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THE STUDENT WALKOUT-AN ESSAY

By Brenda Raygoza



Arroyo Valley High School students were interviewed for their comments on the recent nationwide walkouts. Pictured above (not in order) Javier Ramirez, Silvia Escobedo, Natasha Flores, Aneisha Townsend, Brenda Raygoza, and Alfredo Arreola.

Photo by IEHN

Within recent weeks, this country has experienced the greatest national public support-hundreds of thousands of persons, in all walks of life, including thousands of students - against HR 4437 and in support for the 10 to 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States. IEHN interviewed Arroyo Valley High School students regarding their opinions on the immigrant issue and the subsequent recent walkouts. The students included Javier Ramirez, Alfredo Arreola, Silvia Escobedo, Natasha Flores, Brenda Raygoza, and Aneisha Townsend. The following verbatim essay is a composite commentary by Brenda Raygoza, 12th grade student, and president of

MeCHA.

Walking out was a somewhat frightening at first, we were taking the risk of walking out and getting in trouble, either a ticket or suspension was what we suspected. At 8:59 a.m. Mr. Geiger our vice principle came on the intercom saying we would not be punished for walking out, two different consequences came with him announcing it, people that did not know that there was going to be a walk out or for what reason, decided they would just do it for fun, but we got a larger student body to walkout getting more

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CONGRESS UNITES FOR APR 26 2006 ILLEGAL-IMMIGRANT DEAL

By DAVID ESPO — AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON - Putting aside party differences, Senate Republicans and Democrats coalesced Thursday around compromise legislation that holds out the hope of citizenship to many of the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the United States unlawfully.

"We can no longer afford to delay reform," said Republican Sen. John McCain and Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in a statement that capped weeks of struggle to find common ground.

But delay soon set in as party leaders became embroiled in a procedural dispute that threatened prospects for passage by week's end, if not longer. Democrats blocked votes on Republican amendments, and Republicans responded by accusing Democrats of trying to scuttle a bill they had embraced earlier in the day.

The seesaw nature of events was in keeping with the unpredictable course of the election-year legislation, designed to enhance border security and regulate the flow of future temporary workers as well as affect the lives of illegal immigrants.

President Bush said he was pleased

with the announced compromise, and urged the Senate to pass legislation by week's end.

Still, after days of partisan, election-year rancor, an overnight breakthrough on the future of illegal immigrants propelled the Senate closer to passage of the most sweeping immigration legislation in two decades. Both sides indicated the Senate might complete a bill when Congress returns from a two-week recess.

In an indication of the complicated political forces at work, officials of both parties disagreed about which side had blinked. But they agreed that a decision to reduce the number of future temporary workers allowed into the country had broken a deadlock that threatened as late as Wednesday night to scuttle efforts to pass a bill. The change will limit temporary work permits to 325,000 a year, down from 400,000 in earlier versions of the bill.

Sen. Arlen Specter (news, bio, voting record), R-Pa., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said: "While it admittedly is not perfect, the choice we have to make is whether it is better than no bill, and the choice is

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THE DIAZ FAMILY-AN IMMIGRANT SUCCESS STORY



The Diaz family, (l to r) Victor, (mother) Martha, (father) Carlos, Susie, and Karla. The Diaz family epitomizes the contribution of immigrant families and their siblings to the American way of life. Photo by IEHN

Carlos and Martha Diaz are finally enjoying their retirement in a new home in Beaumont after decades of struggling as immigrants in a new

country, adapting to a different way of life, educating themselves in order to work in a strange environment, and educating their children to be productive members in their community.

"We are very happy in our new home and enjoying our very rural life. But most of all, we are very proud of our children who also have their own careers and doing well," the couple said.

Carlos and Martha Diaz lives are example of endurance and the tradition of family values, hard work, and involvement in their community.

Carlos Diaz and his sister were raised by their mother in the City of Guadalajara, Mexico. The family moved to the City of Mexicali to live with a friend when Carlos was five years old. His mother worked in a tortilleria to support the family, while Carlos attended private school.

