](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jane-guskin/hunger-strike-spreads-hai_b_434592.html)

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Q&A: Why a statewide convention on immigration reform

26 Jan 2010 10:15 AM PST

Posted:

Why a Texas Convention on Immigration Reform? Texas Convention on Immigrant Integration "A Call for Reform" Austin, Feb. 20 When and Where 1-5 p.m. Saturday February 20 , 2010 Travis County Expo Center 7311 Decker Lane Austin, TX 78724 Free Who is Organizing the Texas Convention? Visit our Web site The Texas Convention is convened and organized by the Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance (RITA), a statewide coalition [...]

HOUSTON: REMINDER " COALITION PLANNING MEETING TUES, JAN 26 AT 6:30 AT HIWJ

26 Jan 2010 10:09 AM PST

Posted:

TO PLAN THE HOUSTON CONVENTION ON IMMIGRATION REFORM, THE COALITION COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW TUES JAN 26 AT 6:30 AT HIWJ, 2906 HOUSTON AVE, 77009. At the last week's meeting, we decided to hold the Houston Convention on Immigration Reform on Saturday, Feb 6 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the Nueva Vida (New Life) Church [...]

UT Austin: CMAS Events and Announcements

26 Jan 2010 10:07 AM PST

Posted:

CMAS Announcements: ~~~~~ Familia de CMAS, We are very pleased to announce a one-year CMAS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in Mexican American Studies. The CMAS Postdoctoral Fellow is expected to be in residence during the fellowship [...]

10 Year old boy's blog about removing Cesar Chavez from Texas textbooks

26 Jan 2010 10:06 AM PST

Posted:

From HERMANA RESIST ZINE creator, Noemi: Hi, thought ya'll would be interested in this. It's written by my 10 year old son on removing Cesar Chavez from Texas textbooks. Noemi Martinez ** unless we develop some cohesive vision of that world in which we hope these children will participate, and some sense of our own responsibilities in the shaping [...]

<http://mexicanriver.wordpress.com/http://www.hermanaresist.com>

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- * SAN ANTO: US Social Forum San Antonio kick off " Feb 13
- * Revolucion Centenario Ballet Paseo del Norte
- * SAN ANTO: Job Posting :: Bookkeeper :: Esperanza Peace and Justice Center
- * HOUSTON: Feb 6th immigration congention Fliers and info
- * TAKE ACTION: Preserve public option in health bill (yes, it's possible)
- * Weekly News Update of the Americas: Focus on Haiti
- * TAKE ACTION: Sign the petition to revoke 287(g)!
- * Welcome to the Police State: Undercover Cops at Jan 16 Arizona March
- * SAN ANTO: Southwest Worker's Union / Peoples' Movement Assembly (PMA) " Feb 13

AUSTIN: Alma de Mujer Feb 14 Gathering

31 Jan 2010 07:35 PM PST

Posted:

Join Us for Alma Love 2010 Sunday February 14, 2010 Alma Love 2010 One of the ancient sacred teachings is that one has to be able to love oneself in order to love others. Through the healing love meditation, one has to receive love in order to give love in the Circle of Light. We will practice this teaching by [...]

SAN ANTO: US Social Forum San Antonio kick off " Feb 13

31 Jan 2010 07:31 PM PST

Posted:

US Social Forum San Antonio kick off Saturday, February 13 at 10:30am. Event: US Social Forum San Antonio kick off "Assemblies, Brigades, Caravans, Delegations" What: Club/Group Meeting Start Time: Saturday, February 13 at 10:30am End Time: Saturday, February 13 at 1:00pm Where: 1416 E. Commerce " SWU complex To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below: Filed under: Central, News, Tejantlan Tagged: [...]

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=316925939044&mid=1cdbfd2G795ddcGa05f2a7G7>

Revolucion Centenario Ballet Paseo del Norte

31 Jan 2010 07:19 PM PST

Posted:

LINK TO VIDEO: Filed under: News, Tejantlan, West Tagged: arte, cultura, el paso

SAN ANTO: Job Posting :: Bookkeeper :: Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

31 Jan 2010 07:13 PM PST

Posted:

The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center is currently seeking an Experienced Bookkeeper ¢ Minimum 2 years experience ¢ Non-Profit bookkeeping experience preferred ¢ Proficiency in Quickbooks Pro required
CONTACT: Amanda or Rene (210)228-0201. See job description and qualifications below for details. * Please forward to potential applicants * QUALIFICATIONS: 1. Experience with Quickbooks Pro, Microsoft Word and Excel 2. Bookkeeping experience (minimum two years) 3. Excellent organizational and [...]

HOUSTON: Feb 6th immigration convention Fliers and info

31 Jan 2010 07:12 PM PST

Posted:

Houston Immigration Convention A community dialogue on CIR and the steps we need to take together
Network: Global Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010 Time: 2:00pm " 5:00pm Location: Iglesia Hispana Nueva Vida Street: 4124 Telephone Road Description We will be meeting to come up with a city wide strategy to educate community members on Comprehensive Immigration Reform and other immigrant related issues. All advocates [...]

TAKE ACTION: Preserve public option in health bill (yes, it's possible)

31 Jan 2010 07:09 PM PST

Posted:

SIGN AN ON-LINE PETITION TO HELP PASS A HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL WITH A "PUBLIC OPTION." CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK AND FOLLOW THE SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS: (If you can't get to the site by clicking on this link, copy and paste this address into your browser.) EXPLANATION OF THIS CALL TO ACTION The health reform our coalition has endorsed and [...]

http://act.credoaction.com/campaign/po_reconciliation/?r_by=7528-2330221-AKNsU.x&rc=mailto1

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- * HOUSTON: Immigration Convention œUniting for A Common Goal " Mar 21
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- * 2010 National Latino Congreso Results
- * TAKE ACTION: National Geographic's Border Wars " Online Video Game
- * AUSTIN: TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting " Feb19
- * AUSTIN: Help to Save Spanish Instruction in Elementary School
- * TAKE ACTION: Call Aramark in the Texas Union!
- * RIO GRANDE VALLEY: Migrant Clinicians Network Seeks Family Violence Initiative Manager
- * Interview with Ronald Molina " Indefinite Hunger Strike at the Port Isabel Detention Center

SAN JUAN: PfpJ Planning Meeting " Feb 19

07 Feb 2010 09:50 PM PST

Posted:

MONTHLY PLANNING MEETING FOR PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE AT THE UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST CHURCH BUILDING 1401 S. NEBRASKA AVENUE, SAN JUAN, TX THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH 7:00 PM TO ABOUT 8:15 PM COME HELP PLAN OUR WORK FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

Filed under: Arizona

HOUSTON: Immigration Convention œUniting for A Common Goal " Mar 21

07 Feb 2010 09:44 PM PST

Posted:

Great event. mark your calendar for March 21st. Filed under: Arizona

<http://www.ournewanahuac.net/houston-immigration-convention-uniting-for-a-common-goal/2010/02/06/>

TAKE ACTION: We need your signature to stop sexual harassment at Giumarra Vineyards
07 Feb 2010 09:28 PM PST

Posted:

We need your signature to stop sexual harassment at Giumarra Vineyards Last week we shared the story of a teenager who, according to a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), was subjected to repeated sexual harassment while working for the nation's largest table grape grower "Giumarra vineyards. Instead of dealing with the situation like [...]

2010 National Latino Congreso Results

07 Feb 2010 09:20 PM PST

Posted:

2010 National Latino Congreso Results Introduction Approximately 1,000 leaders and activists attended the 4th National Latino Congreso (NLC) in El Paso at the Camino Real during Jan 29-31. The NLC hosted delegations from over 100 organizations and elected officials for the three day convention on politics and policy. The delegates, observers, speakers, and guests came from eleven [...]

TAKE ACTION: National Geographic's Border Wars " Online Video Game

07 Feb 2010 09:14 PM PST

Posted:

National Geographic's Border Wars " Online Video Game The National Geographic Channel's "Border Wars" TV show (which is bad enough as it is) now has an online video game where you can pretend to be a Border Patrol agent. This game is extremely offensive as it sensationalizes real conditions on the US-Mexico border and makes light of [...]

AUSTIN: TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting " Feb19

07 Feb 2010 09:07 PM PST

Posted:

Mobilizing Men Task Force A gathering for activists against men's violence Join men and women from Austin and the surrounding area who are interested in mobilizing men to stand up against violence. Please register by February 18, 2010. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER WHEN: Friday, February 19, 2010 TIME: 9:00 a.m. " 12:00 p.m. WHERE: TAASA Office [...]

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ODESSA: Civic Engagement Project " Understanding Political Parties " Feb 18

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READING IS RIGHTEOUS! 7pm Friday Feb. 12, 2010 Red Salmon Arts presents CafÃ© Libro, a bi-monthly open mike series, featuring Haitian-American writer, cultural worker, performer, & activist Carole Metellus. Originally from the Eastern United States, Carole presently lives in Austin. With her pen, Carole works to combat oppression in its numerous forms: hunger, violence, racism, sexism, homophobia, [...]

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We invite you next Thursday, February 18th, from 6-8 pm! Tanks But No Tanks: Celebrate PODER's Grassroots Victory! The 1992 campaign that forced six trans-national oil companies to close their fuel storage facilities in East Austin, known as the Tank Farm, was an issue that brought grassroots empowerment and bridged east and west Austin environmentalists. The Tank Farm campaign: [...]

SAN ANTO: NO CPS rate hikes for dirty energy!::Action WED @ 1:15pm!

09 Feb 2010 08:57 PM PST

Posted:

ACTION WEDNESDAY! Lacomunidad says NO rate hikes for dirty energy! Press Conference and meeting City Council Chambers (Main + Commerce) at 1:15pm WED FEB 10 CPS is proposing ten years worth of rate hikes with no clear plan for clean energy and no detailed account for spending. CPS will be discussing the rate hikes at city council B-session meeting tomorrow at [...]

HOUSTON: International Teach-In for Mumia Abu-Jamal " Feb 13

09 Feb 2010 08:44 PM PST

Posted:

(URGENT !! PLEASE FORWARD TO YOUR LISTS & FRIENDS) Activists from Philadelphia, across the U.S. and around the globe will take part in an important video streaming, video conferencing live teach-in to take up the next stage in the struggle to free Mumia Abu-Jamal. INTERNATIONAL TEACH-IN FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL Mumia is innocent. We must organize the Power of the People to stop [...]

SAN ANTO: Corazones On Fire Exhibition and Baile FUNdraiser

09 Feb 2010 08:38 PM PST

Posted:

Ãrale Mi Gente, Bring your Darling to the Valentines Day Baile and Fundraiser and dance to some hot Chican@ Jazzy Cumbias, cold virongas, and delicious refin. Y pa' cabarle PINK CAKE! They're Gonna Love You For It! REAL GOOD! Allan Hendrickson and Los Voodoo Cholos will be playing, and Agosto Cuellar will be our Special Guest D.J. [...]

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* HOUSTON: The Launch of The Houston Immigration Channel on Youtube!

Xican@s/Mexican Americans Can Classify as "Native American" on 2010 Census

14 Feb 2010 07:37 PM PST

Posted:

HISPANICS NOW HONOR THEIR NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE Documented Fact: When the Spaniards first arrived in the area currently known as Texas and Mexico, they encountered "indigenous people" who were native to this land. The descendants of these Native people are now known as Native Americans, American Indians, Hispanics, Mexican Americans, or indigenous people of Mexico. All [...]

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14 Feb 2010 07:30 PM PST

Posted:

Southwest Workers Union For More Info. Contact: 956.207.2571 Action Alert U.S. Government Violence targets hunger Strike at the Port Isabel Detention Center (PIDC): Punishment for All who defend human rights/civil liberties Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 Support the Families: Call Congressman Solomon Ortiz and Regional Field Office Director Michael J. Pitts and tell them to investigate and put an end to the [...]

AUSTIN: Abriendo Brecha After Party Feb 20th

14 Feb 2010 07:21 PM PST

Posted:

Mamas of Color Rising Invites you to: The ABRIENDO BRECHA After Party Saturday February 20, 8p-11p (following the close of the Abriendo Brecha Activist Scholar Conference) Music/Dance* Cash Bar * Food "CELEBRATE LOCAL VISION- SUPPORT LOCAL STRUGGLE" Fonda Del Sol- Mexican Restaurant 1912 East 7th Street (near Chicon) Featuring a live performance by: DJ Laylo (hip hop/soul/latin music) and Eli Efi (MC and activist [...])

2010 NACCS Tejas Foco Regional Conference (February 25-27, 2010)

14 Feb 2010 07:16 PM PST

Posted:

The faculty, staff, and students affiliated with the Center for Mexican American Studies at The University of Texas at Austin invite our colleagues from across Texas and the United States to join us at the 2010 National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) Tejas Foco Regional Conference. A preliminary schedule and registration form are attached [...]

Breaking News: Guest Worker Protections are Back

14 Feb 2010 07:12 PM PST

Posted:

Breaking News: Guest Worker Protections are Back Thank you for always being there for the UFW. We deeply appreciate the e-mails you sent regarding the Bush midnight H-2A guest worker regulation change and want to be the first to tell you that your efforts made a difference. U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis has just announced [...]

HOUSTON: Please share: Job Announcement " Voter Registration work for Democracia USA

14 Feb 2010 07:09 PM PST

Posted:

We at D-USA are embarking on canvassing/voter registration work in the Houston metro area, starting this Monday, February 15, 2010. Interviews for voter registration deputies are available immediately so please

feel free to share this with anyone whom you think would be interested in either a full-time or a part-time positions. Here are some details of [...]

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- Discriminatory Drug Laws; Facebook's Dirty Coal; School Bans Spanish
15 Feb 2010 07:59 PM PST

Posted:

EDITOR'S NOTE: Just wanted to share this as these topics seemed interesting! Filed under: News

TAKE ACTION: Houston " KTSU cancels œLatino Jazz

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Last week, KTSU management was forced to cancel Jazz Latino. The current president of TSU, John Rudley chose to have Jazz Latino taken off the air because, œhe did not like Latin Jazz. That was his justification for his decision, not because of performance, not because of the contribution to the community, nor for any logical [...]

HOUSTON: Coalition Meeting TOMORROW (Tuesday) 6:30pm @ 2906 Houston Ave.

15 Feb 2010 07:50 PM PST

Posted:

TO ALL COALITION MEMBERS: This is a reminder that there is a Coalition meeting scheduled for TOMORROW, 2/16/10 at 6:30PM at the Houston Interfaith Worker Justice Center (2906 Houston Ave.). This is an extremely important meeting given that it will be our final gathering before we embark on the trip to Austin this weekend for the statewide [...]

AUSTIN: RSVP for this Thursday's œTanks, But No Tanks Celebration and Dinner

15 Feb 2010 07:47 PM PST

Posted:

A reminder to RSVP for this Thursday's "Tanks, But No Tanks" Celebration and Dinner. You WON'T want to miss this celebratory tour of East Austin History, in which families and neighborhoods stood up to 6 of the worlds largest oil companies and forced them to close their poisonous fuel storage tanks in East Austin. Join us for [...]

Mayo Co-Founder, Juan Patlan, Passed Away on Feb 14

15 Feb 2010 07:45 PM PST

Posted:

One of the five co-founders of MAYO, Juan Patlan of San Antonio, Texas, passed away on February 14th from heart failure. He was formerly from Carrizo Springs, Texas. Our condolences are with his family and friends at this time. Filed under: News

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- * AUSTIN: Dignity not Detention events in Texas “ Feb 25/27
- * The Criminal Alien Program: œICE’s Biggest and Least Understood Enforcement Program
- * Victory: Western Union Agrees to Return \$250,000 in illegally seized money sent to Sonora, Mexico
- * HOUSTON: Hispanics Living Green book event “ March 2
- * SAN ANTO: Rate Hikes City Council Vote::THR 8am!!

Wells Fargo wants Arpaio out!

21 Feb 2010 06:50 PM PST

Posted:

This video is a celebration! After a year and a half of protesting daily, Wells Fargo has decided to boot Arpaio out. This video shows footage from beginning to end. Plenty of it comes from the one year anniversary last September. I tried to get as many people in this that helped. I’m sure I missed [...]

BROWNSVILLE: V-Men Workshop 2010 at UT Brownsville “ Mar 1

21 Feb 2010 06:45 PM PST

Posted:

V-Day University of Texas at Brownsville V-Men Workshop 2010 March 1, 2010, 7:00-8:30pm, University of Texas at Brownsville, Salon Cassia, Education and Business Complex, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, Texas V-Men () is a new program inviting the voices of men into the worldwide movement and the dialogue about ending violence against women and girls. In this workshop, we will [...]

www.vday.org/vmen

PASADENA: Immigration & Citizenship Forum “ Feb 20

21 Feb 2010 06:38 PM PST

Posted:

Immigration & Citizenship Forum Cleveland Ripley Community Center. Saturday February 20 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. 720 Fairmont Parkway Pasadena, TX. 77504 We Care about the Census! Harris County Complete Count Committee staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist with forms. Volunteer ! Help Legal Permanent Residents become citizens. Call Anna Patrick @ 713-669-5231 apatrick Please see flyer below for more information Thank [...]

HOUSTON: Anarchist Panther Speaking Event “ Feb 19

19 Feb 2010 07:13 AM PST

Posted:

Anarchist Panther Speaking Event Date: Friday, February 19, 2010 Time: 7:30pm “ 10:00pm Location: SHAPE Community Center at 7:30pm Street: 3903 Almeda Rd. City/Town: Houston, TX View Larger Map ASHANTI ALSTON is a former member of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army, and was a political prisoner for over 12 years. He publishes the zine œAnarchist Panther and has spent time in Chiapas, Mexico, studying [...]

HOUSTON: Art Sale for Haiti Relief “ Feb 19

19 Feb 2010 07:09 AM PST

Posted:

Art Sale for Haiti Relief Event: Art Sale for Haiti Relief What: Fundraiser Start Time: Tomorrow, February 19 at 6:00pm End Time: Tomorrow, February 19 at 7:30pm Where: The Havens Center To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below: Filed under: East, News, Tejaztlan Tagged: fundraiser, haiti, houston <http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=314483711108&mid=1e7d55eG795ddcGa5d963cG7>
AUSTIN: Dignity not Detention events in Texas " Feb 25/27
19 Feb 2010 07:05 AM PST

Posted:

Dignity not Detention On February 25, join us to stop mass immigrant detention in Texas Friends " Join Grassroots Leadership and our allies for the Texas launch of the national Dignity Not Detention: Preserving Human Rights and Restoring Justice campaign. We will be holding two events on February 25th calling for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to [...]

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AUSTIN: Sacrifice for Justice: Immigrant rights activist Rama Carty @ Resistencia!

22 Feb 2010 03:06 PM PST

Posted:

Southside Wall, Pan-Am Recreation Center Austin Tejas 1978 mural by Chicano muralist/activist Raul Valdez 7pm Thursday Feb. 25, 2010 Sacrifice for Justice: Immigrant rights activist Rama Carty speaks after his release from detention. "Going on hunger strike is not a crime, it's making a sacrifice for justice." Rama Carty is an immigrant rights activist [...]

TAKE ACTION: Urge EPA to protect farm worker kids

22 Feb 2010 03:02 PM PST

Posted:

Urge EPA to protect farm worker kids Comment period ends March 5 Children in farming communities are on the front lines every day because they live, play and learn near agricultural fields. Pesticides applied to fields don't stay put" they drift, vaporize, land in homes and on schoolyards. Current regulations don't account for reality. Rural and farm worker [...]

HOUSTON: People's Movement Assembly: Feb 27

22 Feb 2010 02:59 PM PST

Posted:

People's Movement Assembly Get ready for the 2010 USSF in Detroit by holding a People's Movement Assembly (PMA) with your organization, community, region, or sector! PMA's are community meetings that are happening across the country from August 2009 until June 2010 to bring our visions, demands, and strategies to the 2010 USSF. WHAT IS A PEOPLES MOVEMENT [...]

TAKE ACTION: The Huehuetlahtolli of Maria Molina

22 Feb 2010 02:55 PM PST

Posted:

The Huehuetlahtolli of Maria Molina By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez Maria has a cargo. A sacred cargo. How do you translate that? It's not something physical, but it is akin to a bundle. I cannot tell you what's inside of it, but it is something greater than its contents. Some of the things are unknowable. Others have no name. Yet, what [...]

After 3 Years: Alleged TYC Sex Abusers Still not brought to Trial

22 Feb 2010 02:52 PM PST

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THREE YEARS LATER, TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION VICTIMS STILL WAIT FOR JUSTICE REFORMS STALL

Accused Sex Offenders Still Not Brought to Trial in Pyote Ombudsman Position Remains Empty AUSTIN, TX “

The Texas Civil Rights Project calls for immediate trials for the former Texas Youth Commission employees accused of sexually assaulting young men in a West Texas juvenile prison. Three years [...]

HOUSTON: SFA Texas Regional Encuentro “ Mar 6-7

22 Feb 2010 02:43 PM PST

Posted:

SAVE THE DATE: SFA Texas Regional Encuentro March 6-7, University of Houston This March, we are proud to host the 2010 Texas SFA Encuentro. This gathering will be hosted by students at the University of Houston, one of Aramark’s biggest contracts, and will bring approximately 50 students and youth from around Texas to host workshops, strategize and [...]

