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The Politicians of Color Who Stand to Win Mitt Romney's Veepstakes

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Conventional wisdom holds that the vice president matters in the general election—which is why we're smack dab in the middle of the frenzied "veepstakes," that period of time where vice presidential candidate wannabes try to impress the presidential candidate, and the candidate's team vets and courts them.

Recent history suggests, though, that veeps don't matter all that much in the general election, except for one crucial factor (which John McCain discovered in 2008): A candidate should be a credible replacement for the president.

Presumptive GOP candidate Mitt Romney has plenty of options on that front. The most interesting candidates are the non-white-guys, we think, though we included one for good measure.

Marco Rubio: The Cuban-American senator from Florida has been at the front of the pack for some time. The

outspoken 40-year-old has been trying to stem the party's bleeding of Latino voters by creating an alternative to the DREAM Act—but his plan would not offer immigrant youths raised in America a path to citizenship. Rubio also gave a policy-heavy speech—unlike, say, anything we've heard from either Barack Obama or Mitt Romney this campaign season—at the Brookings Institute last week, where he positioned himself as friendly to bipartisanship.

Bobby Jindal: The Louisiana governor won't touch anything race-related with a ten-foot pole, at least not directly. His focus on education in the state may make him a useful pick for Romney—since school reform is on everyone's minds these days. The problem? His push for school vouchers actually reduces choice.

Susana Martinez: New Mexico's governor is a Latina who takes a hard line on immigration; she's been trying to get



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rid of a law that lets undocumented immigrants apply for drivers' license. She is also against same-sex marriage, a stance that lost her a hair dresser, but may very well find her a place on Romney's team.

Kelly Ayotte: The New Hampshire senator is a former state prosecutor and a conservative Republican. She supports Arizona's S.B. 1070, doesn't think climate change evidence is "conclusive," doesn't support cost-of-living increases in minimum wage, opposes same-sex marriage, and abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or health of the mother. But, she's a woman.

Bob McDonnell: The Virginia governor is one more member of the short list, and observers say he's begun holding off on signing bills in his home state because of how it may play on the national stage if he's selected to be Romney's number two. McDonnell's in a tough spot. In 2010, the state assembly shifted to a Republican majority—and members have been pushing increasingly conservative bills ("transvaginal ultrasounds" anyone?). The problem? McDonnell had enthusiastically embraced the controversial lawmaking—which may be too much for even Romney to swallow.

Candidatos de color en el juego para ser vicepresidente

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La experiencia nos dice que el puesto de vicepresidente es una parte fundamental en la elección general—siendo está la razón por la que en forma rápida nos adentraremos en el llamado "juego" para escoger quien será el candidato a la vicepresidencia. Entendiéndose, esto como el tiempo donde los candidatos a vicepresidente tratan de impresionar al candidato presidencial y el equipo del candidato presidencial los investiga y al mismo tiempo que los corteja. La historia reciente sugiere que los vicepresidentes no tienen mucha importancia en la

elección general, excepto por el factor crucial que John McCain descubrió en el año 2008: El candidato deberá de ser un reemplazo creíble del presidente. Presumiblemente, el candidato del partido republicano Mitt Romney, cuenta con muchas opciones en ese frente. Los candidatos más interesantes no son por así decirlo de la raza blanca. Sin embargo, incluimos uno para poder realizar un buen análisis.

Marco Rubio: El senador por el estado de Florida de origen cubano-americano ha estado al frente del grupo por algún tiempo. El elocuente

senador de solo 40 años de edad ha estado cortejando los votantes Latinos creando una ley alternativa a la Acta del Sueño, pero su propuesta no ofrece a los jóvenes inmigrantes que crecieron en Estados Unidos un camino hacia la ciudadanía. Rubio dio un discurso muy fuerte en el Instituto Brookings acerca de políticas públicas que afectan al ciudadano, algo que no se ha escuchado de Barack Obama ni de Romney durante la campaña. Posicionándose, prácticamente con ese discurso como un amigo del bipartidismo.

Bobby Jindal: El gobernador por

Louisiana no quiere que se le relacione con nada de la campaña. Al menos no directamente. Su enfoque en educación lo hace una buena opción para Romney ya que la reforma de la educación, en estos tiempos esta en la mente de todos los políticos. ¿El problema? El uso de vouchers en la educación no es bien visto y tiende a reducir ciertas opciones.

Susana Martinez: La gobernadora del estado de Nuevo México es una Latina quien ha tomado la línea dura en inmigración, ha estado tratando de eliminar la ley que les permite a los

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Having Reached the Stars, Astronaut Jose Hernandez Now Aims for Congress

By Rhashad Pittman

STOCKTON -- Former NASA

astronaut Jose Hernandez reached his childhood dreams when he launched into space on a late summer evening in 2009. Now the French Camp native and hometown hero is looking to land in Washington, D.C. as a member of Congress.

The 49-year-old is running as the Democratic candidate for the 10th congressional district of the U.S. House of Representatives. The district seat represents Stanislaus County and south San Joaquin County. Voters will decide his fate in the general election in November.

If elected, Hernandez said he will focus on the main issues affecting most of the Central Valley, including high unemployment, lack of economic vitality and underperforming schools.



"Seeing these things, I felt compelled to jump in (the congressional race)," Hernandez said. "It's very important that we stimulate the economy."

Hernandez priorities include preventing Social Security from being cut, protecting the economic interests of crop growers and providing more

assistance and support to military families. He also plans to address the region's controversial water issues by bringing experts together to discuss nonpartisan solutions, such as creating water storage facilities in the north and south.

Born in

French Camp and

raised in Stockton with three other siblings, Hernandez worked in the fields of the Central Valley, picking strawberries and cucumbers alongside his parents. He declared his dream of becoming an astronaut after Franklin Chang-Diaz was accepted into the

Astronaut Corps., becoming the first Latino astronaut.

With the stars in sight, Hernandez graduated from Franklin high school and enrolled at University of the Pacific through a scholarship program for underrepresented students called Community Involvement Program (CIP). Soon after earning a degree in electrical engineering in 1984, he went on to receive a master's degree from University of California-Santa Barbara.

Being part of the first generation of his family to go to college, Hernandez has always placed an emphasis on education. In 2005, he started the nonprofit organization Reaching for the Stars Foundation, which puts on a number of math and science fairs for local school children.

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Proposition 29: Promotes Dishonest Government Spending

by Julian Canete President & CEO - CHCC

This June, lawmakers in Sacramento must pass our annual state budget. As in recent years, the picture is bleak. Schools and other vital community services have already faced billions of dollars in cuts, but more cuts appear likely, according to the governor's proposed budget. And our state still faces a \$10+ billion budget deficit, not to mention high unemployment of 11 percent.

Also in June, Californians will have an opportunity to vote on a statewide ballot measure that impacts our state's spending: Proposition 29. This flawed measure would raise taxes on all tobacco consumers by \$735 million a year to create a new unaccountable research commission packed with political appointees who can spend our tax dollars outside the state.

Prop. 29 may sound well intentioned; certainly, we all support cancer research. But this flawed proposal would lock into law a new billion-dollar bureaucracy that lacks the accountability and fiscal controls to ensure our tax dollars are being spent wisely. It also fails to put a single penny towards ensuring California's kids – more than half of whom are Latino – have the education and skills they need to be successful.

To be clear, Prop. 29 doesn't just ignore education – it very deliberately circumvents education funding requirements that voters passed to ensure that approximately 40 percent of all tax dollars go to our schools. As a result, Prop. 29 shortchanges our kids more than \$300 million each and every year. That's more than \$1,200 for every classroom in California – money that could buy books, much-needed supplies and even computers for our students. It could even be used to hire approximately 7,900 teachers.

