

# Latino groups rap Wilson proposals

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SAN DIEGO - Several Mexican-American rights groups are blaming Gov. Pete Wilson for creating the very immigration problems he is proposing to solve.

During a recent tour of the international border Wilson announced his program for drastic changes in federal immigration laws, which he contends act as a magnet for undocumented migrants wanting to live in the United States.

But the local activists charge Wilson with causing the perceived immigration problems when as a U.S. senator in 1985 he proposed a modified guest worker amendment.

"It is obvious the governor, like every other politician in California, is using the issue as a scapegoat," said Herman Baca, chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights.

He said Wilson is not talking

about the policy he created in 1985 but instead he is using the very immigrants he brought into the U.S. as scapegoats.

Wilson's current proposal calls for a constitutional amendment ending automatic citizenship for children born on U.S. soil to citizens of foreign countries.

He also proposed elimination of federal requirements that states and localities provide health care and education for undocumented immigrants.

Wilson also called on the federal government to issue national identification cards for immigrants seeking government benefits and called on President Clinton to use the North American Free Trade Agreement to pressure Mexico to do more to curb illegal migration from its side of the border.

However, Baca contends Wilson has forgotten that while a California state law proposed, in 1985, to allow the state to

control bill, that western farmers be permitted to have up to 350,000 legally admitted foreign field hands on their payrolls at any given time.

The immigration bill, introduced by then-Sen. Alan Simpson, would levy substantial civil and criminal penalties against employers who knowingly hired illegal aliens.

Wilson's modified version of a guest worker amendment proposed in the Senate was passed

Although Wilson has denied he is using illegal immigration as a campaign issue, Baca said the governor is playing with fire and as a result will lose the vote of about 35 percent of the state's population.

"It is obvious the proposals of politicians are nothing but political ploys at the state and local levels to blame a segment of society they themselves brought in,

# Immigration blockade hasn't helped El Paso

By DEBBIE NATHAN

**O**NE morning late last month, El Paso woke up to the rude realities of this country's anti-immigrant attitudes. A surprise Border Patrol action — "Operation Blockade" — slapped 400 agents and dozens of government vehicles and helicopters onto the 20-mile stretch of border dividing El Paso from its Mexican sister, Juarez.

From the beginning, the blockade seemed excessive, even obsessive — but not surprising given the overheated rhetoric on immigration.

California's Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, seeking political brownie points, wants to deny citizenship to the U.S.-born children of undocumented foreigners. Democratic Sens. Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein have jumped onto the hysterical bandwagon by urging the National Guard to the border. President Clinton chimed in that we need more Border Patrol agents.

Anti-immigrant rhetoric has always flowed fast and loose whenever this country suffers economically. But everybody suffers when this cheap talk turns to costly deeds, as it has in El Paso.

The 1.5 million people who live in El Paso and Juarez have traditionally maintained a laissez-faire attitude about immigration. The cities are yards apart, and most people have business associates, friends and relatives in both. Residents continually cross back and forth to socialize, dine and shop. Many Mexicans who can't afford crossing documents go north anyway, to take care of El Paso's children and elderly and tend houses and gardens.

Before the blockade, these undocumented workers constituted a vital part of the local economy and culture. They played cat-and-mouse with the Border Patrol, who roam the city

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stopping people for questioning and arresting as many as 1,000 daily. Detainees were booted back to Juarez, but after a few tries they managed to dodge the Border Patrol and make it to work. These days, with the border hermetically sealed, almost nobody gets across.

Up to now, El Paso leaders have worried mainly about the region's grinding poverty, its polluted environment and how ever-increasing trade between the two countries was affecting these problems. One recent proposal recommended rethinking the border so that El Paso and Juarez could function as a unified metropolitan area. A conference of urban planners endorsed the idea, as did a congress of community leaders.

Operation Blockade has sabotaged that vision. Suddenly, El Paso has bought into the political mythology that immigrants are the problem and sealing borders the solution. The blockade would rid the city of beggars, thieves and "transvestite prostitutes," said its architect, local Border Patrol chief Silvestre Reyes. Many El Paso residents were ecstatic, tying ribbons — green, like Border Patrol uniforms — to their car antennas and bringing donuts to the blockade.

But beneath the euphoria runs a barely concealed current of racism, nationalism and resentment against poor people. El Paso residents — even Hispanics — said they liked Operation Blockade because their taxes would no longer be wasted on "illegal alien" freeloaders at the food stamp office and county hospital. Letter writers

began sneering at the community leaders' vision of a borderless twin city. People who publicly questioned the blockade got obscene calls. A dissident attorney's yard was vandalized.

In Juarez, Mexicans separated from their jobs stood at the river, in shock. Then spontaneous demonstrations erupted on the international bridges. People screaming "We want work!" halted traffic, provoking phalanxes of Border Patrol agents and Mexican police with riot helmets, night sticks and gas masks.

Stones were thrown. An agent was hit. The Border Patrol drew its guns. A Juarez political group burned U.S. flags and Uncle Sam pinatas. "Burn, gringo, burn! Let all Yankees die!" they yelled.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service began subjecting legal crossers to draconian inspections. Juarez business groups urged a boycott of El Paso. The downtown area — normally the most prosperous shopping area in the city — looked like a ghost town, with sales in most stores down 40 percent to 90 percent. Juarez trade also plummeted as visitors shied a way from the unrest.