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to check them out. It's about that time! A lack of funding for printing and distribution have prohibited us from working on another print edition, but we're going to go ahead and create another issue and hope that we can find the funding we need to print and distribute as we've done since 2004. This being said, we are seeking articles for this upcoming issue...but they must meet the following requirements: Email your submissions to: You will be notified if your article is chosen. If you are interested in in this issue, please contact us via email for ad rates at: To get a better idea about our angle / perspective, you can read the ABOUT US page at: To view past print editions, visit: Hope to hear from you soon! En Solidaridad, IRIS RODRIGUEZLaNuevaRaza.org
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24 Feb 2010 01:32 PM PST

Posted:

Compañer@s, It is with humble intentions, and in recognition of your hard work in our community, that I reach out to you and ask for your support in helping to welcome PUENTE Arizona as they travel through El Paso, Pecos, San Angelo, Odessa, Austin, San Antonio, and Houston Texas in their journey and caravan to Washington [...]

ATCF delegation to Mexico " Mach 12-14

24 Feb 2010 01:14 PM PST

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please pass this along to your networks- Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera (Austin so Close to the Border) announces Delegation to Reynosa and Rio Bravo, Mexico: March 12-14, 2010 Now in our 10th year, we pursue and celebrate a cross-border solidarity relationship with a grassroots Mexican organization of maquiladora workers; and we invite you to participate. We [...]

Willacy County Detention Center Vigil Video

24 Feb 2010 01:11 PM PST

Posted:

Forwarded by Luissana Santibanez Filed under: Border, National, News, South, Tejatzlan, West Tagged: immigrant, immigrant detention, immigration, vigil, willacy county

New Resources for Undocumented Students and their Educators

24 Feb 2010 01:08 PM PST

Posted:

New Undocumented Student Resources Paperback well received at LEAP conference in Seattle!
 Undocumented Immigrants and Higher Education: ¡Sí se puede! An accessible new edition for students and educators. LFB Scholarly Publishing Scholarships for undocumented students CALIFORNIA Educators for Fair Consideration " Due 3/5/2010 TEXAS Scholarships and financial aid forms WASHINGTON Sea Mar Awards Due 3/26/2010 College Success Due 5/1/2010 Dear Anna, The Journal of College Admission of the National [...]

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24 Feb 2010 01:02 PM PST

Posted:

NEWS ADVISORY For Immediate Release: February 24, 2010 Contact: Bob Libal, Grassroots Leadership, (512) 971-0487, blibal Anayanse Garza, Southwest Workers Union, (956) 207-2572, anayanse Dignity Not Detention: Rally to Call for Closure of Notorious South Texas Detention Centers San Antonio " Faith leaders, formerly detained immigrants, and human rights activists from across Texas will participate Thursday in a protest and [...]

STATEWIDE: Environmental Justice Encuentro 2010 " April 16-17

24 Feb 2010 12:52 PM PST

Posted:

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ENCUESTRO 2010 SAVE THE DATES! DATE: April 16-17, 2010 TIME: All Day

LOCATION: Houston, TX Venue: TBA FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Parras 713.926.8895

lucas77 Lauren Scott 409.772.1776 lescott Join Our Mailing List! Our Encuentro will offer community based organizations, environmental justice advocates and environmental health scientists an opportunity for small group interaction on a variety of themes and topics. FEATURING: Eduardo Siqueira MD, ScD/ U Mass Lowell & Elisa [...]

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* National Latino Congreso calls for Adoption of UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

* Roots of Racism: The Empire-Domination Model and Maricopa County Sheriff J. Arpaio

* TAKE ACTION: Stop SB 1097 Requirement to Report Student Immigration Status

* SAN ANTO: Cop in SAPD Rape Case had been Subject of TCRP Complaint Last Year to City Council and Police Chief for Abusive Behavior

* AUSTIN: National Day of Action " Mar 4

* AUSTIN: Volunteer Day at Alma " March 6

* AUSTIN: La Voz de Austin March 2010 edition

AUSTIN: Celebrate International Women's Day with PODER this Friday at Resistencia Bookstore!

02 Mar 2010 03:20 PM PST

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[austin, PODER, resistencia bookstore, mujer, womyn, poetry, arte, cultura] PODER, and Red Salmon Arts Present: Mujeres de PODER An evening of spoken word celebrating International Women's Day featuring women of PODER (People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources) Join us to celebrate and honor the stories of the women who make up PODER ***Followed by an [...]

LAST CHANCE: IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT WEBINARS March 4th and 11th

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HOUSTON: Reforma Migratoria Ahora! " Mar 13

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National Latino Congreso calls for Adoption of UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
02 Mar 2010 03:08 PM PST

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United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT Resolution Unanimously Adopted by the National Latino Congreso on Sunday, March 22, 2010 in El Paso, Texas. Resolution 11.04 " Adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples WHEREAS, The United Nations General Assembly has adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights [...]

Roots of Racism: The Empire-Domination Model and Maricopa County Sheriff J. Arpaio
02 Mar 2010 03:04 PM PST

Posted:

The Empire-Domination Model and the Community Indictment of Maricopa County Sheriff J. Arpaio Roots of Racism Indigenous Law Institute January 16th March for Human Rights Phoenix, Arizona The Empire-Domination Model On May 4, 1493, Pope Alexander VI issued a papal document known as the bull Inter Caetera . The document, issued at the request of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, purported [...]
http://ili.nativeweb.org/ili_info.html#5

TAKE ACTION: Stop SB 1097 Requirement to Report Student Immigration Status
01 Mar 2010 02:50 PM PST

Posted:

Urgent State Legislative Alert! It's another Russell Pearce effort that will drive the future of Arizona into the ground but this time targeting school children. If this bill sounds familiar, a House version is being heard in committee today too. On Wednesday, February 24th at 1:30pm the Senate Education Accountability & Reform Committee will vote on SB1097 [...]

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* AUSTIN: Immigration Reform Week " Mar 23-25

* Conjunto legend Ruben Vela dead at 72

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* Over 200 Groups Call on Obama and DHS to Suspend Enforcement for Census 2010

* SAN JUAN: Pfpj Monthly Meeting * MARCH 2010

* US Social Forum Phone Information Sessions

* AUSTIN: Piñata Protest in Austin " Mar 20

* AUSTIN: TODO Austin Presents: SXSW Tejano Music Showcase

ODESSA: Community Assessment Announcement " April 18

10 Mar 2010 09:19 PM PST

Posted:

Una Voz Unida of Odessa has scheduled a Community Assessment Presentation for the Catholic Churches of South Odessa on April 18th, 2010 at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, at 1321 W Monahans. Time will be 4pm to 6pm. Flyer is attached. Please RSVP if you wish to attend. This presentation will be delivered in Spanish. English translation [...]

AUSTIN: Immigration Reform Week " Mar 23-25

10 Mar 2010 09:09 PM PST

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Event hosted by Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlan Filed under: Central, News, Tejaztlan Tagged: austin, immigrant, immigration, mecha, ut austin

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Conjunto legend Ruben Vela dead at 72 Bruce Lee Smith 2010-03-09 23:22:51 HARLINGEN " Conjunto legend Ruben Vela's career stretched from his boyhood in dusty South Texas dance halls to the days of the powermix and the music video. The accordion mastery that kept people dancing for more than half a century has been forever silenced. Vela, 72, [...]

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10 Mar 2010 08:39 PM PST

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Office of Communications & Outreach, Press Office Oficina de Comunicaciones y Difusi3n, Oficina de Prensa 400 Maryland Ave., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20202 PARA LA DIVULGACI3N: 10 de julio de 2009 ENLACE: John White, Secretario de Prensa (202) 401-1576 o john.white Juan Sepulveda, Director, Iniciativa de la Casa Blanca para la Excelencia Educativa de los Hispanoamericanos (202) 412-4839 o juan.sepulveda INICIATIVA DE LA CASA BLANCA [...]

ARIZONA: Indigenous Peoples Day: Thursday March 11th Indian School Phoenix

10 Mar 2010 08:34 PM PST

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TONATIERRA Press Release For Immediate Release Date: Tuesday March 9, 2010 Contacts: Shannon Rivers (480) 220-6766; Tupac Enrique Acosta (602) 466-8367 Email: chantlaca 7th Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Nahn-coh-Mahss O'otham Community Forum in Affirmation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Thursday March 11, 2010 10:00 AM " 4:00 PM Memorial Hall " Phoenix Steele Indian School Park " 300 E. Indian [...]

Over 200 Groups Call on Obama and DHS to Suspend Enforcement for Census 2010

10 Mar 2010 08:33 PM PST

Posted:

For Immediate Release March 9, 2010 Contact.: Arnoldo Garcia (510) 928-0685 agarcia Catherine Tactaquin (510) 459-4457 ctactaquin Filed under: National, News Tagged: census, human rights, immigrant, immigration, nnirr

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AGENDA FOR MARCH:

Thursday, March 11

ARIZONA: Indigenous Peoples Day: Thursday March 11th Indian School Phoenix

AUSTIN: Gathering for Dignity and Justice

Friday, March 12

ATCF delegation to Mexico

DENVER: Cafe Cultura this Friday Night @ Denver Inner City Parish 9th and Galapago!!! Featuring Teatro Izcalli!!

Saturday, March 13

ATCF delegation to Mexico

HOUSTON: International Women's Month Events " Check it out!

HOUSTON: Reforma Migratoria Ahora!

SAN ANTO: Remember El Alma Performance

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AUSTIN: Piñata Protest in Austin

HOUSTON: International Women's Month Events " Check it out!

Sunday, March 21

HOUSTON: Immigration Convention "Uniting for A Common Goal"

Tuesday, March 23

AUSTIN: Immigration Reform Week

Wednesday, March 24

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Thursday, March 25

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Saturday, March 27

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HOUSTON: 11th Annual Cesar Chavez Parade

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nuevaraza.wordpress.com/2010/03/09/houston-calendar-of-progressive-events/

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Sunday, March 28

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HOUSTON: Reforma Migratoria Event A Success

14 Mar 2010 06:43 PM PDT

Posted:

March 14th, 2010 By Hector A. Chavana, Jr. (Tlacaoel) of OurNewAnahuac.net Seven-hundred people gathered at the Pasadena Convention Center just outside Houston to listen to the message supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR). Warm up speakers included this organizer, representatives of the Guatemalan indigenous population, Latino Disability Group, SEIU and many more. The warm up messages varied from [...]

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14 Mar 2010 06:37 PM PDT

Posted:

Here are some companies that have recently advertised jobs for U.S. Citizens (only). For shame. Certain laws require that only U.S. Citizens may hold some government positions (including police officers, for example). But most other employers with four or more employees are NOT allowed to discriminate on the basis of citizenship if the employee/potential employee [...]

HOUSTON: Environmental Justice Encuentro 2010 “ April 16-17

14 Mar 2010 06:33 PM PDT

Posted:

Having trouble viewing this email? Click here ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ENCUESTRO 2010 T.E.J.A.S., GHASP and The Sealy Center for Environmental Health & Medicine at UTMB / Galveston cordially invites you to participate in the second EJ Encuentro at THE ONE AMERICAS PLAZA APRIL 16-17. Our Encuentro will offer community based organizations, environmental justice advocates and environmental health [...]

AUSTIN: Cesar E Chavez æSi Se Puede! March “ Mar 27

14 Mar 2010 06:29 PM PDT

Posted:

Cesar E. Chavez "Si Se Puede!" March Saturday March 27th, 2010 10am-1pm March begins at 10am “ meet @ Terrazas Library 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St. Cesar E. Chavez is one of the most important leader of the 20th century. His legacy of workers rights, civil rights, environmental justice, equality for all, peace, non-violence, children and women’s rights, deserves national recognition. Cesar Chavez inspired [...]

AUSTIN: Asamblea General de AIRC/General Assembly March 25

14 Mar 2010 06:25 PM PDT

Posted:

Austin Immigrant Rights General Assembly Asamblea General de la Coalicion por Derechos de los Inmigrantes DATE: Thursday, March 25 TIME: 7-8 p.m. LOCATION: Cristo Rey 2215 East 2nd St. Austin, Texas

78702 Please join us! We will be giving committee updates and voting on whether or not to have a May 1st March. Remember only AIRC members can vote. To become a [...]

AUSTIN: Haiti Relief Car Show and Concert " April 24

14 Mar 2010 06:20 PM PDT

Posted:

Filed under: Central, News, Tejaztlan Tagged: austin, benefit, car show, haiti

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* Census: Mexicans & Hispanics/Latinos Can Identify as Indigenous

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AUSTIN: Medicine Wheel Garden Blessing " Mar 21

15 Mar 2010 07:32 PM PDT

Posted:

You are invited! Sunday, March 21, 2010 4:00 p.m. Alma de Mujer Medicine Wheel Garden Blessing & Spring Equinox Celebration Dear Iris, Please join us in Marsha's Garden for the Alma de Mujer Medicine Wheel Garden Blessing, where we will bless the seeds, shoots, and tender plants while rejoicing in life and creation. Come and plant seeds of love, peace and joy [...]

HOUSTON: Houston Vanguard " Documenting Contemporary Social Justice Movements

15 Mar 2010 07:29 PM PDT

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Houston Vanguard: Documenting Contemporary Social Justice Movements Start Time: Tuesday, April 6 at 7:00pm End Time: Tuesday, April 6 at 11:00pm Where: Bohemeo's To see more details and RSVP, follow the link below: Filed under: East, News, Tejaztlan Tagged: arte, cultura, houston
http://www.facebook.com/n/?event.php&eid=390622569119&mid=2089bffG795ddcGac37e44G7&n_m=tejaztlana%40gmail.com

AUSTIN: Join us for the March TAASA Mobilizing Men Task Force Meeting

15 Mar 2010 07:26 PM PDT

Posted:

Mobilizing Men Task Force A gathering for activists against men's violence Join men and women from Austin and the surrounding area who are interested in mobilizing men to stand up against violence. Please register by March 18, 2010. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER WHEN: Friday, March 19, 2010 TIME: 9:00 a.m. " 12:00 p.m. WHERE: TAASA Office (6200 La Calma, Suite 110 [...])

AUSTIN: Job Opening: AIRC Coordinator

15 Mar 2010 07:18 PM PDT

Posted:

Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition The Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition is a membership-based coalition of immigrants, allies, and organizations that promotes human rights and dignity & social and economic justice for immigrants. We achieve this through community organizing, policy advocacy, and public education. Job Opening Coordinator in Austin, TX Job Description Responsibilities: · Coordinate community organizing and education with immigrant leaders. · [...]

Census: Mexicans & Hispanics/Latinos Can Identify as Indigenous

15 Mar 2010 07:12 PM PDT

Posted:

Census: Mexicans & Hispanics/Latinos Can Identify as Indigenous By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez

Throughout the years, to prove to government officials the indigeneity of Mexican and Central American peoples, I have had to resort to using the imagery of ancient pyramids. Unquestionably, it was the ancestors of Mexicans and Central Americans who built them “ and who [...]

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- * EDINBURG: Movie Night, Folk Music Benefit Show
- * Four Day Countdown to the Mass March on Washington for Immigrant Rights on March 21!
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- * FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:: San Antonio's 1st Intercollegiate Protest for Death Penalty Truth " Mar 26
- * SAN ANTO: THIS WEEKEND: CineMujer; Telling Lives " Mar 26-28
- * TAKE ACTION: Sign the Petition for a National Cesar E. Chavez Holiday!
- * HOUSTON: Free Workshop for Teachers on Mexican American Literature " Apr 10
- * SAN ANTO: Algo Para Xipe Totec
- * Immigration Blueprint Reveals Tough Road for Immigration Fairness
- * Register Now! 2010 EJ Encuentro
- * Between The Fences Book " By Tony Hefner " Before Guantanamo, there was the Port Isabel Service Proc
- * Point of No Return " Texas Immigration Detention Centers

Labor Board Grants El Paso Worker Back Pay, Orders Safer Working Conditions at Job Site

25 Mar 2010 07:56 AM PDT

Posted:

Email not displaying correctly? View it in your browser. Federal agencies find in favor of dismissed worker Francisco Alarcon El Diario de El Paso March 23, 2010 Eric Murillo, an El Paso worker who noticed unsafe working conditions at his place of employment [Chaffhaye, Inc.], was fired in June 2009 because of his attempts to organize his co-workers to [...]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:: San Antonio's 1st Intercollegiate Protest for Death Penalty Truth " Mar 26

25 Mar 2010 07:52 AM PDT

Posted:

For Immediate Release: Contact: Rose Caldwell March 18, 2010 210.355.4322

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HOUSTON: Creative Women Unite invite you to the event "CWU Reproductive Justice"

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AUSTIN: Tamale Dinner Fundraiser + Farmworker Freedom March Preview!

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* An Open Letter of Thanks from the Houston Janitors to our Allies

* TAKE ACTION " DREAM Act 2010!

- * Supreme Court Gives Immigrants New Rights
 - * HOUSTON: APRIL 10TH " SAVE THE DATE FOR A HEALTHY STRATEGY SESSION ON CIR
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 - * AUSTIN: Looking for May 1st volunteers!
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 - * SAN ANTO: Pinata Protest CD release show April 24th @ Limelight
- Indocumentalismo Manifesto"an Emerging Socio-Political Ideological Identity
06 Apr 2010 06:07 PM PDT

Posted:

Message to the Migrant Rights Movement Part 2 Indocumentalismo Manifesto"an Emerging Socio-Political Ideological Identity 31 March 2010 By Ra"l Alcaraz/Daniel Carrillo (versi3n en espaol ser"i agregada a la p"gina pr3ximamente) Note: The following article tries to put together ideas that already exist. None of this is new or groundbreaking. It is based on our experiences growing up in [...]

www.antifronteras.com

AUSTIN: Looking for May 1st volunteers!

06 Apr 2010 05:15 PM PDT

Posted:

Dear AIRC members and supporters, The May 1st march is just around the corner and the Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition needs your help. If you are interested in helping on Saturday, May 1st, please fill out the attached volunteer form and e-mail it to Hortencia Jimenez or fax at 512-474-6950 by April 26 Thank you, Hortencia Jimenez Volunteer [...]

tencha_jimenez@sbcglobal.net

TAKE ACTION: Call/Email Austin City Council to Show Your Support for FIESTAS PATRIAS

06 Apr 2010 05:11 PM PDT

Posted:

Amigos Y Familia, This Thursday, April 8th the Austin City Council will consider resolution and Item#29 sponsored by Mayor Pro Tem Martinez, Mayor Leffingwell and Council Member Cole to support funding for the annual Fiestas Patrias Cinco de Mayo and Diez y Seis cultural events at Fiesta Gardens from the Holly Good Neighbor Program. 29 . Approve [...]

EL PASO: Immigration Reform March " April 10

06 Apr 2010 05:07 PM PDT

Posted:

Immigration Reform March Saturday, April 10 10 am " 3 pm March begins at UTEP Leech Grove Orale! See you there! Filed under: News, Tejztlan, West Tagged: el paso, immigrant, immigration, march

MCALLEN: Chalupa Night! Fundraiser for Student Farmworker Alliance " April 10

06 Apr 2010 05:04 PM PDT

Posted:

Filed under: Border, News, South, Tejztlan Tagged: chalupa night, mcallen, SFA, student farmworker alliance

HOUSTON: Documenting Contemporary Social Justice Movements " April 6 " May 3

06 Apr 2010 04:58 PM PDT

Posted:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Liana Lopez March 18, 2010 L Lopez (713) 416-5088 Houston Vanguard: Documenting Contemporary Social Justice Movements Protests and Testimony from the Edges of Society Houston, TX (April 6, 2010) " Nine Houston journalists, artists and activists present a series of raw images captured on assignment and on personal travels in Houston Vanguard: Documenting Contemporary Social Justice [...]

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- * SAN ANTO: FIESTA KICKOFF With BOMBASTA, OLLIN & LOS NAUJUALATOS " April 15
- * æEL MOSCAS Y LOS PESTICIDAS (A Beyond Translation Production)

SAN ANTO: International Workers Day/ Dia Internacional de Los Trabajadores " May 1

08 Apr 2010 09:07 PM PDT

Posted:

"International Workers Day Saturday, May 1st, 2010 San Antonio, Texas Now is The Time to Unite and Make a Change!!! Power to The People!!!". International Workers Day/ Dia Internacional de Los Trabajadores Saturday, May 1 at 12:00pm SAN ANTO: Plaza del Zacate (In Front of Santa Rosa Hospital) Filed under: Central, News, Tejastlan Tagged: march, may 1, san anto [...]

Latin Notes: Jimenez nears end of his solo career

08 Apr 2010 08:59 PM PDT

Posted:

Latin Notes: Jimenez nears end of his solo career By Hector Saldaña - Express-News Web Posted: 04/08/2010 12:00 CDT One day, history books will say that Flaco Jimenez's solo recording career lasted 56 years. That's his number, not mine. The legendary accordionist, who scored his first hit with his very first record " a polka, æHasta La Vista, with [...]

URGENT HELP for the Cucapa/El Mayor " Mexicali Earthquake damage

08 Apr 2010 08:53 PM PDT

Posted:

From Joel Garcia I am posting this hoping many of you can help the community of El Mayor inhabited by our brothers and sisters of the Cucapa nation which hosted Sub Comandante Marcos in 2006 & a camp and delegation of EZLN Comandantes in 2007. The fishing season in which the Cucapa depend on to be [...]

