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BISHOP GERALD BARNES RECEIVES 
OHTLI AWARD

Most Reverend Gerald Barnes, Bishop of the 
Diocese of Riverside and San Bernardino, was 
awarded the prestigious Ohtli Award by 
Mexican Consul Carlos Giralt Cabrales at the 
San Bernardino County Government Center 
attended by an overflow audience. The Ohtli 
Award is presented to an individual of Mexican 
descent living in the United States that has 
performed altruistic activities and have 
devoted their lives to improving the quality of 
lives of fellow countryman and women. Photo 
by IEHN

The large Latino audience 
spontaneously responded with a 
standing ovation and prolonged 
applause as the Mexican Consul 
Cabrales announced the selection of the Most 
Reverend Gerald Barnes, Bishop of 
the Diocese of Riverside and San Bernardino, as recipient of the 
prestigious Ohtli Award in an 
elaborate ceremony at the San 
Bernardino County Government Center on May 24, 2007.

Mexican Consul Cabrales spoke of 
Bishop Barnes’ leadership in building 
the infrastructure of the Catholic 
community in the Inland Empire. “We 
honor his wisdom and strength in 
meeting the challenge of providing 
spiritual guidance to the expanding 
Catholic population, especially the 
imigrant population that need 
support in their new environment,” 
Cabrales said.

Cabrales also spoke of Bishop 
Barnes’ national position as chairman 
of the United States Conference of 
Catholic Bishops Migration 
Committee and his lead in advocating 
for immigrants’ human rights, and for 
proposing humane legislation for the 
protection of immigrants in this 
country.

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BILL RICHARDSON OFFICIALLY DECLARES 
PRESIDENCIAL CANDIDACY

In an atmosphere of unity and 
jubilation, an assembly of supporters 
from New Mexico, local elected 
officials and politicians, and a large 
contingency of supporters assembled 
to hear New Mexico Governor Bill 
Richardson announce his official 
candidacy for the 2008 presidential 
campaign at the Los Angeles’ 
Millennium Biltmore Hotel, on May 
21, 2007. The event was hosted by Los 
Angeles County Supervisor 
Gloria Molina.

Richardson has unofficially 
campaigned for several months and 
his entry coincides with an array of 
presidential candidates from both 
parties with presumptive plans to run 
the country.

Richardson’s announcement 
emphasized a unique balance of 
presidential choices with diverse 
backgrounds. He joined Senator 
Barack Obama (D-Ill.), the son of a 
black man, and Sen. Hillary Rodham 
Clinton (D-N.Y.), the first woman 
candidate of her party to vie for the 
presidency.

His father, William Richardson 
was from Massachusetts and a bank 
executive in Mexico City and his 
mother, Maria Luisa Lopez-Collada 
Marquez was a resident of Mexico 
City. During his announcement, he 
spoke in Spanish, “My hope to be the 
first Latino president of the United 
States,” with an enthusiastic 
response from the audience.

Richardson has one of the most 
extensive backgrounds in politics and 
government services among 
presidential candidates, Born in 
Pasadena, California and raised in the

RIVERSIDE WARD ONE INCUMBENT DOM 
BETRO SEeks SECOND TERM

Dom Betro, incumbent ward one 
city councilman, is seeking reelection 
in the forthcoming June 5 election. 
Prior to his tenure in the city council, 
Betro had a distinguished background 
in the social field: director of the 
Family Service Association of 
Western Riverside since 1985, in 
which he established a reputation for 
building a multi-service agency with 
425 employees and 418 volunteers 
with an annual budget of $18 million 
dollars. He also developed a much-
needed housing complex and added 
capital assets in building office space 
for program and services. This 
experience of public service was the 
motivation for his seeking the 
position.

After a hard-fought election for 
the council seat, Betro became involved 
in major issues affecting ward one, 
an area encompassing the central 
portion of the City of Riverside.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - As the House Agriculture Committee prepares to develop the 2007 Farm Bill, Rep. Joe Baca (D-California) introduced legislation addressing critical concerns including anti-hunger and nutritional assistance programs and opportunities to improve conditions for farm workers and expand opportunities for Latino and other socially disadvantaged families and improve access for eligible underserved populations. I also propose increasing funding for food banks which provide important help when government programs are not sufficient to meet the rising demands of American families facing hunger."