Ironically, El Paso's police note that Operation Blockade has not caused a significant drop in crime. The welfare offices are as busy as ever, so is the county hospital. The wizened beggar ladies are off the streets, but so are the younger women who cared for El Paso kids so their mothers could go to work.

The blockade continues, and Reyes plans to go to Washington to request more funding. Before he gets there, El Paso — and this country — should realize that Operation Blockade is nothing but a nasty exercise in xenophobia. It can never replace constructive answers to real community problems.



**Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc**

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Ms. Janet Reno, U.S. attorney General  
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The Committee on Chicano Rights, (CCR) is hereby requesting that the Department of Justice investigate and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, California state Governor Pete Wilson for the hiring of undocumented housekeeper in 1970. This in direct violation of federal immigration law (harboring and transporting) and social security laws. We call on the U.S. Department of Justice to prosecute Governor Pete Wilson for violation of federal laws in light of:

- 1) His continually calls for control of the U.S./Mexico border and strict enforcement of this country's immigration laws by the federal government.
- 2) His filing of numerous frivolous lawsuits on behalf of the state of California against the federal government for reimbursement for the state cost in providing services to undocumented persons in this country who are in violation of federal immigration laws.
- 3) His call for changes to the 14th amendment of the U.S. constitution to deny citizenship to children of undocumented persons who are in this country in violation of federal immigration law.
- 4) His call to deny (under Prop. 187) persons who are in violation of federal immigration law any form of assistance, or health care.

It is our position that Gov. Pete Wilson should be prosecuted and unlike Pontius Pilate 2,000 years ago should not be allowed to wash his hands, or walk away for his blatant violation of federal laws. What he has called for....strict adherence and strict enforcement of the law, should now be applied to him in the strongest and fullest extent of the law.

We await your response;

*Herman Baca*  
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For Immediate Press Release

May 5, 1995

INDICTMENT OF GOVERNOR PETE WILSON CALLED FOR!

National City, CA....The Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR) today accused Gov. Pete Wilson of not only being a hypocrite and law breaker (see enclosed article) for his hiring of a Mexican housekeeper in 1978, but also of being a liar. Herman Baca, President of the CCR accused Gov. Wilson of "not only breaking federal laws, but also of breaking California state law". According to Baca "Wilson was fully aware that he was in violation of California state law which prohibited the hiring of undocumented workers under the states Dixon Arnett law". "A law which Wilson voted for in 1971 when he was a state assemblyman". The published reports that the guru of the "Mexican bashing" movement stands accused of violating the law said Baca "should prove to the U.S. public that Wilson besides being a hypocrite, liar and law breaker is using the so-called immigration issue for purely political purposes, and has nothing to do with his call for strict enforcement of the nations immigration laws, or controll of the U.S./Mexico border". "In fact Wilson has been exposed for he really is, a utilizer like so much of U.S. society of cheap Mexican labor". "The same Mexican laborers that Wilson legislated into a "workers program" in 1987, and the same workers he and the right wing "scapegoated" to pass Prop. 187, and the same workers he is utilizing to jump start his dead in the water presidential campaign". The public stated Baca "should to end the political hypocrisy by politicians ask how much was Wilson paying his maid, how many hours was she working?, and if Wilson really believes that Mexican immigrants steal jobs, utilize educational and social services, and that U.S. workers should all carry a national I.D. card then why did he not hire a white U.S. maid?"

In conluding Baca stated "that the CCR has requested (see letter) that the U.S. Department of Justice investigate Wilson for evasion of social security tax laws, labor laws, and immigration laws (harboring and transporting), and that Wilson be charged and prosecuted to the strongest and fullest extent under the law".

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# Wilson maid in late '70s was an illegal

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Gov. Pete Wilson, who has made clear he intends to make illegal immigration a major issue in his campaign for president, hired a housekeeper who was apparently in the country illegally in the late 1970s when he was mayor of San Diego, the governor's office confirmed yesterday.

Although it was not against the law to knowingly hire an illegal immigrant at the time, Wilson also failed to pay the housekeeper's Social Security taxes as required by law.

In a written statement issued yesterday, the Republican governor said he was unaware that Josefina Klag of Tijuana had no immigration papers when he and his former wife, Betty, hired her in 1978. He said he and his former wife would make back payments, with interests and penalties, of about \$3,000.

"I can categorically state that I have never knowingly employed an illegal immigrant and never intentionally failed to make payment of the employer's contribution to Social Security for an employee," said the governor.

Wilson stressed that federal law did not require employers to verify workers' residency status until 1986.

He added, "It was a very long time ago, but if I had known at the time that Ms. Klag wasn't a legal resident, we would not have hired her. Having said that, Betty and I are taking the necessary steps to determine and satisfy our obligation to pay Social Security taxes and penalties. We will pay them fully and expeditiously based upon our shared responsibility."

The disclosure comes at a most inopportune time for Wilson, who was in New York yesterday and not

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'I employed Josefina,'  
Wilson's ex-wife says

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available for comment.

He is expected to formally declare his candidacy for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination before the end of the month and has already been trying out illegal immigration, which proved such a cutting-edge issue in California last year, on the national stage.

Written statements from Wilson and his legal advisers were issued yesterday in response to inquiries from *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* about rumors the governor may have violated immigration laws.

