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MANUEL ACOSTA
A BUSINESSMAN/COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Manuel Acosta, owner of Pepe’s Towing Service, is a successful businessman and community activist. Photo by IEHN

Manuel Acosta was raised in the tough Boyle Heights section of Los Angeles and being highly motivated and knowing the value of education, graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School. “I never got into any kind of bad trouble while growing up, mainly because I had a good relationship with my father, Jose, and my mother, Maria Delfina, and we communicated very well. He taught me to work hard and not disappoint the family, and that was the ethics I followed while growing up and to the present time,” Acosta said, in an interview in his large office surrounded by photos of his family, politicians, friends and an array of plaques and letters of appreciation.

Born in Mexico, Acosta’s family immigrated to the United States when he was seven years old, and settled in Los Angeles. His father purchased a tow truck in 1978, and started Pepe’s Towing Service (Pepe is a nickname in Spanish for Jose, his father’s name) and Acosta, at age 13, and his brother, Jose Acosta Jr., started to learn the towing business. “We were our father’s helpers and learned everything about the towing business and part of the growth of the business. I knew then what my profession was going to be,” he said.

After working with his father for a number of years, Acosta, age 22, and his brother, Jose, took over the operation of the towing business when his father became ill. He, and his brother continued to work hard and the business gradually grew into a larger area of operations. He also learned to develop management skills to run the business and the intricacies of developing the business network, including the relationship with law enforcement agencies and the business community.

Throughout the years, the business gradually grew in providing a portion of the tow and vehicle recovery services in the Counties of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino. In 1991, he made the decision to move his primary operations to the Inland Empire.

Currently, Pepe’s Towing Service has operations in Riverside, Colton, San Bernardino, Fontana, and Rialto with 45 employees and 40 tow trucks and the Los Angeles division of Pepe’s Towing Service is managed by his brother, Jose Acosta, Jr., with 20 tow trucks.

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INLAND EMPIRE QUARTERLY ECONOMIC REPORT
INLAND EMPIRE’S GROWING DIVERSITY

Anyone attending large gatherings within the Inland Empire is aware of the tremendous changes occurring in the region’s population composition. The Hispanic population has grown substantially, the Asian population is beginning to reflect its importance in Orange and Los Angeles counties, the number of African Americans has become relatively stable and the White population has gone from declining in the 1990’s to slowly growing in the current decade. The Census Bureau’s American Community Survey allows a closer look at the differences between these large segments of the Inland Empire’s population.

THE CHANGING POPULATION COMPOSITION

In 2004, the Inland Empire had 3.71 million people, making it just larger than Oregon and bigger than 24 of the 50 states. Of the inland region’s residents, 1.60 million were White (43.2%). That was slightly more than the 1.56 million who culturally classified themselves as Hispanic (42.0%). African Americans were the next largest group at 267,479 (7.2%). They were followed by Asians at 188,736 (5.1%). All other groups represented 93,759 people (2.5%).

From 2000-2004 the Inland Empire’s housing boom caused its population to grow by 454,447 people. Of these new people, 72.2% were Hispanics (328,263), the largest share. Whites made up 13.4% of the growth (61,016), followed by the 10.5% who were Asian (47,712) and the 5.5% who were African American (24,875).

This was a different pattern than for the full 14-years from 1990-2004. In the longer period, Hispanics accounted for a greater share of the increase at 78.7% (881,307). The next largest shares were among African Americans (97,064; 8.7%) and Asians (93,864; 8.4%). The White population fell slightly in this longer time frame (-20,470).

EDUCATION

There are substantial differences in the educational attainment of the various groups now living within the Inland Empire. Looking at adults 25 years and over, the Asians are the best educated. The Census Bureau found that 44.4% had bachelors or higher degrees. Including this group, nearly 70% had at least attended college. Among Whites, 22.8% had 4 years degrees or higher. If those with Associate of Arts or some college attendance are included, the share rises to...
CITIZENS BANK ANNOUNCES PROMOTION

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Do you need volunteers to help your organization with its mission? If so— we'd love to have a conversation with you! We're Hands On Inland Empire (a program of Inland Empire United Way), and we are ramping up now to connect volunteers in our community with organizations like yours!

