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RUBEN CAMPOS, S.B. YOUTH ACTIVISTS, DIES

Ruben Campos, 77, longtime resident of San Bernardino, died on December 23, 2005. Campos worked with many youth for over four decades in the Westside of San Bernardino, counseling and mentoring gang members into positive lifestyles. Many young adults have become productive members of the community due to Campos’ intervention during their early lives.

Photo courtesy of the Campos family

A Requiem Mass was held on January 3, 2006, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Bernardino, filled with family, friends, associates, and admirers to pay their final respects to Ruben Campos, 77, who died on December 23, 2005, after a long illness. Campos, well-known and respected activist for his tireless work with the youth in the Westside of San Bernardino, spent many years in tireless efforts in mentoring gang members toward positive lifestyles, and counseling young adults in the advantages of continuing their education.

Born in Clarksdale, Arizona in March 1928, Campos moved to San Bernardino in 1944, and was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad, retiring after 49 years.

Campos married the former Virginia Marquez, and parents of Mary Helen, Ruben, Julia "Steven", Tony, and Kenny, and 10 grandchildren.

Campos observed the problems that youth were confronted with in the Westside and organized youth sports and coached in the church leagues. Many Westside youth involved in gangs during the 1950’s and 1960’s were counseled by Campos and were helped in redirecting their lives.

Jack Qyroz grew up in a family of eight boys and three sisters, a member of several gangs, including the Junior Lords, and on the edge of a troubled life. "Many of us needed

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S. B. HOME OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICES TO MEET FUTURE CHALLENGES

The Home of Neighborly Services, founded in 1922, has provided social and education programs in the Westside of San Bernardino for 83 years. HNS recently received a grant of $70,000 from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to continue its operations. The area has experienced an increase in population, straining HNS programs and services capability to meet the need of the families and youth. See Article on page 3 Photo by IEHN

RIVERSIDE POLICE LT. ALEX TORTES RETIRES

Riverside Police Department Lt. Alex Tortes retired December 30, 2005, after a 30-year law enforcement career. Tortes' wide experience included every division in the department. He was widely known for his professionalism in law enforcement, involvement in numerous organizations and interrelationship with the Eastside Community of Riverside.

Photo by IEHN

He was raised in the Eastside Community of Riverside since 1948 and after a 30-year tenure in the Riverside Police Department, his last assignment as area commander in the Eastside Community of Riverside since 1999, Lieutenant Alex Tortes retired December 30, 2005, after an illustrious career in law enforcement.

At a retirement luncheon at the Benedict Castle, Riverside, sponsored by the NAACP, and attended by law enforcement, elected officials, educators, religious leaders, agency representatives, and personal friends, Tortes received accolades for his dedication to his profession, commitment to the community, involvement in social, educational, youth and numerous community groups, and interaction with community leaders and residents.

Tortes, a Native American, was born at the Soboba Indian Hospital to Alex Tortes, Sr. and Emma Jose, and raised by Andrew and Eleanor Lowe in the Eastside Community of Riverside.

He graduated from Polytechnic High School, received a BA Degree in Business Management from the University of Redlands, vocational training credential from the University of California, Riverside, and a Psychiatric Technician Certificate from Mt. San Antonio College.

After joining the Riverside Police Department, he was first assigned as an undercover agent, infiltrating a group supportive of Gary Lawton and Larry Gardner, accused of killing Riverside Police Officers Christiansen and Tec.

Tortes' additional assignments included: patrol in Casa Blanca and Eastside area, narcotic unit, Special Enforcement Team, a part of the SWAT team, traffic division as accident investigator for several years, promoted to detective, and assigned to juvenile division, and robbery/homicide.

He was promoted to sergeant and assigned to training new recruits, problem oriented policing, selected to the 'pop' team, providing weekly reports to the police chief, command staff, and city council, developing the gang/drug abatement program, gang awareness program, providing information to schools and community groups, gang unit to acquire intelligence, undercover 'buy programs' and weapons reverse operations; coordinated the 'Stop Act' search warrant program, and helped establish the G.R.E.A.T. gang information program.