This flawed measure hurts our communities in other ways, too. Right now, one in 10 Californians is out of work. Yet Prop. 29 allows our tax dollars to be spent outside California and even outside the country. If we're going to raise taxes in California, that money should be spent here, investing in our state's economy and putting people in our communities back to work.

Instead of helping fund vital pro-

grams already on the books, Prop. 29 creates another unaccountable bureaucracy that duplicates existing programs. California spends \$70 million each year on tobacco control programs, and the federal government spends \$6 billion annually on cancer research. Especially in these tough times, our government should be focused on streamlining programs – not duplicating them.

Prop. 29 creates a nine-member commission filled with political appointees who can spend \$110 million a year on buildings and real estate, and another \$15 million on bureaucratic overhead, such as salaries, conventions, travel and consultants. That includes money toward a hefty salary for the commission's CEO, who is exempt from normal hiring and salary restrictions. And the organizations represented by these political appointees will be eligible for millions of dollars in government grants – a clear conflict of interest.

Most outrageous of all, under Prop. 29, taxpayers will simply have to trust that the bureaucrats and political appointees managing billions of taxpayer dollars are doing so efficiently and effectively, since the only report on the commission will be written by the commission itself. Not even the governor or Legislature has any independent oversight. Furthermore, Prop. 29 includes specific language prohibiting any changes to the measure for 15 years, leaving the new commission vulnerable to waste and abuse.

We've seen what can happen when we give political appointees unchecked authority over billions of taxpayer dollars; previous ballot-box measures like the high-speed rail, First 5 and stem-cell research commissions serve as cautionary tales. A half-million-dollar salary for one commission's CEO. Conflicts of interest and a lack of competitive bidding. Yet, Prop. 29 repeats many of these same mistakes.

On its surface, Prop. 29 may seem well intentioned. But come June 5, voters must cast a vote on the measure as currently written – its flaws, lack of accountability and conflicts of interest, included. And the truth of the matter is that California simply can't afford to establish another government program the promotes bureaucracy with no accountability.



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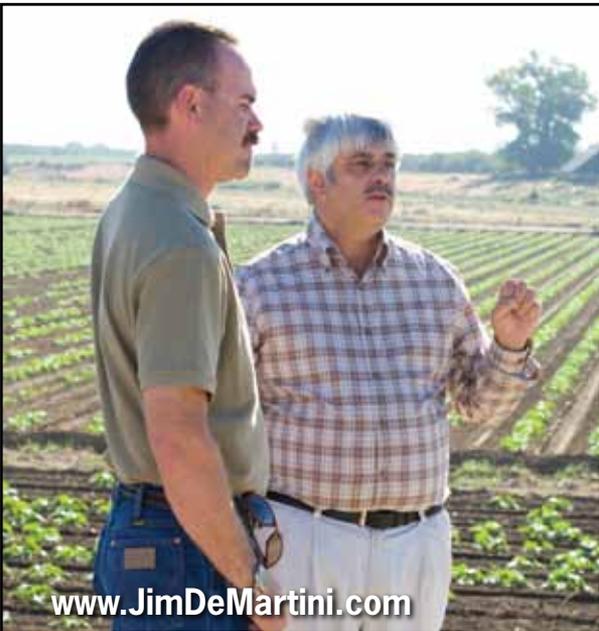
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indocumentados tener una licencia de manejo. Esta en contra del matrimonio de personas del mismo sexo. Pero que sin embargo pudiera encontrar su lugar en el equipo de Romney.

Kelly Ayotte: La senadora por New Hampshire es una ex fiscal estatal y una republicana conservadora. Apoya la ley S.B. 1070 de Arizona y tampoco cree que la evidencia del cambio climático es "conclusiva," no apoya el incremento en el costo de vida en el salario mínimo. Se opone al matrimonio de personas del mismo sexo y al aborto excepto en casos de violación, incesto o por motivos de salud de la madre. Posiciones políticas que no se esperan de una mujer.

Bob McDonnell: El gobernador del

estado de Virginia es un miembro más de la corta lista. Los observadores dicen que ha dejado de firmar iniciativas de ley debido al mensaje que pudieran producir a nivel nacional en caso de que sea seleccionado para ser el número 2 de Romney. McDonnell esta en una posición difícil. En 2010, una mayoría republicana se apodero de la Asamblea Estatal y desde entonces han estado empujando iniciativas de ley súper conservadoras como los "ultrasonidos transvaginales). ¿El problema? McDonnell, en forma entusiasta ha recibido con los brazos abiertos estas leyes que en un momento pudiera ser un problema muy grande inclusive para las posiciones conservadoras de Romney.



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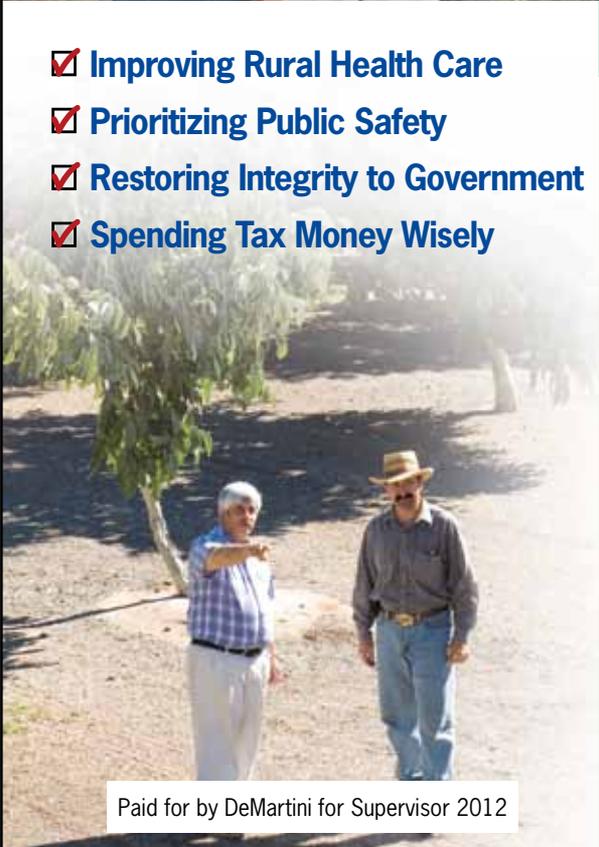
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Berryhill and Latino Times - One On One

by Andrew Ysiano

A fourth-generation Californian, farmer Bill Berryhill is completing his second term in the State Assembly. The Stockton Republican now seeks to represent California's 5th Senate District – which includes all of San Joaquin County, Galt and parts of northern Stanislaus County. Also vying for the seat are Democratic Assemblywoman Cathleen Galgiani and San Joaquin County Supervisor Leroy Ornellas. In a conversation with Latino Times, Berryhill, joined by wife Triana Perez Berryhill, discussed education, the Delta, high-speed rail and

the values he shares with the Valley's Latino community.

LATINO TIMES: Why are you running for this seat?

BERRYHILL: As the father of three kids – I've got two in college, I'll have a third one in college pretty soon – I'd like to think that when they get out of college, that there's going to be opportunity here in California to find a job. ...I always say, I don't want to have to visit my grandkids someday in Kansas because that's the only place my kids could find a job.

LATINO TIMES: A lot of the



Latino community don't know that you're married to a Latina. Tell us about that.

BERRYHILL: When we met and I was dating her, her values were very important. Her belief in be-

ing a really good mom and going to the classroom and being engaged in the schools and church and all those things.

