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Satiric film wraps up Hispanic Heritage celebration at Palm Beach Community College

Experts on migrant workers featured for provocative panel discussion

(Oct. 10, 2005 – Lake Worth, FL) Palm Beach Community College is sponsoring a no-holds-barred event Oct. 20 that includes the viewing of the comedic satire, **“A Day Without a Mexican,”** and a panel discussion on the plight of Hispanic immigrants and migrant workers. Participants in the panel discussion following the film are:

- County Civil Division **Judge Nancy Perez**, the daughter of migrant workers
- **Monica Ramirez, Esq.**, attorney with the Migrant Farmworker Justice Project
- **Dr. Timothy J. Steigenga**, associate professor at Florida Atlantic University and board member of Corn-Maya, Inc.
- **Professor Edward Vega**, associate professor of English at Palm Beach Community College and moderator of the panel discussion.

In “A Day Without a Mexican,” Californians wake up to find that one-third of its population (Hispanics) have disappeared, threatening their way of life. The realization that what has disappeared is the very thing that keeps the “California Dream” running – cooks, gardeners, policemen, nannies, doctors, farm and construction workers, entertainers, athletes, as well as the largest growing market of consumers – has turned Latinos and their return into the number one priority in the state.

The Oct. 20 event is free to the public at the Duncan Theatre, PBCC at Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave., at 6:30 p.m. The Hispanic-Jewish Committee is sponsoring the event in partnership with Palm Beach Community College, The American Jewish Committee, Aspira of Florida, the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, and the Glades Initiative. The film is rated R.

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