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08 Apr 2010 08:46 PM PDT

Posted:

Call for poetry entries: Chapbook en espanol/nahuatl y english In the spirit of Caracol, Aztlan Libre Press is calling for entries for a chapbook of poetry written in espanol/nahuatl y english. Caracol released NAHUALLIANDOING: espa±ol/nahuatl/english in 1977, with Cecilio GarcÃa-Camarillo describing the Nahuatl language as æa hummingbird, and a ælanguage that is not that foreign to us. [...]

EL PASO: FarmWorker/Immigrant Rights March " April 25

08 Apr 2010 08:43 PM PDT

Posted:

Filed under: News, Tejastlan, West Tagged: cesar chavez, cesar chavez march, farmworker, immigrant, immigration

EL PASO: US Social Forum Benefit " April 23

08 Apr 2010 08:40 PM PDT

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Filed under: News, Tejastlan, West Tagged: community, el paso

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* Stop the Raids Now!!!

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* AUSTIN: Fiestas Patrias presents CINCO DE MAYO " April 30 " May 1

* Jehuniko Music Update

* ODESSA: Community Assessment's and Parent/Student Engagement Program " April 18

HOUSTON: May 1 March for Immigrant Rights

15 Apr 2010 07:17 PM PDT

Posted:

March for Dignity and Respect for ALL May 1, 2010 Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010 Time: 4:00pm " 6:00pm

Location: Starting Point: Bellaire and Renwick Street: 5900 Bellaire Blvd. City/Town: Houston, TX View Map

Description We are marching for: -For respect to immigrant workers' rights. -For the right to be acknowledged, [æto come out of the shadows](#), through a just immigration reform for all the contributions immigrants make. -For the right [...]

Stop the Raids Now!!!

15 Apr 2010 06:49 PM PDT

Posted:

Immigration Raids Center on Shuttles " NYTimes.com Officers focused on what authorities said were suspicious companies running shuttle vans seen as part of the chain that carries illegal immigrants from the border to cities across the United States. Filed under: Arizona, National, News Tagged: arizona, crimmigration, human rights, immigrant, immigration, raids www.nytimes.com

CALIFAS: Press Conference to Denounce New Arizona Anti Immigrant Law " April 16

15 Apr 2010 06:30 PM PDT

Posted:

MARCH 25 COALITION HERMANDAD MEXICANA TRANSNACIONAL Media Advisory CONTACTS: JAVIER RODRIGUEZ 213-909-3410 BAJOLAMIRADEJAVIER GLORIA SAUCEDO 818-919-4718 GLORIASAU IMMIGRANT RIGHTS LEADERS FROM LOS ANGELES WILL HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE TO DENOUNCE NEW ARIZONA LAW AND WILL STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE LATINO AND IMMIGRANT POPULATION OF ARIZONA. WILL ALSO GIVE THE MEDIA AN UPDATE ON THE MAKING OF THE MAY 1ST NATIONAL MARCH IN THE COUNTRY [...]

AUSTIN: Mother Earth Day Celebration " April 22

15 Apr 2010 06:28 PM PDT

Posted:

Date: Thursday, April 22, 2010 Time: 6:00pm " 8:00pm Location: PODER " 2604 East Cesar Chavez St
Description PODER (People Organized in Defense of Earth & her Resources) celebrates Earth Day and
PODER's 19th Anniversary We are giving thanks to the sun, wind, water, and earth which sustain all living
creatures. We are honoring our Mother Earth and her resources through prayer, danza, [...]

TAKE ACTION: Chilling new AZ law could be signed Friday. Take Action Now

15 Apr 2010 06:23 PM PDT

Posted:

Chilling new AZ law could be signed Friday. Take Action Now Can you help us? An appalling bill with chilling
repercussions, especially for Arizona Latinos, can reach AZ Governor Jan Brewer's (R) desk by Friday.
According to a Los Angeles Times front page story, "The bill, known as SB 1070, makes it a misdemeanor to
lack [...]

AUSTIN: May 1 March for Immigrant Rights

15 Apr 2010 06:11 PM PDT

Posted:

5_1_sp.pdf 5_1_engl.pdf Filed under: Central, News, Tejastlan Tagged: austin, immigrants, immigration,
may 1 action

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- * ARIZONA: VETO SB1070 Week of Action!
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Out Assault on Latino Communities
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HOUSTON: May 1 March

18 Apr 2010 08:11 PM PDT

Posted:

ARIZONA: VETO SB1070 Week of Action!

18 Apr 2010 08:04 PM PDT

Posted:

VETO SB1070 Week of Action! Type: Causes " Protest Start Time: Monday, April 19, 2010 at 11:00am End
Time: Friday, April 23, 2010 at 1:00pm Location: Arizona State Capitol Phoenix Arizona Description Join us
this week at the Arizona State Capitol Everyday from 11:00am-1:00pm to ask Governor Jan Brewer to Veto
SB1070. Lots of events by many different organizations will be [...]

AUSTIN: One Hundred Black Women, One Hundred Actions " April 24

18 Apr 2010 07:59 PM PDT

Posted:

'one hundred black women, one hundred actions' premieres on Saturday, April 24th at 8pm. This is a
monumental event! We will embody gestures and movements from women all over the country and
internationally. It will be amazing for someone in the Dominican Republic, for example, to see her gesture
[...]

Legal Defender Isabel Garcia: Arizona Bill Forcing Officers to Determine Immigration Status Marks œAll-Out Assault on Latino Communities

18 Apr 2010 07:57 PM PDT

Posted:

Legal Defender Isabel Garcia: Arizona Bill Forcing Officers to Determine Immigration Status Marks œAll-Out Assault on Latino Communities LINK: Arizona lawmakers have approved what’s being described as the harshest anti-immigrant measure in the country, forcing police officers to determine the immigration status of someone they suspect of being an undocumented immigrant. [...]

<http://www.democracynow.org/2010/4/16/az>

Groups Protest Massive ICE Sweep, Anti-Immigrant Bill in Arizona

18 Apr 2010 07:52 PM PDT

Posted:

News Release Friday, April 16, 2010 Contact: Catherine Tactaquin, (510) 465-1984 ext. 302, , National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, (NNIRR) Isabel GarcÃa (520) 891-6169 and Kat Rodriguez, (520) 770-1371, , CoaliciÃn de Derechos Humanos (CDH) Christian Ramirez, (619) 885-1289, , Project Voice-American Friends Service Committee (PV-AFSC) Massive ICE sweep terrorizes Arizona communities following [...]

ctactaquin@nnirr.orgisabel@derechoshumanosaz.netkat@derechoshumanosaz.netcramirez@afsc.org

SAN ANTO: Chicanos Unidos: A Sociopolitical HipHop Event “ June 19

18 Apr 2010 07:44 PM PDT

Posted:

A Poem For May 1: Taco Megamarch Poem

18 Apr 2010 07:41 PM PDT

Posted:

Taco Megamarch © by NephtalÃ Hey Raza come out of your casa we gotta demonstrate the sleeping giant is awake they raid us in Chicago police state Arizona they break up our homes consider us alien race creatures from outer space! what about their own tea party real aliens protesting fake feathers and all while our true native millions are split by a wall they got detention centers all over the country [...]

SAN JUAN: Movie Night “ Capitalism: A Love Story “ April 24

18 Apr 2010 07:37 PM PDT

Posted:

Movie Night “ Capitalism: A Love Story (Film by Michael Moore) Type: Education - Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010 Time: 7:00pm “ 9:00pm Location: 800 South Nebraska, San Juan, Texas Description On the 20-year anniversary of his groundbreaking masterpiece œRoger & Me, Michael Moore’s œCapitalism: A Love Story comes home to the issue he’s been examining throughout his career: [...]

Filed under: Central, News, Tejaztlan Tagged: fundraiser, san anto, southwest worker's union, us social forum

SAN ANTO: SW Workers Union ‘Road to Detroit’ Fundraiser “ June 5

16 Apr 2010 09:28 AM PDT

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Tues 4/27 *Calendario

Monday, April 19

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LaNuevaRaza.org

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* TAKE ACTION: Urgent plea for help in Arizona

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20 Apr 2010 03:26 PM PDT

Posted:

Release the Full Sanders Shooting Independent Investigation Petition COMMUNITY PETITION to RELEASE THE INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION of the SANDERS SHOOTING CITY OF AUSTIN " WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO HIDE? æTell us whether or not this officer used excessive force; thus far we have not gotten a direct answer on that issue.Ⓜ " [...]

www.gopetition.com

Tent City April 10, 2010: SWU community members support the protest organized by Students from Houston and Austin

20 Apr 2010 03:19 PM PDT

Posted:

SOUTHWEST WORKERS' UNION Tent City April 10, 2010: Southwest Workers' Union (SWU) community members (Hidalgo County, Cameron County, Family of Hunger Strikers) showed our support to the Students from Austin & Houston and together demanded an end to the Tent City and an end to the Abuse/Retaliation against immigrants/hunger strikers. We demand Universal Citizenship Rights for All. [...]

TAKE ACTION: Urgent plea for help in Arizona

20 Apr 2010 03:09 PM PDT

Posted:

An urgent plea for help in Arizona: Stop Criminalization of Our Communities Dear Friends, We write with an urgent plea for your assistance. This week, the Arizona legislature passed the most anti-immigrant legislation the United States has seen in a generation. We are calling on all who have fought for immigration reform to assist our [...]

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 - * U.S. to consider adoption of UN indigenous rights declaration
 - * ARIZONA: The Momentum is Growing! Congressman Grijalva calls for a boycott
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22 Apr 2010 06:34 PM PDT

Posted:

Internships for Summer-Hosted Congressional Hispanic Caucus.pdf

TAKE ACTION: Boycott Arizona SB 1070

22 Apr 2010 03:02 PM PDT

Posted:

Let's Keep a Close Eye on Who Funded the SB1070 Legislative Attack! Also Sign our Petition at <http://www.petitionspot.com/petitions/BoycottArizona2010/>

AUSTIN: TEACH-IN: SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2-4pm, FRONT STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL

22 Apr 2010 02:59 PM PDT

Posted:

TEACH-IN: SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2-4pm, FRONT STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL Our State and Nation's History: What the State Board of Education Doesn't Want our Children to Know The Texas State Board of Education's (SBOE) recent recommendations for social studies curriculum revisions would lead to the absence of several key [...]

TAKE ACTION: Sign petition to stop deportation of DREAM students NOW!!!

22 Apr 2010 02:57 PM PDT

Posted:

Clicking below will sign your name to our petition to end the deportation of DREAM students Our petition: We stand with Senators Lugar and Durbin in calling on the Obama Administration to immediately end the deportation of students eligible for the DREAM Act For the past four months, we have been telling you the story of Gaby, [...]

TAKE ACTION: Boycott Arizona Diamondbacks

22 Apr 2010 02:55 PM PDT

Posted:

œGRAN PARO ARIZONA 2010 Call to Boycott the Arizona Diamondbacks Major League Baseball Team Arizona Diamondbacks: Chase Field, 401 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004, , Tel: (602) 462-6500 National Press Contacts: Arizona [Phoenix] Contact, Tony Herrera, 602.920.3784 Arizona [Tucson] Contact, Isabel Garcia, 520.770.1373 California Contact, Gloria [...]
dbacks.com

ARIZONA: Join U.S. REP LUIS GUTIERREZ and oppose SB1070!

22 Apr 2010 02:52 PM PDT

Posted:

Join U.S. REP LUIS GUTIERREZ and oppose SB1070! Type: Causes " Rally Date: Sunday, April 25, 2010 Time: 12:00pm " 2:00pm Location: State Capitol in Phoenix, AZ Description Join US REPRESENTATIVE LUIS GUTIERREZ at the Arizona Capitol on Sunday at 12 PM to oppose SB1070! Rep. Gutierrez has been the lead Rep for immigration reform in Washington, DC. He introduced an [...]

Crimmigration: How Misdemeanor Offenses Are Becoming Modern-Day Jim Crow Laws

22 Apr 2010 02:49 PM PDT

Posted:

Crimmigration: How Misdemeanor Offenses Are Becoming Modern-Day Jim Crow Laws In his recently released book *œTexas Tough: The Rise of a Prison Empire*, author Robert Perkinson analyzes the life and times of America's harshest, largest penal system and notes that Jim Crow has moved behind bars. The same analysis can be applied [...]

www.huffingtonpost.com

U.S. to consider adoption of UN indigenous rights declaration

22 Apr 2010 02:48 PM PDT

Posted:

U.S. to consider adoption of UN indigenous rights declaration 08:54, April 21, 2010 The United States may adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, U.S. Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice said on Tuesday. "The United States has decided to review our position regarding the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," Rice [...]

ARIZONA: The Momentum is Growing! Congressman Grijalva calls for a boycott

22 Apr 2010 02:47 PM PDT

Posted:

The momentum is growing!! Cong Grijalva calls for boycott of Arizona!! Here is the link :

<http://www.facebook.com/l/aba22;www.azfamily.com/news/Grijalva-calls-for-boycott-91671599.html>

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Boycott Arizona | here's how: A basic consumer guide

25 Apr 2010 09:26 PM PDT

Posted:

Cartoon by Lalo Alcaraz (full disclosure: I have not heard any of the national immigrant and/or Latino organizations taking on the task of informing the community of which businesses/organizations to target, so I did a quick websearch and found what I found that the average consumer outside of Arizona might be able to use. This [...])

AUSTIN: Momma! I Love You Mother's Day Experience " May 9

25 Apr 2010 09:23 PM PDT

Posted:

Momma! I Love You Mother's Day Experience Type: Other " Festival Date: Sunday, May 9, 2010 Time: 11:00am " 6:00pm Location: Alma de Mujer Center for Social Change Street: 13621 FM 2769 City/Town: Austin, TX View Map Description Momma! I Love You Mother's Day Experience Mother's are subject to what Mother's Day offers. But, imagine [...])

Austin Youth at SXSW community event

25 Apr 2010 09:16 PM PDT

Posted:

AUSTIN: Social Justice + Hip Hop + Creative Youth " May 4

25 Apr 2010 09:04 PM PDT

Posted:

Youth Voices: Socially Conscious Spoken Word Type: Music/Arts " Performance Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2010 Time: 6:00pm " 8:00pm Location: Southwest Key Programs " Community Room Street: 6002 Jain Lane City/Town: Austin, TX View Map Description Social Justice + Hip Hop + Creative Youth Southwest Key Programs is hosting Youth Voices, a spoken word hip [...])

TAKE ACTION: Take 4 Actions for Justice & Against Arizona's SB 1070

25 Apr 2010 08:56 PM PDT

Posted:

Para leer esta mensaj e en espaÃ±ol, clic aquÃ­ We are ALL Arizona /Todas y todos somos Arizona AZ Governor Brewer Signs SB 1070, Anti-Immigrant Racial Profiling Law Communities in Arizona and across the country build opposition, call for ending SB 1070 Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed today the anti-immigrant, racial profiling bill SB 1070 at [...])

TAKE ACTION: Shame on Arizona " Time to take action

25 Apr 2010 08:55 PM PDT

Posted:

Arizona has gone too far. It's time to take action against the state. Breaking News Arizona's governor just signed SB 1070 into law, effectively making it legal to racially profile in the state. The bill requires local law enforcement to question anyone they have "reasonable suspicion" of being undocumented. Translation: you could be pulled over [...])

TAKE ACTION: Support MALDEF's Fight Against Arizona Anti-Immigrant Law Today!

25 Apr 2010 08:52 PM PDT

Posted:

SUPPORT MALDEF'S FIGHT AGAINST ARIZONA ANTI-IMMIGRANT LAW TODAY! Fifteen years ago, MALDEF went to court and successfully challenged Proposition 187, a voter-approved initiative in California requiring

proof of legal status to access virtually all public services. The initiative's enactment tore apart schools and communities across the state as fear and suspicion became pervasive, [...]

Colbert Report: "The Word "No Problemo" (AZ Racial Profiling Law Video)

25 Apr 2010 08:35 PM PDT

Posted:

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: I don't usually post these sorts of things, but I think Colbert hit some nails on the head here! Check out the link below! "no-problemo

<http://www.colbertnation.com/the-colbert-report-videos/281867/april-21-2010/the-word>

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* American Truck Driver Jailed For Not Having Birth Certificate

San Anto Free Speech Coalition vs. City of San Anto Court Case to be Heard in New Orleans

26 Apr 2010 07:34 PM PDT

Posted:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Jessica O. Guerrero Monday, April 26, 2010 210.262.0654 Precedent-setting Federal Court Case to be Heard in New Orleans The oral arguments in the case of the International Woman's Day Planning Committee and the San Antonio Free Speech Coalition v. City of San Antonio, TX will be heard this Tuesday, April 27th [...]

EL PASO: Hundreds Protest Immigration Law

26 Apr 2010 07:27 PM PDT

Posted:

[Hundreds Protest Immigration Law](#)

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Thurs 4/29 *

LaNuevaRaza

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- * MCALLEN: Border Security meeting Thurs 4/29 " public invited
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- * AUSTIN: Students Protest SB 1070 at UT " Thur 4/29
- * SAN ANTO: May 1 March, update on AZ story and SB 1070
- * COLORADO: Denver Walkout to protest racist AZ law
- * AUSTIN: Fundraiser for 9 year old with Diabetes " May 1

PHOENIX: May 1st Community Assembly at the Arizona State Capitol
28 Apr 2010 08:59 PM PDT

Posted:

May 1st Community Assembly at the Arizona State Capitol Type: Education " Workshop Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010 Time: 3:00pm " 6:00pm Location: Arizona State Capitol 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix Arizona
Description May Day 2010 in Phoenix Arizona Community Assembly Against SB1070 Saturday May 1st 2010 3-6pm Arizona State Capital 17th Ave & Washington This ;

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MCALLEN: Border Security meeting Thurs 4/29 " public invited
28 Apr 2010 08:58 PM PDT

Posted:

For Immediate Release Contact: Ricardo Lopez-Guerra (956) 686-5501 MEDIA ADVISORY: JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEES HEARING ON BORDER SECURITY TOMORROW Background: The House Committee on Border & Intergovernmental Affairs and The House Committee on Public Safety will hold a joint hearing on interim charge No. 1 æto evaluate the effectiveness of state operations at controlling drug-related crimes ;

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DENVER: May Day march for Social Justice, Human Dignity and Self Determination " May 1
28 Apr 2010 08:50 PM PDT

Posted:

English/Spanish versions of press release! Forward widely. FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Patrick Kelsall (303)-618-8677 pkelsall Ignacio Ramirez 720-621-7468 comite.defensa.pueblo2009 MAY DAY MARCH FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, HUMAN DIGNITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION Social Justice and Migrant rights activists will converge at a March and Rally this Saturday to build popular support for immigrant/human rights and social change. The ;

Read more

ODESSA: Student/Parent Engagement Program " Thurs 4/29
28 Apr 2010 08:47 PM PDT

Posted:

Continuing our focus on our action plans developed from the Community Assessment, our next Student/Parent Engagement Program will be held at Odessa High School and Ector Junior High on April 29th, 2010. OHS will be at 4pm, our guest speaker will be Dr. Yolanda Salgado, of UTPB. Ector Jr. High will be at 5 pm, ;

Read more

AUSTIN: Students Protest SB 1070 at UT " Thur 4/29

28 Apr 2010 08:45 PM PDT

Posted:

Join us this Thursday on the West Mall at noon to protest the passage of SB 1070 in Arizona, the latest round of anti-immigrant legislation that legalizes profiling and mandates resident status documentation for immigrant workers. Such attacks aim to keep undocumented workers a superexploited tier of labor and goes hand-in-hand with denying access of ;

Read more

SAN ANTO: May 1 March, update on AZ story and SB 1070

28 Apr 2010 08:35 PM PDT

Posted:

PLEASE FORWARD. EL PRIMERO DE MAYO VAMOS A MARCHAR EN LAS CALLES DE SAN ANTONIO, TX PARA DEMANDAR JUSTICIA Y DIGNIDAD. ON MAY 1ST WE WILL MARCH IN THE STREETS OF SAN ANTONIO, TX TO DEMAND DIGNITY AND JUSTICE. Battle of Arizona: Liberate Arizona from Hate! San Antonio- Southwest Workers Union (SWU) is supporting the ;

Read more

COLORADO: Denver Walkout to protest racist AZ law

28 Apr 2010 06:59 AM PDT

Posted:

Denver Walkout to protest racist AZ law Type: Causes " Protest Date: Friday, April 30, 2010 Time: 1:30am " 4:30am Location: Various: see below Description Ya basta! Say no to racist Arizona bill (SB 1070) that was passed into law on Friday, April 23rd @ 1:30pm. Exactly a week later! .WALKOUT in the Denver-metro area this ;

Read more

AUSTIN: Fundraiser for 9 year old with Diabetes " May 1

28 Apr 2010 06:56 AM PDT

Posted:

"9 year old Analysisia was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in 2009. We are having a benefit to try to raise money for medical supplies and to send her to a summer diabetic camp to help her understand and control diabetes. Your help is appreciated." When: Sat 05/01/10 Where: 2000 E. Cesar Chavez " Cap's ;

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AUSTIN: TEACH-IN: SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2-4pm, FRONT STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL
Monday, May 3
HOUSTON: Documenting Contemporary Social Justice Movements - April 6 - May 3
Tuesday, May 4
AUSTIN: Social Justice + Hip Hop + Creative Youth - May 4

LaNuevaRaza

- * EL PASO: Support Resolution Against Arizona and Racial Profiling
- * TAKE ACTION: CALL UNIVISION RADIO "TELL THEM TO RESPECT ARIZONA BOYCOTT
- * Arizona Ethnic Studies Classes Banned, Teachers With Accents Can No Longer Teach English
- * TAKE ACTION: Another Dream Deferred: Stop the deportation of Edgar Niebla
- * Arizona: This is what Apartheid Looks Like
- * TAKE ACTION: Boycott Arizona-based companies " Here's a list!
- * From the Social Justice Education Project: STOP DEHUMANIZING LEGISLATION IN ARIZONA

EL PASO: Support Resolution Against Arizona and Racial Profiling
02 May 2010 10:53 PM PDT

Posted:

Date: Monday, May 3, 2010 Time: 8:30am " 10:00am Location: El Paso County Court House-Commissioners Court Street: 500 E. San Antonio City/Town: El Paso, TX View Map Description Tell the El Paso County Commissioners Court to condemn Arizona and Racial Profiling. Lets say in one voice æRacial Profiling Stops and Ends in Arizona. Go to |

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TAKE ACTION: CALL UNIVISION RADIO "TELL THEM TO RESPECT ARIZONA BOYCOTT
02 May 2010 09:50 PM PDT

Posted:

UNIVISION RADIO SHOW HOST RAUL BRINDIS OF RAUL BRINDIS AND PETITO FROM 5 AM TO 10 AM IS THROWING THE FIRST BALL AT THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACK GAME ON MONDAY, MAY 3. Call him Univision Radio at 713-407-1415. Tell him to respect the boycott!!