Documents indicate that Klag was hired to work for the Wilsons early in 1978, but did not become a legal resident of the United States until more than a year later. She continued to work for Wilson's ex-wife, now Betty Hosie of San Diego, for a number of years after the couple's 1981 divorce.

Apparently, Hosie called the situation to the attention of John Davies, Wilson's close friend and per-

sonal attorney, as the governor's presidential candidacy began to take shape.

Davies wrote in a memo to the governor, also released yesterday, that, "I infer that news reports of your possible presidential candidacy may have caused Betty to focus on this matter, resulting in her call."

In a written statement, the governor's former wife said she did not learn of the Social Security tax requirement until several years after the divorce, but took no action.

She said: "I never asked her if she was in the country legally and she never gave me cause to believe otherwise. I employed Josefina; my husband did not. I do not recall ever discussing her legal status with him. Sometime in the mid-1980s, after our divorce, I became aware I had an obligation to contribute to Social Security on behalf of Josefina. When I did learn of my obligation, I continued to procrastinate and did not seek to correct my delinquency until recently. I called the governor's office. I had never previously disclosed this to the governor."

Two friends of Klag told the *Post* that the housekeeper was upset at Wilson's championing of last year's Proposition 187 illegal immigration initiative.

Whether the situation will become a major liability for Wilson's still unofficial presidential campaign is unclear, but it comes as an embarrassment just as the governor is attempting to vault into the top tier of Republican contenders after making a belated entry into the race.

Wilson was instrumental in making illegal immigration a front-and-center political issue in California in recent years by harshly criticizing the Clinton administration for failing to control the nation's borders. He also filed lawsuits against the federal government seeking reimbursement for the state's costs of providing services to people who are not in the country legally.

The governor was an outspoken supporter of Proposition 187, which passed overwhelmingly last November and is being challenged in court. The Save Our State initiative would deny public education and all but emergency health care to illegal immigrants if upheld.

Problems with illegal immigrant employees have torpedoed a succession of nominees to high positions in the Clinton administration and plagued the unsuccessful U.S. Senate campaign last year of Republican Michael Huffington and his rival, Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

# Wilson works on damage control

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Gov. Pete Wilson's fledgling presidential campaign scrambled to defuse its first crisis yesterday as opponents revealed in the news that the self-styled champion of immigration reform once hired a Mexican maid who was in the United States illegally.

The Wilson campaign yesterday patted itself on the back for its forthrightness in releasing information about the housekeeper and Wilson's failure to pay Social Security taxes on her as required by law. The disclosure came after reporters inquired about the situation.

"The woods are full of politicians who try to bury things like this, but, characteristically, Pete Wilson has taken it head-on," said Wilson's new campaign chairman, Craig Fuller.

"He has made as full a disclosure as is possible without independent verification of the housekeeper's status and has committed to paying all back taxes as expeditiously as possible."

Rival Republican presidential candidates were less charitable.

"Pete Wilson has made a career out of saying one thing and doing another," said Don McLaughan, press secretary for former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander. "Saying he's inconsistent is like saying the sun's going to rise in the east tomorrow. It doesn't surprise anybody."

Neutral political analysts varied sharply in their assessment of the impact of the disclosure on Wilson's still-unofficial campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Some dismissed it as a fleeting controversy that would be long forgotten by the time voters begin paying attention to the campaign for president.

But others speculated that it would undermine one of the central planks of Wilson's candidacy and badly damage his credibility in the presidential arena.

"The minute he opens his mouth and talks about illegal immigration, people will giggle," said political analyst William Schneider at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington. "Every reporter, every opponent, at every debate they'll say, 'Look at you. You sponsored the guest worker program. You hired an illegal immigrant.'"

On Wednesday, the governor's office issued a series of written statements about Josema Klag, a part-time housekeeper who began working for Wilson and his then-wife, Betty, in 1978 when Wilson was mayor of San Diego. The Wilsons were divorced in 1981.

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In one document, Wilson's former wife, now Betty Hosie of San Diego, took responsibility for hiring the maid and not verifying her residency status.

Hosie also said she did not learn of the Social Security tax requirement until some years after she and Wilson were divorced, and neglected to do anything about it. Wilson and his ex-wife say they owe an estimated \$3,000 in back taxes, penalties and interest.

In another memo, Wilson legal adviser and longtime friend John Davies said Hosie called the matter to the attention of the governor's office in late March, apparently in response to news reports about Wilson's presidential candidacy.

Yesterday, a Wilson legal adviser held a conference call with reporters to brief them on the situation. The legal adviser, a longtime Wilson friend, spoke on condition he not be identified by name.

The legal adviser said that not only was Wilson unaware of his maid's residency status, he was unaware he even had a maid.

"He went to work early in the morning. He never finished until

late at night," he said. "His schedule was just like it is now, so it's entirely likely to me that if he ever did run into her, it would be a very rare occasion."

"Betty took care of the household," he added. "She paid all the bills and she ran the household."

The controversy comes at a time when Wilson's late-starting presidential campaign seems to be having trouble gaining traction.

The governor underwent surgery three weeks ago to have a tiny, benign nodule removed from one of his vocal cords and has been unable to speak above a whisper in public since.

That has forced the delay of his formal announcement of candidacy until close to the end of May.