We can help in three big ways:

1) Hands On Inland Empire Projects — we work with your agency to develop a recurring volunteer project once or twice a month. We recruit the volunteers, supply a trained volunteer Project Leader to coordinate the project, and handle all the administrative chores. You can count on us to show up and provide recreational evenings for your clients (kids, teens, seniors, etc.), maintain your community garden, sort and distribute food, serve meals at shelters, tutor, and more!

2) Volunteer Referrals — if you need volunteers on an ongoing or one-time basis, we can list a call for volunteers on our website, and let you know who is interested in working directly with you!

3) Facility Based projects — we work with corporate and civic groups interested in one-day "Hands On" volunteer opportunities for groups of 20-200 volunteers. If you need painting, planting, decorative murals, or light construction, we can find you the volunteers to get it done! In many cases, these groups will even pay for paint and supplies!

We want to be your number one resource to get you the people you need! And there's no cost whatsoever to you! We're here to help! Give us a call today so we can tell you how easily you can start partnering with us!

For information, call Shalini Lall Hands On Inland Empire Coordinatrix, at 909-980-2857 x228, or slall@handsoninlandempire.org

IS THERE A PREFERRED WAY TO DETECT BREAST CANCER? BOTH DIGITAL AND X-RAY FILM MAMMOGRAMS CAN HELP SAVE LIVES

Alfred Ayala, recently promoted to Vice President and Relationship Manager at Citizens Business Bank. Photo courtesy of Citizens Bank

Ontario—D. Linn Wiley, President and Chief Executive Officers of Citizens Business Bank announced the appointment of Alfred Ayala to Vice President and Relationship Manager for the Citrus Business Financial Center in Orange, California. Ayala's professional career incorporates over 16 years of banking experience. Prior to his appointment with Citizens Business Bank, Ayala was Vice President and Business Lending Officer for U.S. Bank, where he was responsible for business development, sales, marketing, and portfolio management. He was formerly Vice president and Community Relationships-Reinvestment Officer for the CRA Group with CitiGroup, as well as serving as Vice President and Financial Center Manager for the Retail Branch Management of Citigroup.

Ayala served in the Marine Corps as DASC crew chief and sergeant of the Marine Air Support Squadron. He also attended the University of La Verne, studying business management and marketing.

Ayala is involved in many community activities such as the City Scholars Foundation Advisory Council and served as past Hacienda Heights Library Board President and Los Angeles Central Library Docent.

Citizens Business Bank is the largest bank with headquarters located in the Inland Empire. It is widely recognized for its commitment to its customers and communities, as well as its strong financial performance. CBB serves businesses, professionals and individuals, through 40 convenient located business financial centers in the Inland Empire, Los Angeles and Orange Counties, and the Central Valley areas of California.

(NAPS)—In 2006, more than 250,000 U.S. women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. This deadly disease will claim the lives of more than 40,000 friends, neighbors, mothers and daughters. These are staggering statistics.

However, breast cancer death rates are actually down. This decline is largely attributed to the benefits of annual mammograms that enable physicians to detect cancer at its earliest stages, and improved treatment programs that help patients better manage their cancer.

Both digital and film-based mammography can identify breast disease in women who may have no obvious signs of breast cancer. Historically, mammograms have been conducted using medical X-ray film. Now, new digital imaging technologies are emerging that offer a complementary method for early detection of breast cancer.

The arrival of more digital imaging options sometimes can cause some patients to "wait it out" until their health care provider installs digital imaging systems. But the advice from health care providers and patients could have access to a broader range of new digital mammography products earlier—and perhaps at a lower cost—as more competition among manufacturers may drive down prices of these systems.

One of the innovators of digital medical imaging systems is Eastman Kodak Company, which currently markets a digital medical imaging systems in Eastman Kodak Company, which currently markets a digital mammography systems for use in Europe, Latin America, Asia and other parts of the world. Kodak has applied to the FDA for approval to market this system in the U.S. and the company is conducting clinical trials of this system in the U.S. and Canada. "We applaud the FDA for examining ways to streamline the approval process for digital mammography products that may lead to increased adoption and improved access to these innovative systems," said Michael Marsh, vice president, Kodak's Health Group.