***** HABLE AL PROGRAMA DE RAUL

BRINDIS. Esta programado para tirar la |

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Arizona Ethnic Studies Classes Banned, Teachers With Accents Can No Longer Teach English
02 May 2010 09:31 PM PDT

Posted:

Arizona Ethnic Studies Classes Banned, Teachers With Accents Can No Longer Teach English Arizona's new immigration law is just about crime, its supporters say, but given that the state's new education policy

equates ethnic studies programs with high treason, they may not be using the commonly accepted definition of "crime." Under the ban, sent ;

www.huffingtonpost.comRead more

TAKE ACTION: Another Dream Deferred: Stop the deportation of Edgar Niebla

02 May 2010 09:05 PM PDT

Posted:

DIRECT LINK: UPDATE: We just got word that Edgar has been temporarily released from ICE and will be reunited with his family tonight at his home in Glenwood Springs, CO. His battle is far from over, but thanks to the calls and faxes you made, ICE responded in a matter of hours! The battle ;

<http://reformimmigrationforamerica.org/blog/blog/another-dream-deferred-stop-the-deportation-of-edgar-niebla/>Read more

Arizona: This is what Apartheid Looks Like

02 May 2010 09:00 PM PDT

Posted:

Arizona: This is what Apartheid Looks Like By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez Those who think that there's an immigration crisis in Arizona are correct, however, this is but part of the story. The truth is, a civilizational clash is being played out in the same state in which the state legislature questions the birthplace and ;

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TAKE ACTION: Boycott Arizona-based companies " Here's a list!

02 May 2010 08:59 PM PDT

Posted:

[Boycott Arizona-based companies " Here's a list!](#)

NUMBER: 497

PUBLISHED: 5/5/2010 8:17:00 AM

TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Wed 5 Mayo *

LaNuevaRaza

- * TAKE ACTION: National Day of Action Against SB 1070 " May 29
- * TAKE ACTION: Move the Game
- * Austin Groups Warn of Dangers of ICE-Police Collaboration
- * HOUSTON: Protest Arizona Diamondbacks " May 5
- * TAKE ACTION: No All-Star Game for Arizona
- * Arizona law draws widespread indigenous opposition
- * MCALLEN: Protestors Denounce Arizona Immigration Law in McAllen
- * EL PASO: [TCRP] Workers Demand Pay from Bankrupt Hotel
- * AUSTIN: Bio-Technology and the Border! A talk by Dr. Simone Brown " May 20
- * AUSTIN: Video of "Protest Unpaid Wages! 21 RIO & Gables Construction Workers Owed \$120,000³
- * TAKE ACTION: Free Texas Political Prisoner Alvaro Luna Hernandez
- * SAN ANTO: "Safer Chemicals Now!" " Thurs May 6
- * SAN ANTO: Esperanza Center presents Paseo Por El Westside!:: 5/22/10

TAKE ACTION: National Day of Action Against SB 1070 " May 29

04 May 2010 08:20 PM PDT

Posted:

NDLON and Puente call on all people of conscience across the country to take action on May 29. Together we will march to Stop the Hate and demand that Obama issue an executive order nullifying SB1070. We are asking everyone to stand in solidarity with us on May 29th. We are all Arizona! Don't let !

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TAKE ACTION: Move the Game

04 May 2010 08:16 PM PDT

Posted:

Clicking here will add your name to MoveTheGame.org's petition to baseball Commissioner Bud Selig: "Do what's best for baseball: Move the 2011 All-Star Game unless Arizona changes its harmful and hateful immigration law." Sign the petition "The new anti-immigration law in Arizona" which allows police to stop anyone they "reasonably" suspect of being in the U.S. !

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Austin Groups Warn of Dangers of ICE-Police Collaboration

04 May 2010 07:54 PM PDT

Posted:

NEWS ADVISORY For Immediate Release: May 4, 2010 Contact: Jose Medina, ACLU of Texas, (512) 478-7300 x103, jmedina Bob Libal, Grassroots Leadership, (512) 971-0487, blibal Austin Groups Warn of Dangers of ICE-Police Collaboration Advocates Say Secure Communities Negatively Effects Community Safety in Austin, TX Austin, TX " Austin-based organizations today expressed concern about Secure Communities !

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HOUSTON: Protest Arizona Diamondbacks " May 5

04 May 2010 07:43 PM PDT

Posted:

STRIKE OUT !! The Racist Legislation in Arizona! 5:30-8:30pm Cinco de Mayo Minute Maid Park (Corner of Crawford and Preston) Downtown Houston Contact SDS at UH:

SDSUHtx@gmail.com

TAKE ACTION: No All-Star Game for Arizona

04 May 2010 07:32 PM PDT

Posted:

It's time for Major League Baseball to stand with its Latino players and fans and move the All Star Game from Pheonix. Adrian Gonzalez is one of baseball's best players and a two-time All-Star. But the San Diego Padres first baseman says he won't go to the 2011 All-Star game " scheduled for Phoenix " ;

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Arizona law draws widespread indigenous opposition

04 May 2010 07:27 PM PDT

Posted:

Arizona law draws widespread indigenous opposition PHOENIX " A controversial new state anti-immigration law has many American Indians alarmed that tribal sovereignty has been violated, with the looming possibility that individual liberties will be threatened.

www.indiancountrytoday.com

MCALLEN: Protestors Denounce Arizona Immigration Law in McAllen

04 May 2010 07:24 PM PDT

Posted:

[Protestors Denounce Arizona Immigration Law in McAllen](#)

NUMBER: 498

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Thurs May 6 *

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Mon May 10 *

LaNuevaRaza

- * HOUSTON: Protest the Oil Spiller's Conference " May 6
- * NEW MACHETE TRAILER in Honor of CINCO DE MAYO especially in ARIZONA
- * Todos Somos Arizona (Corrido del 1070)
- * The Taxation of Undocumented Immigrants: Separate, Unequal, and Without Representation
- * HOUSTON: Caravana a Victoria Texas en Memoria de las 19 Victimas Inmigrantes

HOUSTON: Protest the Oil Spiller's Conference " May 6

05 May 2010 08:12 PM PDT

Posted:

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2010 Time: 11:00am " 1:00pm Location: Outside of the Reliant Center at Kirby and McNee Rd Street: 2 Reliant Park City/Town: Houston, TX View Map Description We Demand: 1 Stop all offshore oil drilling now! 2 No more lying about the basic facts. The oil companies, the government, the media must ;

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NEW MACHETE TRAILER in Honor of CINCO DE MAYO especially in ARIZONA

05 May 2010 07:59 PM PDT

Posted:

Todos Somos Arizona (Corrido del 1070)

05 May 2010 07:52 PM PDT

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œTodos Somos Arizona (Corrido del 1070) © by NephtalÃ escuchen pueblo querido miren lo que ha sucedido en el estado de Arizona en los Ãltimos de abril en al aÃ±o dos mil diez nos llamaron ilegales de la cabeza a los piÃ©s ley llamada diez setenta fue firmada en Arizona por una vieja sangrona (gobernadora ;

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The Taxation of Undocumented Immigrants: Separate, Unequal, and Without Representation

05 May 2010 07:50 PM PDT

Posted:

From: Bryan Perras Good Information from the HARVARD Latino LAW REVIEW The Taxation of Undocumented Immigrants: Separate, Unequal, and Without Representation[*] Francine J. Lipman[**] I. Introduction II. Facts and Figures for Undocumented Immigrants A. How Many, from Where and When Did They Arrive? B. How Do They Arrive? C. Where Do They Go and Why Do They Come? ;

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HOUSTON: Caravana a Victoria Texas en Memoria de las 19 Victimas Inmigrantes

05 May 2010 07:39 PM PDT

Posted:

La Federacion Potosina y el Comite Pro justicia por Serafin Olvera los invita a participar en una Caravana a Victoria, Texas, el sabado 15 de mayo a las 9:00 AM en la esquina del 59 Southwest Freeway y Bissonet (en el estacionamiento). La caravana es para recordar a las 19 victimas inmigrantes que hace 6 ;

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Calendario

Thursday, May 6

HOUSTON: Protest the Oil Spiller's Conference - May 6

SAN ANTO: "Safer Chemicals Now!" - Thurs May 6

Saturday, May 15

HOUSTON: Caravana a Victoria Texas en Memoria de las 19 Victimas Inmigrantes

Thursday, May 20

AUSTIN: Bio-Technology and the Border...A talk by Dr. Simone Brown - May 20

Saturday, May 22

SAN ANTO: Esperanza Center presents Paseo Por El Westside!:: 5/22/10

Saturday, May 15

HOUSTON: Global Rally at Chevron 2010 Shareholder Meeting

Saturday, May 29

TAKE ACTION: National Day of Action Against SB 1070 - May 29

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* TAKE ACTION: Political Prisoner Alvaro Luna Hernandez

* Anatomy of Arizona Apartheid II

* AUSTIN: Chickasaw Storyteller æChickasaw Women- Past & Present Speech and Potluck May 15

* AUSTIN: Mamas of Color Rising and Young Women United

* AUSTIN: Uprise! presents HIP HOP THEATER EXPLOSION!

* æLa Mission opens Friday, May 7

* HOUSTON: Arizona's Immigrant Law Sparks A Protest At Minute Maid

* SAN JUAN: Fuerza Legal Clinics " La Union del Pueblo Entero " June 1

* National Association of Chicana/o Studies public statement regarding Arizona's SB 1070

* A message from Archbishop Desmond Tutu re. Arizona's æImmigration bill

* The Far-Right Movement Behind Arizona Copycat Bills By Seth Freed Wessler

* Racist Immigration Laws Reflect the Deep-Seeded Fear this Country Has of Black & Brown People Rising

TAKE ACTION: Political Prisoner Alvaro Luna Hernandez

09 May 2010 10:51 PM PDT

Posted:

FREE ALVARO LUNA HERNANDEZ NOW! (Alvaro's 58th Birthday, is Wednesday, May 12) Greetings good friends & lovers of freedom! Next Wednesday will be Chicano/Mexicano Political Prisoner Alvaro Luna Hernandez' 58th Birthday, on May 12th, so please find the time to write a brief letter of solidarity in support for Alvaro's personal act of resistance, and/or [...]

Anatomy of Arizona Apartheid II

09 May 2010 10:49 PM PDT

Posted:

Anatomy of Arizona Apartheid II By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL: As I prepare to speak to an innovative class here about Indigenous philosophies, the students begin their class in the following manner: In Lak Ech " Tu eres mi otro yo " You are my other self. I am you and you [...]

AUSTIN: Chickasaw Storyteller æChickasaw Women- Past & Present Speech and Potluck May 15
09 May 2010 10:47 PM PDT

Posted:

Chickasaw Storyteller æChickasaw Women- Past & Present Speech and Potluck May 15 Chukma
Chickasaws and the Friends of Chickasaws: We will have an rare opportunity on the evening of May 15th to
hear Chickasaw Hall of Fame Member Pauline Brown and her Daughter LaDonna “ a well known Chickasaw
historian and artisan talk about the [...]

AUSTIN: Mamas of Color Rising and Young Women United
09 May 2010 10:44 PM PDT

Posted:

Happy Mama’s Day from Mamas of Color Rising and Young Women United Greetings! On this mother’s day
we want more than flowers and cards, we want all mothers (including poor mothers, undocumented
mothers, young mothers, queer mothers and single mothers) to have the power and the access to choose
their birthing option. We believe that [...]

AUSTIN: Uprise! presents HIP HOP THEATER EXPLOSION!
09 May 2010 10:40 PM PDT

Posted:

Uprise! presents HIP HOP THEATER EXPLOSION!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Start Time: Thursday, May 20, 2010 at
8:00pm End Time: Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 11:00pm Location: The Vortex Theater Street: 2307 Manor Road
City/Town: Austin, TX View Map Description From host Zell Miller, III When the culture falls or fails to
represent itself in its true light- It [...]

æLa Mission opens Friday, May 7
09 May 2010 10:36 PM PDT

Posted:

LA MISSION OPENS FRIDAY MAY 7 Opening Events and Q&A at the following special screenings: This
weekend, æLa Mission” a brilliant film created by two courageous Latinos” will open in theaters in San
Antonio. We’re hoping you will see it and spread the word. Its success depends on as many people seeing it
[...]

HOUSTON: Arizona’s Immigrant Law Sparks A Protest At Minute Maid
09 May 2010 10:33 PM PDT

Posted:

Arizona’s Immigrant Law Sparks A Protest At Minute Maid About 60 demonstrators were outside Minute
Maid Park last night protesting the Arizona Diamondbacks in response to the
blogs.houstonpress.com

SAN JUAN: Fuerza Legal Clinics “ La Union del Pueblo Entero “ June 1
09 May 2010 10:30 PM PDT

Posted:

===== FREE WORKERS Rights Clinic Sponsored by: FUERZA Workers Center Are you paid \$7.25 an
hour? Are you paid twice a month? Are you paid overtime? If you said no! Know Your Rights Presentation
Initial Intake Referral & Consultation w/ an Attorney When: Tuesday, June 1st, 2010 at 6pm Where: La
Union del Pueblo Entero [...]

National Association of Chicana/o Studies public statement regarding Arizona’s SB 1070
09 May 2010 10:28 PM PDT

Posted:

Click on the link to read the statement from the National Association of Chicana/o Studies regarding Arizona's SB 1070 | "" - Forwarded message "" - A well written letter regarding the new law in Arizona and the contributions of undocumented immigrants in the United States. Lorenzo Cano La Nueva Raza

A message from Archbishop Desmond Tutu re. Arizona's Immigration bill

09 May 2010 10:26 PM PDT

Posted:

A solution that fails to distinguish between a young child coming over the border in search of his mother and a drug smuggler is not a solution. by ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU I am saddened today at the prospect of a young Hispanic immigrant in Arizona going to the grocery store and forgetting to bring her [...]

The Far-Right Movement Behind Arizona Copycat Bills By Seth Freed Wessler

09 May 2010 10:25 PM PDT

Posted:

The Far-Right Movement Behind Arizona Copycat Bills By Seth Freed Wessler State lawmakers pushing a new crop of immigration-enforcement bills are overwhelmingly affiliated with a network tied to eugenics and anti-Latino fear-mongering.

www.colorlines.com

NUMBER: 501

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Thurs May 13 *

Gracias to all of you for your continued energÃa and support. :)

Iris Tejatlana Rodriguez

tejatlana@gmail.com

LaNuevaRaza.org

Querida familia de La Nueva Raza “

At some point in the very near future there will be a temporary gap in news coverage, as I am expecting a new addition to our family to arrive any day now. I will, however, get LNR back on track as soon as I am able to.

En Solidaridad,

LaNuevaRaza

- * L.A. City Council votes to ban travel and future contracts with Arizona because of tough new immigration law
- * SAN ANTO: Almas Intocables, Mexican Stepgrandfather, Astex and more “ Sat May 15
- * AUSTIN: Don’t White-Out Our History Rally “ MAY 19
- * Arizona Ethnic Studies Law Signed By Governor Brewer, Condemned By UN Human Rights Experts
- * Arizona Makes It Illegal to Teach Kids About Mexicans
- * Ariz. gov signs bill targeting ethnic studies
- * Texas Caravan to AZ for National Day of Action Against SB 1070
- * DALLAS: JOIN the Freedom Bus Riders!!!
- * ODESSA: JOINS LULAC #102 ON A FREEDOM CARAVAN TO ARIZONA
- * A Message From Boycott Arizona Re: May 29 Nat’l Day of Action
- * The Battle for the Liberation of Arizona- Natl Day of Action 5-29-2010
- * Why Are So Many Americans Scared of Undocumented Immigrants?
- * Mexican kindergarten kids vs racist minutemen
- * HOUSTON: Screening of ‘Sweet Crude’ “ May 25
- * Women protest Arizona immigration law “ ¡Alto Arizona!
- * Don’t Get Caught in a Bad Hotel
- * Houston Discusses AZ Immigration Debate
- * Long-suffering tribe fears oil may strike final blow
- * MÃ©xico y America Latina y el Caribe enfrentan a la ley 1070 de Arizona: El Que Hacer?
- * ARIZONA: Statement of the Women’s Emergency Human Rights Delegation
- * Republicans in Michigan, Oklahoma move to adopt Arizona-like anti-immigration laws

- * Immigrant Rights Activists Shut Down Alameda St. and Los Angeles Federal Detention Center for Over..
- * Kan. lawyer is architect of many immigration laws
- * COLORADO: Cafe Cultura (Open Mic Night) " May 14
- * Official Arizona Police Brownness Scale
- * HATE SPREADING? " 22-year-old Native American Kidnapped, Branded With Swastika
- * AUSTIN: Police Cover Up " œFull report of Sanders shooting states 'actions were reckless' œ
- * HOUSTON: Global Rally at Chevron 2010 Shareholder Meeting " May 25/26
- * An Environmental and Worker Disaster
- * Arizona Law Compounds Immigrant Women's Vulnerability
- * Officer Threatens, Kicks Detainee Who Ends Up Being American Citizen
- * CALIFAS: AZ Diamondbacks Protest. First Organizational Meeting at Nahui Ohlin

L.A. City Council votes to ban travel and future contracts with Arizona because of tough new immigration law

12 May 2010 01:55 PM PDT

Posted:

L.A. City Council votes to ban travel and future contracts with Arizona because of tough new immigra The Los Angeles City Council, protesting Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigration, on Wednesday voted to ban most city travel to Arizona and future contracts with companies in that state. During a morning-long debate on the resolution, council [...]

latimesblogs.latimes.com

SAN ANTO: Almas Intocables, Mexican Stepgrandfather, Astex and more " Sat May 15

12 May 2010 01:20 PM PDT

Posted:

AUSTIN: Don't White-Out Our History Rally " MAY 19

12 May 2010 12:44 PM PDT

Posted:

Don't White-Out Our History Rally Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 Time: 1:00pm " 2:00pm Location: William B. Travis Building Street: 1701 Congress Ave. City/Town: Austin, TX View Map Description Come join the Texas Freedom Network for the œDon't White-Out Our History Rally! This rally is scheduled on the eve of the State Board of Education's [...]