One political analyst noted that while ordinary voters may not be paying much attention, the political operatives and contributors across the country that Wilson desperately needs are following closely.

"The political pros inside the Beltway, the major institutional contributors are watching this and right now that's the electorate," said political scientist Sherry Bebitch Jeffe at Claremont Graduate School.

"This isn't helpful in the first primary, which is the money primary and the positioning primary."

Others observe that while the Wilson political team may be the best in the business in California, it is playing at a higher and far rough-

er level of competition.

"Even a California governor isn't nearly as exposed as you get in a presidential race," said UCSD political scientist Sam Popkin. "It's not just small-state governors that find out the rules are different in a presidential race."

California Democratic Party Chairman Bill Press held a news conference in front of the governor's Los Angeles office and voiced disbelief at Wilson's claim that he knew nothing of the housekeeper's residency status.

Not only did Wilson claim during last year's re-election campaign that he had never hired an illegal resident, Press said, but he promised he would serve out his term as governor and not run for president.

"I don't believe anything the man says anymore," Press said. "How do I know he's lying? Look at his history. He's running for president, isn't he?"

Last year, when news surfaced that Republican U.S. Senate nominee Michael Huffington had hired an illegal immigrant as a nanny for his two young daughters, Wilson said:

"I can't comment on Mr. Huffington's situation because I don't know



Bill Press

what it is. I have never hired an illegal immigrant, certainly not knowingly."

One Wilson adviser said yesterday that before the 1994 re-election race, campaign researchers looked into the governor's own background in an effort to identify potential liabilities.

Unfortunately, the official conceded, the research into domestic help only went back as far as the mid-1980s, when the federal law prohibiting the hiring of an illegal immigrant took effect.

Wilson advisers dismissed talk that the governor's credibility on the issue of illegal immigration has been compromised.

"Clearly, there are those who hope this will somehow discourage Pete Wilson from continuing to address the serious problem of illegal immigration," said Fuller. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

Republican political strategist Ed Rollins agreed that Wilson would be making a serious mistake to allow the current flap to drastically alter his long-range campaign strategy.

"He would be foolish to drop an issue that has worked so well for him," said Rollins, a former adviser to Huffington. "It may be necessary to add a caveat, 'Look I've had a problem myself,' but still that shouldn't dilute the fact that this country has a major immigration problem."



1975 FILE PHOTO

**Previous marriage:** Pete Wilson and his campaign staff are trying to limit the fallout from the revelation that he and his then-wife, Betty, hired a housekeeper in 1978 who was in the country illegally and they didn't pay the required Social Security taxes.

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# Wilson Flap Underscores Confusion on Immigration

■ **Politics:** Governor attacks illegal immigrants, but hired one in '78. How public will react is unclear.

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Critics accuse them of innumerable evils—swamping our hospitals, crowding our schools, draining our state treasuries. But they also wax our Volvos, pick the tomatoes we eat at the salad bar, dust our pianos and rock our babies to sleep.

Illegal immigrants are the enemy, it seems, but they are also an indispensable, irresistible source of help.

On Thursday, this persistent contradiction in America's relationship with undocumented workers was illuminated once again—this time, by Gov. Pete Wilson. Wilson, who led a hard-edged

assault on illegal immigration while running for reelection last year, revealed that he employed and failed to pay taxes for an undocumented immigrant beginning in 1978. Wilson said he would not have hired the woman if he had known that she had illegally entered the country, and that he

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never intentionally failed to pay Social Security taxes.

Wilson is not the first politician to make this grim-faced disclosure. Mike Huffington saw his bid for the U.S. Senate last year damaged by revelations that he employed an illegal immigrant as a nanny, and

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two candidates for U.S. attorney general—Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood—were dropped after problems surfaced over the status of their domestic help.

Perhaps because it has become commonplace, Wilson's dilemma has kindled debate over just what sort of conduct the public expects from its elected officials.

Opinions vary, but one thing seems clear: The standard for behavior shifts, and people will forgive a lot if they believe that a candidate can make the trains run on time.

"Voters are sufficiently cynical to suspect that politicians' behavior is going to be less than perfect," said Darryl Sragow, a Democratic political consultant. "They think all politicians are self-serving, rule-bending opportunists. . . . They want the system to be fixed, and they vote for whomever they think will fix it."

Perhaps so, but Sragow and other observers believe that elected officials—Wilson among them—ought to do better.

"We must demand that our politicians be law-abiding and consistent in their views," said Kevin Johnson, a professor and immigration specialist at the UC Davis School of Law. "We cannot have politicians who are hypocrites."

Estimates suggest that there are about 4 million illegal immigrants in the United States. About 3 million are employed, with one-third working as household domestics.

Surveys of Californians show that views on immigration are not firmly cast, and are highly dependent on whether the immigration in question is legal or illegal.

In September, a Los Angeles Times poll found that 88% of Californians said illegal immigration was a problem for the state. But a slim plurality said legal immigration was not a problem.

More generally, the public's views on illegal immigration mirror prevailing attitudes toward Congress: People say they love their representative, but loathe the institution.

"People have always had one notion of illegal immigration as a whole, and a very different notion about Jose down the street," said Phillip Martin, a professor of agricultural economics at UC Davis.