His mother saw opportunities in the United States and crossed the border

illegally, leaving her children with the friend. She eventually became a legal resident and brought Carlos and his sister to the United States.

During his growing-up years, Carlos worked in restaurants, hotels, and continued his education. Years later while visiting in Guadalajara, his sister introduced him to Martha Ruvalcaba. Returning to his home in Palm Springs, he was greeted with a draft notice and future induction.

Martha was raised in the small town of Tonala, the oldest in a family of 11 children. She attended a religious school and worked in the family meat market. During this period, she was introduced to her future husband, Carlos. They communicated with each

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Letter to the Editor

Having been in public service for years, I understand that leaders are often subject to misguided criticism, insults, and baseless attacks by those who are uninformed of our records and accomplishments, jealousies, have their own agendas and petty grievances or are otherwise resentful. So I have learned not to take such attacks personally. But I also do not want false statements made about me to go unchallenged. Let there be no misunderstanding: I have worked hard on behalf of all residents of the 43rd district including the African American community and am proud to have earned the support and respect of many Black leaders in the Inland Empire.

Perhaps I can do a better job of informing the community about my work here in the district as well as in Washington DC. I would also encourage those who wish to stay informed to read other area publications that provide greater coverage of political and community issues such as the San Bernardino County Sun, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and the Press-Enterprise. While these daily papers are not perfect in their reporting, and their editorials sometimes disagree with my

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positions, they have large professional staffs that enable them to write frequently about the work I do for my constituents.

For example, in recent months the local papers have described my efforts to help fight crime in San Bernardino and elsewhere by securing funding for local police departments, to reduce gang violence and make our schools safer, to work with city leaders to bring development and job opportunities such as gaining the transfer of land at the Rialto Airport to the City of Rialto and helping Colton overcome burdensome environmental restrictions, to expand access for Black and Hispanic students to attend college and graduate school, to increase diversity in corporate America, to save local jobs and to support local businesses.

There have also been articles about my work to clean up contaminated water sources in Fontana, Colton and Rialto, to increase home ownership, to fight rising gas prices and price gouging, to help Inland Empire emer-

gency responders prepare for a disaster, to increase funding for breast cancer research, to protect the Food Stamp program, to win funding for important transportation and infrastructure projects. Those who depend on the Black Voice News as their only source of news may not have a full or accurate picture.

It is true that not all of my work is published. However, all of my votes — including my vote against the war in Iraq, against the Republicans' confusing and flawed Medicare drug coverage plan, against extending the Patriot Act without changes to protect our privacy and individual liberties, against tax cuts for multimillionaires and against budget cuts that hurt the rest of us — are a matter of public record and easily accessible. Some of my work on behalf of Inland Empire residents receives little fanfare but brings needed benefits to our communities nonetheless.

So I do appreciate this opportunity to set the record straight and share with your readers the truth about my

commitment to serving the African American community and representing all of the people who live in the diverse 43rd Congressional District. The NAACP gave me a perfect 100% rating, as have other organizations.

In addition to being a Congressman, I am a father. I am proud of all of my children and do not like to see them unfairly attacked. Joe Jr. and Jeremy are both capable of speaking for themselves, and I am sure they would each be happy to be interviewed by the Black Voice News. But let me just say this: My sons are committed to serve the public, knowing they will face extra scrutiny but eager to help people. They each have their own talents, skills, experiences, and qualifications. (Joe Jr. was honored by the Rialto-Fontana NAACP this summer for meeting the needs of local youth and community.) While I believe in them and their dedication to serve, they will run on their own merits, and ultimately voters will decide who they want to represent them.

WHAT HISTORY CAN TELL US ABOUT ANTI-IMMIGRANT ZEAL

By CRAGG HINES
Houston Chronicle

The sharp-edged, vigilante tone of the current immigration debate is as old as it is regrettable.

Today's rancor sounds all too familiar to academics who mind the often-neglected field of immigration history and to politicians who are beginning to pay attention to some startling findings.