Given the Benefits and improvements in both digital and film mammography technology, there is more reason now than ever before to encourage mothers, grandmothers, sisters and friends to get an annual mammogram.

The American Cancer Society continues to recommend the importance of mammograms as a highly effective tool in the detection of breast cancer. What is critical is not the technology used to produce a mammogram, but ensuring that women age 40 and older have regular mammograms as part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

INLAND EMPIRE UNIVERSITY OFFERS RESOURCE TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
ALARMING DROPOUT RATES IN US SCHOOLS
BY SIDHANT KHANNA

WASHINGTON, DC - President Bush signed the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act. Despite this historic and important move, as DNC Voting Rights Institute Chairwoman Donna Brazile noted in her column in the Roll Call newspaper, while "Congress was debating the merits of extending the VRA for 25 more years, our democratic process was under assault in a number of areas." From "the decision by the Supreme Court to uphold Texas’ partisan, mid-decade redistricting plan to the attempt by Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell (R) to criminalize standard voter registration drive practices to the continued vulnerabilities of electronic voting machines, the integrity of our elections is under constant assault," wrote Brazile. [Roll Call, 7/25/06]

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean issued the following statement commemorating the reauthorization of the VRA and calling on Republicans to renew their commitment to voting rights:

"After more than 30 years, the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 has been reauthorized and restored to protect a new generation of Americans from discriminatory practices that work to impede Americans’ access to the ballot box. This historic reauthorization came after much work on the part of Congressional Black Caucus and other Democratic members who fought tirelessly to pass the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 (HR 9)."

"As we celebrate this victory we must also renew our ongoing commitment to fight other efforts to erode and restrict voting rights. From partisan redistricting to restrictive voter ID regulations, to the vulnerabilities of electronic voting machines, to attempts by Congressional Republicans to water down the VRA with amendments only a few weeks ago, the assault on voting rights continues today. It is not enough to simply sign this, legislation. The Bush Administration must keep its commitment to enforcing the Act’s critical provisions."

"If we are truly to reaffirm our commitment to voting rights, the Bush White House and the Republican Congress must work to ensure that all lawfully eligible voters are able to cast their votes and have those votes counted. This is the true intent of the Voting Rights Act and of those who have fought and continue to fight for the right to vote."
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60.8%. In the African American community, the share with bachelor’s or higher degree was a little less at 21.3%; however, 65.2% had either a community college degree or had attended college. In an era when education and income are increasingly correlated, the Hispanics community faces the greatest challenge. Some 6.9% of adults had 4-year or higher degrees, while a total of 30.2% had those degrees or some other college course work.

CITIZENSHIP

Given the frequent of discussion about the issue of immigration, the facts about the Inland Empire’s 2004 population are of interest. At 21.8%, the Census Bureau found that Asians had the smallest share of people 18 years and older who were born in the U.S. Including the 50.9% who were naturalized, the share of citizens was 72.7%. Asians under 18 were mostly born in the U.S. giving them an 88.7% citizenship rate. Among the large Hispanic community, 48.2% were American born. With the 16.5% that have become citizens, the share rose to 64.5%. Again, most Hispanic children have been American born giving them a citizenship level of 92.1%. In the White and African American communities, 98% of adults and almost all those under 18 were citizens.

LANGUAGE

The question of English language understanding is also one that is often discussed. It largely applies to the Asian and Hispanic communities because of the significant shares of adults who are immigrants. In 2004, their use of English in the home was at the same level, Asian (28.2%) and Hispanic (27.1%). Including those who speak English very well, the shares rose to 69.2% and 65.2% for Hispanics. At the other end of the spectrum, there was a greater contrast. Among Asians, 12.2% did not understand English or did not do so very well. For Hispanics, those shares totaled 20.4%.

OWNERS VS. RENTERS

Given the rapidly rising price of housing in the Inland Empire, there are important differences in the share of the various segments of the population who are renters as opposed to home owners. Whereas the overall share of families that rent is 31.6%, the share among the various segments of the region’s population varied widely in 2004: African Americans (50.8%) Hispanics (40.8%), Asians (31.8%) and Whites (23.6%). However, because of the different sizes of the four communities, the number of families that were renters has a different order: Hispanics (151,055), Whites (150,242), African Americans (42,432), and Asians (16,858).