The NOURISH Act also includes additional protections and assistance for that nation's 2.5 million migrant and seasonal farm workers. "Farm workers toil under demanding and often dangerous conditions, working long hours for very little pay to produce food that winds up on America's dinner tables. They deserve protection from pesticides that threaten their health and should have assistance when agricultural disasters prevent them from working," said Rep. Baca.

Rep. Baca's legislation also aims at helping minority and socially disadvantaged farmers, including Latinos - the fastest growing population of new farmers. The NOURISH Act addresses challenges such as securing USDA loans, getting technical assistance and getting fair contracts for crops.

"The NOURISH Act represents the first time the interests and needs of Latinos - including farmers, ranchers, farm workers and as consumers with special health and nutritional concerns - have been presented as a comprehensive package for consideration as part of the Farm Bill. It is an important development that reflects the growing impact of Hispanics in American agriculture," said Rep. Baca.

The Farm Bill is comprehensive legislation that sets national agriculture policy and priorities. It includes an array of farm programs and addresses food assistance programs, commodity supports and agricultural trade. The current Farm Bill was written in 2002, and many provisions expire in September 2007, so it must be reauthorized this year.

The NOURISH Act has widespread support among Hispanic officials: Eighteen of the twenty members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus - which Rep. Baca chairs - and 3 members of the Congressional Hispanic Conference have signed on as original cosponsors.

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City of Mexico, he was sent to Tufts University majoring in French and political science, and received a Masters Degree at Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He worked on congressional relations for the State Department, and later as staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

He moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1978 and ran for Congress and lost. He was later elected to a newly created congressional district in the northern part of the state.

In Congress for 14 years, his interest was foreign relations, visiting many countries representing U.S. interests. As chairperson of the House National Security Subcommittee, he was instrumental in sponsoring a number of important bills benefiting Native Americans.

In 1995, he traveled to Baghdad with Peter Bourne and successful with Saddam Hussein in securing the release of two Americans. He became a member of the Democratic leadership, and appointed by Clinton to negotiate the release of prisoners in the Sudan and North Korea.

In 1997, Richardson was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., and represented the United States in proceedings regarding Palestine and Israel.

He was appointed Secretary of Energy in 1998. His tenure in the Department of Energy was marred by the nuclear espionage scandals, and his reluctance to testify in Congress regarding the handling of the espionage inquiry. However, he created the Director of Native American Affairs, in 1998, overaw the largest return of federal lands to an Indian Tribe, and directed the overhaul of the Department's consultant policy, establishing the Tribal Energy Program. He served until the end of the Clinton presidency.

He taught at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, later joined the Kissinger Mclarty Associates, a strategic advisory firm, and lectured at Armand Hammer United World College of the American West.

Richardson was elected governor of New Mexico in 2002, and the second Latino governor in the United States. As governor, he has proposed tax cuts to promote growth; first governor to provide $400,000 in life insurance to National Guardsmen; formed the GRIP Investment Partnership to fund large-scale public infrastructure projects; pass a broad personal income tax cut; a commuter rail line between Belen, Albuquerque, and Bernalillo.

In 2006, Forbes credited Richardson’s reforms in naming Albuquerque, New Mexico the best city in the United States for business and careers; and the Cato Institute has consistently rated him one of the most fiscally responsible Democratic governors in the nation.

Richardson was reelected governor in November 7, 2006, 68-32 percent, defeating former Republican Party Chairman John Dendahl, and becoming one of the most successful governors in the ballot box in New Mexico history.

In January 2007, at the request of Save Darfur Coalition, he brokered a 60-day cease fire between Al-Bushir and leaders of several rebel factions in Darfur.

Richardson has been nominated four times for the Nobel Prize (1995, 1997, 2000, and 2001) for negotiating the release of hostages, American servicemen, and political prisoners in North Korea, Iraq, and Cuba.

Richardson has proposed a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq in conjunction with negotiating a political truce. He reiterated the failure of the Bush administration policies, and loss of reputation abroad; and the restoration of diplomacy as the primary instrument of our foreign policy. He stressed the policies aimed at combating global warming, reducing greenhouse emissions by 20% in 12 years, cutting the demand for oil in half and enacting fuel-economy standards to 50 miles per gallon. On healthcare, require all employers to provide insurance or pay a fee to the federal government. He opposes the immigration plan before Congress on grounds it would divide families, supports hiring more border patrol guards in lieu of building a fence, and illegal immigrants should be able to become legal by paying a fine, passing a background check and paying back taxes owed.