TRIANA PEREZ BERRYHILL:

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Berryhill y Latino Times – Uno a Uno

por Andrew Ysiano

Bill Berryhill, agricultor californiano de cuarta generación está completando su segundo periodo en la Asamblea Estatal. El republicano de Stockton ahora busca representar el Distrito 5 del Senado de California que incluye el condado de San Joaquín, Galt y la parte norte del condado de Stanislaus. También queriendo representar este distrito esta la Asambleísta Demócrata Cathleen Galgiani y el supervisor del condado de San Joaquín Leroy Ornellas. En

conversación con Latino Times, Berryhill, junto con su esposa Triana Perez Berryhill, nos hablan sobre educación, el Delta, el Ferrocarril de alta velocidad y los valores que él comparte con la comunidad latina del valle.

LATINO TIMES: ¿Por qué está corriendo por este distrito?

BERRYHILL: Como padre de tres hijos – con dos en el colegio y con otro a punto de entrar al colegio. – Me gustaría pensar que cuando terminen el colegio tengan la

oportunidad de encontrar un trabajo aquí en California. Siempre digo que espero no visitar a mis nietos en Kansas porque ese es el único lugar donde pudieron hallar un trabajo.

LATINO TIMES: Muchos en la comunidad Latina no saben que esta casado con una Latina. Coméntenos sobre esto.

BERRYHILL: Cuando nos conocimos y empezamos a salir sus valores fueron muy importantes para mí. Su creencia en ser una buena madre, el asistir al salón de clases y

participar activamente en las escuelas y la iglesia fueron determinantes factores determinantes para nuestra relación.

TRIANA PEREZ BERRYHILL: Una de las cosas que ves más en esta cultura –y esperemos no perderlo– es que la mujer Latina hará cualquier cosa por sus hijos y su esposo. Creo que somos menos egoístas. Espero que eso siga estando con nosotros.

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The team of hospitalists at Dameron Hospital will join Sound's 60 hospitalist physicians and partners serving patients in Northern, Central and Southern California for more than five years.

"We look forward to serving patients and community providers

at Dameron Hospital," said Robert Bessler M.D., chief executive officer of Sound Physicians. "We have had a long-standing practice of making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve with our hospitalist teams. We're excited to begin a collaborative partnership with Dameron Hospital and provide high quality, patient-centered care to patients in the Stockton community."

Nick Arismendi, Chief Operating Officer at Dameron Hospital, stated "Sound Physicians is a proven partner with a track record of delivering exceptional patient care. We welcome them

to our community and our team at Dameron."

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ist organization focused on driving improvements in quality, satisfaction and efficiency of inpatient health care delivery. By investing deeply in outstanding physicians, clinical process excellence and its proprietary workflow and informatics technology, Sound Physicians improves the delivery of inpatient care. Sound Physicians aligns with health-care providers to measurably enhance patient outcomes and strengthen its partners' financial performance. The organization is the practice of choice of more than 500 hospitalist and post-acute physicians. To learn more visit: www.soundphysicians.com

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While speaking in the community, Hernandez said he noticed many parents are losing hope in the public school system and are not certain their children will be able to achieve their own dreams even with an education. Improving struggling schools will be one of his main goals, Hernandez said. "I want to be able to look into the eyes of children and tell them that if they work hard and get an education, they too can reach the American dream," he said.

Before joining NASA, Hernandez worked as an engineer at Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory, where he helped develop a way to turn Cold War technology into the first full-field digital mammography imaging system. The system has become an invaluable tool in increasing the early detection of breast cancer.

While at Lawrence Livermore, Hernandez was recognized for his work on Russian nuclear non-proliferation issues by the laboratory and the U.S. Department of Energy. In 2001, he joined the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Now retired from NASA, Hernan-

dez said he plans to bring the same determination in Congress that served him in becoming an astronaut.

Hernandez applied multiple times before being accepted to the NASA program. In August 2009, Hernandez served as the flight engineer on the Space Shuttle Discovery. The shuttle transported more than 18,000 pounds of supplies and equipment to the International Space Station.

Shortly after the mission, Hernandez was invited to meet with then Mexico President Felipe Calderon. The visit served as a precursor to his political ambitions.

Since launching his campaign, Hernandez has gathered support

from Latino organizations and unions throughout the region, strengthening community ties along the way. He and his family recently purchased a home in Manteca, an ideal location to travel throughout the district.

Hernandez said he has had an interest in politics for a while but thought he would pursue office later in his career. But redistricting, which led to the newly created 10th district, provided an opportunity much sooner than expected. He looked around and did not see a viable Democratic candidate, he said. So he decided to fill the void.

"It's a great opportunity to come home and serve my community," Hernandez said.

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Tax Credit Vote May Affect CA's Wind Power Jobs

by Manuel Cosme

Congress is currently facing a critical decision on the future of wind power, a growing economic engine for many regions, including California and the West.

That decision is whether to renew the federal wind energy Production Tax Credit (PTC), a key incentive expiring at the end of 2012. The PTC, which provides a tax credit to a wind farm's owner based on the amount of electricity the wind farm produces, has helped the U.S. wind industry expand dramatically over the past decade, and leverage more than \$16 billion annually in private investment.

Here in California, wind farms now power the equivalent of 1 million homes, pay more than \$11 million each year to farmers, ranchers and other landowners in rent, and contribute more than \$22 million annually in property taxes to rural counties—even though only one-sixth of our state's full wind potential has been developed.

Wind power can also be an effective way for small businesses and ranchers to generate some or most of their own electricity. California's net metering law allows the owners of small wind turbines to receive credit against their electricity bill for any excess electricity they deliver to the utility system, and the state also provides a rebate on the cost of a small turbine.

As the federal Production Tax Credit has helped the wind industry grow, the industry has helped California's economy grow through construction and manufacturing jobs. Today, the industry employs 4,000 to 5,000 here, and 15 factories turn out some of the 8,000 parts that go into utility-scale wind turbines.

Over the past six years, wind power has become an American manufacturing success story, with domestic production of wind turbine components increasing 12-fold to more than 470 facilities in 44 states. Today, 60 percent of a typical wind turbine's con-

tent is American-made, up from 25 percent in 2005.

A recent study from Navigant Consulting found that with stable tax policy (that is, a continuation of the PTC), the wind industry can grow to 100,000 American jobs in the next four years, and expand the wind manufacturing sector by one-third to 46,000 American manufacturing jobs. That will be a major step toward the industry supporting 500,000 jobs by 2030, as envisioned in a U.S. Department of Energy report during the George W. Bush administration.

The bad news: these jobs could disappear if Congress allows the Production Tax Credit to expire. Letting the credit lapse would, in effect, impose a targeted tax increase on the industry, resulting in the loss of almost 40,000 American jobs.

Time is short—much shorter than the credit expiration date of Dec. 31, 2012, would suggest. Why? Because wind turbines and their components

take time to manufacture, and the companies that make them need lead time to plan and carry out their production schedules.

What this means is that some California workers are already losing their jobs, and job losses and layoffs will accelerate with each month the PTC moves nearer to expiration. Without any certainty about tax policy in 2013, orders to American wind manufacturers for turbines have essentially dropped to near zero. Congress must act now.

A vote for a PTC extension is a vote for continuing wind power's American manufacturing success story and for clean, homegrown, affordable energy resources.

Buffett Snubs the Flotation of Facebook



by Simon Watkins

The world's most famous investor, Warren Buffett, has told his thousands of star-struck investors that he has no intention of buying shares in the flotation of Facebook.

The head of investment group Berkshire Hathaway said on US television that he had no plans to buy into the social networking site, which is being floated at a value of almost \$100 billion later this year.