DIFFERING JOB PATTERNS

There are distinct differences in the occupational patterns of the four segments of the Inland Empire community. Among Asians (49.6%), nearly half of workers were in jobs that are thought of as white collar in 2004 (management, professions, law enforcement, medical related). The shares were 39.0% for Whites, 35.0% for African Americans and 20.7% for Hispanics. By contrast, Hispanics (45.6%) were far more likely to be in jobs that are considered blue collar (construction, production, logistics, agriculture, building & grounds). Among other groups, the shares doing this form of work were much smaller: Whites (24.1%), African Americans (21.6%), and Asians (15.3%).

After White collar jobs, African Americans (23.8%) were most likely to be found in office support positions. That is a significantly greater percentage than was found in the other communities: Asian (17.3%), White (16.1%) and Hispanic (14.9%).

All four segments of the region’s population had close to the same percentage than was found in the other communities: Asian (17.3%), White (16.1%) and Hispanic (14.9%).

Given the aging of the U.S. population, an important indicator is the labor force participation rate, the share of the persons 16 and over who are either working or looking for jobs. Here again, there was a marked difference between the four segments of the Inland Empire’s 2004 population. The highest share was among African Americans (67.2%), followed by Hispanics (65.9%), Asians (63.0%) and Whites (59.1%). These differences are caused by such phenomena as numbers at retirement age, college going rates, or preferences for staying home with families. Note that adjusted for population, the workforce was made-up of Whites (760,905), Hispanics (676,441), African Americans (130,273) and Asians (91,101). Unemployment rates also varied: African American (14.6%), Hispanic (9.0%), White (6.6%), and Asian (5.5%).

Inland Empire Future Leaders Inc., was presented with a $10,000 grant from Citigroup Inc. at a recent Kiwanis Club of Greater San Bernardino meeting at the Mitla’s Café, San Bernardino. Patricia Covarrubias, Vice President for Public Affairs, Citigroup, Inc., (second from left) presented the grant to Dr. Tom Rivera, IEFL president, center. Present to receive the grant, (l to r) Steve Guillen, previous IEFL alumni, Covarrubias, Frank Montano, previous IEFL alumni, Juan Negrete, IEFL board treasurer, and Karla Diaz, previous IEFL alumni. The first IEFL conference was held at Camp Wrightwood in 1985, and conferences have continued to be held annually with volunteer help and donations. To date, approximately 2,700 eighth and ninth grade students from throughout Southern California have participated in the program, according to published documentation. In addition, IEFL graduates have had a 90% attendance in colleges and universities throughout the country. IEFL participants costs are paid by donations.

The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.

H. L. Mencken
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE-A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Ali Sahbi, president of SE Corporation of Corona, and a successful developer, is a major contributor to the Leadership Institute. Sahbi is involved in numerous civic and industry organization, and widely known for his philanthropy.

The Leadership Institute developed seven goals for the various sessions with speakers for each session: Opening speaker—Victoria Delgadillo, UCSD graduate, spoke on the politics of being a woman and the predominating role in her artistic vision and endeavors; Goal 1 - Status of Underserved Populations-health care, education, and economic works, speakers Denise Benton, Cross Cultural Center Coordinator, CSUSB, and Elizabeth Yglecias, 26 years of experience in higher education; Goal 2 - Nuts and Bolts of the Political Process, speaker Lyn Greene, PhD, professor of Political Science for 25 years, and Associate Dean of Government Relations at RCC; Goal 3 - Budget Process, speaker Audrey Diaz, USC graduate, policy director for Hispanics Organized for Political Equality (HOPE); Goal 4 - Social and Cultural Capital, speaker Samantha Bartholomew, Ph.D, P-20 Regional Director at UCR; Goal 5 - Community Legacies, speaker Roger F. Castro, Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, N.O.K.R.; Goal 6 - Leadership Principals, panel speakers Dr. Daniel Castro, President, RCC; Goal 7 - Mentoring, Alejandro Torres, Director of GEAR UP, RCC-who led the mentoring component where the students had the opportunity to have lunch and meet their mentor, and assigned to them for an entire year.