Moreover, public perceptions change over time. During recessionary periods, such as the early 1990s, communal anger over illegal immigration rose based on a belief that "foreigners" were stealing jobs or burdening the government. But when Wilson and his former wife hired an undocumented work-

er as a maid back in the 1970s, the climate—and the law—were quite different.

It is difficult to divine whether Wilson will be hurt by the current controversy or whether it will pass. The governor's ex-wife has assumed full blame for the matter, and Wilson's campaign chairman, Craig Fuller, predicted that all would be forgiven:

"Fair-minded people who know the facts of this matter will understand that both the law and our society are very different today than they were 17 years ago," Fuller said in a statement. Hiring undocumented workers, he added, was legal at the time, although the Wilsons were required to make Social Security payments for their maid but failed to do so.

Still, Wilson's actions were different than those committed by Huffington, whose hiring of an undocumented baby-sitter came after federal law explicitly forbade it.

And voters' capacity to pardon is well-documented, as evidenced in recent annals of political history. Ronald Reagan had a messy family life—complete with divorce and estranged children—but he was elected twice and remains immensely popular.

President Clinton had a far heavier load of baggage as a candidate—from his alleged philandering to accusations that he dodged the draft—but managed to land in the Oval Office nonetheless.

If Wilson is harmed by the new controversy, political analysts say, it will be because of his record as an outspoken critic of illegal

immigration. In his gubernatorial campaign last year, Wilson condemned a "flood" of illegal immigrants and their burden on society. And he has promised to raise the issue again in his 1996 White House bid.

"Politicians have exploited the immigration issue endlessly, and if there is a No. 1 offender, it's Pete Wilson," said Lisa Navarrete of the National Council of La Raza, a Latino advocacy group in Washington. "With this revelation . . . we know for sure he's a total hypocrite on this issue."

Latino activists in Los Angeles echoed that view:

"For a policy leader who purports to have a thorough and sophisticated understanding of undocumented immigration to profess ignorance of the hiring of a member of his household . . . strains credulity," said a statement from

the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Even fellow Republicans were chiding Wilson on Thursday. Harold Ezell, former western regional commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, lamented the governor's "double standard" and said a policy of zero tolerance on illegal immigration must be enforced.

"You can't have your cake and eat it too," Ezell said. "If you're going to really be true to your convictions—and if you really believe illegal immigration is a bad thing—then you have to say, 'Look, I'm going to do everything I can to make sure illegals don't get my money.'"

"Anything else perpetuates the system."

Times political writer Cathleen Decker contributed to this story from Los Angeles.



# HOY en el cond...

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*Ex esposa de Wilson le pidió que guardara silencio", declaró una fuente*

## Otros dos indocumentados habrían trabajado con Wilson

Por Lillian De La Torre

El gobernador Pete Wilson continúa en medio de una tormenta política que ha puesto en duda su posibilidad de competir por la nominación del Partido Republicano para las elecciones de 1996.

De acuerdo a una extensa investigación realizada por San Diego HOY, se logró establecer que el nombre verdadero de la persona indocumentada que empleó el gobernador Pete Wilson y su ex esposa Betti, cuando era alcalde de San Diego, es Josefina Delgado y no Klag como se ha manejado en los distintos medios de comunicación desde que se dio a conocer la noticia.

De acuerdo a amistades y familiares que han pedido que se omita su nombre, por lo menos otras dos personas indocumentadas (un jardinero y una empleada doméstica) trabajaron para la familia Wilson entre finales de 1978 y principios de 1979.

De acuerdo a la información proporcionada, Josefina Delgado, que tiene su domicilio en la ciudad de Tijuana, Baja California, recibió, durante un mes, llamadas telefónicas que le han puesto en grave estado nervioso, ya que según lo que la propia Josefina expresó a sus amistades, es que "tiene miedo porque él (el gobernador) es muy poderoso".

Una amiga cercana de Josefina, que también tiene su domicilio en Tijuana, afirmó que al enterarse de la noticia, "ella me dijo esta mañana que estaba dispuesta a hablar con la verdad porque ellos (los republicanos) ya la tenían harta con tantas llamadas".

En un documento, dado a conocer ayer, el gobernador Pete Wilson aseguró ni él ni su esposa Betti sabían que Josefina Klag (Delgado) no tenía los documentos migratorios necesarios para trabajar en los Estados Unidos, y agregó que él y su ex esposa están dispuestos a pagar alrededor de tres mil dólares en multas e intereses que esa situación haya generado.

"Yo puedo afirmar categóricamente que yo nunca, sabiéndolo, he empleado a un inmigrante ilegal, y nunca intencionalmente dejé de hacer los pagos al Seguro Social, que como patrón, me correspondía hacer para un empleado", dijo el gobernador.

Pero las declaraciones de los familiares y amigos de Josefina contradicen rotundamente el mensaje dado a conocer por Pete Wilson.

La compañera de vivienda de Josefina, que trabaja haciendo limpiezas en diferentes sectores de la ciudad, que fue entrevistada en La Jolla, aseguró que, "cuando Betti (la ex esposa del gobernador) le habló por teléfono (a Josefina) para pedirle que no dijera nada al respecto y para decirle que le iban a

pagar el dinero que le debían por el Seguro Social, Josefina estaba sorprendida porque ella todo el tiempo pensó que sí habían pagado su Seguro Social. Al enterarse de que no era así, ella (Josefina) le preguntó a Betti que cómo le iba a hacer con la multa de los impuestos y Betti le dijo que no se preocupara, y que cuando recibiera la multa (del IRS), ellos la pagarían".