California State Sen. Joe Dunn remembers being "absolutely devastated" as he read the story of concerted government action to force at least 400,000 Hispanics out of the United States as economic woes mounted in the Great Depression. Some historians estimate total Hispanic departures at closer to 2 million if the tally includes families, fearing deportation or further financial hardship, whose departure was nominally voluntary.

It is a sordid story that echoes from the farm fields of the Rio Grande Valley and Winter Garden of Texas to the barrios of Los Angeles and as far north as Detroit and Gary, Ind.

Most alarming, Dunn, D-Santa Ana, said, was that up to 60 percent of those forcibly stampeded across the border, some on locked trains, were U.S. citizens. So-called "repatriations," at least in those instances, were illegal forced removals from a homeland.

It is as shocking as the internment

of Japanese-Americans during World War II, except that very few people know about it.

Dunn's reading of *Decade of Betrayal: Mexican Repatriation in the 1930s*, by historians Francisco E. Balderrama and Raymond Rodriguez (University of New Mexico Press, revised edition 2006) led him to introduce legislation offering an apology from California for the coerced relocations.

After several attempts, and the removal of any suggestion of reparations, a bill was passed last year by both Assembly and Senate, was signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, and became law Jan. 1.

A plaque marking the apology is to be erected in Los Angeles, possibly at La Placita, a downtown park in the historic Olvera Street area, where perhaps the most notorious deportation raid took place in February 1931.

An apology and plaque are not much, but it is more than any other governmental or private entity with a hand in the sorry campaign has done.

Rep. Hilda L. Solis, D-Calif., will introduce in the U.S. House a bill that could lead to a national apology. Solis's proposal calls for appointment of a seven-member commission to investigate the deportations and report to Congress within a year. Its mem-

bers would be appointed by the president and congressional leaders.

"The time has come," said Solis, a third-term House member from a heavily Hispanic district in eastern Los Angeles who has been interested in the mass deportations since she first learned of them in a Chicano studies program in college. She recalls seeing government records of how raids and removals were plotted. "I was really horrified this information was not given any exposure," she recalled. "It's amazing how we're robbed of our heritage."

Solis, whose father came to the United States from Mexico in the 1940s, envisions a careful inquiry into the period, which she knows may be sensitive as it could include such questions as bank and insurance claims. However, she hopes her proposal will strike a responsive chord with the Bush administration, especially its ranking Hispanic, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales.

Lack of knowledge about the mass deportations is a result of what historian Abraham Hoffman called "a kind of benign neglect."

Hoffman, author of *Unwanted Mexican Americans in the Great Depression: Repatriation Pressures, 1929-1939* (University of Arizona

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other for an extended period. He proposed marriage prior to his induction and her father consented to the marriage.

After serving two years in Vietnam and later discharged, Carlos and Martha were married in 1970. The family, including his mother and sister, moved to the San Bernardino area.

Carlos worked in a food processing plant, as a clerk, and in maintenance. He also attended San Bernardino Community College, learning the refrigeration trade. He was later employed as a refrigeration technician was. The family bought a home in Colton where they lived for 30 years, raising three children, Karla, Susie, and Victor. His goal was always for his children to live in a good home and receive a good education.

Living in the United States was certainly a new experience for Martha: the environment, different laws, and a hard language. She enrolled at San Bernardino Valley College and adult school to learn English. When the children started attending elementary school, Martha acknowledged her responsibility to her children - a better life and importantly, a good education. She decided to go to work.

A highly motivated person, Martha began as a bilingual agent selling life

insurance. She became very successful in a 19-year career, receiving numerous awards for her achievements. Unfortunately, she was involved in an auto accident in 1980, and retired on medical leave in 1990.

After graduating from Colton High School, Karla Diaz attended Cal-State, San Bernardino and graduated in 1990 with a BA in Bilingual Cross-Cultural Liberal Studies with a minor in Spanish. She later attended the Universidad Autonoma Estado de Mexico, taking intensive courses toward her career as a bilingual teacher.

Karla struggled to pass the CBEST, RICA and CSET tests, due to changes in the No Child Left Behind Act. After several teaching positions, she was appointed bilingual teacher at Riley School in the San Bernardino School District.