The comments came ahead of this weekend's shareholder meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, where Berkshire Hathaway investors gathered to hear Buffett's thoughts on investment and the state of the economy.

As chairman and chief executive, Buffett -- dubbed the Sage of Omaha -- has become an investment legend as his business has regularly outperformed the stock market, although its results have been more disappointing in recent years.

In January he gave a fillip to Tesco when it was announced that Berkshire Hathaway had raised its stake in the supermarket from 3.2 per cent to just over five per cent, a day after the group had issued a shock profits warning.

Buffett, 81, has built stakes in some of the world's biggest names, including Coca-Cola, American Express and Kraft Foods.

His Facebook statement will not please the website's backers, but he was careful to say he did not believe high-tech stocks were in a valuation bubble similar to the one that burst at the end of the 1991-2000 dotcom boom.

Facebook's price has raised eyebrows among many analysts who say that very high growth rates will be needed in future profits to justify the valuation.

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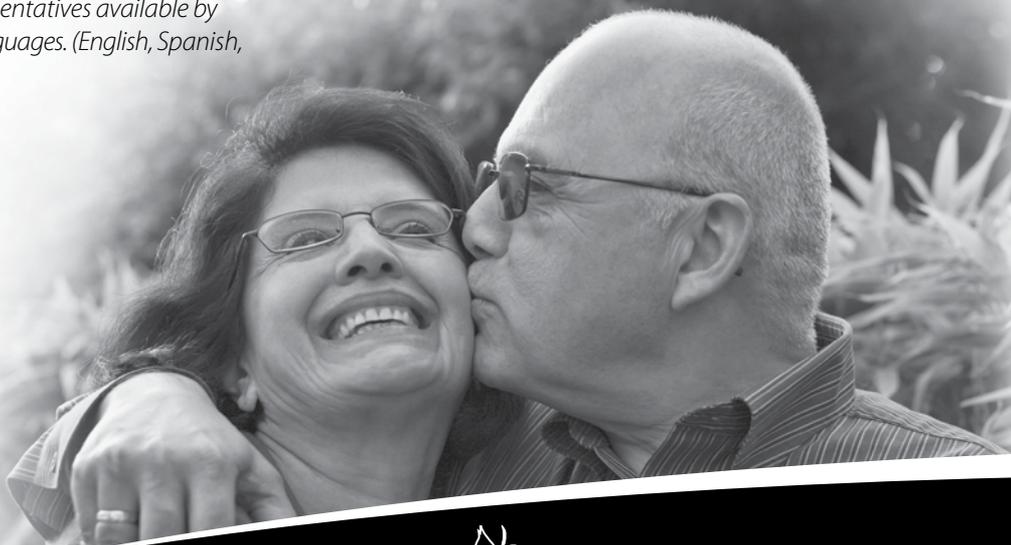
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Working Past The Odds

By Jennifer Torres

The life Karina Ventura leads today is not the one she envisioned a decade ago when she was a young mother, newly married, not long out of high school and just starting out in a career as a bank teller.

“You get comfortable in a life and you think that’s the life for you,” said Ventura, now an asset coordinator for Community Bank of San Joaquin. “Things didn’t work out.”

Faced with the prospect of re-imagining her identity, Ventura chose a path that hasn’t been easy, but that she believes will give her children a model of discipline and commitment, while providing a strong foundation for their future.

“I knew I could do more, I knew I was going to do more,” she said. “I like that the kids see that Mom doesn’t give up.”

In San Joaquin County, more than 21,000 households – about 10 percent – are led by single mothers, according to estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. More than one-third of those households struggle with poverty. Ventura is familiar with the statistics, and she said she can empathize – groceries are expensive, day care even more so. But, she said, she is determined to maintain a stable home for her children.

“I just thought, ‘I have two kids. I need to support them,’” she said. “You have to be a mom. You have to help

those kids.”

Born and raised in Stockton, Ventura graduated from Franklin High School in 1998. She had her first child, Zane, now 12, not long after. Daughter Isabelle was born five years later. When her marriage ended, Ventura was shaken.

“You do get scared. You wonder, ‘Can I make it?’” she said. “But you have that instinct, even if you don’t have the confidence.”

The first thing she did – and what she advises others to do if they want to make big changes in their lives – was to make a budget.

She cut out television and dinners at restaurants. She and her children



moved into a one-bedroom apartment. It was cramped, she said, but living there was a way to save money until her daughter started kindergarten and

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Venciendo Obstáculos a Pesar de Todo

Por Jennifer Torres

La vida que Karina Ventura lleva hoy no es la misma que ella había imaginado hace diez años cuando era una joven madre, recién casada, no mucho después de haber terminado la preparatoria e iniciando una carrera como cajera en el banco. Ventura, una coordinadora de activos en Community Bank of San Joaquin comenta “Te das cuenta que vives una vida confortable y piensas que es la vida para ti.” “Pero las cosas no trabajaron.” Así, enfrentándose con el prospecto de re-imaginar su identidad, Ventura escogió

un camino que no le ha sido nada fácil recorrer, pero cree que eso les dará a sus hijos un modelo de disciplina y compromiso al mismo tiempo que construye una fuerte fundación para su futuro. Comenta “Yo sabía que podía hacer más y yo sabía que iba a hacer más” “Me gusta que mis hijos vean que su mamá no se rinde”

En el condado de San Joaquín más de 21,000 hogares – cerca de un 10 por ciento – son sostenidos por madres solteras de acuerdo a los estimados del censo del 2010. Más de la tercera parte de esos hogares están en la pobreza. Ven-

tura esta familiarizada con las estadísticas y dice que siente estar relacionada a las mismas –la comida es cara. La guardería igualmente. Pero, dice ella que esta determinada a darles un hogar estable a sus hijos. “Pienso; tengo dos hijos. Necesito apoyarlos.” “Tienes que ser una madre. Tienes que ayudarlos”

Nacida y criada en Stockton, Ventura estudió en la escuela Franklin High School graduándose en 1998. Su primer hijo, Zane, ahora de 12 años, nació un poco después. Su hija Isabelle nació cinco años después. Cuando su matrimonio

terminó, Ventura temblada de miedo. “De verdad te asustas” Te preguntas ¿Podré salir adelante? Pero el instinto ahí esta aunque no se tenga la confianza” La primera cosa que hizo y que le recomienda otros hacer si se quiere hacer un gran cambio en su vida –fue hacer un presupuesto. Cortó el servicio de televisión y las cenas en restaurantes. Ella y sus hijos se movieron a un departamento de una recamara. Estábamos apretados, dice, pero el vivir ahí fue una manera de ahorrar dinero hasta que su hija empezó

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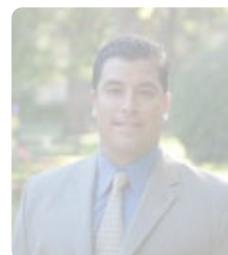
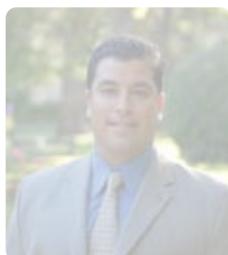
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One of the things you see more in this culture – and I hope we don't lose it – is that a Latin woman would do anything for her children, for her husband. We seem to be more selfless. I hope that stays with us.

LATINO TIMES: So many taxes are going out... What about the small business person, the entrepreneurs?

BERRYHILL: We've always been a very generous state, and that's all well and good if you've got the money. But right now, we need to face reality and live within our means, and I don't think we can keep cutting schools. I don't think we can keep cutting law enforcement. We need to be looking at how we can get people back to work, and the way I believe you do that is create a climate where businesses want to come to California, not a climate where they want to leave. ... You do that by going after the regulatory burdens that we place on business. Not get rid of the regulations, but try to make them more reasonable, more business-friendly, more competitive with other states.