Although not as well known as other presidential candidates, political observers suggest that mobilizing the huge Latino population in California, Nevada, and southwestern states would be a key to winning the White House. His campaign strategy can develop the Latino political clout as a catalyst to expand his campaign nationwide, especially in areas where he is less known.

Richardson was guest in an hour-long interview on Meet the Press on May 27, 2006, where he explicitly reviewed his platform nationwide.

Bill Richardson married Barbara Flavin in 1972; Mrs. Richardson is a social activist on children and women's issues.

Respectful Children Are The Result Of Respectful Parents

By the American Counseling Association

Most of us would never think of shouting or cursing at our friends, neighbors or co-workers. We, and they, would consider it elementarily impolite if we kept ordering them around, calling them names or asking sarcastic questions like, “What is the MATTER with you?!”

And yet far too many of us repeatedly communicate with our own children exactly like that, and then we wonder why our children don’t show more respect to us and others.

If we yelled at and insulted our friends the way we often do our children, it wouldn’t take long for them to drop us as friends. Yet many of us feel we can lose our tempers and manners with our children and it won’t alienate them. In reality, how we handle family manners now will make a big difference in the quality of our family relationships for years to come.

Does that mean you can never get upset and angry with your children? Of course not. Such expectations are simply unreasonable. But what matters is how we handle disagreements and conflict, for that’s how our children learn respect.

There are a number of ways to communicate with your children to help foster a more respectful environment:

- Eliminate shouting, name-calling and sarcasm. These all destroy respect and just encourage resentment and more conflict.
- Communicate honestly and calmly with your children when their behavior has left you feeling hurt, scared or angered. You’ll be surprised how well they listen to real, meaningful communication as opposed to an angry tirade.
- Give your children choices in how responsibilities are handled. Rather than just commanding “Get in that shower now!” try asking “What time would you prefer to take your shower - 8 or 8:30?”
- Expect and require respectful behavior from all members of your household, not just your children.

Simple rules such as, “Don’t interrupt when others are speaking,” or “We always say please and thank you,” make acting respectfully a natural way of family life when both adults and children follow those rules.

We all want our children to be polite, well-mannered, and respectful. The best way to make that happen is to be good examples of such behaviors ourselves, especially in the relationship we have with our children.

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The support of her family is the driving force behind her success, she said.

The family has lived in Redlands for 13 years, and Gomez has become actively involved: A.K. Smiley Library Board of Trustees, V.A.L.O.R. Youth Foundation Board, Northside Advisory Board, Redlands Horticultural Society, and previously president of the Redlands Area Historical Society.

Gomez was award the Northside Women of the Year, and recently recognized by the Redlands Area Historical Society.

Gomez married the Northside Impact Committee’s Latina of the Year, and recently recognized by the Inland Empire Latino Coalition for her work in Education Support Services.

Rosa Gomez was promoted in January, 2007, to the position of Deputy Director for Children and Youth Programs with the Department of Behavioral Health.

Rosa GOMEZ—DEDICATED TO MENTAL HEALTH

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of special remedial treatments,” Gomez said.

Gomez’s parents arrived in the United States in 1953 from Jalisco, Mexico. She was born and raised in Colton, and the eldest of six siblings, attending Colton High School.

She attributes her motivation to higher education from her parents. Her father taught her about hard work and success, and her mother instilled in her to become actively involved in her community, the importance of family values, and cultural identity.

Gomez is married to David Van Diest, and parents of a son, Diego. The support of her family is the driving force behind her success, she said.

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GUARDING AGAINST GLAUCOMA

With a dilated eye exam, an eye care professional can see inside the eye to detect signs of glaucoma, such as subtle changes to the optic nerve and other vision problems, before any symptoms appear. This allows the eye care professional to monitor patients and treat glaucoma as early as possible.

"A dilated eye examination is essential to protecting the vision of those at higher risk for glaucoma," noted Anne L. Coleman, M.D., Ph.D., Frances and Ray Stark Professor of Ophthalmology at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute and chair of the Glaucoma subcommittee for NEI's National Eye Health Education Program. "If glaucoma is detected early, treatments such as medication, conventional surgery or laser surgery can slow or stop vision loss. High pressure inside the eye, which may be associated with glaucoma, does not by itself mean that you have glaucoma. Only a dilated eye exam and evaluation of the optic nerve can tell you that."