"Betti también le dijo a Josefina que estaban buscando al jardinero, ya que éste tampoco tenía documentos cuando trabajó en la casa, en ese mismo periodo", agregó la fuente de La Jolla. "El (Pete Wilson) y su esposa (Betti) sí sabían (que era indocumentada), inclusive Josefina le entregó su Seguro Social cuando lo recibió (una vez que obtuvo su residencia legal) y la esposa (Betti) se quedó con el por mucho tiempo. Cuando Josefina se lo pidió a Betti, ella le dijo que no era necesario usarlo".

Adicionalmente, la fuente que se encontraba trabajando en un condominio en La Jolla, indicó a San Diego HOY que su amiga Josefina le expresó a la ex esposa del gobernador su preocupación por los impuestos.

Continúa diciendo la compañera de vivienda de Josefina: "La ex esposa (Betti) del gobernador le habló a ella hace como un mes a mi casa para pedirle que, por favor no dijera nada. Ella quería que Josefina le prometiera que no iba a decir nada (acerca de que había trabajado con ellos) para entonces comunicárselo al gobernador, ya que la esposa le dijo que Wilson no quería afectar (a Josefina) de ninguna manera".

De acuerdo a la versión del periódico Washington Post del jueves 4 de mayo, Josefina Klag (Delgado) recibió su documentación migratoria para trabajar en los Estados Unidos tras

contra el matrimonio con un ciudadano americano.

Sin embargo, una familiar de Josefina Delgado, consultada en Chula Vista, indicó que, "no puedo creer que digan que estuvo casada, ella nunca ha estado casada. Ese apellido (Klag) no tengo ni idea por qué lo inventaron. Casi estoy segura que Wilson dijo que ella (Josefina) estaba casada con un ciudadano americano para que todos pensarán que fue así como obtuvo su residencia legal, cuando la verdad es que el mismo Wilson la ayudó a obtener sus documentos legales. El supo de su situación todo el tiempo".

Otra familia coincide en lo anterior. "No sé por qué están (los periódicos) usando el apellido ese (Klag). Una pariente de ella (de Josefina) también trabajó para él y no tenía papeles en ese entonces".

Desde antes de que este asunto se hiciera público, los familiares de Josefina en El Monte, California, han recibido llamadas telefónicas de miembros del Partido Republicano, aseguró la familiar entrevistada en Chula Vista.

La fuente consultada en Chula Vista señaló que, "alguien del Partido Republicano ya les habló. Ellos están muy molestos porque eso es intimidación, inclusive uno de ellos parece que fue a buscar asesoría legal con un grupo de Los Angeles".

Incluso, agregó, "Josefina recibió las llamadas (del Partido Republicano) para pedirle los nombres y números de teléfono de las personas que sabían lo que estaba pasando (que había trabajado sin documentos en la casa de los Wilson)".

Una sobrina que se comunicó a la redacción de este diario, indicó que "alguien me llamó para preguntarme si sabía algo (acerca de la situación de Josefina) pero

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**"El (Pete Wilson) y su esposa (Betti) sí sabían (que era indocumentada), inclusive Josefina le entregó su Seguro Social cuando lo recibió (una vez que obtuvo su residencia legal) y la esposa (Betti) se quedó con el por mucho tiempo. Cuando Josefina se lo pidió a Betti, ella le dijo que no era necesario usarlo".**

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nunca regresé la llamada, porque no dejaban de hablarme. Ni siquiera puedo contestar mi teléfono desde hace tiempo por todo este asunto", declaró la sobrina que reside en San Diego.

Las fuentes consultadas externaron su preocupación por Josefina al hacerse pública la noticia, y expresaron su disgusto al enterarse de que el gobernador no sabía nada al respecto. "El siempre supo, no sé por qué ahora la ex esposa se está culpando", concluyó la fuente de La Jolla. ■

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# CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

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May 5, 1995

Governor Pete Wilson  
State Capitol  
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Dear Governor:

You owe the people of California a full explanation and disclosure on the hiring of an illegal maid (and possibly others).

You did break the law - act like a real man and admit that you failed to pay taxes and social security on Josefa Delgado (also uses the names of Josefina and Klag) and take full responsibility.

Stop denying that during the period of Spring of 1978 through the Spring of 1981 (three years) that you never met her or knew she worked for you.

Pete, she was not an exchange student from Tijuana.

To give a full disclosure of this specific matter, you should:

1. With Betty, hold a news conference and give the complete story.
2. Release all the records (pay records, pay stubs, check copies, employment paperwork, green card, etc.)
3. Immediately pay the back taxes you owe.

The people of California deserve nothing less.

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I have a short statement, and then I'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

About a month ago, my ex-wife, Betty Mosie, contacted my Chief of Staff, Bob White, because she was concerned about her failure to withhold social security taxes from a cleaning lady whom she hired to come to our house for one-day-a-week beginning sometime in the late 1970s.

It was a complete surprise to me that we hadn't withheld social security, and I wanted to learn all the facts as quickly as possible. So, I asked John Davies, a mutual friend of Betty and mine, to look into the matter and determine what we needed to do to meet our obligations to social security.