In 1999, Tortes was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as area commander to the Eastside Community. He worked diligently and closely with the community, city departments, school district, faith and service providers.

He spent years of dedicated hard work to improve the quality of life for the over 23,000 residents in the 29.1 square miles of the Eastside area, according to commentary by many of the luncheon attendees.

Tortes is a member of numerous professional law enforcement associations and community organizations.
S.B. YWCA HONORS OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS

YWCA Greater San Bernardino honored outstanding individuals at its 20th Annual Holiday Brunch at the Citizens' Activities Center. The YWCA mission theme, "Eliminating Racism - Empowering Women," was proclaimed by the long-established local women's group.

Ann Ivey, a native of Colton, was selected as Distinguished Woman of the Year. She has an extended record of community involvement and the YWCA. She was a nurse, friend, mother, wife, and grandmother.

Ivey, with Dr. Merle Cosand and others, was instrumental in starting the Head Start Program in the County of San Bernardino. She also worked with Dr. Richard Koch to form the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles; and in late 1960's worked with LaVerne Fakkema and Dr. Fred Hodges to create standards for a new profession: the California Nurse Practitioner.

During the 1970's, Ivey worked with the YWCA Greater San Bernardino to create programs to reduce child abuse, improve self-confidence in teens, reduce juvenile delinquency and repeat pregnancy.

Her community activities include the founding of SOS-READ, instrumental in creating the Whitney Young Clinic in the Westside; former board president of YWCA Greater San Bernardino, board member of the Arrowhead United Way, during her tenure with AUA, she worked in establishing collaborative approaches to improve the lives of San Bernardino County residents, and has continually believed in her role as community volunteer, nurse, friend, mother, wife, and grandmother.

She has been honored with numerous awards, including the Kiwanians Club of Greater San Bernardino Harry Ruebottom Award and the Kiwanis Athena Award. Married to Marc Ivey since 1957, they are the parents of two sons, Kevin and Kent, and have four grandchildren. She continues to support the vision of YWCA to eliminate racism and economic empowerment for women.

The San Bernardino County Safety Employees' Benefit Association announced that Assemblymember Gloria Negrete McLeod has been selected 2005 Legislator of the Year.

"As Assemblywoman, Negrete McLeod has been a staunch supporter of California's public safety community. She consistently demonstrates strong support for law enforcement, the men and women who risk their own lives in their efforts to keep the public safe," Abramaci said.

In the recently concluded legislative session, Negrete McLeod successfully carried legislation (Assembly Bill 620) which "cleaned up and corrected gross injustices as it relates to preserving and protecting critical evidence of elder abuse," according to the State Association of District Attorneys.

In addition to strengthening senior protections, Negrete McLeod fought for legislation to allow Californians to contribute through tax check-offs toward the continued operation of the Vital Rape Crisis Centers in California, along with serving on the Assembly Select Committee on Domestic Violence.

The San Bernardino County Safety Employees Benefit Association is comprised of Deputy Sheriffs and District Attorney Investigators, in addition to Coroner Investigators, Welfare Fraud Investigators, probation Officers, Probation Correction Officers, and HazMat Environmental Specialists and Environmental Health Specialists.
Amparo Olguin, Home of Neighborly Services Executive Director, is a San Bernardino lifetime resident, activist and acknowledged by many as a roll model in the community. Olguin has held key positions in social, education, and youth programs since the early 1970s. Experienced in the needs of the community, Olguin is currently restructuring HNS to increase programs and services in the community. Photo by IEHN

The Home of Neighborly Service (HNS) was recently re-energized with a grant of $70,000 from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians to continue to operate the programs to aid the community in the Westside of San Bernardino, primarily to the youth that frequently visit the site on a daily basis. James Ramos, a member of the San Manuel and chair of Home of Neighborly Services board of directors, presented the grant in a reception in December.

"We are very appreciative to the San Manuel for their generous financial gesture to the Home," Executive Director Amparo Olguin said. "This will allow us to continue to provide the many programs and added services to the residents in the community, especially the many school children that attend our after school programs."