The NEI is encouraging individuals to get an eye exam and to spread the word about glaucoma to family and friends by using NEI's e-cards and brochures. For help you find an eye care professional in the area, visit www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma.

SENIORS-WHITE HOUSE REACH IMMIGRATION DEAL

WASHINGTON — Key senators in both parties announced agreement with the White House Thursday on an immigration overhaul that would grant quick legal status to millions of illegal immigrants already in the U.S. and fortify the border.

The plan would create a temporary worker program to bring new arrivals to the U.S. A separate program would cover agricultural workers. New high-tech enforcement measures also would be instituted to verify that workers are here legally.

The compromise came after weeks of painstaking closed-door negotiations that brought the most liberal Democrats and the most conservative Republicans together with President Bush's Cabinet officers to produce a highly complex measure that carries heavy political consequences.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Massachusetts, said he expects Bush to endorse the agreement.

"Politics is the art of the possible, and the agreement we just reached is the best possible chance we will have in years to secure our borders and bring millions of people out of the shadows and into the sunshine of America," Kennedy said.

Anticipating criticism from conservatives, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pennsylvania, said, "It is not amnesty. This will restore the rule of law."

The accord sets the stage for what promises to be a bruising battle next week in the Senate on one of Bush's top non-war priorities. The president has said he wants to sign an immigration bill by summer's end.

The key breakthrough came when negotiators struck a bargain on a so-called "point system" that would for the first time prioritize immigrants' education and skill level over family connections in deciding how to award green cards.

The draft bill "gives a path out of the shadows and toward legal status for those who are currently here" illegally, said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California.

The immigration issue also divides both parties in the House, which isn't expected to act until the Senate passes a bill first.

The proposed agreement would allow illegal immigrants to come forward and obtain a "Z visa" and — after paying fees and a $5,000 fine — ultimately get on track for permanent residency, which could take between eight and 13 years. Heads of household would have to return to their home countries first.

They could come forward right away to claim a probationary card that would let them live and work legally in the U.S., but could not begin the path to permanent residency or citizenship until border security improvements and the high-tech worker identification program were completed.

A new temporary guest worker program would also have to wait until those so-called "triggers" had been activated.

Those workers would have to return home after work stints of two years, with little opportunity to gain permanent legal status or ever become U.S. citizens. They could renew their guest worker visas twice, but would be required to leave for a year in between each time.

Democrats had pressed instead for guest workers to be permitted to stay and work indefinitely in the U.S. In perhaps the most hotly debated change, the proposed plan would shift from an immigration system primarily weighted toward family ties toward one with preferences for people with advanced degrees and sophisticated skills.

Republicans have long sought such revisions, which they say are needed to end "chain migration" that harms the economy, while some Democrats and liberal groups say it's an unfair system that rips families apart.

Family connections alone would no longer be enough to qualify for a green card — except for spouses and minor children of U.S. citizens.

New limits would apply to U.S. citizens seeking to bring foreign-born parents into the country.
He visited many community groups and attended numerous functions for the purpose of listening to persons' concerns, getting ideas and primarily interrelating with citizens. This natural trait interrelated to his background in the social service area.

Reducing traffic has been an issue, where he has made an impact in improving local streets and infrastructure, and major investments in rail grade separations.

His leadership in the insurgency of programs to improve the downtown area and millions of dollars in investments and projects, according to his campaign statements, will produce major renovations in the near future. These projects include shops, restaurants, and entertainment centers, the renovations of the Fox Theater Plaza, expansion of the museum and library, downtown farmer's market and encouraged educational facilities.

Betro has prioritized the issue of improving the park areas with an emphasis on expansion of open space and green belts, and the improvements of open trails and completion of the Santa Ana trails connecting the mountains and beach areas.

In addressing the homeless issues, he has provided a shelter to place people in a protected and safe refuge.

In a prepared statement, Betro said, "I have been privileged to represent citizens and residents of ward one and have become involved in the many issues that affect us on a daily basis. With your involvement and help, we have moved in a positive way to accomplished and improved our quality of life. Together, we can continue to make progress and ensure that Riverside takes its place as the center of the Inland Empire.

