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Arizona Law Called Shameful

Oregon panel calls for action

Proclaiming Arizona's new immigration law as an "open floodgate for blatant legalized discrimination," Jose Ibarra, chairman of the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs, has condemned Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer for signing the legislation.

The new law provides for enhanced police enforcement against both citizens and noncitizens by Arizona police based upon "rea-

sonable suspicion" that a person is without proper citizenship.

"This new law contradicts the values and compromises the integrity upon which America was founded," said Ibarra. "Any Hispanic in Arizona now faces legalized bigotry and severe disparate treatment, which will inevitably result in rampant violations of civil rights."

Ibarra called on Hispanics everywhere to boycott Arizona as a tourist destination as long as the new law remains a threat to free-

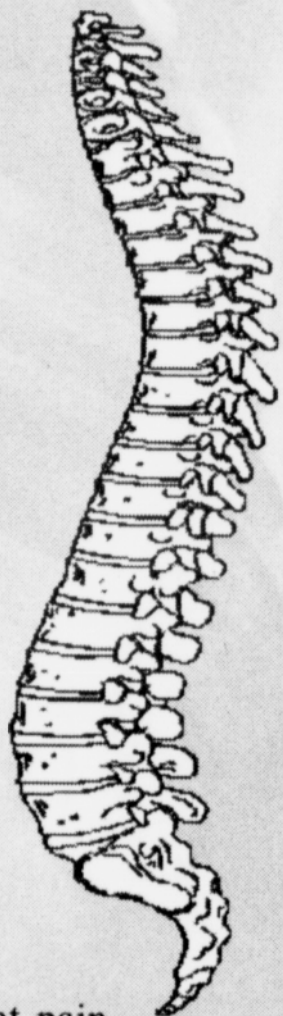
dom. The commission urges Oregon residents to contact their congressional representatives and demand that Congress and the White House act immediately for a just and comprehensive reform of immigration law, before another act of copycat legislation ensues in other states.

"Without a shadow of a doubt, Arizona's new law is inhumane, ineffective, and a shameful page in American history," said Ibarra. "We cannot stand by the sidelines and allow this to happen."

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Pursuing the American Dream

Encore theater performance celebrates pride

An encore presentation of Teatro Milagro's national touring production *American Sueño* will be presented Friday in conjunction with Portland Latino Gay Pride.

American Sueño shares the stories of four marginalized individuals in search of their version of the American Dream: Augustín Obrero, a musician, and his sister Monica, struggle between living with their family traditions and searching for new lives of their own.

Mimi, a drag performer, yearns to find true love, regardless of her gender identity; and the homeless Cruz,



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When disaster strikes his family, Augustín (Joaquín López) is forced to take on his parents' financial responsibilities as his sister, Monica (Sylvia Malán) struggles between living with the traditional values of her family and searching out a new life of her own in *American Sueño*.

a mere shadow of a woman she once was, searches for a way off the streets. To realize their dreams, they each must decide, "What am I willing to sacrifice in order to make my

American Dream a reality?"

The Friday, June 4 performance is at 8 p.m. at Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St. Tickets can be purchased by calling 503-236-7253.

Justice Play at Roosevelt

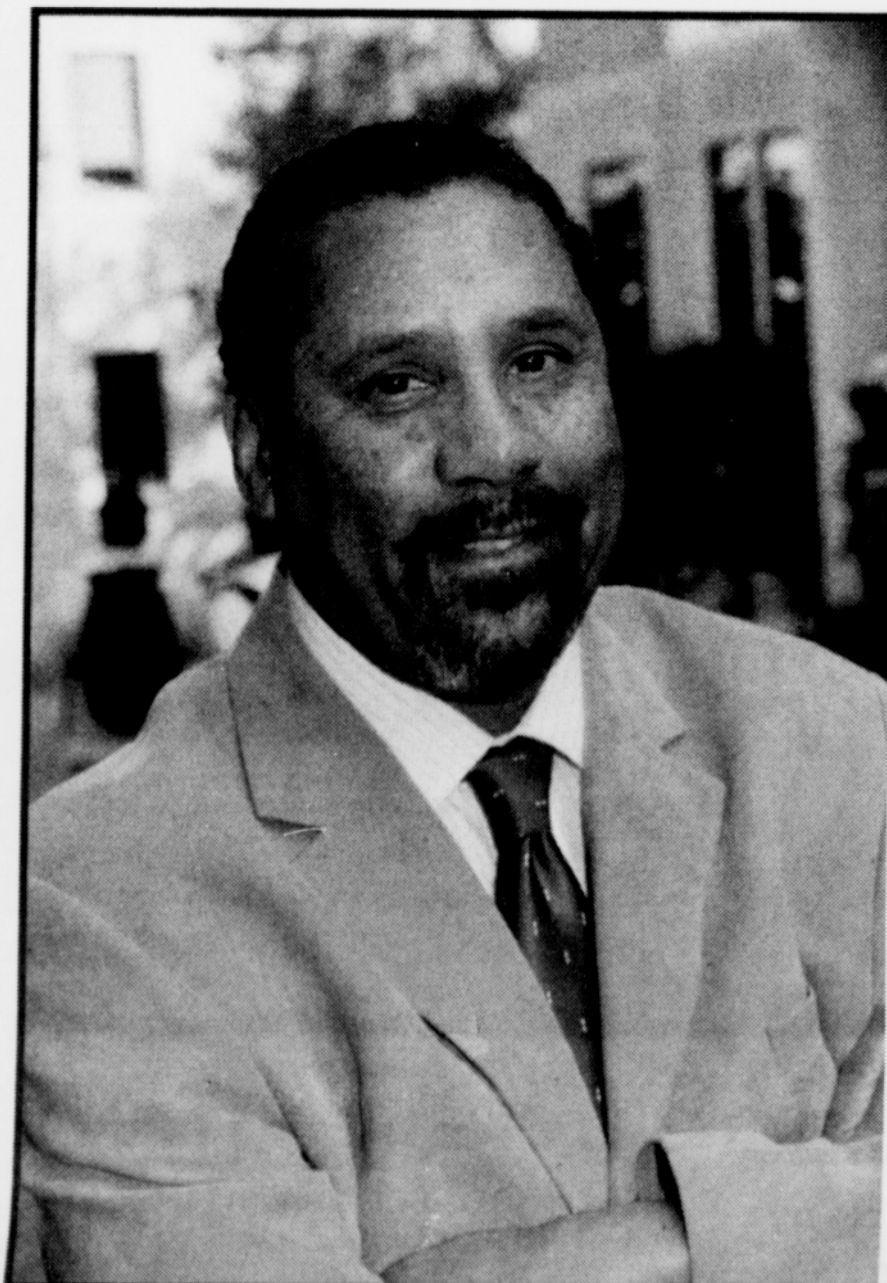
An original play about social justice, written and performed by sophomore students at Roosevelt High School, will be presented free to the public at two separate venues this week.

The creators are students enrolled in the Spanish English International School who worked under the tutelage of professional theatre artists from Miracle Theatre Group.

The play, *En Voz Alta*, along with original music and a mural will be

presented at 12:20 p.m., Thursday, June 3 in the Roosevelt auditorium and then again at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 5 at the Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St.

Before their enrollment in the Spanish English program, many of the participating students had no arts training whatsoever. The play offered them their first opportunity to play an instrument, draw or perform in front of an audience.



Free Community Workshop: Connecting Schools and Communities

With Dr. Anderson J. Franklin—civil rights activist, educator, and 2010 commencement speaker for the Graduate School of Education and Counseling at Lewis & Clark.

Saturday, June 5
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