LATINO TIMES: Let's talk about the Dream Act. That's been a big issue, a hot-button issue.

BERRYHILL: I get that we've invested in these kids, kindergarten through twelfth grade. I get that they didn't come here on their own, they were little kids, and they've been brought up through the system. For all they know, they're American citizens, and then they want to access college. The bottom line, though, is that you sit there and go, 'How do I

hire them?' I can't legally hire them without paying a fine or being thrown in jail. So let's get our immigration policy reformed, and then let's look at that. ... Otherwise we're spending limited resources that we don't have on students who are going to have to go back to their own country.

LATINO TIMES: Another educational issue would be the Cal-Grant issue.

BERRYHILL: It's very important, and we need to maintain them, but again, it's like everything up in Sacramento. With our budget deficit being what it is, they're looking at making cuts everywhere they can. ... It's about priorities, and if education and law enforcement is our priority, then by golly, let's fund it. If social service and the safety net is a priority, then we should also fund that. But to me, education and law enforcement are primary responsibilities of our government.

LATINO TIMES: Everybody's trying to steal our water, especially Los Angeles.

BERRYHILL: The water war is never going to end unless we work together, and that means Southern California interests and Delta interests. We're not about 'no,' we're about 'how.' I presented a plan, a new water plan, that picks up 2 million acre feet of storage. ... It's a pretty good plan. It needs to be studied. ... I went to every member on that committee. I actually brought them to my office, one or two at a time, and went through the plan with them, and guess what?

We got out of committee on a 7-2 or 3 vote. ... I've got good relations with the members. I get along with all of them very well. A lot of respect with both sides of the aisle, so we're able to have these conversations. ... I told the voters when I first ran, 'Over my dead body are they going to build that canal,' and I hope I don't have to lay in front of the Caterpillar.

LATINO TIMES: One of your opponent's issues has been this bullet train. ... What's your position?

BERRYHILL: It's an extremely expensive project ... at a time when the state is reeling in debt. The governor has talked about the wall of debt and how big it's gotten in California. Now, do we really want to tack on more debt? Secondly, I think ... the government should probably not be in the train business. There's one bullet train around the world that actually makes money, and that's in Japan. The rest of them are all subsidized by the government. So I have to ask the question, assuming that probably ends up our case and we have to subsidize it, where's that money going to come from to subsidize it? We may get it built and there may be some private dollars that go in. There may be some federal dollars. But at the end of the day, if that train doesn't make money, the California general fund is going to have to subsidize it. ... That's going to come out of our classrooms. That's going to come out of law enforcement. That's going to come out of social services. ... If we're going to do something with

mass transit, it seems to me to make more sense to go east-west. Let's bring the Bay Area down to the Valley. Let's get access easier and faster over to the Bay Area. There's already a BART system that's a pretty darn good system. Let's expand that. ... North-south, you can fly so cheap, and this train is not going to be that cheap. It's not going to compete with the airlines, so I'm very opposed to it.

LATINO TIMES: What do you have to say to our Latino voters out there?

BERRYHILL: I think we share very much the same values. I think we share the idea that education is very important, and it's how our kids will do better than we are. ... The Latino community is such an entrepreneurial-minded community, and, quite frankly, California, with everything we're doing to small business, it's killing that spirit that made California a great state, and a great place to do business. ... The Latino community, they've got that spirit of small business and I get that. I share their thinking, and I think I can do a good job for them – give them that chance to buy that home and get their kids educated and have a good job or start up a business.

It's frustrating with the Republican party because we have not really reached out. And maybe it's just that I've grown up around the Hispanic community my whole life ... I don't know what the problem is. To me, it's a natural. I think they think more like I do than they do the Democrats.

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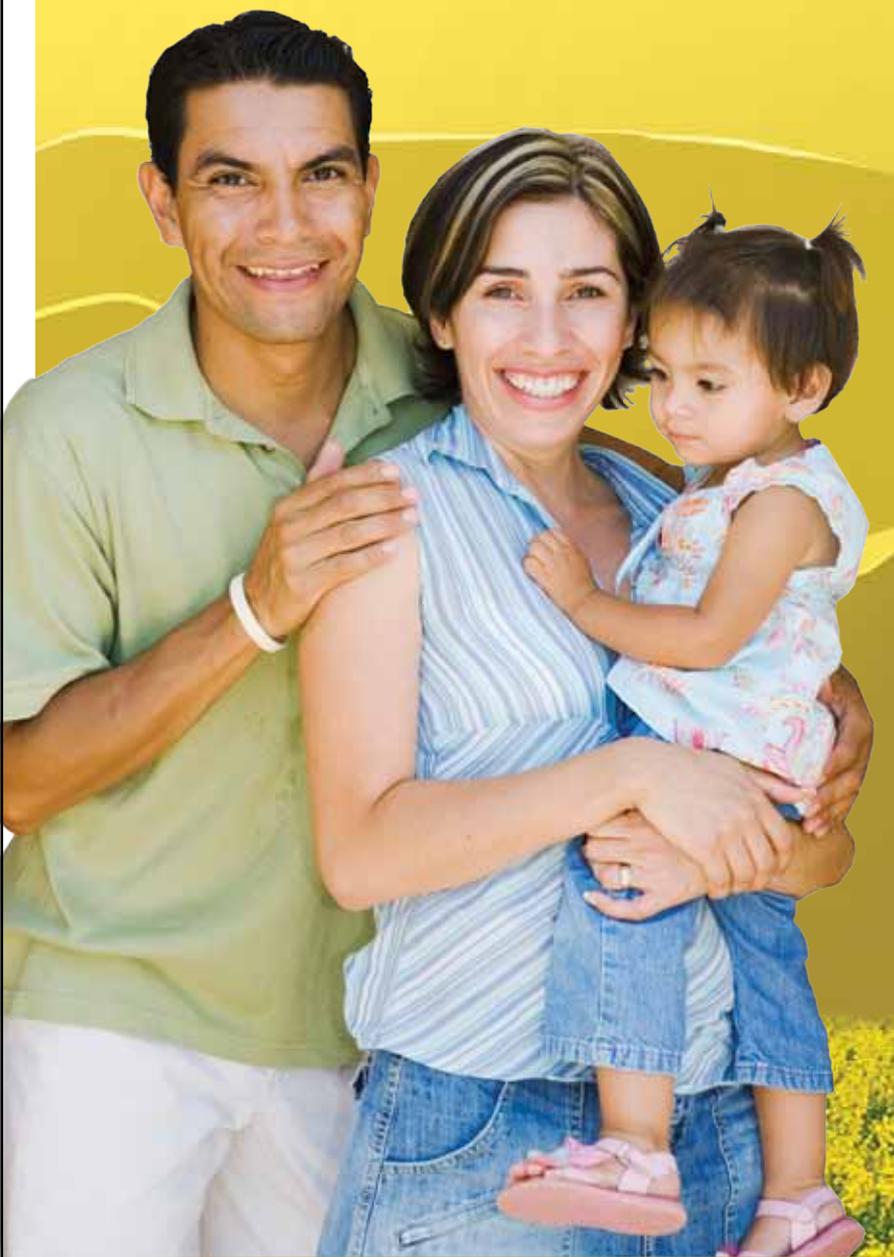
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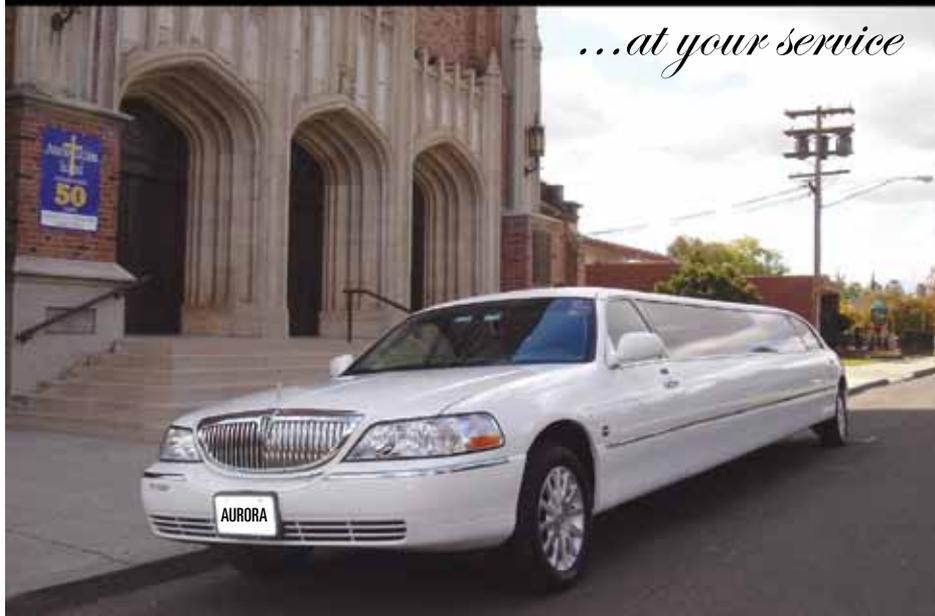