In the course of his review, John learned that this cleaning lady, whose name we believe is Josefina Klag, told a third party that she might have been in the country illegally -- perhaps even during the first year that she cleaned our home.

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It was the first I heard that there might be any question about this cleaning lady's legal status. And we're still unable to confirm her legal status.

I certainly never would have employed this woman if Betty and I had known she was in the country illegally -- if in fact she was.

I also never intentionally failed to withhold social security taxes. That was a serious oversight on our part. And as soon as we determine the exact amount of taxes, penalties and interest owed, Betty and I will pay it. We have an accountant at work on it now.

Some of you have asked about other household help we've had over the years. And unfortunately, I don't know the answer to that question. But I'm eager to put this issue to rest.

That's why, I've asked John Davies to take a leave of absence from state service to do a thorough review of every individual who's done any household work for my family, and report all the details back to me as soon as possible. When John completes his review, I'll share all the facts with you, just as I did in this case.

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## Wilson aides do damage control

By Amy Chance and Ken Chavez  
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With his presidential prospects at stake, Gov. Pete Wilson sought Thursday to contain the political damage done by news that he employed an undocumented immigrant as a housekeeper in the 1970s and failed to pay the required Social Security taxes to the federal government.

His supporters predicted the issue will blow over quickly, but Democratic Party leaders seized the disclosure as evidence of Wilson's hypocrisy on illegal immigration, a subject he made the cornerstone of his 1994 re-election campaign.

Questioned on the campaign trail last year about GOP U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington's employment of an undocumented nanny, Wilson told reporters: "I have never hired an illegal immigrant, certainly not knowingly, and I will simply say that I have not."

Wilson campaign aides said their own research into the question went back only to the late 1980s, when a federal law took effect requiring employers to verify the legal status of their workers.

Political consultants of both major parties said the incident isn't likely to prove immediately fatal to Wilson's fledgling presidential campaign. They said, however, that it could serve to undermine his credibility and prove a nagging distraction as he seeks to cultivate support and raise money.

Wilson's office and campaign headquarters dispatched aides under cover of anonymity Thursday to bolster his case that the Republican governor has no memory

In her statement, Hosié took full responsibility for hiring and paying Klag. "The house was my responsibility, not his," she said. "He rarely even saw Josefina before he moved out of the house in 1981."

Wilson aides also stressed that the governor didn't violate any federal hiring law - at the time employers were not required to verify the legal status of their workers. State law at the time, they said, made it illegal for employers to "knowingly" hire

an undocumented immigrant "if such employment would have an adverse effect on lawful resident workers."

As Wilson's re-election campaign drew to a close last year, aides to Democratic nominee Kathleen Brown and the state Democratic Party were aware Wilson had a potential problem but did not use the issue against him.

"We did spend some time last fall trying to track it down," said Steve Smith, political director for the state Democratic Party. "We tried. No one could ever confirm the time frame. We could get no details. So we didn't run with it."

But Democratic Party Chairman Bill Press ran with the issue Thursday, sending a letter to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno demanding that Wilson be treated by the justice system "like any other common criminal."

Senate President Pro Tem Bill Lockyer, D-Hayward, predicted the incident "will be a virus that infects his campaign for the course of the year."

Smith predicted voters will also be troubled by Wilson's focus on his former wife's responsibilities in the matter, noting that Huffington also stressed his wife made the decision to hire an undocumented immigrant when the issue arose in his Senate race last year.

"It's the Huffington defense all over again," Smith said. "Are there any men left in the Republican Party? Anything goes wrong, they blame their wives."

Wilson's campaign chairman, Craig Fuller, issued a statement saying the incident will not prevent Wilson from discussing "the serious problem of illegal immigration" and suggested media focus on the issue could work to his advantage.

"Frankly," said Fuller, "the American people are a lot more concerned about a federal government that spends their hard-earned tax dollars on services for illegal immigrants in 1995 than they are about a once-a-week housekeeper who was legally hired almost 20 years ago."

Democratic Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, however, said Wilson's larger political problem is his failure to pay his taxes.

"It's difficult to believe, frankly, that you are not at least conscious that somebody's working in your house and they're being paid something and you're not reporting it," Brown said. "He's a lawyer."

Others said they found it easy to believe Wilson never knew the woman was in his employ.

"I can barely remember my first marriage," quipped GOP political consultant Sal Russo, who predicted voters will quickly understand that times were different in the late 1970s, and prove less interested in an issue that has cropped up for several political candidates and potential Clinton administration appointees.

"It's happened too many times," he said. "The first time, it seemed like a scandal. Now it seems like everybody did that."

Alex Castellanos, media consultant to GOP presidential candidate Sen. Phil Gramm, agreed the issue may have limited impact.

"This thing's been beaten to death, and I don't think most people really care about it. I think some people will see that Pete Wilson is saying, 'Do as I say and not as I do.' Live by illegal aliens, die by illegal aliens. But I think all this really does is disqualify Pete Wilson from a high position in the Clinton administration."

Klag worked for the couple for about three years before Wilson moved out of the condominium and then legally separated from his wife in 1981. After the divorce, Hosié continued to employ the woman until sometime in 1992.

