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A dream of their own

US immigration policy oppresses people politically, economically, and socially.

by Adrian Barbuzza

Ana Rodriguez came to the United States when she was 13. She was born and raised in Tijuana, Mex. and came to the U.S. for an education.

She attended Manual Art High School in Los Angeles with a student visa.

“My student visa was going to expire so I had to decide whether I would graduate high school and go back to Tijuana or stay here and study in college,” Rodriguez said. Her English teacher, Peter Carlson, encouraged her to apply for AB 540.

AB 540 allows non-resident students who have attended and graduated from a high school in California to pay in-state tuition in a higher education institution.

Reserved about her status as an immigrant, Rodriguez was unsure about applying. Her teacher reassured her that she was a good candidate.

Rodriguez met the qualifications to become an AB 540 student and graduated high school with a 3.9 GPA. She was accepted into Humboldt State, but faced obstacles from other universities.

“UC Merced and UC Santa Cruz both did not accept me because the schools did not know what an AB 540 student is,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez enrolled at HSU, but still faces obstacles

because she is not a citizen. Students, like workers and all immigrants of color, face the obstacles of achieving their dream despite the promise of the American dream for all who arrive to the country.

The U.S.-Canadian border does not have a wall or armed forces patrolling. The U.S-Mexico border, however, is separated by an eight-foot wall and guarded by Border Patrol officers. A wall, armed forces, incarcerations, racial profiling, and deportations reflect a punitive system based on the U.S. immigration policy.

“Most immigrants come here documented. It is a misconception that all or most immigrants are here undocumented,” said Dr. Marisol Ruiz, an assistant professor at HSU in early childhood development with a multicultural emphasis.

Rodriguez immigrated as a documented person with a student visa is majoring in physics with an emphasis in electromagnetism.

In high school Rodriguez took physics as an elective with Mr. Campos who was originally from Zacatecas, Mex.

He taught physics with passion and was the person who influenced me to like physics Rodriguez said.

But as a woman of color in the science department at HSU Rodriguez has

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La ley AB60 accesible para todos

Promotores de Humboldt alistan talleres para futuros conductores

by Manuel J. Orbeagozo

En setiembre del año pasado se promulgó el proyecto de ley AB60 en California, que le permite a los ciudadanos indocumentados aplicar para obtener una licencia de conducir. Casi un año más tarde, los primeros esfuerzos para capacitar a la población indocumentada del condado de Humboldt en la medida, se concretan en manos de un grupo de promotores de Humboldt.

El movimiento Promotores esta compuesto por diferentes miembros de organizaciones con fines sociales, como LatinoNet, Visión y Compromiso, y estudiantes de Humboldt State University.

Promotores tiene como misión educar a la población indocumentada en las leyes de tráfico a través de talleres de lectura para que los ciudadanos puedan estudiar el manual del automovilista de California en español y así poder aprobar el examen de manejo.

La promotora Monica Agnon se encuentra en plena organización de dichos talleres para cerciorarse que sean

accesible para todos y todas.

Agnon comenta que en Octubre se comenzarán a impartir los talleres en diferentes lugares con distintos horarios para hacer más accesible a esta.

“Tenemos presentaciones de Powerpoint listas para brindar en diferentes lugares como Loleta, McKinleyville, Eureka y en Fortuna,” dijo Agnón.

Los talleres contarán con meriendas y cuidado de niños mientras se dictan los talleres.

El financiamiento de estos talleres proviene de la American Civil Liberties Union, una organización sin fines de lucro enfocada en de-

fender y preservar los derechos de todas las personas en los Estados Unidos.

Agnon cree que tanto el AB60 como los talleres beneficiaran a la gran cantidad de latinos en el condado.

“Somos demasiados latinos, muchos se van a beneficiar. Muchos ya tienen carros, pero muchos van a comprar carros,” dijo Agnón. “Mas que nada va a haber paz.”

