

## Fox Plays Well in Area

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The time has come to recognize the value of Mexican workers who are here illegally and integrate them into mainstream society, Latino advocates in Washington state said Thursday.

Mexican President Vicente Fox called for an overhaul of U.S. immigration policy during his visit to this country this week.

"We were very encouraged that he's pressing the

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Mexican President Vicente Fox speaks Thursday after securing two loans for \$1.05 billion to be used for small farmers and low-income housing.



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## Bush Bends on Immigration

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WASHINGTON — Answering a relentless lobbying campaign by Mexican President Vicente Fox, President Bush said Thursday for the first time publicly that he is willing to consider a immigration deal that includes permanent residency for at least some of the more than 3 million Mexicans living illegally in

the United States.

Bush offered his latest thinking on the issue shortly after Fox delivered an emotional appeal to a joint session of Congress, urging U.S. lawmakers to embrace a pact to help such immigrants.

Fox reminded his listeners that many of their own families had come from immigrant stock, and he

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