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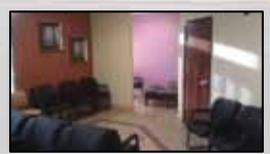
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los negocios pequeños, con los empresarios?

BERRYHILL: Siempre hemos sido un estado generoso y está bien si tienes el dinero. Pero ahora mismo necesitamos enfrentar la realidad y vivir con nuestros medios y yo creo que no podemos seguir cortando el presupuesto a las escuelas. No creo que podamos seguir reduciendo el personal de las agencias de seguridad. Necesitamos ver como podemos poner a la gente a trabajar y el camino que yo creo que debemos seguir es el de crear un clima donde los negocios vengan a California, no un clima donde se quieran ir del estado... Eso se hace eliminando cargas regulatorias que hemos puesto en los negocios. No digo que quitemos todas las regulaciones pero si tratar de hacerlas más razonables, más amistosas a los negocios y más competitivas que las de otros estados.

LATINO TIMES: Hablemos sobre el Acta del Sueño. Es un asunto muy importante, un asunto muy polémico.

BERRYHILL: Entiendo que

hemos invertido en estos niños, desde el kindergarten hasta preparatoria. Entiendo que ellos no vinieron aquí por su voluntad, eran niños, y ahora forman parte del sistema. Por lo que conozco son ciudadanos americanos y quieren entrar al colegio. El asunto importante es que te preguntas ¿Como los contrato? Legalmente no los puedo contratar sin que me multen o me puedan encarcelar. Así que vamos reformando nuestra política migratoria y arreglemos eso. De otra forma solo estamos gastando nuestros limitados recursos que no tenemos en estudiantes que tendrán que regresar a su país.

LATINO TIMES: Otro asunto son los préstamos llamados Cal-Grant.

BERRYHILL: Es muy importante y necesitamos mantenerlos pero de nuevo es como todo lo que se maneja en Sacramento. Con el déficit del presupuesto están viendo como hacer recortes en todo lo que puedan. Es acerca de prioridades y si la educación y la policía son nuestras

prioridades entonces caramba démosles el presupuesto adecuado. Si los servicios sociales y la red de seguridad es una prioridad entonces también debemos de darle los presupuestos adecuados a eso. Pero para mi; educación y las agencias de la ley son las responsabilidades primordiales de nuestro gobierno.

LATINO TIMES: Todo mundo esta tratando de robar nuestra agua especialmente Los Ángeles.

BERRYHILL: La Guerra del agua nunca va a terminar a menos que trabajemos todos juntos y eso significa los intereses del sur de California y los intereses del Delta. ¡No decimos no! Decimos ¿Cómo? Yo presente un plan, un nuevo plan que consiste en almacenar 2 millones de acre/pie. Es un buen plan. Necesita ser bien estudiado. Lo presente con cada uno de los miembros de ese comité. De hecho los traje a mi oficina de uno y de dos a la vez analizamos el plan y ¿Qué crees? El comité lo aprobó con una votación de 7-2. He tenido una buena relación con los miembros de ese comité. Tengo una buena relación con todos ellos, una relación de respeto así podemos tener este tipo de conversaciones. Les

dije a los votantes cuando corrí por primera vez: Solo sobre mi cadáver van a construir ese canal y espero no ponerme de frente a un Carterpillar.

LATINO TIMES: Un asunto de uno de sus oponentes has sido el tren bala ¿Cuál es su posición al respecto?

BERRYHILL: Es un proyecto excesivamente caro en un momento cuando el estado esta hundido en deudas. El gobernador ha esta hablando acerca de lo grande que es el adeudo de California. ¿De verdad queremos endeudarnos más? Segundo...yo creo que el gobierno no debe de estar en el negocio de los trenes. Hay un tren bala en todo el mundo que en realidad esta dando ganancias y es en Japón. El resto de los trenes esta subsidiado por los gobiernos. Así que me pregunto asumiendo que lo construyamos y lo tengamos que subsidiar ¿De donde va a venir el dinero para subsidiarlo? Podemos construirlo y puede que algunos dólares privados entren. Hasta podemos contra con algunos dólares del gobierno federal. Pero al final del día si ese tren no hace ganancias se tendrá que subsidiar del fondo general del estado de California. Ese dinero vendrá de quitárselo a nuestros salones de clases. De nuestras agencias de la ley. De los servicios sociales. Si vamos a hacer algo con el transporte de masas hace más sentido para mí ir de este a oeste. Traigamos al valle el área de la Bahía. Tengamos acceso rápido y fácil al área de la Bahía. Ya existe el sistema BART y es un buen sistema de transporte. ¡Expandámoslo! De norte a sur puedes volar con tarifas muy baratas y el tren no va a ser nada barato. No va a poder competir con las aerolíneas así que me opongo totalmente al proyecto.

LATINO TIMES: ¿Que les tiene que decir a nuestros votantes Latinos?

BERRYHILL: Creo que compartimos los mismos valores. Creo que compartimos la idea de que la educación es muy importante y es la forma en que nuestros hijos van a tener una mejor vida mejor que la que nosotros tenemos. La comunidad Latina tiene una mentalidad orientada a los negocios y francamente en California con todo lo que le estamos haciendo a los negocios esta matando ese espíritu que hace de California un gran estado u y un gran lugar para hacer negocios, La comunidad Latina tiene ese espíritu para los pequeños negocios y yo comparto esa forma de pensar. Puedo hacer un buen trabajo para ellos darles la oportunidad de comprar una casa y el educar a sus hijos y que tengan buenos trabajos o que empiecen un negocio. Es un poco frustrante con el Partido Republicano porque en realidad no hemos hecho un buen trabajo para contactarlos. Y puede ser que como he crecido alrededor de la comunidad Hispana toda mi vida no se cual sea el problema. Para mi es natural. Creo que piensan más como yo pienso que como piensan los demócratas.