Dom Betro is endorsed by county and city elected officials, retired judges, Riverside City police, fire and administrative associations, Riverside Chamber of Commerce, and numerous community activists.

Mayor Pat Morris is encouraged by the breadth and timeliness of Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal. The former judge says "The effects of gangs have long-plagued local communities who have often faced the burden alone. The Governor's leadership demonstrates a legitimate commitment by the state to partner with local government to solve a problem that we all share."

"The proposal combines funding, coordination, and a balanced approach of suppression, intervention, and prevention strategies to fight the gang problem. Operation Phoenix is a similar multi-pronged comprehensive crime fighting initiative launched by the city of San Bernardino last year. The data has proven that this type of strategy is effective in producing results that are both immediate and sustainable."

The Mayor is pleased with the inclusion of social service agencies, training groups, and non profit organizations as partners in the fight against gang violence. As the pilot city for GPS tracking of offenders, "San Bernardino can vouch for the effectiveness of using modern technology to keep our citizens safe". The Mayor is encouraged by the concept of expanding that program.

"We have a significant battle ahead to win the war on gang violence in California. I am encouraged by this giant leap forward put forth by the Governor." The Mayor is hopeful the funding for this initiative will remain a priority in Sacramento.

In 2006, Mayor Morris launched Operation Phoenix - a comprehensive multi-pronged approach to reducing crime and violence. Based on the tenets of suppression, intervention, and prevention, the program is a collaborative effort involving more than 45 public and private partners. To date, Operation Phoenix has resulted in a 22% reduction in crime city-wide and a 38% decrease within a targeted area.
Bernardino County Superintendent of the Year by Wal-Mart.

Linda Mae Lopez, who teaches special day class students at Moore Middle School in Redlands, and Kim Snyder, who has special day class students at Colton High School, received the awards from the local Wal-Mart stores in their areas.

"All I can say is that I do what I do for my students," said Lopez. Lopez and Snyder each received a $1,000 check from Wal-Mart for their classrooms, as well as a $100 gift card and a framed certificate as a teacher of the year.

Lopez has been a special education teacher for more than 30 years with County Schools. She started as an educational assistant in 1974 and went back to school to get her teaching credential in special education.

"She does a fabulous job with her students," said County Principal Jolene Caughley.

For Snyder, she has been a special education teacher for County Schools for 20 years, including the last four at Colton High School.

"I was surprised for being selected as teacher of the year, and I'm appreciative to Wal-Mart for the honor," Snyder said.

County Principal Peggy McFee praised Snyder for her work with her students.

"We are pleased that the community recognizes the wonderful and caring job that Kim does every day for her students," McFee said.

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS OFFERS NEW RESOURCES FOR SENIORS**

SACRAMENTO – May is Older Americans Month. To celebrate, the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) launched a new Web initiative aimed at helping California's seniors receive the services and information they need.

Web pages with resources for seniors, their families and care providers are now part of the DCA Web site and can be found at www.dca.ca.gov/consumer/seniors.

"We wanted to establish an easy-to-use clearinghouse where seniors, their families, government and others can find vital information and resources," stated DCA Director Carrie Lopez.

The Senior California Consumer Resource Center includes general consumer tips, health and welfare resources, financial and privacy resources, information about reporting elder abuse, and other important issues. It also has a link allowing seniors to send e-mail directly to a special DCA unit created to answer questions from senior consumers.

Following a Senior Summit of agencies and volunteers, recommendations were developed to increase the resources available to seniors in California, "We agreed that we needed an ongoing effort to bring this information together and ensure California's seniors have access to it," said Lopez. "It is very rewarding to see the continuing commitment of our partners to provide senior Californians with superb services and resources."

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Cabralles stated that the centerpiece of Bishop Barnes episcopacy thus far has been the diocesan Pastoral Planning Process that has yielded a long-term vision for the Diocese and has united the efforts of many throughout Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to realize a society founded upon the values of the Gospel and characterized by an ever-present sense of hope.

Bishop Barnes was born in Phoenix, Arizona on June 22, 1945. He grew up in the Boyle Heights area of East Los Angeles where he and his siblings worked in the neighborhood grocery store run by his parents.