Arizona Ethnic Studies Law Signed By Governor Brewer, Condemned By UN Human Rights Experts

12 May 2010 09:30 AM PDT

Posted:

Arizona Ethnic Studies Law Signed By Governor Brewer, Condemned By UN Human Rights Experts PHOENIX " Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed a bill targeting a school district's ethnic studies program on Tuesday, hours after a report by United Nations human rights experts condemned the measure. State schools chief Tom Horne, who has pushed the [...]

www.huffingtonpost.com

Arizona Makes It Illegal to Teach Kids About Mexicans

12 May 2010 09:29 AM PDT

Posted:

œNever mind that 90 percent of the curriculum at most schools already focuses on one particular ethnic group. Arizona Makes It Illegal to Teach Kids About Mexicans

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Calendario *

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- * TEXAS: Reporters Uncover Bartering for Infant Blood Samples
- * AZ officer: "This law will make me feel like a Nazi out there"
- * War on Indigenous in Arizona
- * Still More Arizona Controversy: This Time It's Teachers With Accents
- * "Do I Look Illegal?" Vanessa Bryant Ripped Coach Phil Jackson
- * Dallas City Council may explore protesting Arizona immigration law
- * National MEChA to Protest Arizona's SB 1070, HB 2281 and the Privatization of Higher Education
- * 14 organizations, 10 individuals file suit over Arizona's immigration law
- * DETAINED in Arizona: Four Student Immigrant Leaders
- * SAN ANTO: Paseo por el Westside " May 22
- * Family: 7-year-old shot by police was asleep
- * Daily Kos: The AZ Ethnic Studies Ban: HB2281
- * ¡Alto Arizona! Celia's family torn apart by 287G
- * AUSTIN: May 29 National Day of Action
- * AUSTIN: City attorneys had argued for months that report could not be publicly released
- * Police Brutality Video: "I'll Beat the F**ing Mexican Piss Out of You, Homey"
- * Welcome to Apartheid, Arizona USA
- * Arizona's Next Target
- * ARIZONA: The Eventuality of the Phoenix Pozole Pachanga Saturday May 29, 2010
- * Arizona immigration law: New travel boycotts from Los Angeles and Austin raise heat on hotels
- * Scholar, Activist Rudy Acuña Responds to Arizona's "Big Lie" Law, SB 1108
- * Oregon State University protests racist Arizona SB1070 law
- * TAKE ACTION: Tell MLB to move the game!
- * ARIZONA: Photos from TUSD blockade and sit-in at state building
- * AUSTIN: Social Enterprise Groundbreaking
- * New AZ Law Targets 'Ethnic Studies' Programs : NPR
- * MUST READ: Indocumentalismo Manifesto

Hundreds of Union Janitors Fired Under Pressure From Feds

20 May 2010 06:43 PM PDT

Posted:

[Hundreds of Union Janitors Fired Under Pressure From Feds By David Bacon t r u t h o u t](#)

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LaNuevaRaza

- * TAKE ACTION: Sign Petition, Join Virtual March on Phoenix
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- * La MISSION: Letter from Ben and Peter Re: Arizona
- * AUSTIN: Rally in Solidarity with National Day of Action Against AZ SB 1070
- * SAN ANTO: Emergency Press Conference Against Militarization of the US- Mexico Border " May 26
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- * Resistance Against SB1070 Escalates: Massive National Mobilization in Phoenix on May 29, 2010 and New Boycott Targets Unveiled
- * TAKE ACTION: Be Prepared to Document Racial Profiling
- * HOUSTON: Chevron Disrespects Community Leaders Exposing True Cost of Chevron
- * CALIFAS: Pescadero migrants drank well water with dangerously high levels of nitrates
- * SAN ANTO: Rally In Solidarity Against SB 1070 " May 29
- * AUSTIN: Black Arts Movement " June 4-19
- * Activists Lockdown and Occupy US Border Patrol Headquarters Demanding End to Border Militarization, Protesters Cited and Released
- * HOUSTON: Immigration and Community Forum " June 19
- * SAN JUAN: Acto de Presencia " Day of Action against SB 1070 " May 29
- * AZ Sen. Russell Pearce Smells Blood: Intends to Prey on US Citizen Children of Immigrants
- * Ranchers, Murderers and Michelle Obama

TAKE ACTION: Sign Petition, Join Virtual March on Phoenix

26 May 2010 11:59 AM PDT

Posted:

Take Arizona and the Nation Toward Human Rights Join the Virtual March on Phoenix. Join the Virtual March on Phoenix [click here](#) Create or Find an Event in Your Town [click here](#) Donate a Dollar a Mile for the May 29th March \$5 to turn the tide Request Housing in Phoenix Register Tell President Obama to [...]

HOUSTON: Chevron Protests Result In Arrests Downtown

26 May 2010 11:57 AM PDT

Posted:

Chevron Protests Result In Arrests Downtown At least four protesters were arrested this morning at a demonstration outside a Chevron shareholders' meeting downtown. The [blogs.houstonpress.com](#)

TAKE ACTION: Border Militarization IS NOT Immigration Reform!

26 May 2010 11:55 AM PDT

Posted:

via John-Michael: The Senate is voting on Emergency Supplemental Appropriations today, and a number of Senators have filed three anti-immigrant amendments that need to be blocked. Click below to send a fax to your senator right now.

http://act.reformimmigrationforamerica.org/cms/sign/border_amendment/

La MISSION: Letter from Ben and Peter Re: Arizona

26 May 2010 11:22 AM PDT

Posted:

Good Morning, Relatives! Like many of you, we are deeply disturbed and saddened by the recent developments in Arizona which deny the rights of our immigrant brothers and sisters. As sons of an indigenous immigrant mother from Peru, the immigration issue directly affects members of our family. In the spirit of solidarity, we join the [...]

AUSTIN: Rally in Solidarity with National Day of Action Against AZ SB 1070

26 May 2010 11:19 AM PDT

Posted:

Dia De Accion Nacional; FueraSB-1070 en Arizona Alto al Perfil Racial a Nuestras Comunidades!!! SB1070 Afecta a toda la Naci3n Cuando: Mayo 29, 2010 Donde: En frente del capitolio Horario: 3pm "5pm No permitiremos una ley parecida en Texas! Patrocinado por; Coalici3n Por Los Derechos De Los Inmigrantes De Austin Para Mas informacion llame: 512)687-4035 [...]

SAN ANTO: Emergency Press Conference Against Militarization of the US- Mexico Border " May 26

26 May 2010 11:16 AM PDT

Posted:

PRESS RELEASE San Antonio, TX For Immediate Release Contact: Che Lopez Cell 210 378-5132 Wednesday, May 26, 2010 We Denounce President Obama's Decision to Send More National Guard to the US-Mexico Border and Spend \$Billions to Wage a War Against the Immigrant Community Wednesday, May 26, 2010 @ Federal Building on Durango @ 4 PM [...]

TAKE ACTION: Whites Only?

26 May 2010 11:09 AM PDT

Posted:

Last Saturday, we emailed to ask for your help in holding FOX News accountable given the remarks of John Stossel, FOX commentator and business anchor, who called for a central provision of the Civil Rights Act to be repealed. He says that businesses should be able to discriminate based on race. More than 50,000 ColorOfChange [...]

Resistance Against SB1070 Escalates: Massive National Mobilization in Phoenix on May 29, 2010 and New Boycott Targets Unveiled

26 May 2010 11:07 AM PDT

Posted:

Press Release Resistance Against SB1070 Escalates: Massive National Mobilization in Phoenix on May 29, 2010 and New Boycott Targets Unveiled * May 25, 2010 [Phoenix, Arizona] " Today national and local leaders announced details for the national mega-march on Saturday May 29th in Phoenix, Arizona and the newest targets of the boycott against SB1070 and [...]

TAKE ACTION: Be Prepared to Document Racial Profiling

26 May 2010 11:04 AM PDT

Posted:

Thank you for taking the time to consider submitting testimony to the Racial Profiling: Face the Truth Hearings and Campaign. We appreciate your efforts and your time, especially considering what you have been through. We hope your testimony along with the testimony of others at our hearings throughout the nation will help provide advocates with [...]

HOUSTON: Chevron Disrespects Community Leaders Exposing True Cost of Chevron

26 May 2010 10:59 AM PDT

Posted:

PRESS RELEASE Media Release May 25, 2010 Contacts: Diana Pei Wu, , 510-333-3889 Sangita Nayak, , 414-412-4518 Chevron Disrespects Community Leaders Exposing True Cost of Chevron Indigenous and global leaders ignored by Chevron decision-makers, expect showdown at shareholder meeting Hi res, rights free photos available at Houston, TX “ After traveling from as [...] www.TrueCostofChevron.com dianapeiwu@gmail.com emailsangita@gmail.com http://rainforestactionnetwork.smugmug.com/Change-Chevron/True-Cost-of-Chevron-Press/12311033_j4CMA#878829788_Uw4tB CALIFAS: Pescadero migrants drank well water with dangerously high levels of nitrates
26 May 2010 10:55 AM PDT
Posted:

[Pescadero migrants drank well water with dangerously high levels of nitrates](#) Link to article: By Julia Scott San Mateo County Times Posted: 05/19/2010 03:22:58 PM PDT Updated: 05/20/2010 11:09:27 AM PDT PESCADERO ” Families living

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http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_15119587?nclick_check=1

LaNuevaRaza

- * Arizona: A Critical Resistance Boycott
- * Call Out for Conference on Texas Curriculum Actions
- * SAN ANTO: Esperanza Center Upcoming Community Events
- * Radio Report from Houston about the Chevron 5
- * BRIDGING THE CULTURAL and DIGITAL DIVIDE: WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO CHICAN@S / LATIN@S
- * DOJ Likely To Sue Over Arizona Immigration Law
- * COPS: Racial Profiling Edition " Immigration Check Point
- * Deportation Nightmare: Eduardo Caraballo, US Citizen Born In Puerto Rico, Detained As Illegal Immigrant
- * Global Community Leaders Barred, Ejected and Arrested from Chevron Annual Meeting

Arizona: A Critical Resistance Boycott

28 May 2010 08:46 PM PDT

Posted:

Arizona: A Critical Resistance Boycott By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez The first rule of any boycott is to keep your eyes on the prize; translated, this means never lose sight of the big picture. RUSHING TOWARDS APARTHEID: Arizona is speeding towards an apartheid state. Some of this rush has to do with repressive laws (including [...])

Call Out for Conference on Texas Curriculum Actions

28 May 2010 08:43 PM PDT

Posted:

My name is Hector Chavana Jr (OurNewAnahuac.net). I am with a small community group in Houston (LaRazaJusticeMovement.org). I will be organizing a telephone conference on how we can best respond to the Texas Curriculum changes starting this fall. I hope to have the phone conference in a few weeks. Please e-mail me if you are [...]

SAN ANTO: Esperanza Center Upcoming Community Events

28 May 2010 08:39 PM PDT

Posted:

Upcoming Community Events Arizona Solidarity Action c Food Inc c Teatro of Terror a ARIZONA SOLIDARITY ACTION STOP CRIMINALIZING OUR COMMUNITIES San Antonio Rally @ City Hall Saturday, May 29 c 10am to 2pm That we as a community are outraged over the signing into Law of SB 1070 is clear and yet our City [...]

Radio Report from Houston about the Chevron 5

28 May 2010 08:36 PM PDT

Posted:

From Liana Lopez Producer / Co-Host Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers Having Their Say (On The Air) 7:30pm " 8:30pm CST, Tuesday Evenings, 90.1 FM (713) 416-5088 (cell) Listen Live at (Pacifica " Houston) or subscribe to our Podcast via iTunes
http://archive.kpft.org/mp3/100526_163001news.MP3www.NuestraPalabra.orgwww.myspace.com/nuestrapalabrawww.kpft.org

BRIDGING THE CULTURAL and DIGITAL DIVIDE: WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO CHICAN@S / LATIN@S

28 May 2010 08:07 PM PDT

Posted:

BRIDGING THE CULTURAL & DIGITAL DIVIDE WEBSITES OF INTEREST TO CHICAN@S / LATIN@S ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFAS & BEYOND œEducaci3n es Poder Click on the link below to check out a comprehensive list of xican@ orgs and groups across the country Bridging the Cultural & Digital Divide 5-24-10

DOJ Likely To Sue Over Arizona Immigration Law

28 May 2010 08:00 PM PDT

Posted:

DOJ Likely To Sue Over Arizona Immigration Law “ Law Blog “ WSJ Department of Justice officials say the federal government is likely to file suit claiming Arizona’s new immigration law improperly infringes on federal authority over immigration.

blogs.wsj.com

COPS: Racial Profiling Edition “ Immigration Check Point

28 May 2010 04:57 PM PDT

Posted:

Deportation Nightmare: Eduardo Caraballo, US Citizen Born In Puerto Rico, Detained As Illegal Immigrant

28 May 2010 04:52 PM PDT

Posted:

[Deportation Nightmare: Eduardo Caraballo, US Citizen Born In Puerto Rico, Detained As Illegal Immigrant](#)

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LaNuevaRaza

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- * Declaracion Arizona, Flor Crisostomo

AUSTIN: Counterprotest Rally Against Supporters of SB 1070 " June 12

01 Jun 2010 08:24 PM PDT

Posted:

Saturday, June 12, 12:00 " 3:00 PM COUNTERPROTEST: RALLY AGAINST SUPPORTERS OF SB 1070 On

Saturday, June 12th, white supremacists and supporters of SB 1070 will hold a rally at the Capitol and call for a similar racist law to be passed in Texas. SB 1070 is an attack on immigrants and people of color [...]

From Cortez to Governor Brewer: Arizona's SB1070 Was 500 Years in the Making

01 Jun 2010 01:20 PM PDT

Posted:

If one catastrophe is as consistent in its unfolding as BP's spill in the Gulf of Mexico, it's the state of Arizona. By now, we've gone from the anti-immigrant SB1070 to the anti-Ethnic Studies HB2281, to talks about withholding citizenship from U.S.-born children whose parents are undocumented, to a request for predator drones to secure [...]

SAN ANTO: Help SWU's Roots of Change Cooperative WIN a grant for expansion into an urban farm

01 Jun 2010 01:12 PM PDT

Posted:

Help SWU's Roots of Change Cooperative WIN a grant for expansion into an urban farm. We are in the running for a grant from Brighter Planet " but the project needs the most votes to win. Voting is open June 1-15th. Please go to and choose VOTE FOR PROJECT. create an account (if you don't [...])

http://projectfund.brighterplanet.com/projects/roots_of_change_cooperativa

TAKE ACTION: Tell the EPA that kids & pesticides don't mix

01 Jun 2010 12:57 PM PDT

Posted:

Petition to the EPA: Kids & Pesticides Don't Mix When it comes to pesticides, children are among the most vulnerable. Pound for pound "they drink 2.5 times more water, eat 3-4 times more food, and breathe twice as much air. They also face exposure in the womb and via breast milk. This is true for every [...]

AUSTIN: Visitation Program at the T. Don Hutto Family Residential Facility

01 Jun 2010 12:52 PM PDT

Posted:

Hello, We're looking for folks to join our new program. Please contact Katie Cullather () with any questions!
WHAT: Visitation Program at the T. Don Hutto Family Residential Facility Grassroots Leadership, Texans United for Families, and the UT Community Engagement Center have started a visitation program at the T. Don Hutto Detention Facility in Taylor, [...]

katie.cullather@austin.utexas.edu

NIJC Statement on Allegations of Sexual Assault at Hutto

01 Jun 2010 12:39 PM PDT

Posted:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Tara Tidwell Cullen (312) 660-1337 Mary Meg McCarthy (312) 287-6400
PRESIDENT OBAMA MUST ACT TO END HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM Allegations of Sexual Assault at Detention Center Latest Evidence of Need for Immediate Reform CHICAGO (May 28, 2010) " Heartland Alliance's National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) demands [...]

ttidwellcullen@heartlandalliance.orgmmccarthy@heartlandalliance.org

AUSTIN: La Voz de Austin June 2010 Edition

01 Jun 2010 12:36 PM PDT

Posted:

La Voz de Austin June, 2010.pmdinter La Voz de Austin June 2010 Edition

Arizona Human Rights Summer Begins with 100,000 Person March

01 Jun 2010 12:29 PM PDT

Posted:

Arizona Human Rights Summer Begins with 100,000 Person March More than 60 Events Around the Country Mark Start of Escalating Response to SB1070 Dear Friends and Allies, This weekend 100,000 people marched six miles from Steele Indian School Park to the State Capitol to denounce SB1070 and demand President Obama Intervene in the growing human [...]

TUCSON: Rally " Police HQ Declared a Crime Scene " June 3

01 Jun 2010 12:26 PM PDT

Posted:

RALLY: Tucson Police HQ Declared a Crime Scene Date: Thursday, June 3, 2010 Time: 3:30pm " 5:00pm
Location: Outside TPD Police HQ 270 S. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ. Description We declare TPD guilty of crimes against humanity for increasing community INSECURITY by police-migra cooperation. We will challenge TPD: Can they tell which of us is [...]

Pics of Houston æTrue Cost of Chevron Protest at Chevron Shareholder Meeting

01 Jun 2010 11:40 AM PDT

Posted:

Declaracion Arizona, Flor Crisostomo

01 Jun 2010 09:27 AM PDT

Posted:

Flor Crisostomo Declaration Arizona, May 29, 2010. From somewhere in the USA, I respectfully greet the Arizona community that is gathered at this historic moment. My name is Flor Crisostomo; I am a Zapotec indigenous woman and one of many undocumented migrants in this country. Since my arrest in 2006, in an immigration workplace [...]

LaNuevaRaza

- * LUBBOCK: March and Rally Against SB 1070 " June 5
 - * HOUSTON: æFace the Truth Hearing on Racial Profiling " June 12
 - * HOUSTON: Responding to ICE Enforcement in 2010: How to Assist Immigrants Following An ICE Enforcement Action " June 22
 - * AUSTIN: Film Screening æXip Xop oaXaca with Director Simon Sedillo " June 4
 - * AUSTIN: DEPORTATION 101: The Fight Is Not Over! " June 12-13
 - * ARIZONA: Joe Arpaio Hugs It Out with Undocumented Students, Punks Out on Arresting Them
 - * L.A. County boycott of Arizona approved by divided Board of Supervisors
 - * AUSTIN: Low and Slow: A dance party for Queer People of Color and their Allies " June 5
 - * Califas: US Border Patrol Beats, Electrocutes Mexican Migrant, Causing Brain Damage
- LUBBOCK: March and Rally Against SB 1070 " June 5

02 Jun 2010 07:15 PM PDT

Posted:

NEWS RELEASE For Immediate Release DATE: June 2, 2010 CONTACT: Daniel Sanchez 806-544-6301 Area Citizens Unite to Oppose Arizona-Style Immigration Legislation on June 5 LUBBOCK " A grassroots coalition of area citizens, led by Citizens In United Discourse Against Discrimination, is holding a march and rally to oppose the recently passed [...]

HOUSTON: æFace the Truth Hearing on Racial Profiling " June 12

02 Jun 2010 07:12 PM PDT

Posted:

Rights Working Group and Local Organizations Holding æFace the Truth Hearing on Racial Profiling Racial and religious profiling is a pervasive problem that affects many communities across the country. While African American communities have struggled with the issue of racial profiling for generations, profiling also affects a broad range of communities, including Native American, African [...]

HOUSTON: Responding to ICE Enforcement in 2010: How to Assist Immigrants Following An ICE Enforcement Action " June 22

02 Jun 2010 07:07 PM PDT

Posted:

REGISTER NOW! Responding to ICE Enforcement in 2010: How to Assist Immigrants Following An ICE Enforcement Action Co-Sponsored by Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) and Catholic Charities of Houston June 22, 2010 9:00am-4:30pm Location: Catholic Charities of Houston 2900 Louisiana Street Houston, Texas 77006 (713) 526-4611 \$35 per person for CLINIC affiliates and staff [...]

AUSTIN: Film Screening æXip Xop oaXaca with Director Simon Sedillo " June 4

02 Jun 2010 04:51 PM PDT

Posted:

Date: Friday, June 4, 2010 Time: 7:00pm " 9:00pm Location: Monkey Wrench Books 110 E. North Loop Austin, Texas 78751 Street: 110 E. North Loop City/Town: Austin, TX View Map Description æXip Xop oaXaca (50 Minutes) Hip Hop is alive and well today all over the world.. This film is just another piece of evidence [...]

AUSTIN: DEPORTATION 101: The Fight Is Not Over! " June 12-13

02 Jun 2010 04:47 PM PDT

Posted:

DEPORTATION 101: The Fight Is Not Over! Saturday, June 12, 2010 @ 10AM"5:30PM: Mosaic Church, 5619 Airport Blvd. Sunday, June 13, 2010 @ 2PM"5PM: Space 12, 3121 E. 12th St. Since 1996, more than 2 million

people have been deported. Now, more than ever, Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) is using the criminal justice system [...]

ARIZONA: Joe Arpaio Hugs It Out with Undocumented Students, Punks Out on Arresting Them

02 Jun 2010 04:39 PM PDT

Posted:

The Dream Walkers after confronting Sheriff Joe: From left, in pink, Carlos Roa, Felipe Matos, Juan Rodriguez (behind Matos), and Gaby Pacheco They entered the belly of the beast, and they hugged it out with El Diablo. Literally. That's right, the four immigrant students many know simply as the Dream Walkers today ascended the 19th [...]

L.A. County boycott of Arizona approved by divided Board of Supervisors

02 Jun 2010 04:35 PM PDT

Posted:

June 1, 2010

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Calendario *

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TITLE: E-News 9/6/10 *

NUMBER: 510

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Oct 4 *

LaNuevaRaza

- * Response To Texas Curriculum Changes Conference Call
- * HOUSTON: Racial Profiling: Face the Truth “ Sat June 12
- * SAN MARCOS: Hispanics’ Indigenous Identity: Lecture Series; Genealogy Workshops
- * AUSTIN: Summer training for Texas After Violence Project interns and volunteers begins June 11
- * A Soldier’s Account of the War
- * CALIFAS: Civil disobedience at Santa Ana ICE detention facility
- * HOUSTON: Prayer Service and Call to Action for Immigration Reform-SUN JUNE 6/DOM 6 JUNIO!
- * RIO GRANDE VALLEY: Statement concerning National Security Center at UTPA by Professor

Response To Texas Curriculum Changes Conference Call

07 Jun 2010 12:31 PM PDT

Posted:

A few weeks ago, the State of Texas made some major curriculum changes, opting to remove significant portions of Latino and Black History and opting to include more conservative history. The Houston Chronicle writes about the curriculum changes. DosCentavos.net did a write up on some of the details. I am proposing a statewide conference [...]

<http://www.ournewanahuac.net/response-to-texas-curriculum-changes/2010/06/05/>

HOUSTON: Racial Profiling: Face the Truth “ Sat June 12

07 Jun 2010 12:28 PM PDT

Posted:

Racial Profiling: Face the Truth (Houston Hearing) Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010 Time: 10:00am “ 2:00pm
Location: S.H.A.P.E. Community Center Street: 3903 Almeda Rd. City/Town: Houston, TX View Map
Description We would like to invite you to join us for the Houston Hearing on Racial Profiling on Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 10am-2pm at the [...]