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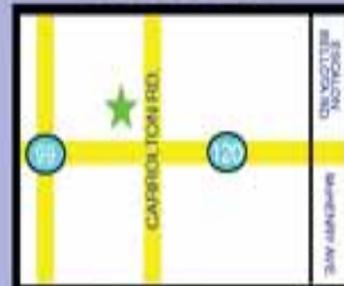
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day care expenses were reduced.

The plan worked. Three years ago, Ventura bought a house.

Then she decided to continue her education, completing coursework at San Joaquin Delta College before transferring to California State University Stanislaus, where she is studying to be an accountant. While she believes the decision was the right one, it has meant new strains on her time

and her bank account.

To accommodate classes, she had to cut down on her work hours by two full days a week. She and her children are on a carefully managed schedule. "We have a whiteboard with chores and things that have to get done," Ventura said. "That whiteboard is really helpful. Organization, structure, is so big for kids."

Ventura said she is fortunate to

have parents willing to care for her children after school, and an employer willing to be flexible about her schedule.

James Jimenez, Ventura's supervisor and Senior Vice President at Community Bank of San Joaquin, said he is proud to support her educational and professional goals – even if reaching them means she will leave the bank.

"What really impressed me about her is, one, she's taking care of two children, and, two, she's putting herself through school," Jimenez said. "Quite frankly, I don't know how she

does it. What I see when I look at her is our future."

Ventura said that when she finishes her coursework she would like to spend more time volunteering in the community, especially with organizations that assist single parents.

She said she hopes that when her children look back on this time in their lives they see lessons on how to set goals and how to pursue them, even when it isn't easy.

"My proudest moment," she said, "will be when my kids move on to do even more than I could."

Obstáculos

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a asistir al kindergarten y los gastos de guardería se redujeron. El plan trabajo y hace tres años Ventura compró su casa.

Ella decidió continuar con su educación completó sus estudios en San Joaquín Delta College para ser transferida a California State University Stanislaus, en donde ella esta estudiando para convertirse en contador. Mientras ella creía que esa fue la decisión correcta también significó poner presión en su tiempo y su cuenta bancaria. Para poder atender sus clases tuvo que recortar dos días de trabajo por semana. Ella y sus hijos manejan

cuidadosamente su tiempo. "Tenemos un pizarrón con lo que se necesita hacer en la casa así como cosas que se tiene que hacer. "Ese pizarrón realmente es una gran ayuda" comenta Ventura. Mantenerse organizados es el objetivo de los niños. Menciona que además de sentirse afortunada por tener unos padres que están dispuestos a cuidarle los niños después del trabajo y de trabajar para una empresa que le permite flexibilidad en su horario de trabajo.

James Jiménez, supervisor de Ventura y Senior Vice President en Community

Bank of San Joaquin, dice que él esta muy orgulloso en apoyarla en de sus metas profesionales y educacionales – sin importar que eso signifique que ella pueda dejar el banco. "Lo que verdaderamente me impresiona de ella es primero que se esta haciendo cargo de sus hijos y segundo que está estudiando" "Francamente no se como lo hace. Lo que veo cuando la miro es nuestro futuro. Ventura comenta que cuando termine de estudiar

le gustaría pasar más tiempo como voluntaria en la comunidad, especialmente con padres que asisten a padres solteros. Tiene la esperanza de cuando sus hijos miren hacia atrás y vean sus vidas en este tiempo hayan aprendido lecciones de cómo fijar sus metas y como perseguirlas, aún y a pesar de que no sea fácil. "Mi momento de más orgullo ve ser cuando mis hijos hagan más de lo que yo pude hacer.

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Editorial: Giving our Children Tools They Need to Succeed

Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that a son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a nation. —Nelson Mandela

Our community is in trouble and we know that a "band of 76 trombones" won't cure the trouble in our River City. Our River City needs parents. Parents engaged in their child's education; parents involved in the policies that drive our community leaders; and parents to step up and become those community leaders. Parents – that is all of us.

Somewhere along the line we lost sight of our personal responsibility in making sure children have the tools needed to flourish. It became "someone else's" job—the teachers, schools, and then the County, state or the justice system when things went awry.

First and foremost, it is up to us as parents and community members to ensure that our children receive a first rate education at all levels and in all neighborhoods including preschool for all. They need great teachers, up to date materials, and a safe environment. That means getting involved with the schools, attending teacher conferences, school board meetings, and exercising your right to vote.

Those of us fortunate enough to be able to supply our children with

computers, Ipads, and other electronic marvels to aid in our children's education may not understand the need for libraries to stay open. But those options are not available to all children. Without libraries, where will a child go to learn, grow, and develop an imagination to create those next "must have's for our lives" - Certainly not by sitting in front of a TV. As advocates for children we must figure out how to help all children learn at the same rate. We must strive for the end of prison officials looking at third grade reading levels to determine the number of cells that will be needed in future prisons.

There is an old saying that a healthy child is a happy child. To keep children healthy we must make sure to advocate for health care for those who can't afford private health insurance. Children can't learn if they have spent the night at an emergency room fighting another asthma attack (13.2% of San Joaquin County children suffer from asthma) because their parents couldn't afford the maintenance medicine to keep their asthma under control. Whether it's routine inoculations to stay in school or acute medical care that is needed, we as a community need to work together to find a way to keep our children healthy. Today's children are our future leaders. Let's help them all achieve by giving them the tools and support they need to thrive.

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Marco Rubio's Dream Act: The New 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'?



by Elena Shore - NAM

Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio on Wednesday dismissed speculation that he could be the vice presidential nominee, but he is preparing to make another political play: he is about to release his version of the DREAM Act – one that would offer legal status without a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students.

The move could be a game changer in immigration politics.

The federal DREAM Act, which would have provided a path to citizenship for undocumented high school graduates who were enrolled in college or the military and met certain requirements, originally enjoyed bipartisan support.

But things have changed.

Republicans blocked the bill when it last came up for a vote in December 2010. Republican David Rivera has put forward a military-only version of the DREAM Act, called the ARMS Act. Mitt Romney says he would veto the DREAM Act if he is elected president.

Now Sen. Rubio, a Cuban American who voted against the DREAM Act, is about to release his own version of the bill. But his stance on immigration has not gained the Florida senator widespread popularity among Latinos in the rest of the country.

If the bill gains traction in Congress, it would be a coup for the GOP – a party that has been shifting further to the right to appease a sector of nativist conservatives, with mainstream candidates like Romney publicly espousing anti-immigrant views.

If they are able to pull it off, Republicans would be able to do what no Democrat could do – a la Nixon in China -- going down in history as the party that moved immigration reform forward (even if it is piecemeal) and simultaneously rebooting their chances with Latino voters in the 2012 presidential election.

But Rubio's version of the DREAM Act is no dream; a New York Times editorial called it, "A Dream Act Without the Dream."

It is more like the 2012 version of former Pres. Bill Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy – a move that at the time was seen as a step forward (after all, it was better than an explicit ban on LGBT people in the military), but ultimately created a second-class citizen status for LGBT military personnel, not equal rights.

Like "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," Ru-

bio's version of the DREAM may be better than nothing – but by denying a path to citizenship to undocumented students, it traps them in a legal category as a kind of second-class citizen (or, more accurately, non-citizen).

Immigrant rights advocates are now taking the temperature of the political landscape to determine what the bill's chances are of gaining traction in Congress. They will have to decide whether to back the bill, as what could be the only viable option to improve the legal status of undocumented

students here (that is, if it succeeds in gaining bipartisan support); or to hold out for the original version of the bill that would offer a path to citizenship and real equality (even if it has lost its momentum).

Like LGBT activists in 1993, immigrant rights advocates today are facing a Catch-22, where taking a step toward equality simultaneously would cement their status as "second-class citizens."

In fact, the similarities between the two movements go even further.