Karla received her Master Degree in Reading Instruction in 2004, and plans to enroll in a doctoral program. Her goal: to become a master teacher.

Her parents taught their children to never give up, their saying was "Nunca pares, sigues adelante." Karla is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino.

After graduating from Colton High School in 1994, Susie Diaz went to Cal-State, San Bernardino for two

years. She later worked for Pep Boys for seven years, becoming manager in her second year at age 23! She was offered a position in real estate with Countrywide Home Loans, and currently holds a Real Estate and Notary license.

Susie is currently sales manager in the Coachella Valley area. She learned from her parents that "nothing is free in this world." She further says, "I am a proud Mexican-American that works for a living."

Victor served in the Marine Corps for four years after graduating from Colton High School in 1996. His parents were proud that he served his country. After several jobs, he was offered a position by More Mortgage Options and after three years became assistant manager.

His favorite quote from his father, "There is never hand-me-downs, you have to go get it. Do it the right way, don't Mickey mouse it."

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attention from authorities. As soon as it was 9:00 a.m. many people walked out, and we continued our walk to City Hall in protest of HR-4437. On our way the newspapers would ask different students why they walked out and unfortunately many of them did not know what the walkouts were for, they just walked out just to ditch school, what they did not include was that those students that did not know why they went, did gain knowledge while at City Hall on what we as students were fighting for. We are fighting for the rights for all immigrants not just Latinos, because there are other immigrants here in the United States that are not just Latinos. It just seems it's just for Latinos because we are the greater percentage of immigrants here in the United States.

Many people including here on campus would tell us that we as students do not make a difference, but our voice was heard because of the multiple walkouts all across the nation. Here in San Bernardino there are many "illegal" students, as the government may put it, and if HR-4437 should pass, they will not get the opportunity to go to college, what they have struggled for. We also walked out because of our families, being Latino we have uncles, aunts, cousins, mothers, and fathers that might be here as "illegals" and it will tear apart families, they have the right to stay together like any other family here in the United States. Immigration has been the greatest problem in politics so far, look at the his-

tory of this nation, it was built on immigrants, Europeans came here to America to flee, oppression, and persecution. After the United States was founded every type of immigrants were discriminated against, the Irish, German, Italians, Chinese, Japanese, it is just that time which it's the Latino's turn to be discriminated against the most. The government is just afraid of becoming a greater minority and having another race besides Anglo, be a dominating race. They say we are taking jobs away from Americans when in reality the Americans don't want those jobs, they don't want to clean houses, be janitors, work in agriculture, so immigrants take those jobs because they came here to work for their families, and get paid less for it.

We are the future of America, future voters, becoming the dominating race, they are afraid of taking us taking over, but what they do not see is that we will get our education to fight back and fight for what we believe in. We have written letters to congressmen, walked out, because as youth that is how we can make a difference now, but pretty soon when we turn eighteen or the ones that are already eighteen we will vote and the people that can vote do it because only 13% of Latinos vote now and if we really want our voice heard, vote and really make a difference, call your friends and family and tell them to vote and to spread the word, vote, we have shown a difference in numbers and in protest, now make a difference by voting.

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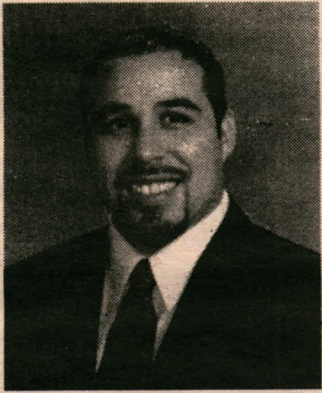
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"This is our largest fundraising event of the year with proceeds being invested in community projects, including county and community hospitals, arson dog, Key Clubs, libraries, schools, art museum, with the focus on children," announced Esther Velez Andrews, project chair.