SAN MARCOS: Hispanics’ Indigenous Identity: Lecture Series; Genealogy Workshops

07 Jun 2010 12:22 PM PDT

Posted:

What: Hispanics’ Indigenous Identity: Lecture Series & Genealogy Workshop When: June 26 “ Untold Truths; July 31 “ We Have Survived; August 28 “ We Will Remain, and Genealogy Workshop Where: San Marcos Public Library, 625 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos, Texas Contact: For more information contact Dr. Mario Garza, (512) 393-3310, ICInfo@IndigenousCultures.org, or visit [...]

AUSTIN: Summer training for Texas After Violence Project interns and volunteers begins June 11

07 Jun 2010 11:58 AM PDT

Posted:

Dear friends and colleagues, and future friends and colleagues, The Texas After Violence Project is an independent oral history and human rights organization that works toward justice and a less violent Texas: a society that affirms the dignity and value of every person. We have a small staff and rely on the energy, insights, creativity [...]

A Soldier's Account of the War
04 Jun 2010 08:09 AM PDT
Posted:

CALIFAS: Civil disobedience at Santa Ana ICE detention facility
03 Jun 2010 08:44 PM PDT
Posted:

.org/news/2010/06/239923.php by IMC Newsroom Thursday, Jun. 03, 2010 at 10:50 AM
info@la.indymedia.org 10:45 AM " Eight immigrants rights activists have locked down in the street in front
of the Orange County ICE detention facility, located in the City of Santa Ana. [santaanalockdown.jpg](#),
[image/jpeg, 604x453](#) Updates to follow as the action [...]
<http://la.indymedia>

HOUSTON: Prayer Service and Call to Action for Immigration Reform-SUN JUNE 6/DOM 6 JUNIO!
03 Jun 2010 08:42 PM PDT
Posted:

Interfaith Prayer Service & Call to Action Leaders: "The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as
the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself", (Leviticus 19:33-34) Cardinal Daniel DiNardo
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Bishop C. Andrew Doyle Episcopal Diocese of Texas
Rabbis and other Denominational Leaders As [...]

RIO GRANDE VALLEY: Statement concerning National Security Center at UTPA by Professors
03 Jun 2010 08:24 PM PDT
Posted:

We have learned of plans to enlarge the current CIA/IGkNU collaboration at UTPA into a full fledged
National Security Center that could involve mandatory security clearances for professors teaching in the
program. Such security clearances would amount to a gag order since faculty teaching in the Center would
be unable to comment on or share [...]

Calendario

Tuesday, June 8

AUSTIN: Black Arts Movement - June 4-19

Wednesday, June 9

AUSTIN: Black Arts Movement - June 4-19

Saturday, June 12

AUSTIN: DEPORTATION 101: The Fight Is Not Over! - June 12-13

AUSTIN: Counterprotest Rally Against Supporters of SB 1070 - June 12

HOUSTON: "Face the Truth" Hearing on Racial Profiling - June 12

Sunday, June 13

AUSTIN: DEPORTATION 101: The Fight Is Not Over! - June 12-13
Saturday, June 19

HOUSTON: Immigration and Community Forum - June 19
SAN ANTO: Chicanos Unidos: A Sociopolitical HipHop Event - June 19
Tuesday, June 22

HOUSTON: Responding to ICE Enforcement in 2010: How to Assist Immigrants Following An ICE
Enforcement Action - June 22
Saturday, June 26

SAN MARCOS: Hispanics' Indigenous Identity: Lecture Series; Genealogy Workshops
Saturday, July 31

SAN MARCOS: Hispanics' Indigenous Identity: Lecture Series; Genealogy Workshops

LaNuevaRaza

HOUSTON: Workers Panel " Sept 7th @ Rothko Chapel
02 Sep 2010 07:52 PM PDT
Posted:

Enjoy your Labor Day Monday with friends, family and good food celebrating what the labor movement has won for working families! ¡ Then join us at the Rothko Chapel the next day to hear about how local workers are fighting to advance the movement for workers' rights currently! The Struggle for Workers' Rights in Houston [...]

Leaving Footprints; Running for Justice
02 Sep 2010 07:46 PM PDT
Posted:

Leaving Footprints; Running for Justice By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez æWe move energy the way our ancestors have shown us " in a way that enhances our humanity and brings beauty to our physical world.☺
Maria Vai Sevoi, Calpolli Teoxicalli In Arizona, we know that the eyes of the world are upon us. Perhaps this [...]

QUE ES LA DANZA MEXIKA???? La danza mexika es una serie de conocimientos que encierran la sabiduría del equilibrio y superación espiritual del hombre y su relación con la naturaleza. ¡ Antiguamente, aquí en Tenochtitlán a los niños cuando nacían eran presentados en los dos centros de enseñanza a los cuales a cierta edad deberían ingresar. [...]

QUIERES APRENDER LA DANZA GUERRERA MEXIKA

03 Sep 2010 12:50 PM PDT
Posted:

LaNuevaRaza

- * AUSTIN: Indigenous People's Day
- * HOUSTON: The Texas Red Road Project Photo Exhibit
- * AUSTIN: Son en Movimiento! Oct 7
- * EL PASO: Dia de la Raza / Indigenous People's Day " Oct 12
- * HOUSTON: Bridging the Gap:Uniting Black and Brown Communities Oct 9th 10am
- * Resistenica Bookstore October Calendar of Events
- * MCALLEN: Machetazos " How a B-Movie Smuggled the Immigration Debate onto the Big Screen " Oct 5
- * TUCSON: Dec 2-4 Conf. on Hate, Censorship & Forbidden Curriculum

AUSTIN: Indigenous People's Day

03 Oct 2010 06:52 PM PDT

Posted:

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan or the Chicana/o Student Movement of Aztlan (MEChA) invites you to the celebration and reclamation of the so called "Columbus Day." We believe that the celebration of this "holiday" oppresses and reinforces historical racism, sexism, homophobia and genocide toward indigenous peoples and other people of color.

For these reasons, in this day we reclaim our roots, our ancient ceremonies and our red blood. This day Native American, Indigenous and mestizo sisters and brothers unite to celebrate our connection to the mother earth and the four directions of ab-yala.

Join us! We will have: Mexica/Chichimeca Danzantes Spoken Word Drum Circle Open Mic

HOUSTON: The Texas Red Road Project Photo Exhibit

03 Oct 2010 06:44 PM PDT

Posted:

Info

[Spacetaker reveals the world of Texas Native Americans in a new photography exhibition by Monica Villarreal](#)

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TITLE: Moviemiento News and Events - Fri Oct 8 *

October 22 “ November 13 at Spacetaker’s Artist Resource Center (ARC) Gallery
Opening Reception “ October 22, 6 “ 8 p.m. |HOUSTON (October 1, 2010) “ Beginning October 22,
Spacetaker will host Texas Red Road Project, an exhibition of photography by artist Monica Villarreal, as a
part of its new ARC Exhibition series. Villarreal’s Texas Red Road Project features the culture and traditions
of indigenous Native Americans in Texas today. This photo project documents the 1st Annual œSacred
Spring Powwow in San Marcus and the Chiahui Show in Houston, among others. Also a traditional Aztec
dancer, Villarreal aims to capture on film the lifestyles and traditions of those Texans of Navajo, Apache,
Lakota, Mexica, and Chichimeca ancestry and explore the relative absence of the Native American influence
in Houston’s art establishment.

œPeople have been practicing indigenous ways of living in Texas for many generations and they will
continue, says Villarreal. œOne of my goals, through capturing and exhibiting some of these moments of
Texas Native American tradition, is to reveal a culturally rich and fascinating side of Texas that is largely
unknown to the general public.

The Opening Reception for Texas Red Road Project is Friday, October 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. and the exhibition
will be up at Spacetaker’s ARC Gallery through November 13, 2010.

About the Artist:Monica Villarreal is a Texas based freelance photographer and graphic designer with
Unidos Design. She received her BA Degree in Entrepreneurship from the University of Houston. A native
Houstonian, of Mexican decent, she has dedicated 5 years to learning the dance and ceremonies of the
indigenous Aztec people. Her photography consists of digital and 35 mm prints in color, sepia tone, and
black and white. Through photography she’s driven by her passion to reveal the beautiful splendor of
Southern and Northern Native American culture. Her work has been showcased at various events and
places throughout Houston most notably NASA, Houston Institute for Culture, FotoFest Houston, The East
End Gallery, and Last Organic Outpost. Presently, she is in the process of earning an MA in Humanities with
a concentration in Digital Studies from the University of Houston Clear Lake. Villarreal is a recipient of an
Individual Artist Grant Award, funded by the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance.

**WHAT: Spacetaker ARC Exhibition: Texas Red Road Project by Monica VillarrealWHEN: October 22 “
November 13, 2010**

NUMBER: 511

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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events - Tues Oct 5 *

LaNuevaRaza

* SAN ANTO: Statewide Peoples Movements Assembly “ Dec 17-18

* SAN ANTO: Roots of Change Garden Vegetable & Herb Sale

* SAN ANTO: Dia de la Raza “ Oct 12

* DENVER: Cafe Cultura @ UCD this Fri @ 7:30pm!

SAN ANTO: Statewide Peoples Movements Assembly “ Dec 17-18

04 Oct 2010 09:33 PM PDT

Posted:

ASAMBLEA DE TEXAS DE LOS MOVIMIENTOS SOCIALES

DICIEMBRE 17 & 18 “ 2010

œVOLTEAR LA OLA ¡ POR LOS DERECHOS MIGRANTES

San Antonio, TX-

Latinos y Mexicanos estãjn bajo ataque por el Departamento de ‘Homeland Security’ (DHS), la administraciã³n de Obama, Inmigraciã³n y Aduanas (ICE), La Patrulla Fronteriza, y grupos extremistas de derecha como son el Partido Republicano, El Partido del Tea, Los Caza-Migrantes y otros grupos Blancos de milicias armadas. Ahora es tiempo de Unirnos y tomar acciã³n en Texas y en la Naciã³n.

Texas es UNO de los estados del FRENTE de ataque racistas donde leyes como la 1070 de Arizona y 287 G y ‘comunidades seguras’ se estarãjn presentando para aprobaciã³n en la legislatura estatal y en municipios.

Los otros estados del FRENTE de ataque son Florida, Norte Carolina, Virginia, Arizona, y Louisiana.

NOSOTROS hacemos una convocatoria para que TU y tu ORGANIZACIã³N participe en este primer paso importante para crear UNIDAD en la lucha por los derechos de migrantes en estado de Texas.

Nuestra META es voltear esta ola racista por los derechos migratorios en esta asamblea:

1. Desarrollar y definir una estrategia unida ‘Frente Unido’ para los derechos de Migrantes y su defensa,
2. Desarrollar un plan de acciã³n para el 2011 para frenar el ‘tsunami’ de racismo que viene empezando en enero 2011 en la legislatura estatal,
3. Unificar la lucha por derechos de migrantes en los cinco estados del FRENTE de lucha,
4. Desarrollar un sistema de comunicaciã³n y solidaridad,
5. Desarrollar un comitã³ de coordinaciã³n a nivel de estado.

Viernes: dã³a de viaje

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6pm “ Bienvenida

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Celebraciã³n “ SWU 22do aniversario (expresiones culturales, comida, baile y mas)

Sã³bado:9am “ 5pm

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Trabajo en pequeã±os grupos

-

Estrategia y tã³cticas

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Agenda de acciã³n

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Siguientes pasos

La Asamblea de los Movimientos Sociales se llevara en Southwest Workers Uni3n en San Antonio, Texas (1416 E. Commerce). Comida prove3da por SWU. Mas informaci3n contacte: Ruben Solis, grulla 210.378.5699 o, Che L3pez, chelopez 210.378.5132

TEXAS STATEWIDE

PEOPLES MOVEMENTS ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 17 & 18 " 2010

œTURN THE TIDE for MIGRANT RIGHTS

San Antonio, TX-

Latinos and Mexicans are under attack by Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Obama Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Border Patrol, and right wing extremist groups like the Republican Party, Tea Party, Minutemen, and armed White militias. Now is the time to unite and take action across Texas and the Nation.

Texas is one of the FRONTLINE STATES where repressive and racist immigration laws like 287 G; copy cat 1070 and Secure Communities are being introduced at the state and municipal levels. Other identified frontline states are Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Arizona, and Louisiana.

WE are making a CALL for you and your organization to participate in this important first step to bring UNITY to the MIGRANT RIGHTS struggle in the State of Texas.

Our goals at the 'Turn the Tide for Migrant Rights' assembly include the following:

1. Develop and define a unified strategy of 'United Fronts' for Migrant rights and defense
2. Develop a unified plan of action for 2011 to stop this tsunami of racism coming at us starting in January 2011 state legislature
3. Unify in struggle for migrant rights with all of the other five frontline states
4. Develop a system of communications and solidarity
5. Develop a coordinating committee at the statewide level

Friday: Travel date

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6pm " Welcome

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Celebration " SWU 22nd Anniversary (cultural expressions, food, dance and more)

Saturday:9am " 5pm

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Small group work

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Strategy and tactics

-

Calendar of action

-

Next steps

The Peoples Movement Assembly will be hosted by Southwest Workers Union at our complex in San Antonio, Texas (1416 E. Commerce). Food will be provided.

For more information contact: Ruben Solis, grulla 210.378.5699 or

Che Lopez, chelopez 210.378.5132

Ruben-SWUgrullaSW Workers Unionskype: rubensolisgarcia

www.swunion.org

SAN ANTO: Roots of Change Garden Vegetable & Herb Sale

04 Oct 2010 09:30 PM PDT

Posted:

October 16 is World Food Day. The Roots of Change Community Garden invites you to be part of this day by buying produce from the garden or working in the garden. Customers will be able to harvest the vegetable off the plant. Volunteers will weigh the produce and price the items. Produce will then go home with the happy customer.

Vegetables

Available:

Serrano PeppersPequin PeppersJalapeno PeppersEggplantOkra

Herbs:

basilpeppermintspearmintparsley

Bay-leafRosemary

SAN ANTO: Dia de la Raza " Oct 12

04 Oct 2010 09:24 PM PDT

Posted:

DENVER: Cafe Cultura @ UCD this Fri @ 7:30pm!

04 Oct 2010 09:19 PM PDT

Posted:

Spread the word! Bring your family & friends!!!!

Join us for a special Cafe Cultura @ the University of Colorado, Denver (Auraria Campus)!

!celebrating 6 years of poetry, live art, free food, vendors, & community!

VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:30pm !Note: Make sure to come early to sign up and get a good seat. As always, we welcome anybody who is willing to help in the organization of the event.

WHEN: 2nd Fri. of every month (October 8th, November 12th) @ 7:30 pm

WHERE:

Tivoli Rm 440 (on the Auraria Campus)

October Features: Cafe Cultura Collective members! .Stefanie Tsosie, Ara Cruz, Tanaya Winder, Chance Two Crow, Alejandro Jimenez, Mari Zepeda and More!!

WHAT: All ages Open Mic Night

Cosponsored by the University of Colorado at Denver Educational Opportunity Programs.

Come express yourself creatively or just chill with your peopleEveryone

is welcome!

For more info: cafe_cultura; 720-394-6589 ;

www.myspace.com/cafecultura www.facebook.com/cafecultura

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Tue Oct 5 MCALLEN: Machetazos - How a B-Movie Smuggled the Immigration Debate onto the Big Screen - Oct 5 - MCALLEN

Wed Oct 6 AUSTIN: Join us Oct. 6th to Demand Dignity Not Detention - AUSTIN

Thu Oct 7 AUSTIN: Son en Movimiento! Oct 7 - AUSTIN

Fri Oct 8 AUSTIN: Speaker on the struggle of Mexican Braceros @ Resistencia - Oct 8 - AUSTIN

Sat Oct 9 HOUSTON: Bridging the Gap:Uniting Black and Brown Communities Oct 9th 10am - HOUSTON

SAN ANTO: Indigenous Dignity Day Human Rights March - Oct 9 - SAN ANTO

National: No al Muro! Oct 9-12 - NATIONAL

Sun Oct 10 National: No al Muro! Oct 9-12 - NATIONAL

Mon Oct 11 National: No al Muro! Oct 9-12 - NATIONAL

Tue Oct 12 National: No al Muro! Oct 9-12 - NATIONAL

SAN ANTO: Dia de la Raza - Oct 12 - SAN ANTO

AUSTIN: Indigenous People's Day - AUSTIN

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* AUSTIN: Viva la Vida Fest " Oct 23

* ARLINGTON: 6th Annual Conference on Immigration and Education " Oct 23

AUSTIN: Roy Guerrero River Park vs Disc Golf Course " Oct 6

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 5, 2010

Contact: Susana Almanza, (512) 472-9921

*****MEDIA ADVISORY *****

Montopolis Residents Denounce Moving Pease Park Disc Golf Course

To Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park

A Press Conference and protest will be held at the to moving the Pease Park Disc Golf Course to the Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park! For years residents worked on developing a Master Plan for the Roy Guerrero Colorado River Park and in 2004 the Austin City Council adopted the plan. The plan called for a balance between nature and humanity. No one suggested or recommended a disc golf course for the Roy Guerrero Park!

Wednesday, October 6th at 5:30 pm Dan Ruiz Library, 1600 Grove Boulevard denounce

In 2008 the City of Austin purchased an additional 25 acres adjoining the park area. These 25 acres are zoned for housing and general office-mix use (housing). Now that the City of Austin's Park Department wants to relocate the Pease Park's Disc Golf Course to Roy Guerrero Park, they are requesting a zoning change from an area that could be providing affordable housing.

Daniel Llanes with the River Bluff Neighborhood Association stated, "There is a tremendous need for affordable housing and those 25 acres should be made available for housing, not a disc golf course!"

On September 13, 2010, the Montopolis Neighborhood Plan Contact Team voted down the City of Austin Parks & Recreation Department's request to change the zoning from housing and general office-mix use to a Public district. Susana Almanza, Chair of the Montopolis Neighborhood Contact Team stated, "The Montopolis Neighborhood Plan should be respected, and the City needs to support the needs of housing over the request of a disc golf course!"

Conference Denounces Disc Golf.doc

SAN MARCOS: Hispanics Include Indigenous Heritage " Oct 9

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Dear Friends and Relations: Below is a reminder of an upcoming event where our Dr. Garza will be speaking at 10:30 AM, Cuicani In Xochitl will perform at 11:30 AM, and our Institute's booth will display information. We hope to see you this Saturday!

WHAT: 1st Annual Community Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration " FREE to the Public

WHEN: Saturday, October 9, 2010 " 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM

WHERE: Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa & Conference Center, 1001 E. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX

WHO: Uniendo Nuestras Organizaciones, Texas State University Hispanic Policy Network (HPN) and Indigenous Cultures Institute

CONTACT: Fidencio Leija, UNO President, (512) 757-4907, E-mail: SomosUNO, www.UNOtxas.com

Uniendo Nuestras Organizaciones (UNO), a newly founded and recognized student organization at Texas State University, Hispanic Policy Network (HPN) and Indigenous Cultures Institute, among other sponsors, will host the 1st Annual Community Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on Saturday, October 9 at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center in San Marcos from 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at no charge.

UNO's mission is to unite all Latino student organizations and bridge the gap between the San Marcos community and university. HPN is a staff and faculty organization committed to the improvement of higher education opportunities for Hispanics. Indigenous Cultures Institute provides education and information about the Hispanics' indigenous heritage.

"We are expecting a huge turnout," UNO President and Founder Fidencio Leija said, "The local Hispanic community, Texas State students, and visitors, all coming together to celebrate our heritage." The event's theme is Latinos: Past, Present & Future.

The Past will be featured in the morning session, with Aztec dancers, an indigenous identity presentation by Dr. Mario Garza, and Latino speakers in education.

The first half of the afternoon will open with the Present Latinos segment, which consists of remarks by UNO, and performances by Texas State University's Mariachi Nueva Generaci3n and Grupo Folcl3rico Ocotochtli. Highlighting this segment will be San Antonio Mayor Juli3n Castro presenting "Latinos in Politics."

The third part of the event, Future Latinos, will feature Mariachi Infantil, followed by the presentation "Latino Issues Today" by LULAC State Director Joe C3rdenas II.

Other guest speakers and presentations include Dr. Andr3s Guerrero, author of "Chicano Theology" and Dr. Leticia Garza Falc3n, author of "Gente Decente: A Borderlands Response to the Rhetoric of Dominance".

SOAR will present their 3rd Annual San Marcos Education Fair in conjunction with the festivities. Texas State University student organizations and local political candidates will have information booths at the event. Intermissions will include live DJ performances. Free food will be provided throughout the entire event catered by Embassy Suites Hotel, Spa & Conference Center.

Sponsors of the event include Indigenous Cultures Institute, SOAR (Seeking Opportunities, Achieving Results), the City of San Marcos, Hispanic Policy Network (HPN), Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, McCoy's Building Supply, UNO and other valued sponsors.

œWe are honored to have such generous sponsors supporting our event,œ Amanda Pena, UNO Vice President of Administration, said, œThey are making our dream a reality.œ

All entertainment and food is free and open to the public.