Juan Delgado, Professor of Creative Writing, Literature, and Poetry, CSUSB, was the closing speaker for the event.

The sessions for each of the three-day workshops ended with a hands-on/practical approach on related subjects by the 24 college students. Students were allowed to develop speeches on each subject and performed before the group. The practical aspect approach incorporated leadership skills, speaking ability, teamwork, knowing an audience and asking questions.

Keynote speaker, Chauncey Veatch, PhD, Notre Dame, National Teacher of the Year, established a Leadership Academy at the Riverside County Office of Education, and taught at middle school and high school, where he requested students with learning disabilities, special education students, students in drugs and gangs, and non-English speakers. Veatch has served on the Federal Task Force on Homelessness and Severe Mental Illness, U.S Surgeon General's Council on Drunk and Drugged Driving, and has teaching credentials on science, math, social studies, English as a Second Language, and ESL for Adults.

Ali Sahbi is one of the major contributors to the Leadership Institute. He is president of SE Corporation, a major development firm and builder of Dos Lagos in Corona. He is a member of the American Cancer Society, and numerous industry and civic organization, and widely known throughout the region for his philanthropy. He received his B.S. Degree in Management at Pepperdine University, and M.S. in Real Estate Development at USC.

Leadership Institute Committee: Marilyn Martinez-Flores, PhD, Peter Benavidez, Damon Castillo, Monica Delgadillo-Flores, Dave Dominguez, Tara McCarthy, Maricela Renteria, Art Alcaraz, and Alejandro Torres.

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WASHINGTON STARTS CRIMINALIZING THE UNDOCUMENTED

by Marisa Trevino, http://latinalista.blogspot.com/

The one complaint la gente (the people) on both sides of the immigration debate have is that the federal government has been very slow in responding to the growing crisis at the border. Now, it seems, that the federal government in overdue to make up for lost time. The only thing wrong is that when entities act from a reactive stance not a lot of thought is given to the consequences or impact of the actions.

This week, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales (the son of immigrants) announced the addition of 25 federal prosecutors to U.S./Mexico border districts. In a Justice Department press release, Gonzales said:

“Twenty of these prosecutors will be hired solely to prosecute immigration offenses, which means we will have the capacity to prosecute more alien smuggling cases, more criminal alien reentry cases, and more human trafficking cases on the border. Five of these prosecutors will prosecute drug trafficking organizations responsible for smuggling illegal narcotics across our Southwest border, and will be funded through the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Program, a joint task force of the Departments of Justice, Treasury and Homeland Security. We are also working with the Department of Homeland Security to identify up to ten DHS lawyers who will be designated as special assistant U.S. attorneys to prosecute immigration offenses along the southwest border. Immigration prosecutions are already on the rise - with an increase of 40 percent since the year 2000. But we know there is more to be done. The immediate hiring of these new AUSAs will help.”

So, we should be happy right? What the Justice Department is not making clear is that all these prosecutors being brought in to prosecute immigration matters as a criminal offense, rather than as a civil offense. Irony, since that is the intent of the House Republican bill, supposedly still under consideration - last we heard, no immigration bill had been passed. Yet, by criminalizing immigration violators, it looks like the Federal government isn’t going to wait around for a democratic vote on the issue.

Crystal Williams, deputy director of programs for the American Immigration Lawyers Association, said that this week’s announcement by Attorney General Gonzales “signals a change in policy because previously, the general take was why would we tie up the federal district courts, the ranks of the prosecutors, the jail space, for a violation that can be handled by just deporting a person?”

So, alongside the rapists, coyotes (muggers) and drug traffickers who deserve to be criminalized and punished for harming others, will stand men, women and young people who did nothing more than trespass our borders to find work.

Yet, the illegal workers will be equally seen as hardcore criminals in our court system who deserve to be punished. That doesn’t seem reasonable or fair coming from a Superpower Nation.

It’s one thing to be prosecuted for taking another person’s life, but to be prosecuted for risking your own life just for work is far from fair and totally obscene.

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The business growth has provided Acosta with an opportunity to become more involved in the region and with activities of interest in relation to his business.