HNS offers multiple programs for youth including a learning and after-school center, arts and crafts; Girl Scouts; Boys Scouts; youth boxing; ages 9-17; children clothes closet; and dance classes.

For the families, HNS offers programs in parenting, parent support groups; English as a Second Language; emergency food assistance; nutrition and health classes; referrals to job training and placement, agency referrals, women auxiliary group, sewing classes; and aerobic classes.

A senior citizen nutrition site has been added to meet the need of the large senior population.

In an interview with the Inland Empire Hispanic News, Olguin said critical programs are needed for families in the Westside. "The majority of families are hard working, however, they are in the low-income level and their needs are very great," she said.

Historically, HNS has provided various services for the Westside community for over 83 years. In the early 1920's, Protestant churches in the city were concerned that educational opportunities were minimal for the American-born children of newly arrived Mexican immigrant families, and began to undertake programs for their education. A residence was purchased in 1922 on the corner of Mount Vernon and Spruce Street by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. to serve as a settlement house.

Classes in citizenship, English, health, bible studies, sports and arts were provided at the site.

The success of the programs required bigger facilities in planning for expanding the services. On December 1926, a new facility was dedicated by Mayor Grant Holcomb at Mount Vernon and Eighth Street, with Irma Laidlaw as HNS director. Later, Dorothy Rose, a respected director, guided HNS for almost 20 years through the 1940's. Her work was a model for HNS nationally, and was detailed in the book, "Not With The Fist" by Ruth D. Tuck, a social worker at HNS.

In the 1950's, HNS continued to provide education, religion, scouting, athletics, and other activities designed to assist families in realizing their goals, which they sought for themselves and their children. In 1954, HNS was incorporated as a non-profit agency. During that period and into the 1960's, Ferrel Dohard was director, and services were extended to other families, specifically in the African-American community, where low-income families were experiencing problems similar to residents in the West portion of San Bernardino.

In the 1970's, Jim Penman became director, and was able to respond to the increasing gang problems. In conjunction with Los Padinos, a youth service bureau was formed, and HNS provided guidance to other agencies in controlling and eliminating gangs.

In the 1970's, HNS became an agency member of the Arrowhead United Way and an allocation recipient, continuing to the present time. In 1976, the State of California declared HNS a Point of Historical Interest.

Other sources of funding are the almost rent-free site, money and food from the Presbyterian Church, and city and county community block grants. The financial grants are minimal, able to employ a director, office manager, and part-time coordinator, according to Olguin. "There is a constant need for maintaining the building to meet the building codes," she said.

The population increase in the area, with an accompanying influx of lower income workers and immigrant families increases the demand for added services. "We have seen an increased need for family services, counseling, ESL classes for adults, parenting, and many other related services. One of the greatest needs is to expand after-school classes for students from elementary to high school. These young students need to be helped with their homework. Many of them are eager to be helped. Helping them will deter the dropout rate," Olguin said. "Our resources are limited and there is a great need to expand programs and services for the families in the Westside."

HOME OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICES YOUTH PROGRAMS

Learning Centers: Program Coordinator Edward Ramos Jr. The Learning Center's goal is to improve students understanding of subjects and raise the grade levels by assistance in student's homework. Attendance has been increasing, signifying a need for expansion of the program. Schools served are Ramona-Alessandro, Martin Luther Middle School, Arroyo Valley High. Coordinator: Edward Ramos, Jr. Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 5:30. Arts and Crafts: Fridays, grades 2nd through high school.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts: Troop 21. Total participation 55, ages 6-17. Troop 21 has been active since 1940's. Girls Scouts: Troop 989, troop leader Rebecca Henricks, ages 10-17.


Dance Classes: Instructor Lynn Rogers, dance styles-modern jazz and hip-hop, classes Tuesday & Thursday.
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SOUTHERN PLAINS, center, and Frank Reyes, SBCXJS Assistant Chancellor for Development, signing the memorandum of understanding creating the USDA liaison office at CSUSB. The liaison office will work with Hispanic-serving institutions, in Southern California with more than 25 percent of their enrollment of Hispanic origin.