Donations can still be made online at by clicking on DONATE NOW located at the top right corner of the home page or mail checks payable to Indigenous Cultures Institute, P.O. BOX 1414, San Marcos, Texas 78667.

www.IndigenousCultures.org

AUSTIN: Events @ Resistencia " The Bracero Story: Stolen Wages and the Struggle of Mexican Guest Workers

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Resistencia BookstoreRed Salmon Arts

October 2010 Calendar of Events

Son en Movimiento: Talleres de Arte Comunitario de Son Jarocho Workshops & Platicas on: Zapateado Verso y Poesia Art as Resistance \$3 " \$10 sliding scale donation/ children welcome! The series begins Oct. 7 & will take place twice a month on Thursdays.

7pm " 9pm Thursday Oct. 7, 2010

The Mexico-US Solidarity Network presents: The Bracero Story: Stolen Wages and the Struggle of Mexican Guest Workers with guest speakers Norberto Flores of the National Assembly of Braceros & Stuart Schussler of the Mexico Solidarity Network. Come hear them speak about this landmark labor agreement and how Braceros and their families are currently organizing to raise awareness of their contributions to the war effort and demand the restitution of wages unlawfully stolen from them by the Mexican and US governments.

7pm Friday Oct. 8, 2010

Red Salmon Arts, Aztlan Libre Press, & MEChA (UT Austin) presenta reading, plática, and book signing with renowned veterano Chicano poet alurista, author of Tunaluna. This is alurista's first publication in ten years.

(Time to be announced) alurista is one of the seminal and most influential voices in the history of Chicano Literature. A pioneering poet of the Chicano Movement in the late 60s and 70s, he broke down barriers in the publishing world with his use of bilingual and multilingual writings in Spanish, English, Nahuatl and Maya. A scholar, activist, editor, organizer and philosopher, he holds a Ph.D in Spanish and Latin American Literature from the UC San Diego and is the author of ten books including *Floricanto en Aztlan* (1971), *Timespace Huracan* (1976), *Spik in Glyph?* (1981) & *Z Eros* (1995). Author of *œEl Plan Espiritual de Aztlan*, he is a key figure in the reclaiming of the Mexican cultural identity, history and heritage through his integration of American Indian language, symbols and spirituality in his writings. Co-sponsored by the Center for Mexican-American Studies at UT Austin (CMAS) & Austin Community College (ACC).
4pm “ 5:30pm Thursday Oct. 14, 2010

Somos Fuerza: Un œConjuntazzo para las mujeres y jovenes featuring Grammy-winning duo Joel Guzman & Sarah Fox with special guests Tradizion and Chicano poetry by award winning writer Jorge Antonio Renaud. A fundraiser for Save Our Youth (SOY) & the Ex-Pinta Support Alliance (ESA), projects of Red Salmon Arts. Join us as we continue to honor the prison abolition work of our elder, raulsalinas, working with young people and women inside/outside the jail machine. \$10 tickets/ \$12 suggested donation at the door @ Jovita’s Restaurant & Live Music Venue, 1619 South First St., Austin, Tejas
7pm Sunday Oct. 17, 2010

New & Recent Titles Experiments in a Jazz Aesthetic: Art, Activism, and the Austin Project edited by Omi Osun Joni L. Jones, Lisa L. Moore, & Sharon Bridgforth {UT Press} sweet tea: Black Gay Men of the South: an oral history by E. Patrick Johnson {Univ. of North Carolina Press} Dreamland: The Way Out of Juarez by Charles Bowden w/drawings by Alice Leora Briggs {UT Press} Malinche’s Daughter by Michelle Otero {Momotombo Press} The Woman in The Zoot Suit: Gender, Nationalism, & the Cultural Politics of Memory by Catherine S. Ramirez {Duke Univ. Press} State of Exile by Cristina Peri Rossi (translated by Marilyn Buck) {City Lights Books} Enemies of the State: an interview with anti-imperialist political prisoners {Arm the Spirit} Borderlands/ La Frontera: The New Mesitza by Gloria Anzaldua {3rd edition, Aunt Lute Books} Forgetting the Alamo Or Blood Memory: A Novel by Emma Perez {UT Press} Suspended Apocalypse: White Supremacy, Genocide, & the Filipino Condition by Dylan Rodriguez {Univ. of Minnesota Press} Take Back the Land: Land, Gentrification, & The Umoja Village Shantytown by Max Rameau {Nia Press} Liberation, Imagination, & the Black Panther Party: A New Look at the Panthers & their Legacy edited by Kathleen Cleaver & George Katsiaficas Blood Lines: Myth, Indigenism, & Chicana/o Literature by Sheila Marie Contreras {UT Press} does you mama know? An Anthology of Black Lesbian Coming Out Stories edited by Lisa C. Moore {2nd Edition, Red Bone Press} she danced by 3 Jazz Collective (CD) Speak the Truth (hip hop

CD) by Riders Against the Storm CHECK US OUT @ Resistencia Bookstore, casa de Red Salmon Arts1801-A South First St., Austin, Tejas 512-416-8885

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Yo Soy El Army: U.S. Military Targets Latinos With Extensive Recruitment Campaign 1 of 2
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TITLE: Movimiento News and Events *

- * AUSTIN: A conversation with Six Mexican American Firsts Trailblazers Program
- * HOUSTON: Dream Act Action Pics, Video, Audio
- * HOUSTON: Pics from Dreamer Rally
- * SAN JUAN: Federal suit filed against Family Dollar stores for alleged wage theft
- * SAN ANTO: Video of UTSA Hunger Strikers
- * DREAM Act Resources
- * Human Rights group calls for attention to impacts of HIV/AIDS on Migrants in the US
- * SAN ANTO: Members of Tejana legends, Las Tesoros de San Antonio, return to pay homage to Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in concert, December 12
- * New Six-Figure Ad Campaign Targets Key GOP Senators to Support DREAM Act
- * SAN ANTO: 15 DREAM Act demonstrators arrested (San Antonio Express-News)
- * DREAM ACT STUDENTS DEFY DEPORTATIONS, TELL CONGRESS TO VOTE
- * AUSTIN: CMAS Weekly Events & Announcements: Nov. 29 “ Dec. 5
- * RPMA Update
- * SAN MARCOS: Request of Support From the Indigenous Cultures Institute

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AUSTIN: Social Justice Saturday School 2011

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- * WESLACO: 6th Annual Peace and Justice Gathering “ Feb 19
- * SAN ANTO: Conjunto Heritage Taller Newsletter
- * HOUSTON: V-Day Creative Women Unite æThe Vagina Monologues” 2011
- * License Reinstatement for TPS Drivers
- * Day of Action for Immigrant Integration and Community Security @ Texas Capitol “ Feb 22

WESLACO: 6th Annual Peace and Justice Gathering “ Feb 19

16 Feb 2011 07:21 AM PST

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6th Annual Peace and Justice Gathering

FEBRUARY 19, 2011; 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

South Texas College (Weslaco), Student Services Bldg. F

PEACE, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Organizing & Educating Ourselves

*Stopping the æendless wars.” *Organizing against the death penalty. *Stopping the DeMint Amendment for more Border Walls in Texas *Blocking reactionary bills being filed in the Texas Legislature. *Expanding the Dream Act organizing. *Intervening progressively into the national education discussion.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JULIO NOBOA Dr. Julio Noboa, a longtime activist, teaches at the College of Education at the University of Texas " El Paso. [œCurrent Justice/Injustice Issues in Public Education](#)

ALEJANDRO SILLER Coordinator for Migrant and Farm Worker issues, Mexican-American Catholic College, San Antonio. [œA Broad Context for the Dream Act](#)

All Day: A Children's Play-Day Promoting Peace through Early Awareness

All are welcome, the event is free and lunch is provided. Come early if you want to set up a display.

(More info: email " Erik Toren (ectoren) or Bob Fowler (bobfowler) or call Nick and Linda Braune (956-246-8193)

This event is sponsored by People for Peace and Justice of the Rio Grande Valley, a coalition of individuals and organizations opposed to violence, lies and greed. We welcome opportunities to include others who share our commitment. You can find our web page at: PfpJ thanks all the community groups who participated last year or are participating this year:

<http://peoplepeacejustice.blogspot.com>

All Souls Unitarian Universalist church of Brownsville; Amnesty International, South Texas College chapter; ARISE; BARCA; Call to Action RGV; Comite de Apoyo; Flor de Nopal Sangha; Food Not Bombs, South Texas College chapter; Holy Spirit Peace and Justice Community; McAllen Ministerial Alliance; Iglesia Menonita Buenas Nuevas (Good News Mennonite Church); Islamic Society of South Texas (McAllen Mosque); La Union del Pueblo Entero (LUPE); Masjid Arridwan (Edinburg Mosque); MEChA/ACLU; Military Families Speak Out; Mujeres Unidas/Women Together; Partido Socialista del Valle; Pax Christi; Planned Parenthood; Proyecto Azteca; Proyecto Libertad; Rio Grande Valley Friends (Quakers); Rio Grande Valley Islamic Center (Weslaco Mosque); San Antonio Council on American-Islamic Relations; Sierra Club; Socialist Workers Party; Southwest Workers Union; South Texas Civil Rights Project; Stonewall Democrats of the Rio Grande Valley; Students for Peace, UTPA; Students for Peace and Change, UTB; Texans for Peace; Texas Coalition Against the Death Penalty; Texas RioGrande Legal Aid; Unitarian Universalist Church of Corpus Christi; Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hidalgo County; The Socialist Forum; World Peace Alliance. Coalition of Immokalee Workers; Pan Am Students for Medical Spanish; No Border Wall

(PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE APOLOGIZES IF WE HAVE LEFT OUT ANY PARTICIPATING GROUPS. PLEASE LET US KNOW; AND WE WILL ANNOUNCE YOUR PRESENCE IN THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

People for Peace and Justice meets monthly at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (14th and Nebraska in San Juan) at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all who want to help. For information or suggestions, email Erik Toren (ectoren) or Bob Fowler (bobfowler) or call Linda and Nick Braune at (956)-246-8193.

SAN ANTO: Conjunto Heritage Taller Newsletter

16 Feb 2011 07:19 AM PST

Posted:

Conjunto Heritage Taller

Guitar Lessons at the Taller!

The Taller is now offering guitar lessons on Wednesday nights from 5-8 pm and on Saturdays from 2-5 pm. The cost of the class is \$40 per month. Please call the office for more information: 210-212-8560.

News from the Board of Directors In October 2010 Rebecca œBecky S. Rush resigned from her position as President of the Taller's Board of Directors. She devoted many, many hours of her time in assuring that the Taller's mission was being implemented without fail. On behalf of the students, staff and the Board of Directors of the Conjunto Heritage Taller we would like to express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude for all your hard work and contribution to our organization. œBecky! Mil Gracias!

The Conjunto Heritage Taller would also like to welcome three (3) new members to the Board of Directors, Ernesto Rubio, Rosa œRosie M. Gonzalez and Ron Morales. Each of these new board members bring an array of experience, talent and leadership. We will be spotlighting these new board members individually in the upcoming months. New Director at the Taller The Conjunto Heritage Taller is happy to announce that in November 2010 a new Director was hired. Celeste Cavazos, a long time friend and supporter of the Taller is now at home. She recently relocated back to San Anto after having moved away to the Valle for a short period. œBienvenido ha tu casa Celeste! Mark your Calendars! March 19th " Contemporary Art Month Exhibit and Tocada @ the Conjuntor Heritage Taller, 7-9:30p.m. April 1 " The œBig Squeeze Contest " accordion throwdown for more information on registering please contact the CHT office June 18 " œ9th Annual Conjunto Heritage Taller's Tardeada @ Maverick Plaza in La Villita

Special Thanks At this time we would like to say œThank You to one of our accordion students, Luis Martinez, he donated a gas heater to the Taller. Classes are a lot warmer now! Gracias!

Thanks to all our Supporters

Conjunto Heritage Taller 725 South Presa San Antonio, Texas 78210 210 " 212-8560

conjunto.h.taller@sbcglobal.net

HOUSTON: V-Day Creative Women Unite œThe Vagina Monologues 2011

16 Feb 2011 06:57 AM PST

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Saturday, February 26, 2011 @ 6:30pm Houston Museum of African American Culture 4807 Caroline Houston, TX 77081

V-Day Creative Women Unite "The Vagina Monologues" 2011

Tickets are only \$12 online:

<http://vdayhouston2011.eventbrite.com/>

is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls that raises funds and awareness through benefit productions of Playwright/Founder Eve Ensler's award winning play and other artistic works. In 2010, over 5,400 V-Day benefit events took place produced by volunteer activists in the U.S. and around the world, educating millions of people about the reality of violence against women and girls. To date, the V-Day movement has raised over \$75 million and educated millions about the issue of violence against women and the efforts to end it. In twelve years, the V-Day movement has reached over 300 million people.

V-Day The Vagina Monologues

hailed by The New York Times as "funny" and "poignant" and by the Daily News as "intelligent" and "courageous, was first performed off-Broadway by Eve Ensler and dives into the mystery, humor, pain, power, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's experiences. is a multilingual performance with monologues being performed in English, Spanish, and French. Funds from the performance will benefit Women Healing and Empowering Women (WHEW) and the V-Day Spotlight Campaign Women and Girls of Haiti.

, The Vagina Monologues V'Day Creative Women Unite 2011 The Vagina Monologues

License Reinstatement for TPS Drivers

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Day of Action for Immigrant Integration and Community Security @ Texas Capitol " Feb 22

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Day of Action for Immigrant Integration and Community Security @ Texas Capitol " Feb 22

LaNuevaRaza

- * SAN ANTO: Leadership Day on Voting and Civil Rights " Sat Feb 26
- * HOUSTON: Attend Environmental Justice Encuentro " March 24-26
- * SAN ANTO: Community Action:::Stop Racist Laws in TX Legislature " Tue Feb 22
- * SAN ANTO: International Wombyn's Day March " Sat Mar 5
- * SAN ANTO: Free Speech Coalition Mtg " Sat Feb 19

SAN ANTO: Leadership Day on Voting and Civil Rights " Sat Feb 26

18 Feb 2011 09:04 AM PST

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When:

Saturday, February 26 · 9:00am " 12:00pm

Location:

Movement Gallery

1412 E Commerce

San Antonio, TX

For More Info:

Southwest Workers Union

www.sw.org/union

Southwest Workers Union invite community leaders, friends and allies to participate in a Voting and Civil Rights training.

HOUSTON: Attend Environmental Justice Encuentro " March 24-26

18 Feb 2011 08:52 AM PST

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Environmental Justice Encuentro

Greetings!

TEJAS, Air Alliance Houston, Environmental Community Advocates of Galena Park and The Sealy Center for Environmental Health & Medicine at UTMB/Galveston cordially invite you to participate in the third Environmental Justice Encuentro. This year the Encuentro will take place at the Alvin D. Baggett Community Center on 1302 Keene St. in Galena Park. The Encuentro will take place on March 24-25, 2011. We will also have an informal working group discuss the issue of port communities on March 26.

Our Encuentro will offer community based organizations, environmental justice advocates and environmental health scientists an opportunity for small group interaction on a variety of themes and topics.

Alvin D. Baggett Community Center 1302 Keene Street Galena Park, TX 77547

Where:

Driving Directions

Thursday March 24, 2011 at 8:00 AM CDT -to- Friday March 25, 2011 at 5:00 PM CDT

When:

SAN ANTO: Community Action:::Stop Racist Laws in TX Legislature " Tue Feb 22

18 Feb 2011 08:50 AM PST

Posted:

Join gente from all over Texas to tell the 82nd TX legislature to stop anti-migrant bills and racist policies!

Not Hate! Not Now! Not Ever!

TUES FEB 22, 2011

am

Join a caravan to Austin!

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-Gather @ Waterloo Park 403 East 15th St. Austin, TX 78701

pm -Rally @ Texas Capitol South Steps of Capitol Building

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pm-pm -Legislative Visits Visit TX state legislators. Tell them that racist laws devastate our communities!
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For more info on transportation from San Antonio to Austin, please call:

857-919-3875,

www.reformimmigrationfortexas.org

Supported by: MALDEF, MAUC, La Fe Policy Research & Education Ctr., Fuerza Unida, SWU, SA Domestic Workers, Esperanza Peace & Justice Center

Can't make it to Austin on Feb 22nd?

Email your testimony to esperanza

or call in a comment to 210.228.0201

Aunque no pueda asistir a esta accion, Ud tiene una voz!

Mande su testimonio por escrito a esperanza

o llame con un comentario al 210.228.0201

Legislators need to hear from you!

Tell them we will not tolerate hate, NOT NOW, NOT EVER!

Almost 50 oppressive

bills will be proposed in the upcoming 82nd TX legislature that will legalize police harrassment, destroy the environment and misuse cybertechnology while denying an education to many and tearing families apart.

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Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

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LaNuevaRaza

* TAKE ACTION: URGENT: Help Save Texas Schools
* TAKE ACTION: Call State Legislature to Support Immigrant Integration and Community Security
* HOUSTON: Official Texans Day of Outrage " March 15
* SAN ANTO: Int'l Woman's Day RAFFLE TICKETS & T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW!
TAKE ACTION: URGENT: Help Save Texas Schools
23 Feb 2011 10:20 AM PST
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Please Respond/ Forward

Statewide March & Rally to Save Texas Schools on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Texas Capitol building in Austin, Texas.

You can learn about the rally at , and sign a pledge to Save Texas Schools at .

<http://savetxschools.org><http://savetxschools.org/join-us>

Together we can make a difference!

<http://savetxschools.org/>

Save TX Schools flyers eng: [span.pdf](#)

TAKE ACTION: Call State Legislature to Support Immigrant Integration and Community Security
23 Feb 2011 06:09 AM PST

Posted:

Immigration Alert: Yesterday folks from across the state marched in Austin <> to defeat anti-immigrant bills in TX.

<http://reformimmigrationfortexas.org/1/>

Join us by calling TX State legislators now: 866-930-7894.

After listening to a recording, you will be connected to a state legislator's office. This is an example of what you can say once you're connected:

"Hi, I'm calling to support the people marching in Austin right now to defeat the anti-immigrant bills. I'm asking for the state legislator to vote NO on any anti-immigrant bills. Texas can do better than Arizona. Thanks."

Thanks and please share with your contacts!

" Forwarded from Houston United. Follow Houston United on Facebook <> and on Twitter <>!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Houston-United/170174393022114><http://twitter.com/houstonunited>

HOUSTON: Official Texans Day of Outrage " March 15

23 Feb 2011 06:05 AM PST

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Official Texans Day of Outrage Announcement! SHOW TEXAS YOUR OUTRAGE!

STOP Rick Perry and the Texas GOP Legislature from devastating our State, Working Families, & Less Fortunate!

March 15, 2011

HOUSTON CITY HALL 4:30pm

Every segment of our society is threatened, as BILLIONS of dollars will be eliminated from:

· Public Education!! · Health Care!! · Social Services!! · Environmental & Protection Agencies!!

· State Parks & Historical Monuments!!

Demand Governor Rick Perry use the \$9.4 BILLION Rainy Day Funds and End Corporate Welfare!

It is time that Texans unite in solidarity and protest these outrageous budget-cuts and hateful legislation attacking Civil Rights, Women’s Rights, GLBT, Latinos, and Immigrants!

If you are as furious as we are about our current state of affairs and our future then join the movement at Houston City Hall

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO PROTECT OUR STATE, OUR PEOPLE, & OUR FUTURE!

SAN ANTO: Int’l Woman’s Day RAFFLE TICKETS & T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW!

23 Feb 2011 06:01 AM PST

Posted:

*****~ ç ~ RAFFLE! ~ ç ~*****
***** Help support the 21st Annual San Antonio

International Woman’s Day March and Rally & buy/sell raffle tickets!

Proceeds are used to underwrite associated costs for the march & rally including printing, supplies, sound equipment, etc.

Call (210) 228-0201 to buy your ticket or help sell raffle tickets at your work, school, church, neighborhood, family gatherings|.

Grand prize: Ceramic artwork by Vero Castillo valued at \$1,200! Tickets are 1 for \$5 “ - - or “ 3 for \$10 20 Prizes including various works by local artists, gift certificates to local businesses & restaurants, art supplies, handmade textiles y mas Winner(s) announced at the next Noche Azul Concert Saturday March 19 @ 8pm

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LaNuevaRaza

* SAN ANTO: Saturday Events: WESTSIDE CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY " IWD Tshirt/Banner/Poster Making Day " Feb 26

* In Austin, crowds rally against immigration proposals

* Coalition of Texas Groups Oppose New Private Immigrant Detention Center in Karnes County

* AUSTIN: Stand up for Texas schools at the TX Capitol on March 12

* RIO GRANDE VALLEY: Special Report from CIW Action Against Quiznos

SAN ANTO: Saturday Events: WESTSIDE CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY " IWD Tshirt/Banner/Poster Making Day " Feb 26

24 Feb 2011 01:05 PM PST

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Saturday Events! ☞ Click for infoWestside Cultural Resource SurveyIWD Tshirt / Banner / Poster Makin' Day

Saturday, Feb 26 Mexican American Unity Council Bldg Community Room

* * KICK OFF EVENT * *

9am " 1pm

Join the as we kick off a of the City's historic Westside! We need your input to identify places that are culturally important to the Westside community.Help generate interest in the preservation of these significant places.