Andrews is requesting members and the community to take out advertising on table placements to be displaced during breakfast meetings. The Kiwanis Club is one of the outstanding service groups in the Riverside area. Persons are requested to contact Andrews at meetings or call at (951) 780-1977 for forms to be filled out and returned with donations. Deadline date is April 28, 2006



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Press, 1974) said that just as studies of blacks in American history suffered for a long time from the "Booker T Washington and all the other Negroes" syndrome, study of Hispanics' role was classed in many minds as "Cesar Chavez and all the other Mexicans."

Even Hispanics are generally unaware of the mass deportations, said Nora Rios McMillan, a historian at San Antonio College who has written about the removals.

"I had not been aware of it," said McMillan, whose family came from Mexico in the 1920s and established a grocery in Edinburg. Few historians between the Depression and the 1960s

delved into the deportations, she said. McMillan's research, as well as that of others, shows many of the deportees were children, most of who were citizens, even if their parents were not, and could not speak Spanish.

Balderama and Rodriguez write that the raids stemmed at least in part from Secretary of Labor William N. Doak's "personal vendetta to get rid of the Mexicans." His motivation, they said, "was purely political, for he was acting under President (Herbert) Hoover's orders to create a diversion to counteract organized labor's hostile attitude toward his administration.

"Deportation meant jobs for real Americans," the authors said the reasoning went. *Sound familiar?*

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decisive.”

Officials described a complex series of provisions: Illegal immigrants who have been in the country for at least five years could receive legal status after meeting several conditions, including payment of a \$2,000 fines and any back taxes, clearing a background check and learning English. After six more years, they could apply for permanent residency without leaving the United States. They could seek citizenship five years later.

Illegal immigrants in the country for between two and five years could obtain a temporary work visa after reporting to a border point of entry.

Officials said it could take as long as 13 to 14 years for some illegal immigrants to gain citizenship. In part, that stems from an annual limit of 450,000 on green cards, which confer legal permanent residency and are a precursor to citizenship status.

Illegal immigrants in the United States for less than two years would be required to leave the country and apply for re-entry alongside anyone else seeking to emigrate.

Separately, the legislation provides a new program for 1.5 million temporary agriculture industry workers over five years.

It also includes provisions for employers to verify the legal status of workers they hire, but it was not clear what sanctions, if any would apply to violators.

To secure the border, the bill calls for a virtual fence - as opposed to the literal barrier contained in House legislation - consisting of surveillance cameras, sensors and other monitoring equipment along the long, porous border with Mexico.

Conservatives unhappy with the

deal voiced their concerns to Frist, while Democrats sought assurance that the agreement would not be undercut in any future compromise talks with the House crafted compromise.

The House has passed legislation limited to border security, but Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and other leaders have signaled their willingness in recent days to broaden the bill in compromise talks with the Senate.

The comments sparked a furious counterattack from critics. “I can just about guarantee you we’re not going to get a majority of the House members (to agree) on amnesty to 10 million people,” Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., said at a news conference. “I am disappointed that apparently Mr. Frist has caved in to the desires of Democrats, to Kennedy,” he added.

Tancredo’s remarks underscored the unpredictable political fallout from the issue as Republicans seek legislation to fortify the borders without offending the fast-growing Hispanic voting population.

McCain and Kennedy have worked hard to find common ground, and Sen. Sam Brownback (news, bio, voting record), R-Kan., supported a bipartisan measure that emerged from the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Frist, a potential presidential candidate in 2008, sought to establish more conservative credentials when he initially backed a bill limited to border security, an approach that drew criticism from some members of the rank and file who said he was placing his own ambitions ahead of the party’s interest. At the same time, Frist has repeatedly called for a comprehensive bill - adopting Bush’s rhetoric - and involved himself in the fitful negotiations over the past several days.

SYMPOSIUM AT LOS OSOS HIGH SCHOOL ON MAY 6

RANCHO CUCAMONGA - A parent symposium on family involvement to help student achievement is scheduled for May 6 at LOS OSOS HIGH SCHOOL.