He is a member of the San Bernardino and Fontana Chambers of Commerce; former member of the Latino Peace Officers Association; Ronald Reagan Library Foundation; San Bernardino County District Attorney’s Advisory Council; California Highway Patrol 11-99 Foundation (to benefit workers and children); Community Hospital of San Bernardino Advisory Committee; and San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Advisory Council, Sheriff’s Academy graduate-levels I, II, and III; a student helicopter pilot and a volunteer lieutenant in the Sheriff’s Special Services Division.

Acosta’s has received numerous letters/certificates/plaques of recognition and appreciation for his contributions and involvement from: law enforcement agencies, education entities, boy scouts, community organizations, and sport teams.

Manuel Acosta, the father of Laura, 13, Gina, 10, twins Sabrina and Jennifer, 3, stated, “The United States and the Inland Empire have been very generous to my family and myself. I have received many opportunities in many ways, especially in the Inland Empire. I am hopeful that what I have received will be returned in a small way by my public service to the Inland Empire and will display a flashing red light if the garage door is open.

**Calling Parents After School:** Teach your child to phone a parent or responsible adult as soon as he or she arrives home.

- **Garage Door Opener Battery Backup System:** Install a garage door opener with a battery backup system, such as the professionally installed LiftMaster EverCharge Battery Backup, or Chamberlain’s Whisper Drive Plus, available at home-improvement stores. Each will provide power to the garage door opener, keypad and remote controls for up to two days during a power outage.

- **Wireless Keypad Entry:** Children can drop or lose things, such as keys, at any time. A keypad that operates the garage door opener eliminates the need for your child to carry keys.

- **Morning Lock Check:** Every morning before your family leaves the house, all the doors and windows should be checked to make sure they are properly locked and secured. It’s very common for someone to open a door or window and forget to close and lock it. This is one of the first places a criminal checks to get into a house.

- **In Case of Emergency:** Teach your child to call 911 first and then the neighbors on both sides and even across the street next. While the police or fire department is on the way, the neighbors can respond in seconds.

You can find all the latest garage door-openers and security accessories at a local hardware or home-improvement store or visit www.chamberlain.com to find a retailer or professional Lift Master dealer.

NATIONAL SECURITY EXPERT OFFERS TIPS FOR AFTER-SCHOOL SAFETY

(NAPS)—Smart parents know to do their homework today when it comes to home safety and security during the school year, especially if kids are coming home to an empty house.

“With more kids today home alone,” there really are some golden rules parents should follow to make the home a safe and secure place,” said Bob Stuber, nationally acclaimed security expert, whose work with kids and safety issues has landed him on countless national TV shows, including “Oprah,” “The View” and ABC’s “Primetime.”

Bob Stuber’s Home Safety And Security Tips for After-School Safety

- **Motion Lights:** Install motion detectors that activate lighting for the garage, patio, walkway or backyard. At certain times of the year, days are shorter and in some areas it can be dark when kids get home from school.

- **Automatic Timer lights and/or Remote-Controlled Lighting:** Install automatic light timers on lamps inside the home and set them to activate prior to your child’s arrival. For a high tech twist: Chamberlain’s Remote Light Control can be programmed to work with the garage door opener remote control and can activate a light or appliance, such as a TV or radio, as your child approaches the house.

- **Safe Escape:** Designate a “safe place” in your home where your child can go in case of bad weather or a home break-in. This can be a closet, hallway or any other space that will afford your child protection away from windows, debris or the view of people. Garage Door Monitor: A common security breach is leaving the garage door open—a virtual invitation to thieves, since many people don’t lock the door between the garage and the home. “Think of a garage door monitor as a baby monitor for the garage,” said Stuber. Chamberlain’s Garage Door Monitor can be placed on a kitchen counter and will display a flashing red light if the garage door is open.

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LULAC MAY LOSE EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDS
By MICHIELE MITTELSTADT / The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - A multimillion-dollar federal grant for a program that steers low-income Hispanic students in Dallas and 16 other cities toward college is on the verge of termination, the League of United Latin American Citizens announced Tuesday.

Nearly 2,500 students in the Dallas area have come through the doors of the LULAC National Educational Service Center in Oak Cliff during the past four years, getting academic counseling and advice about selecting a college, and filling out applications and financial aid forms. Similar centers in seven other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have helped 2,542 students over the past four years, LULAC says.