City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation Cultural Resource Survey

will with representatives from Westside Development Corporation, Esperanza Peace & Justice Center, Westside Historic Preservation Group, San Antonio Conservation Society, National Trust for Historic Preservation and others.

The Kick-Off Event feature speakers & break out sessions

Bring your images, stories, memories

of places that matter to you on the Westside.

Equipment will be available to scan/archive your pictures.

Free and Open to the Public

For more info contact Elizabeth Porterfield, Office of Historic Preservation 210-207-3327

T-SHIRT / BANNER / POSTER MAKING DAY!!! SAT @ 1pm

2011 S.A. International
Woman's Day March & Rally or

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW!

Stop by Esperanza Peace & Justice Center and get yours today!

Come to the making day! Bring a t-shirt to screenprint this year's image. Bring an extra t-shirt for a friend. Bring a friend!!!
t-shirt / banner / poster Sat Feb 26, 1-6pm

Call (210) 228-0201 for more info

We need lots of help with & which is sure to be even bigger than last year's!! Here are some things you can do:

outreachspreading the word about the march and rally,

* Come by the Esperanza Center & pick up outreach materials! We have FLYERS&POSTERS! You can do outreach at gatherings, events, schools, work, your favorite restaurant, laundromat, coffeeshop, etc.

* about the march to your friends & family & on yourForward emailspost march infoFacebook, Myspace, Twitter etc.

* Make phone calls to everyone you know to about the marchlet your community know& why it's important to participate!

* " Reserve buses & , ask a committee member to plan aTeachers & Students & Members of Organizationsplan a group carpool to the marchpresentation for your students/coworkers

* visit the website weekly for updates on speakers, performers, route, etcwww.SAWomenWillMarch.org

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center

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LaNuevaRaza
Wednesday, March 2

AUSTIN: Day of the Fallen - March 2nd
Saturday, March 5
HOUSTON: Rally against Republicans - Mar 5
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Lista de los numerosos proyectos de Ley (HB por sus siglas en inglés) que afectan a hispanos y los pocos proyectos de Ley que benefician

AUSTIN, TX.- Febrero 22.-«We skipped school to say no to Riddle» (Me escapé de clases para decirle a Riddle no), se leía en un cartel de una niña de escasos seis años, acompañada de su padre quien portaba en inglés otra pancarta que decía: «Jews against xenophobia» (judíos contra la xenofobia), mientras otros dos de sus hijos levantaban el anuncio que afirmaba: «We are all immigrants» (Todos somos inmigrantes). Judíos, afroamericanos y latinos marcharon unidos por las principales calles de esta ciudad para gritar: «¡Ya basta!», «Texas no es Arizona», «Podemos hacer de Texas un estado mejor»; «pueblo callado jamás será escuchado», y el infaltable: «¡Sí se puede! ¡sí se puede!». Reunidos en el Waterloo Park, este martes, desde las ocho de la mañana empezaron a llegar gentes de Laredo, Texas, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, El Valle, y de muchas otras ciudades y pueblos para participar en la gran marcha en contra de las leyes antihispanas que congresistas republicanos, encabezados por la representante por Houston, Debbie Riddle, han llevado al Capitolio para su aprobación. «Lo que queremos con esta marcha es decirles a los legisladores de Austin que no permitiremos que pasen leyes antiinmigrantes, que Texas no es Arizona y que ya basta de atacar a nuestra comunidad», expresó uno de los coordinadores de la marcha, representante de la alianza de Texas por una Reforma Migratoria (RITA, por sus siglas en inglés). Para las diez de la mañana en que dio inicio la gran caravana, más de tres mil personas iniciaron su caminata por el centro de la ciudad hasta llegar al Capitolio. Ahí más de diez oradores entre activistas, clérigos y legisladores democratas, jóvenes estudiantes y niños entusiasmaron a la multitud con palabras de apoyo y refrendaron su compromiso de seguir hasta el final. Martha Sánchez acusó a los legisladores republicanos de querer poner un «curita» al grave problema de la inmigración. «Aquí en Texas queremos una solución a fondo», expresó. María Cordero, de Valle Real Grande, dijo no a la división de familias. Teodoro Aguiluz, de Houston, manifestó que la dignidad no se vende, y que los legisladores republicanos llevados por un mal espíritu quieren acabar con la dignidad de los hispanos. Y así cada uno expresó su sentir y arrancaron aplausos de la multitud reunida a las puertas del Capitolio. En las visitas a los congresistas del Capitolio, los activistas llevaron su agenda donde destacaron cinco puntos: El congreso de EE. UU. Debe arreglar nuestro roto sistema migratorio. Para resolver los problemas de raíz, se necesita una solución federal amplia y a largo plazo que reconozca la contribución que los inmigrantes aportan a nuestra sociedad. Enfoque locales o estatales fallan en proveer soluciones reales y completas. Las agencias policíacas locales o estatales, no deben hacer cumplir las leyes federales de inmigración. En Texas, el éxito de nuestros departamentos de policía local, se basa en la confianza y cooperación de todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad, independiente de su estatus migratorio. Alejar cualquier sector de nuestra comunidad de las policías locales, no es bueno para nuestra seguridad y no es bueno para Texas. Nuestra legislatura de Texas debe establecer sus prioridades. Con un déficit presupuestario cercano a 25 mil millones de dólares, no podemos permitirnos una legislación estatal divisiva. Será irresponsable imponer mandatos sin fondos a nuestros gobiernos estatales, municipales y a contribuyentes locales. Mantener a las familias unidas sigue siendo un valor muy importante en Texas. La legislación estatal de inmigración propuesta, separará familias y comunidades. Esto no es Texas, esto no es América. Restringir a nuestros estudiantes el acceso a la educación será perjudicial para nuestra sociedad y para nuestro futuro. Texas históricamente ha sido compuesto por diversas culturas que abrazan el sueño americano. Los inmigrantes y la inmigración son parte de nuestra herencia como nación y como Estado. Texas marca su propio camino, no el de Arizona. La alianza de Texas por una Reforma Migratoria (RITA, por sus siglas en inglés), dio a conocer la lista de los proyectos de ley (HB por sus siglas en inglés), que podrán ser aprobados este año en el Congreso de Texas, en el tema de inmigración. : Priva de fondos a las subdivisiones de gobierno y obliga a las policías a aplicar las leyes federales de inmigración. y . Manda que todas las policías estatales y municipales verifiquen con migración a todas las personas bajo arresto. . Es una copia de la Ley de Arizona que manda que los oficiales de policías estatales y locales, apliquen leyes de migración , y . Manda a todos los oficiales de policías que pregunten el estatus de ciertas personas

sospechosas de ser indocumentadas. . Intenta crear una base de datos de inmigrantes indocumentados y eliminar las llamadas ciudades santuario. Legislación que intenta remover los derechos o privilegios de la comunidad inmigrante. . Manda que todas las agencias del Estado reporten el efecto financiero proveído a toda persona indocumentada. . Manda que todas las escuelas en el Estado de Texas chequen el estatus migratorio de los estudiantes y entreguen esta información a las agencias de Educación de Texas. . No permite el uso de fondos públicos para imprimir ciertos documentos públicos en un lenguaje diferente al inglés. . Designa el idioma inglés como lenguaje oficial del Estado. . Requiere que sólo los ciudadanos o personas con residencia legal en Estados Unidos, puedan obtener una licencia ocupacional, una licencia de manejo y certificados de identificación. . Remueve los derechos de nacimiento de ciudadanía y crea una ofensa si una persona intenta pasar como ciudadano. . Remueve la elegibilidad de un niño nacido en Texas de padres indocumentados, para recibir beneficios del estado. . Prohíbe a las personas que no tengan comprobantes de que están legalmente en este país, traer alguna queja a las cortes estatales. . Establece el inglés como lenguaje oficial de Texas y requiere que todos los actos oficiales se hagan en inglés. . Prohíbe a todos los extranjeros tener acceso a los campus de las escuelas públicas e instituciones de educación superior. . Regula las calificaciones para el estatus de residencia por las instituciones públicas de educación superior, previniendo sea matriculado un estudiante sin documentos migratorios. . Requiere comprobantes de trabajo para aplicar a programas de beneficio público.

TEMAS CON LOS CONGRESISTAS

- 1.- La migración demanda una solución federal.

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- IV. Respeto a los valores de las familias texanas.

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ESTAS SON LAS PROPUESTAS QUE PODRIAN ENTRAR EN VIGOR EN CONTRA DE LOS INMIGRANTES HISPANOS

La legislación que enrola a las agencias locales y estatales de policía a aplicar las leyes federales de migración, son

HB 11, HB 18, HB 113, HB 247, HB 302, SB 12, Y LA SB 124.

HB 183HB 532
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. Requiere que las agencias estatales reporten el costo de los servicios y beneficios otorgados a personas indocumentadas. . Requiere que los exámenes para obtener la licencia de manejo o licencia comercial sean conducidos en inglés. . Requieren información financiera adicional para patrocinar la residencia legal permanente; y determina la elegibilidad de aquellas personas pobres que requieren cuidados de salud. . Impone restricciones a la expedición o renovación de las licencias de conducir. . Propone una enmienda constitucional para establecer el inglés como idioma oficial de Texas y requiere que los actos oficiales del Gobierno se efectúen en inglés. . Estipula que un inmigrante indocumentado no es elegible para recibir una sentencia de supervisión comunitaria, incluyendo la evaluación a largo plazo de la supervisión comunitaria. , , , y . Requieren que para contratar o recibir premios, los empleados participen en el programa federal de verificación llamado E-verify, y agregan una pena civil a los infractores. . Requiere la documentación de ciertos inmigrantes antes de que se les conceda licencia de alguna ocupación. . Crea una ofensa criminal con arresto a todas aquellas personas que traspasen Texas sin tener estatus migratorio. . Crea una penalidad para inmigrantes indocumentados que causen un accidente sin la licencia de manejo, y una penalidad para aquellos que conduzcan un vehículo sin licencia. . Crea un impuesto para todas aquellas remesas que son enviadas fuera de los Estados Unidos. , y . Crea una ofensa por transportar a personas indocumentadas. . Crea una ofensa para aquellos empleados que contraten un trabajador que no sea ciudadano. . Permite que los documentos de identidad consular sean usado como prueba de identificación para solicitar la licencia de manejo. . Prevé la creación de un Buró de Desarrollo Económico en la Región Fronteriza. . Los policías locales y estatales no deberán inquirir sobre la situación migratoria de una persona víctima de un hecho delictuoso, o de aquella que sea testigo de una ofensa criminal. . Prohíbe a los guardianes de la ley preguntar acerca de la nacionalidad o estatus migratorio a la víctima o testigo de una ofensa criminal.

HB 608

HB 615
HB 655/SB 420
HB 1035
HJR 38
SB 151

Legislación que impone multas o crea penalidades a inmigrantes y a empleadores de inmigrantes:

HB 140HB 202HB 178HB 601HB 878SB 84

HB 197
HB 17
HB 19
HB 303
HB 763HB 892SB 146
HB 1202

Legislación que ayudará a los inmigrantes indocumentados:

HB 277
HB 397
HB 603
SB 600

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Posted:

Pledge to Drop the I-Word: I don't call people "illegals". I ask media to do the same You wouldn't call someone a w*tback, or the n-word. Saying "illegals" is just as bad. People are not illegal. Take the pledge at . Filed under: Take Action

colorlines.comdroptheword.com

"The Wellbriety Movement: Journey to Forgiveness"

03 Mar 2011 05:02 PM PST

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Know your history. Filed under: National, News, Video

HOUSTON: A Workshop Exploring Integral Nonviolence “ March 12

03 Mar 2011 09:12 AM PST

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If War Is Not The Answer, What Is? A Workshop Exploring Integral Nonviolence Sponsored by Houston Peace and Justice Center & Live Oak Friends Meeting March 12, 2011 8:45am-1:00pm A simple lunch will be served following the workshop. Live Oak Friends Meeting House 1318 26th Street, Houston, 77008 At the heart of Gandhi and Martin [...]

HOUSTON: Free One-day Training on How to Organize for Fair Immigration Policy “ Mar 18

03 Mar 2011 08:28 AM PST

Posted:

Don't Let Texas Be the Next Arizona! Spend your Spring Break learning to organize! Free one-day training on how to organize for fair immigration policy Friday, March 18, 2011 8a “ 5p United Way of Greater Houston 50 Waugh Drive Register online at: Filed under: East, News, Tejastlan

www.youngvoter.org/texas

TAKE ACTION: Things YOU can do to stop Arizona-style immigration laws in Texas

03 Mar 2011 06:28 AM PST

Posted:

There are things you can do to stop Arizona-style immigration laws in Texas and keep the Texas DREAM Act!
1. Call your Texas State legislator and tell them you want them to vote NO on any anti-immigrant bill and to KEEP the Texas DREAM Act! English: 866-877-5552 Español: 866-877-5944 (Leave a voicemail if they don't [...])

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02 Mar 2011 12:14 AM PSTPosted:

The Arizona Capitol Police have released a partial report on the wrongful arrests of Salvador Reza and Anayense Garza | Filed under: Arizona,

Newshttp://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/bastard/2011/02/russell_pearces_police_state_c.php

ERRORZONA: Teachers Protest New Immigration Bills, SB 1611 and SB 1407

02 Mar 2011 12:11 AM PSTPosted:

PHOENIX " They say they are teachers, not immigration agents. Arizona teachers are rallying at the State Capitol Tuesday night, protesting bills that would require schools to identify children who are in the country illegally before they are enrolled. They worry that if this proposed law passes, they'll become de facto immigration agents. [...] <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/immigration/teachers-protest-new-immigration-bills-3-1-2011>

Democrat introduces bill to create national Cesar Chavez holiday

02 Mar 2011 12:10 AM PSTPosted:

Legislation was introduced in the House of Representatives on Tuesday that would give the United States another national holiday. Rep. Joe Baca, the only Democrat representing San Bernardino County in the U.S. House, introduced legislation that would designate the fourth Friday of every March to be observed as \ae Cesar E. Chavez Day. \ae Continue reading on [...]

Arizona to issue special, undocumented birth certificates

01 Mar 2011 08:29 PM PSTPosted:

Arizona to issue special, undocumented birth certificates March 1st, 2011 By Hector A. Chavana, Jr. (Tlacaielel) of OurNewAnahuac.net \ae This is how the man does it, and if you don't wake up and find out how he does it, I tell you, they'll be building gas chambers and gas ovens pretty soon" I don't mean [...]

HOUSTON: Texas Redistricting School " Community Voices Rising " Nuestra Voz / Mar 6

01 Mar 2011 07:55 AM PSTPosted:

Friday at 7:00pm " March 6 at 12:00pm Houston Institute for Culture EESG 708 TELEPHONE ROAD SUITE C, HOUSTON, TX 77023 Houston, TX T.E.J.A.S., Mi Familia Vota along with special guest Southern Echo and the Southwest Workers Union will be hosting the 'Texas Redistricting School'. This training is for grassroots, social justice based [...]

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06 Mar 2011 07:40 PM PST

Posted:

Resistencia Bookstore, casa de Red Salmon Arts March 2011 Calendar of Events 7pm " 9pm Thursday March

10, 2011 Son en Movimiento: Talleres de Arte Comunitario de Son Jarocho Workshops & Platicas on:

Zapateado Verso y Poesia Art as Resistance \$3 " \$10 sliding scale donation/ children welcome! FMI contact:

Naomi Caballero: ohmydaliness &/or Carlos [...]

AUSTIN: Mama Said Knock You Out! A Night of Women in Hip-Hop “ Tue 3/15

06 Mar 2011 10:48 AM PST

Posted:

Mama Said Knock You Out! A Night of Women in Hip-Hop to Benefit the Mamas of Color Rising’s Sankofa Birth Companion Project! | Presented by Mamas Of Color Rising: Featuring: DJ T-Kay Hosted by Tiger Lily (of RAS) Performances by: Tiger Lily Las Krudas Cubensi Invincible (Detroit) Perseph One (Houston) Queen Deelah T-FLY (of [...])

www.MamasofColorRising.Wordpress.comhttp://www.facebook.com/note.php?created&-e_id=133862546681983&id=115210831880488#!/pages/Mamas-of-Color-Rising/115210831880488

TAKE ACTION: UFW “ Should manslaughter equal community service?

06 Mar 2011 10:37 AM PST

Posted:

DA plea deal reduces manslaughter to community service Just a few days left to fight this travesty Time is running out and we need you to take action. March 9th is the hearing for the sentencing of the two people responsible for the heat death of 17-year old Maria Isabel Vasquez Jimenez. Maria died of [...]

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17 Apr 2011 07:07 PM PDT

Posted:

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AUSTIN: Medicine of the Rock " April 21

17 Apr 2011 07:00 PM PDT

Posted:

As we approach Earth Day, April 22nd, we must work to maintain balance within ourselves. PODER will be hosting Rose Two Feathers who will provide her æMedicine of the Rock treatments. Thirty (30) minute treatments will be provided on Thursday, April 21st from 1 pm to 6 pm at the PODER office, 2604 E. [...]

TAKE ACTION ON SB 9 " SECURE COMMUNITIES

17 Apr 2011 08:47 AM PDT

Posted:

Dear Iris, Senate Bill 9 will probably come up for a vote THIS WEDNESDAY in the Senate Transportation & Homeland Security Committee. This bill is of great concern because it endorses the immigration enforcement program S-Comm, which requires local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws. It also creates further barriers to obtaining a Texas [...]

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The Failure of Congress to Enact Humane Immigration Reform has Evolved our Country into a state of National Psychosis By Lorenzo Cano Like a communicable disease our nation is infected. The latest outbreak and spread of xenophobia in the state of Arizona has pushed us deeper into a state of national psychosis. As a nation [...]

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Arizona: In violation of all human rights laws

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Arizona: In violation of all human rights laws By Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez For the moment, Arizona has regained its sanity. Five draconian anti-Mexican and anti-immigrant bills were recently defeated by the state senate. However, this bout of sanity in this insane state may only be temporary; this action only dealt with five 2011 bills. [...]

Running in the War Years: Running for Consuelo Aguilar

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Running in the War Years: Running for Consuelo Aguilar by Roberto Dr. Cintli Rodriguez Special-Length Column æFor Indigenous peoples, running is prayer, it is motion and movement. It is energy channeled into the earth through our footsteps! We've always carried our prayers on our runs. Pima Student and Tucson Youth Organizer, Leilani Clark As a [...]

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There is a possibility of having a Peace and Dignity Journey 2012 prayer run in Texas. This conference call will be the first in a series of dialogues to meet, network, and collectively work towards the organizing of the run for 2012.

Conference Call information:Date: This Wednesday 4/27Time: 7:30 p.m.

NUMBER: Access Code: 1078215#The input, insight and experiences from elders and those involved in the previous run would be greatly appreciated as we work on laying out the plans for this community prayer for 2011. Please forward this announcement to any and all relatives and communities that would be interested in participating in this very important prayer. Tentative agenda:- meeting date/location for creation of statewide organizing council - begin creation of local organizing councils- Texas rep for June meeting in Canada- tentative dates for the Texas run For more information, visit: Texas Peace and Dignity on Facebook: The international Peace and Dignity Journeys 2012 website: The international Peace and Dignity Journeys 2012 Facebook page: TlazocamatiOmeteotl

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National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights<>nnirr@mail.democracyinaction.org

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Correction in phone

NUMBER: 202-456-1111

Action Alert

Join us in raising our voices to urge President Obama and the Administration to heed the call from community members, advocates, faith leaders and elected officials around the country to put an end to the misnamed "Secure Communities" (S-comm) program.

National Call-in Day to the White House

Monday, August 15th

Suspend "Secure Communities." Stop the Detentions & Deportations.

Restore our Rights. Investigate the Abuses.

White House Comment Line: 202-456-1111

Line is open 9am-5pm Eastern

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AUSTIN: Celebrate International Women's Day with PODER this Friday at Resistencia Bookstore!

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Xican@s/Mexican Americans Can Classify as æNative American on 2010 Census

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14 Jan 2010 06:22 AM PST

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: January 13, 2010 Art Leal (432)349-1280 UNA VOZ UNIDA OF ODESSA ATTENDING THE NATIONAL LATINO CONGRESO Odessa, TX” Una Voz Unida of Odessa, a non-profit civic association, will be representing Odessa Texas for the very first time at the National Latino Congreso to be held in El Paso Texas January 29th, 30th, & 31st. The comprehensive [...]

Take Action Today- From NY to Florida to Arizona, Immigrant Communities Organize for Justice!

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x Take Action! Support Justice & Human Rights for Immigrants “ From New York to Florida to Arizona! Immigrant Communities Stand Up & Demand Justice Now As most people prepared to celebrate the coming of a new year with friends, family, and community, Jean Montrevil spent his second night in jail after ICE arrested him during a routine [...]

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AUSTIN: Federal Probe Requested by NAACP and TCRP Results in Police Changes

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APD says it has complied with federal recommendations Police chief says department has adopted all but a handful of suggestions from Justice Department. By Tony Plohetski AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo announced Monday that the department has made dozens of reforms in the past year to comply with federal recommendations for the agency, including how [...]

ATLANTA: Help us maintain our independence and to build a sustainable base

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This past year has been a year has been a challenging one for migrants, their families and the organizations that work to secure their human rights. Despite these challenges, but thanks to your support, the Latin American and Caribbean Community Center (LACCC) continues to addresses the full diversity of the Latin American and Caribbean communities [...]

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