The symposium, which will begin with registration at 8 a.m., will feature two morning sessions with a variety of presentations that parents, teachers, and education professional can choose from. Some of the topics of the sessions include parents being a child’s first and most important teacher; nutrition and health/community support; applying community resources from school to home; understanding California Content Standards; and financial aid awareness to pay for college

The cost of the event is \$25, which includes registration for the event as well as a breakfast and lunch. The LOS OSOS High School is located at 6001 Milliken Avenue Rancho Cucamonga 91737. This is collaboration between San Bernardino County Superintendent of School office, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Riverside County Office of Education, as well as the California State Parent-Teacher Association, the Alliance for Education and Project INSPIRE.

For information about registering for the event, contact Mariaelena Huizar or Colleen Conant of the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools office at (909) 386-2696.

CONGRESSMAN JOE BACA RECEIVES PRESIDENT’S AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Washington - Congressman Joe Baca (D-Rialto) received the President’s Achievement Award from the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his continued commitment to the Hispanic community and the Hispanic community at large.

“Being recognized by the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for my work on behalf of the Hispanic community is a great honor. I thank the USHCC for this award and look forward to continuing to work with the Chamber on policies that help Latino and Latina entrepreneurs,” said Rep Baca.

The United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is the nation’s largest and most influential advocate for the more than 2 million Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico, which generate more than \$300 billion annually. It serves as the umbrella organization for more than 215 local Hispanic chambers nationwide and Mexico by actively promoting the economic growth and development of Hispanic business leaders and entrepreneurs.

USHCC bestows the President’s Achievement Award and the Chair’s

Award to recognize government, political and elected officials who have helped create policies or national and state programs that benefit the Hispanic community. Past recipients include Laura Bush, Robert Menendez, Small Business Administrator Hector Barreto and Rep. Silvestre Reyes. Rep. Baca was honored during the organization’s annual legislative conference in Washington, DC.

USHCC President and CEO Michael L. Barrera said, “We are so proud to present the USHCC President’s Award to Congressman Joe Baca, a man who has dedicated his public life to advancing the Hispanic business agenda and who has been a tireless fighter for Hispanics not only in Corporate America, but across all levels of government and in the halls of Washington. Congressman Baca understands the needs and priorities of our Hispanic business community and has a long-standing record of fighting for the small business owner and entrepreneurs not only in his home state of California, but across the country.”

Rep. Baca also spoke at the con-

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LOCAL WOMEN KEEP COMMUNITIES STRONG



Assemblyman Joe Baca, Jr. held the 2nd Annual 2006 Women of the Year reception, honoring women leaders in the Assembly District 62. Pictured above are honorees Ruthie Argumedo, LaSalle Medical Associates, Audrey Martinez, San Manuel Band of

"You have no regrets when you give," is the motto of Hattie Inge, a 34-year resident of Rialto, and selected by Assemblyman Joe Baca Jr. as 2006 Woman of the Year, for the 62nd Assembly District.

Inge, a retired nurse, is the founder of the Rialto Black History Committee, which provides scholarships to Rialto students. After prolonged years of involvement with the San Bernardino Black History Committee, Inge decided that Rialto was in need of recognition of its African-American community.

Since 1985, several generations of students in the school district have benefited by her re-commitment to the Rialto area. Recently, she helped in a kick-off for Assembly Concurrent 129, which memorializes a state

building in downtown San Bernardino after the late civil rights leader Rosa Parks.

Inge's community work was highlighted concurrently with a health-care leader, a Native American tribal leader, a professor from Cal-State University, San Bernardino, and a labor leader, at the State Capital and recently honored at the 2nd Annual Women of the Year ceremonies in San Bernardino.

"Although these women come from different backgrounds and experiences, they are outstanding leaders in our community. They perform as if the world was watching, while giving a hand to others that are also willing to contribute to their communities," stated Assemblyman Joe Baca, Jr. at the ceremonies.

"Every one of these women make history on a daily basis in a variety of ways, getting an education, running a business, and taking care of their families. These are immeasurable values that keep our communities intact," Baca Jr. said.