Originaria de la sierra de Oaxaca, México, Agnón llegó a Humboldt para reunirse con sus hermanos hace ya 10 años. Como en muchos otros casos, Agnón fue separada de su esposo por su estatus migratorio tras una batida de

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Gaza Deaths aren't a Hollywood film, so we look away

by Paradise Martinez Graff

We, as American citizens, sit back and watch the horrible conflict between Palestinians and Israelis in Gaza in the comfort and safety of our homes. Yet some of us still manage to think of Palestinians as vile terrorist suicide bombers, without really knowing what is happening in the occupied land of Palestine — which is now Israel.

Western Media depicts Israel as the victim against Hamas, a Palestinian Islamic organization, yet Western Media fails to mention that Israel is the third most powerful nuclear power in the world. By now, do we really think that nuclear regional powers have the best interest at hand of those in inferior positions of this world's economic hierarchy?

Think about how much of your tax dollars the United States gives Israel per year. From 1949 to 1996, the U.S. gave more aid to Israel (\$62.5 billion to 5.8 million people) than any other of the world's countries combined (\$62.5



billion to 1.05 billion people), says the Washington Report. Don't forget that the U.S. never lays its evil hand on another country without ulterior motives. Which means that you and I, as Americans, get dragged along while the U.S. places its dirty feet on foreign territories.

According to the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Israel is the United States' "third-largest customer for weapons sales." Since 1950, Israel has purchased more than \$36.2 billion worth of artillery from the U.S. Not only has 98 percent of this aid been military aid, but "much of this

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México, Ciudad de México: El presidente mexicano Enrique Peña Nieto visita el estado estadounidense de California, al cual llamó el “otro México” y donde uno de cada tres habitantes es de origen mexicano. Peña Nieto se reunió con el gobernador de California Jerry Brown para hablar sobre temas como la reforma migratoria y mejorar la frontera entre California y México.

Ecuador, Ibarra: Un incendio forestal afectó alrededor de 30 hectáreas y tuvo que ser contenido por al menos 180 bomberos, 80 militares y ciudadanos de Ibarra.

Argentina, Buenos Aires: Las malas condiciones climáticas afectan a los ciudad bonaerenses. Se esperan vientos superiores a 80 kilómetros por hora y olas de hasta cinco metros de altura en la zona costera. También 80 personas han sido evacuadas y clases serán suspendidas.

Cuba, La Habana: La hija del líder revolucionario Fidel Castro, Alina Fernández Revuelta, regresó a Cuba tras huir en el año 1993 con un pasaporte adulterado y vestida con peluca. Regresó para visitar a su madre de 88 años que se encuentra delicada de salud.

Fuentes: BBC , CNN Mexico, Univision

por Juan De La Cruz

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US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Aunque Agnón cayó en una profunda depresión tras la deportación de su esposo, la promotora encontró otra manera de remediar su pérdida.

“Mi esposo ya no puede regresar,” dijo Agnón. “Pense, yo ya no puedo hacer nada, pero si puedo hacer algo por los demás.”

Fue así que nació en ella el espíritu luchador liderado por la tristeza de ver a tantos otros como ella que lo perdían todo por manejar sin documentos y que terminaban siendo deportados, en sus países.

“Yo me siento muy contenta de hacer este trabajo,” dijo Agnón.

“Va a haber mucha tranquilidad,” dijo Agnón. “Van a poder manejar seguro, para llevar a sus hijos a la escuela, para comprar el lonche.”

Gaza

has helped to build Israel’s Iron Dome missile-defence system,” the same currently being used against Hamas.

If your argument, as my own father puts it, is that “Israel has a right to defend itself against Palestinians, because they are outrageous suicide bombers” then take a second to think about Israeli and Palestinian differences.