SAN BERNARDINO, CA. - Officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture signed a memorandum of understanding creating the USDA liaison office at CSUSB. The office will work with Hispanic-serving institutions, in Southern California with more than 25 percent of their enrollment of Hispanic origin.

CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO, USDA CREATE LIAISON OFFICE FOR 59 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 'HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS'

CSUSB President Albert K. Kang and officials from USDA, including Willis Collie, deputy director from the HSI national program and Dr. Charles A. Oustad, USDA area director for Southern Plains region. The ceremony was held in the university's Pau Library.

Ramiro Porras Jr., a CSUSB 2000 graduate, has been selected to head the USDA office at Cal State San Bernardino. He will promote internship, scholarship and job opportunities to students, faculty and staff at the university.

"We're very pleased that Cal State San Bernardino was chosen to host this office," said Tom Rivera, associate dean of undergraduate studies. "I am looking forward to the great work Ramiro will do among these colleges."

Porras has worked at the university since 2004 as an early outreach coordinator, designing various programs to reach students in more than 40 area middle and high schools and community colleges. He is pursuing a master's degree in education at the university as well.

A native of the Coachella Valley, Porras graduated from Indio High School. In college he served as a volunteer with the Inland Empire Future Leaders program and a representative to the California State Student Assembly (CSSA).

For more information, contact the university's public affairs office at (909) 537-5007 and visit the news Web site at http://news.csusb.edu
FUELING OUR FUTURE: SCIENTIFIC LEADERS

(NAPS) – Innovations in science can define a generation. Children of the 1980s witnessed the wonders of space exploration in their classrooms while children of the 1990s experienced the e-digital revolution and cruised the Internet super-highway without hesitation.

If you talk to California teachers, it looks like the science and technology issue most likely to engage our next generation of children is energy use. Interest in all aspects of energy use, from solar cells to deep sea drilling rigs, is engaging more students in science education courses as they think about the future and what it holds for them.

In the spirit of inspiring a new generation of children to the wonders of scientific discovery, BP, a worldwide leader in energy, recently announced its 2005 A+ for Energy grant program for K-12 teachers in California.

Tom East, a teacher at the Mountain View Elementary School in the Clovis Unified School District in California, has seen a growing interest from his students in energy issues. “Students are becoming aware of the role energy plays in their lives. More and more students are interested in everything from how electricity is generated at the international space station to issues of conservation and energy efficiency. It’s very exciting to see their interest and enthusiasm for the subject.”

“The A+ for Energy grant was developed to directly support teachers and allow them the opportunity to teach through innovation a very important subject in California—energy,” said Irene Brown, director of California community relations for BP America, Inc. “With the help of talented California teachers, it’s our hope that these grants will serve as a launching pad for a life-long educational journey that will inspire today’s youth to become responsible, energy conscious adults.”

Through grants from the 2004 A+ for Energy grant program, schools across California turned food scraps into ethanol, cooked hot dogs with solar power, built solar powered hot water systems, and even created solar-powered cars.

Fortunato Lopez, a teacher at Arrowview Middle School in Oxnard, taught students in his class how to generate energy from Apples. “The A+ for Energy grant program was instrumental in teaching my students how we use energy, how we get energy, how to seek out creative ways to meet our energy goals, while at the same time ensuring that we preserve the quality of our environment.”

Ms. Brown praised last year’s grant applicants, “We were extremely impressed with the creativity of last year’s grant applicants and winners. 1,075 teachers received grants to teach energy curriculum in various academic subject areas. In 2004, we received applications from teachers in 49 counties. This year, our goal is to have teachers from all 59 counties in the state apply.”

The National Energy Education Development (NEED) project works with BP to support energy education in California schools by supplying course content and curriculum aligned with state standards for core subject areas for all grades. As part of its A+ for Energy program, the energy company also gives grant recipients a scholar ship to attend a five-day training conference hosted by the NEED Project in California.

The program will award $2 million in grants and scholarships directly to California K-12 teachers who have developed creative and innovative educational programs to teach students about energy and energy conservation. Teachers may apply for themselves and/or school administrators may apply on behalf of teachers, a single school site or a school district. All K-12 California teachers in public or private schools are eligible. Applications are available online at www.aplusforenergy.org or by calling (714) 228-6760.