Bishop Barnes was ordained as priest in San Antonio, Texas on December 20, 1975. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of San Bernardino on January 28, 1992, and Bishop of San Bernardino on December 28, 1995.

"Ohtli" is a Nahua word that means "Pathway," and the Ohtli medalation, which has an image of footprints, symbolizes the pathway that women and men will follow. For Nahua poets, Melahau Ohtli signifies the right path people will take to their destiny.

The Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior within the Secretaria de Relaciones acknowledges the importance of recognizing the altruistic activities of many Mexicans living in the United States, and offers the Ohtli Award to those that have devoted their lives to improving the quality of lives of fellow countrymen and women.
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**RCOE APPOINTS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Diana Walsh-Reuss has been named Assistant Superintendent, Division of Children and Family Services, for the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE). Walsh-Reuss has served as the Director of Special Education for Moreno Valley Unified School District as school site administrator and teacher. She was recognized as Riverside County Teacher of the Year in 1991.

She was named Administrator of the Year for the Riverside County Office of Education in 2006. She holds a Doctorate degree from the University of Southern California and a Master's degree in Special Education and School Leadership.

RCOE provides services to 23 local school districts in Riverside County as well as special programs for 60,000 students, both children and adults. The Division of Children and Family Services oversees a wide variety of federal and state funded programs serving young children and families, focusing on children from low income families to assist them receive early education and preparation for entrance into public school.

Programs include: Children's Services/Child Development; Early Head Start; Head Start/State Preschool; Migrant Education; and Migrant Head Start.

"I am honored and privileged to work for such an outstanding organization and group of professionals," Walsh-Reuss said.

"Riverside County has become known for great programs. I am committed to RCOE's tradition of providing quality programs and services to children and their families."

**NCLR APPLAUDS SENATE ON MOVING IMMIGRATION REFORM FORWARD AND WILL ENGAGE IN DEBATE ON IMPROVING SENATE BILL**

WASHINGTON, DC - The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S., applauded the vote by the U.S. Senate to move the immigration debate forward. NCLR has urged the Senate to pass the strongest bill possible so that the process can proceed to its next step in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"The bipartisan group of senators who brought an agreement forward should be commended for getting the process started," said Janet Murguia, NCLR President and CEO. "This bill contains many promising provisions that are vital to the Latino community and to the nation. While we also have a number of serious concerns about the specifics of the bill, we believe we can address them as the bill moves through the legislative process."

Murguia highlighted the "DREAM Act," which benefits immigrant students, as the major accomplishment that must be preserved and strengthened as the legislation moves through the U.S. Congress.

"This bill represents our best chance to achieve immigration reform that addresses the undocumented population," Murguia said. She also highlighted the "AgJOBS" bill, which benefits farm workers, as the major positive features of the immigration bill.

"Our community has also made it clear that we intend to address critical concerns in this legislation such as providing a path to citizenship for temporary workers and preserving the reunification of families as the cornerstone of our immigration laws," Murguia continued. "Now that this agreement has left the back room and is subject to the legislative process, we believe we will have opportunities to improve it in both the Senate and the House."

"The country is hungry for a policy that will work; Congress must turn this momentum into action and pass the best possible immigration reform."

**CORDOBA CORPORATION**

Cordoba Corporation is helping develop the water infrastructure for future growth in the Inland Empire and all of Southern California. Cordoba Corporation is providing Tunnel Inspection and Quality Control services, as a part of the team working on the MWD's $1.2 Billion Inland Feeder Project. The Inland Feeder is a 44 mile long conveyance system that is being built to improve water quality and reliability for all of Southern California. Cordoba Corporation is proud to be a part of re-building Southern California's infrastructure, and hopes to continue its efforts in developing the Inland Empire.

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Test Time: 0800 a.m.
Test Location: 175 West 5th Street-San Bernardino-Ca. Call (909) 387-3750 to speak to a recruiter
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Licensed Vocational Nurse-Per Diem - Corrections
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Sheriff's Cook
Registered Nurse - Corrections

The proposed 2007-2008 Budget for the Hesperia Unified School District will be available for inspection from June 1, 2007 to June 11, 2007 during regular business hours, at 15756 Main Street, Hesperia, CA 92345.

The 2007-2008 Proposed Budget Hearing for the Hesperia Unified School District will be held on June 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Sultana High School, 17311 Sultana Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345.