As Richard Faulk, international critical analyst and Princeton professor, puts it, “suicide bombing is an act of desperation.” Or in the documentary “Occupation 101,” Hava Keller, leader of the Committee for Women Political Prisoners, says “Israel doesn’t have to do it; they have helicopters. Why would they send in their soldiers to commit suicide?” According to Jews United Against Zionism, “they [Pal-

estinians] are the victims of the Zionist movement’s moral blindness and obstinate refusal to take into account the existence of peoples other than themselves.”

Rabbi Yisorel Dovid Weiss from the Naturei Karta movement explains that Zionism has used the concept of Judaism to create an Israeli state on Palestinian soil. He adds that in the Torah, it reads that Jewish people “were sent into exile by God”; therefore, creating a Jewish state, which Zionists have done, goes against Jewish teachings.

So the problem is not Jewish teachings, but rather, Zionism, because it has led to the imprisonment of “1.8 million Palestinians ... on a strip of land [Gaza] only 25 miles long and about five miles wide.”

Although we Americans will never truly know what it is like to live under occupation in Gaza, many Chican@ and Latin@ American@s, as myself, will be quick to tell you that indigenous peoples of the Americas have suffered due to the occupation of European colonizers here in the Americas.

To my raza reading this, it is crucial that we stand in solidarity with Palestinians because our raza was also stripped of our homeland. La Raza must work to see the similarities in the European occupation of the Americas and the occupation of Palestine.

As United States citizens, we must accept that living in this land means that we indulge in resources neighboring countries have little access to. We may not hold the


power or the guns, but most of us sit back — some paralyzed by fear, others racist, most ignorant or careless — and we turn a blind eye to injustice.

We are both the oppressed and the oppressors. It is only when we accept this, that we can we begin to understand Palestinians plight for freedom.

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experienced a lack of diversity. Not one of her math or science professors was a female or person of color.

Another obstacle Rodriguez has to face is figuring out how to fund her education. Although AB 540 allows students to attend a university, it does not provide financial aid.

“It get’s me mad and sad when people think that I receive money from financial aid,” Rodriguez said. “The scholarships I receive are from private organizations who advocate for me as an immigrant student.”

But those scholarships do not cover the total cost of her tuition and expenses. Rodriguez works to pay the difference. Because she has to work, sometimes she cannot enroll in school full-time, or at all, making it more difficult to earn her degree.

“Sometimes I am enrolled full-time, sometimes part-time and sometimes not at all because I work to save up to pay for school and expenses,” Rodriguez said.

She was supposed to graduate this spring, but because she has had to take time off to save money, it is going to take her eight years to finish her degree.

“I am okay with that because I am still going to do it,” she said.

Forms
of oppression
faced by
immigrants:

by Adrian Barbuzza and Patrick Evans

Capitalism - an economic and political system in which trade and industry are controlled by private owners, to create individual wealth. The global system of capitalism is maintained by interlocking forms of oppression such as racism, sexism, and homophobia. The ultimate effect of this oppression is to define white, straight, young men as normal and human, and to create a global economic system which benefits white men through the exploitation of all other groups of people.

Sexism - the system of oppression which exploits the women’s labor and bodies to give men advantages in every part of life, from workplaces and school classrooms to courtrooms and government institutions.

Ableism - discrimination against people with disabilities, whether that means a loss of educational and employment opportunities, or the lack of accommodations such as closed captioning at movie theatres.

Ageism - discrimination against people who are seniors or minors. Ageism devalues elderly peoples’ contributions in the workplace, and creates a stereotype that old people are less intelligent, less rational, and less beautiful than young people.

Homophobia - the oppression of people who do not identify as heterosexual, or straight. Homophobia comes from the idea that human sexuality is only natural when between members of the opposite sex. Homophobia goes hand in hand with racism and sexism in establishing the idea that straight white males are normal humans, and that all “others” are less than human.

Transphobia - specific discrimination against people who are transgender, whose sense of self and identity does not match the biological sex they were born into. Transphobia is a facet of Homophobia, as transgender people do not fit into the heterosexual concept that gender is directly tied to biological sex.

Xenophobia - the irrational hatred or fear of people from foreign nations.

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