ASSEMBLYMAN JOE BACA, JR., ANNOUNCES REPORT FINDING: TOO MANY STUDENTS FAIL TO COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL

SAN BERNARDINO, CA—At the request of Assemblyman Joe Baca, Jr. (D-Rialto), the California Research Bureau prepared and recently released a report disclosing that only 70% of California students from the Class of 2004 who started in ninth grade graduated four years later. This is the same as a 30% dropout rate for high school students. In some urban school districts, the dropout rates are much higher.

Assemblyman Baca stated, “The overall state dropout rate and the fact that some urban school districts have lost 40% to 50% of their students between the 9th and 12th grades are unacceptable. These sobering statistics present a dire situation for too many of our students. These figures are a call to action to continue to improve our schools. We cannot have half of our students dropping out of high school.”

In a small ray of hope, the report finds that, on a statewide basis, dropout rates have been gradually improving. However, the rate of improvement is moving much too slowly and urban school districts continue to lose many more students than the statewide average. Other countries throughout the world are investing heavily in improving their educational systems.

“We must improve educational opportunities to our students because it is the ‘right thing to do and because these students will determine our economic standing in the world in the years to come,” said Assemblyman Baca.


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Borrowers can take a second look at mortgage insurance to "lock-in" secure mortgages

Home buying has exploded in the U.S. over the past few years, leading to the highest homeownership. However, a troubling trend has emerged that may put many of these homeowners at risk. The surge in creative mortgage products, called "exotics," by former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, have attracted thousands with low, introductory interest rates and corresponding low monthly payments that may skyrocket in the near future.

These "exotics," including Adjustable Rate Mortgages (ARMs), Interest-Only Loans (IOs), Option ARMs, and others often require little or no down payment with low introductory rates for a period of three or five years. After this teaser period, the loans convert and adjust to whatever the interest rate might be at that time. In the second half of 2004, 63 percent of all new mortgages were of this "exotic" category, 23 percent of which were Interest-Only mortgages. This is up from just two percent in 2001. With the growing popularity of these loans, some economists and housing experts fear that literally thousands of homeowners will face skyrocketing monthly mortgage payments in the coming years because today's low interest rates are not expected to last forever.

What are the risks?

Attention all San Bernardino Unified School District Residents!

SAN BERNARDINO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications to fill two vacancies for Measure T School Bonds Commission Oversight Committee.

The Application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on February 8, 2006. The District is seeking members as follows:

- Representing a Business Organization
- Representing a Taxpayer's Organization
- The Committee meets quarterly and is responsible for overseeing Measure T Bond projects and funds.
- Applications are now available at the following locations:
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    777 North "F" Street
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  - NORMAN F. FELDHYM CENTRAL LIBRARY
    555 W. 6th Street
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SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE: http://www.sbcusd.k12.ca.us

For more information, contact: Melinda A. P., Assistant Director of Facilities Planning and Development at (909) 381-1238 or melinda.pure@sbcusd.com.

City of Riverside is accepting applications for representatives to serve on the newly formed Commission on Disabilities.

Be an active participant in shaping the policies that affect persons with disabilities in the community. All Riverside residents may apply.

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Former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan cautioned this fall that "These products could be cause for some concern both because they expose borrowers to more interest-rate and house-price risk that the standard thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgage. And, in the event of a cooling house market, be warned that individuals who are over-extended in the amount they are borrowing "could be exposed to significant losses." These losses might mean more money to pay each month, or a home that is no longer worth as much.

For example, consider a scenario based on a $200,000 mortgage with a 10 percent down payment. On one hand, if the borrower decides to go with a secure 30 year fixed rate mortgage, the monthly principal and interest (P&I) payment at 5.75 percent holds steady for the life of a loan. To secure this steady mortgage, the borrower would get mortgage insurance (MI), which would bring the monthly payment to $1,254. Since the MI is cancelled when more than 20 percent equity is reached in the home, usually after only three years, the monthly payment drops down to $1,167.