The counseling and other programs at the centers - including English courses for parents, computer classes and student leadership training - are in jeopardy as a result of the Education Department’s apparent decision to cease its 27-year relationship with LULAC, the organization’s officials said.

“They are getting a great bargain by contracting with us. We are just flabbergasted that they are thinking about not funding us,” said Rey de los Santos, director of the Oak Cliff center. While less than half of the graduates of some Dallas Independent School District schools go on to college, he said, about 80 percent of the center’s students enroll in a college program.

The Education Department wouldn’t confirm that it is ending its $3.4 million annual grant to LULAC - the largest recipient of Talent Search Program funding. Official notification of the grant awards isn’t expected until this week, said Education Department spokesman Jim Bradshaw, who declined to discuss LULAC’s status.

But Matthew Looney, national development coordinator for the LULAC centers, said organization officials have been unofficially notified that their funding is being terminated for the upcoming four-year grant cycle. And with the Education Department’s grant accounting for two-thirds of the program’s budget, it will be very hard to replace that money, he said.

“We are currently exploring ways to downsize each of the centers and see over the next 30, 60, 90 days what kind of operations we can maintain,” Mr. Looney said. “Certainly, some of the markets will close outright. And some that are able to secure funds at the local level and the national level will be able to remain open in some form - but they will not be able to serve a fraction of the students they are currently serving.”

The centers do what many school districts can’t, Mr. de los Santos and other LULAC officials said. At DISD, some schools have a 500:1 ratio of students to counselors, twice the recommended rate, Mr. de los Santos said. “It’s not their fault. It’s just that they can’t get to everybody,” he said.

At the LULAC center in Oak Cliff, located in the first store in the 7-Eleven empire, which the Dallas-based chain later donated to the organization - students are riddled.

“I don’t want them to take away the money,” said Veronica Hernandez, a 15-year-old entering the 10th grade at Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center. The center is “helping me get started,” she said. “It helps me think about my future. And the people here are very nice. It’s really, really helpful.”

LULAC is making a last-ditch effort to restore the grant. “We are working with congressional allies and anybody, really, who is willing to listen to us and see how we can attempt to reverse this process,” Mr. Looney said.

VOTING IS A FORM OF PROTEST-REGISTER TODAY SO YOU CAN VOTE TOMORROW
By José Quiñonez

At this point, the only way to stop them is to vote. We have 100 days to defend America from the rabid anti-immigrant forces. While we’ll never match their capability, we can turn out to vote with the same vigor.

Are you a U.S. citizen of voting age? If yes, and you have not already done so, register to vote today. Follow the link below and click on your state to get a copy of your state’s voter registration card. Print it, fill it out and mail it. It’s that simple.

If you are not eligible to vote, find those in your circle of friends and family who are and register them today.

There are over 7 million Latino U.S. citizens of voting age that are eligible to vote but do not, simply because they are not registered to vote.

We know who they are; they are our friends, our neighbors, our cousins, our sisters and brothers. We know them; son nuestra familia. (Editor’s emphasis).

If every eligible Latino actually votes on November 7, we could literally change U.S. politics forever, and the fate of 12 millions immigrants.

Earlier this year we took to the streets to protest. Now we must do the same with our vote, use it to continue our protest.

Register today so that you can vote tomorrow.

En la lucha,
José Quiñonez, BlueLatinos.org

DOLORES HUERTA-KENOTE SPEAKER AT I.E. DEMOCRATIC WOMENS CLUB

Dolores Huerta, co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers Union, was the guest speaker of the Inland Empire Democratic Women Club. Huerta spoke of the current Republican Congressional Hearing in San Diego, and criticized the lack of representative speakers against the current House Bill 4437. Huerta commented on the prison organization lobbying for the House Bill, which will charge the undocumented with a felony, increasing the prison population. Huerta also urged the audience to support the efforts of the Senate Bill (which she was against certain portions of the bill).

Huerta urged the audience to exert pressure on Congress to finalize an immigration bill prior to the final session this year. Photo by IEHN

It is unwise to be too sure of one’s own wisdom.
It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.

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