In "coming out" as undocumented, DREAMers – undocumented students who support the DREAM Act -- took a page from the LGBT rights movement. Well-known DREAM activists like Jose Antonio Vargas and Gaby Pacheco are in some ways continuing in the tradition of Harvey Milk, who saw coming out as a political act.

It also happens that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was repealed on the same day the DREAM Act died in the Senate, Dec. 18, 2010. The day was "bittersweet" for some DREAM activists,

many of whom are LGBT themselves or are allies of the movement and had hoped that both votes would go their way.

For both movements, the politics are personal.

And both face staunch opposition that has managed to get referendums on the ballot in various states. In Maryland, for example, one referendum likely to appear on the November ballot would overturn Maryland's recently-passed marriage equality bill; another would overturn the Maryland Dream Act that allows some undocumented students to qualify for in-state tuition.

Meanwhile, as lawmakers introduce their own versions of the federal DREAM Act – a blatant political move in an election year – it's unclear what will happen to the real people affected by these policies: undocumented students who have no means of working legally after they graduate college.

It seems that for now, the way forward for immigration advocates could be a dark tunnel.

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Jim DeMartini Stanislaus County Supervisor

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DeMartini is the public official who is willing to walk door to door and talk to people when other elected officials stay hidden. He is a solid Republican who is willing to work to increase access to health care for his constituents. When you throw in that he earned endorsements from the Latino Community Roundtable and the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau, you can be sure that he is a different kind of elected official.

All over the state of California, local elected officials are talking about how they want to reform public employee pensions. DeMartini has already done this. As chairman on the local pension board, he has done an excellent job in making sure that the pension fund is sustainable for the long term. The total savings was around \$170 million. This protects our local families.

If you attend a local city council meeting in Newman, Patterson, or Ceres you are likely to find the city staff and elected officials but you will also likely find DeMartini. He attends these meetings so he knows what is going on and he cares about the communities he represents.

DeMartini was a leader in the process to write the agriculture element of the County General Plan. This document provides the road map for agriculture land for the next several decades. This is where his background in farming makes a huge impact on the lives of the people he serves.

The people of Stanislaus County would be well served by allowing DeMartini to continue to represent them on the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. He is the kind of leader that our county needs to continue our progress moving forward.

Anthony Silva Mayor of Stockton

My name is Anthony Silva and I'm running for Mayor of Stockton. I was born and raised here and now I'm asking myself "what happened to this place?" Crime is unacceptably high again, there's no jobs, and we're about to go bankrupt.



After having researched this, along with my staff, I realized that this all could have been avoided. The police were cut by 28% over the last few years, but somehow we still had money to pay for the golf course and for the City council's and

Mayor's retirement benefits?

The City had an auditing firm come in every single year while Mayor Ann Johnston was in office, they gave her their financial reports, but she only told us we're going to go bankrupt a few months ago? How is this ok?

My plan is simple, I am going to focus on nothing else but getting jobs and reducing crime. We don't have to just cut services all the time, we can also make more money for the City. I will create a business advisory council to bring new companies to Stockton, give them huge incentives in order to come here, and then make sure they hire at least 60% locals in order to receive those benefits.

I will create a small business training and support program to give businesses free assistance in marketing and Internet marketing. That way, they can sell more and hire more.

I'm also going to make sure more small businesses are opened up here by giving them lucrative start-up conditions and additional training.

But it's obvious that none of that is going to work until we get our crime under control.

Stockton's crime rate was improving until the current Mayor took office. She fired 28% of the cops. We have to get the police force back up to the same level that the average California City of our size has.

Then, we have to raise the arrest rate. Raising the arrest rate and prosecuting even small crimes, like graffiti, or broken windows, is the only way to tell the bad guys that this is our Town. You can't mess with us. That's exactly what they did in New York City during the 1990s. And it worked there, crime fell by 58% when they did that, far more than the national average.

And lastly, we cannot let the City go bankrupt. This should be our last resort. City Hall thinks that bankruptcy is going to be a clean slate, but it's not. Let me tell you a story. There was a tiny town in Pennsylvania, of just 2,400 people, called Westfall.

Westfall, Pennsylvania. A few years ago, they filed for bankruptcy and for a town of just 2,400 people, it cost them \$600,000 dollars in fees to go bankrupt. \$600,000 dollars.

Can you imagine how much it could cost Stockton when we're about 116 times larger than Westfall?

No one even knows if these bankruptcy proceedings will work. At the end of the day, the judge decides exactly how much debt to forgive and even whether to forgive any debt at all. Then the judge has to make sure at least one type of creditor will agree to that amount before we save anything.

We're going to waste a whole bunch of money and it will ruin our credit score. No one will ever invest in Stockton again. Who would invest in a town that takes millions of dollars in loans, doesn't properly file its paperwork, and then lies to everyone, including its citizens, that things are okay when actually they've known about this so-called bankruptcy for years.

My plan is to improve business in Stockton, get the cops back, and stop the City from going bankrupt.

We cannot just let them keep doing busi-

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Join me in challenging the current government and getting this City bank on course.

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Dale Fritchen Stockton City Council, dist 6

It's no secret that Stockton has serious financial problems.

Previous City Councils spent millions on fancy downtown improvements without setting aside enough money to fund essential services. Years of mismanagement and bad political decisions left Stockton without the resources to pay its bills. The current Council majority voted to default on our bonds – a decision that will hurt our ability to attract jobs, keep our streets safe and protect our homes.

I oppose this decision.

I believe the millions of dollars city staff proposes to spend on bankruptcy lawyers and consultants would be better spent providing important services to residents. Our Police and Fire services have been cut, our streets are filled with potholes and our libraries and recreation centers are forced to limit their hours of operation.

It's not a pretty picture. I'm going to continue to ask tough questions and to demand answers.

We need more jobs, not less. We need more police and fire, not less. It makes no sense to send millions of dollars out of town, making lawyers wealthy, when we cannot fund basic services for our citizens.

We need to attract more jobs to Stockton – to cut expensive fees and reduce regulations that drive new businesses out of town. An expanding economy provides jobs for the unemployed and revenues to fund city services.

That has been my priority. And will continue to be my priority.

Please visit my website at www.fritchen.com. I ask for your support.



Xochitl Paderes State Assembly, Dist. 13

Thank you to all the Businesses, Farmers, working families, educators, leaders, youth and family for your support!

Our winning campaign has accomplished so much in such a short time. We took the simple majority of the San Joaquin County Democratic Central Committee less than three weeks after our announcement. This is a huge accomplishment for us, but it also shows the growing desire of needed change. We spoke county wide with Businesses, Working Families, and Farmers asking for their support and they responded with dedication and commitment. We have the California Labor Federation and the San Joaquin County Farm Bureau Federation working with us to make the needed changes so that we can become a prosperous Central Valley.

We are winning and it is all thanks to each and every one of you! Our ground campaign of phone banking, knocking on doors, getting businesses on board, and talking to your family and neighbors has been the greatest success. This is our race, our future, and our opportunity to put a representative born and race in the community in Sacramento.

Born and raised in Tracy with a family that once worked the fields and retired from H.J.Hienz has given me the working values we need in Sacramento.

As a teen mother that has taken on challenges and made the best out each incident, I know how hard it can be to make ends meet. I am a Marine Corps Veteran that volunteers in the community for the homeless, youth outreach, veterans, and other organizations that make change locally.

This is our race! Our businesses need a champion in Sacramento so they can bring gainful employment to the Valley. Farmers need an advocate. Our public education needs a Mother to protect the future of our education. Our working families need a strong working class woman to defend our workforce.

Thank you for your support and your vote!



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