Ruthy Augumedo, a health care program leader at LaSalle Medical Associates, was directly involved in the breast cancer screening project. LaSalle, in coordination with other health agencies, were instrumental in offering free breast cancer screenings during Breast Cancer Month in October. This disease, known as "the silent killer" is the number one fatal disease for women.

Assemblyman Joe Baca, Jr. authored Assembly Bill 813, which encourages State Health Services in

placing a high priority in transmitting women heart disease information to health-care providers and patients.

The following women were also honored at the ceremonies for their tireless role in their respective fields of endeavor: Audrey Martinez, San Miguel Band of Mission Indians, Dr. Dorothy Chen-Maynard from Cal-State University, San Bernardino, and Karen Macias, of the Communication Workers of America, Local 9573.

"Each one of you are making history, not only solely for your contributions to the communities, but also as role models for young women whose goals are to become future leaders. All of you are an inspiration to all of us," stated Assemblyman Joe Baca, Jr.

CONGRESSMAN JOE BACA RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD FROM THE UNITED STATES HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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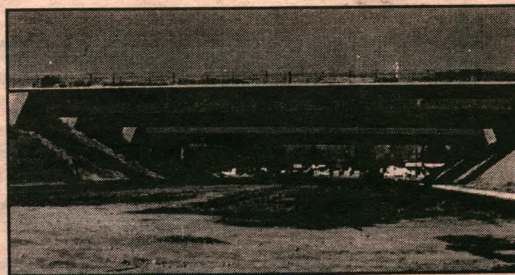
ference on Tuesday on why Democrats best represent the Hispanic business community. The event featured some of the nation's most prominent government officials including Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY), Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and John McCain (R-AZ) discussing key issues such as immigration reform, telecommunications reform and federal procurement opportunities.

Rep. Baca serves as the First Vice Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) and chairs the CHC Corporate America Task Force, which under his leadership has engaged in efforts to expand the diversity of leadership in America's leading businesses and increase contracting opportunities for Hispanic-owned businesses.

ROUTE 210 ROUNDUP

State Street bridge opens, Storm drain work continues

State Street opened to traffic under the new Route 210 overpass on April 13. However, State Street is now closed



north of Highland Avenue for storm drain work.

Crews will be installing large pipe for the storm drain system, which will connect to the Lytle Creek Wash. This work should be complete by late April, pending good weather.

During the street closure, drivers should follow detour signs to Macy Street, and pedestrians should use marked walkways.

Thank you for your patience during construction. Please continue to visit local businesses.

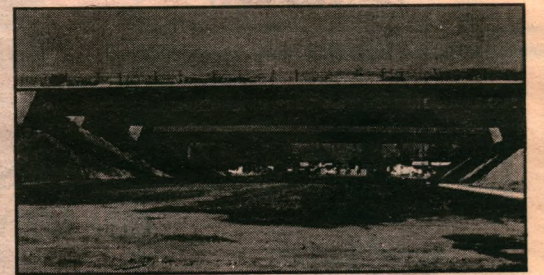


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ROUTE 210 ROUNDUP

Se abre el Puente de la calle State. Continúan los trabajos en el sistema de drenaje de aguas lluvia

La calle State, bajo el puente de la autopista 210, fue abierta al tráfico el 13 de abril. Sin embargo, la calle State ahora está cerrada al norte de la avenida Highland



ya que continúan los trabajos en el sistema de drenaje de aguas lluvia.

Los trabajadores estarán instalando grandes tuberías para el sistema de drenaje, el cual conectará con el canal Lytle Creek Wash. Esta obra debe concluir a fines de abril, si lo permite el clima.

Durante el cierre de la calle los conductores deben obedecer la señalización de desvío a la calle Macy y los caminantes deben usar los pasos peatonales indicados.

Gracias por su paciencia durante la construcción. Por favor continúe visitando los negocios locales.



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SALUTE TO THE CINCO DE MAYO

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The Home of Neighborly Services is hosting its annual salud luncheon to be held on Friday, April 21, 2006 at 839 No. Mount Vernon Avenue, San Bernardino, from 11:30 to 1:00. Cost per person: \$5:00. No reservation required. For information call at (909) 885-3491.

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