On the other hand, some borrowers might take a five-year interest-only combo loan at 5.25 teaser rate because the monthly P&I payment would be only $875. However, at the end of the teaser period, the payment jumps to $1,350 if rates rise only to 6.5 percent. Assuming interest rates reach 8 percent, as they were only five years ago, the monthly payment will jump to a staggering $1,344—almost double their original monthly payments.

"Interest-Only adjustable rate mortgages are dangerous," says financial expert and television host Suze Orman. "If the only way you can afford to buy is with one of these loans...you cant afford to own just yet."

How can homebuyers avoid the risk?

Fixed rate mortgages allow borrowers to get around the hurdles of fluctuating interest rates and pressure to rely on home price appreciation. And, its not always necessary to opt for a "piggyback" or combo loan to lock-in a fixed rate mortgage with a low down payment less than the traditional 20 percent. In this case, mortgage insurance is a solution. Today, a fixed rate insured mortgage offers affordable monthly payments that compete with the high risk mortgages.

With interest rates and home appreciation less than certain, homebuyers should consider all of the many financing options that are available. Mortgage insurance is a way to lock-in a steady, longer-term fixed rate mortgage. More can be learned by visiting www.privatemi.com.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — As President Bush visits the Arizona-Mexico border, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) urges the Administration to continue supporting comprehensive immigration reform instead of throwing its weight behind an enforcement-only” or “enforcement first” approach to immigration. As both the Administration and Senator John McCain have recognized in the past, only a comprehensive, approach to immigration reform that includes both enforcement measures and admission reforms can truly address the immigration crisis currently taking place in Arizona and across the nation.

In the President’s October radio address on Homeland Security, he endorsed a comprehensive approach to immigration reform, noting that “enforcement cannot work unless it is a part of a comprehensive immigration reform that includes a temporary worker program." Similarly, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on October 18, 2005, that “the effectiveness of our border security and immigration enforcement is closely tied to establishing a workable and enforceable Temporary Worker Program. A well-designed Temporary Worker Program will provide legal channels for U.S. employers and foreign born workers to match needs in the best interest of the U.S. economy without disadvantaging American workers.

Overhauling our broken immigration system is both complex and urgent, and it will not be solved by an enforcement-only approach. Previous attempts at “get tough” enforcement measures have led to increases in human trafficking, false documentation, and tragically, hundreds of preventable deaths in the desert. To deal with border enforcement, we must integrate professional law enforcement with state of the art technology to keep our borders safe. We must also increase employer adherence to the wage and hour labor law and take away the employer’s ability to use the threat of immigration law enforcement to avoid remedying dangerous work conditions, paying fair wages, or recognizing union organizing efforts. Further, we must implement an effective worker program that incorporates earned legalization, future flow visas that realistically correspond with market demands, reductions in family reunification backlogs, and programs that emphasize the integration of immigrant workers into the American economy and society.

MALDEF supports the bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform bills sponsored by Senators John McCain and Edward Kennedy and Representatives Jim Kolbe, Jeff Flake, and Luis Gutiérrez. These bills combine tough enforcement with realistic admission policies have bipartisan support, and are workable. When he introduced The Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act, Senator McCain highlighted how increased enforcement fits into immigration reform: "Homeland security is our nation’s one priority, and this legislation includes numerous provisions that together will make our nation more secure. Part of the failure of the existing system is its inability to provide sufficient legal channels to pair willing workers with willing employers. This bill establishes a new market-based temporary worker program so that when there is no U.S. worker to fill a job, employers will be able to hire willing and able foreign workers who have gone through security background checks, medical exams and paid a fee for their visa."

The message is clear. The Bush Administration should lead the effort to enact comprehensive immigration reform that does not strictly rely upon years of border buildup measures that have done little to reduce illegal immigration or provide stability to American employers, families or communities.

A national nonprofit organization founded in 1968, MALDEF promotes and protects the rights of Latinos through advocacy, community education and outreach, leadership development, higher education scholarships and when necessary, through the legal system.

For more information contact: Eric M. Gutiérrez (202) 293-2828, ext. 14

MALDEF REACTION TO PRESIDENT BUSH’S IMMIGRATION SPEECH

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