Upon learning of the call from his former wife in March, Wilson ordered longtime friend and adviser John Davies to investigate the matter. According to a Davies memo, he asked Teresa Faucher, a bookkeeper and tax preparer, to review the Social Security tax issue.

Faucher spoke with Klag by telephone at least twice. It was during her second interview with the housekeeper that Klag revealed she had not been a legal U.S. resident for at least the first year she worked for Wilson and his ex-wife.

Wilson's anonymous adviser said it has yet to be determined how much in back taxes the governor owes the federal government. In his memo, Davies estimated it would be about \$3,000, but the start date of Klag's employment is uncertain.

The Governor's Office does not know Klag's Social Security number, Wilson's adviser said. "She's very frightened," said the source. "She is reluctant to give out any information at all."

It is also uncertain whether Klag is now a legal resident. Davies said she told Faucher she obtained a green card - a legal residency permit - on March 19, 1979 but that has not been verified.

but his former wife hired housekeeper Josefina Klag to clean their condominium. At the time, Wilson was mayor of San Diego.

In statements released by the Governor's Office, Wilson and his former wife, Betty Hosié, said they only recently became aware that Klag was an undocumented immigrant. But Hosié acknowledged learning of the tax liability issue sometime in the mid-1980s.

When told about the information Wilson's former wife revealed to the Governor's Office in late March, an aide who asked not to be identified said Wilson was stunned and uttered the words, "I can't believe it."

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# Wilson Says He Doesn't Recall Maid

## Scramble to get campaign on track

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By Robert B. Gunnison and Kenneth J. Garcia  
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Governor Wilson says he has "no recollection" of his Mexican cleaning woman whose \$3,000 of unpaid Social Security taxes and illegal-immigrant status have thrust his planned presidential campaign into turmoil.

As Democratic and Republican rivals for the presidential nomination delighted in Wilson's sudden woes, the governor's aides and press advisers yesterday began a major counter-offensive to blunt the controversy.

Wilson admitted Wednesday that he and his former wife had not paid Social Security taxes for Josefina Klag, who worked in the condominium where he lived while he was mayor of San Diego. But Sean Walsh, Wilson's press secretary, told reporters yesterday that Wilson cannot remember the woman.

"He doesn't even recall that there was a person who did come to clean the house," Walsh said. "He has no recollection of this individual."

The governor, who plans to formally announce his presidential bid by the end of the month, returned to Sacramento yesterday from New York and Brighton but made no public comments.

The disclosure swept through Wilson's office yesterday like a storm. Suddenly, Dan Rather and other journalists were calling Mexican television stations for a search for Klag, who is said to be living in Tijuana.

One Wilson adviser said Klag has so far refused to produce any documents that would clarify her immigration status during the late 1970s. And Wilson's former wife said she did not ask Klag whether she was in the United States legally when she was hired.

In 1976, there were no employer sanctions under federal immigration law, and it was not illegal for the Wilsons to employ an undocumented worker. But tax laws did require them to file and pay Social Security and other employment taxes.

Wilson said he and his ex-wife, Betty Hosie of La Jolla, would make a back payment "expeditiously." He estimated their payment, including penalties and interest, to be about \$3,000. Hosie may have to pay more for the years Klag continued to work for her after her divorce from Wilson.

Hosie has taken the blame for the controversy, saying that she, not her husband, hired Klag.

For opponents of Wilson, perhaps the nation's most vocal opponent of illegal immigration, the situation was a political feast.

"It destroys any shred of credibility he had left," said state Democratic Party Chairman Bill Press, who asked U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to conduct an investigation into the matter. "This will kill Pete Wilson."

Former Education Secretary William Bennett, a Republican who crossed swords with the governor last year by opposing California's anti-illegal immigrant ballot measure Proposition 187, criticized Wilson's response. "Say you made a mistake. . . . Don't say she did it, she did it," Bennett said.

"This is not what I would call virtue Republicanism. It really isn't manly, which I think something men should try to do."

"I hope the illegal aliens die by illness," said Sen. Alan Castellano, a Democrat, in a letter to Sen. Phil Gray, a rival for the GOP presidential nomination.

Declared Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, "The governor's real problem is the failure to pay taxes. Little-bitty people pay their taxes. He knew the payment was not made. He signed the tax returns. He's a lawyer."

Others point out that Wilson's vehement opposition to illegal immigration has made his political position extremely vulnerable following the disclosure about Klag. Last fall, he was the most visible

supporter of Proposition 187, which cuts government services for illegal immigrants, and he has promised to make a national issue of the federal government's failure to protect the borders.

"How can voters possibly be expected to trust this man?" asked state Senator Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles.

"If we ever needed any evidence that Wilson's anti-immigrant agenda was cynical, hypocritical and opportunistic, we have the evidence now," said Charles Kamasaki, a vice president of the National Council of La Raza, a Washington lobbying group for Mexican Americans.

Dan Schnur, Wilson's campaign spokesman, brushed aside such arguments.

"The governor has been a leader in the fight to crack down on illegal immigration for several years," he said. "And ultimately, that's going to mean a lot more to the voters than a part-time housekeeper who was hired legally almost 20 years ago."

Last fall, when it was reported that Richard Nixon, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, had hired a nanny who was in the country illegally and had not paid her Social Security taxes, Wilson said Americans should not hire such workers.

"I never hired an immigrant, certainly not knowingly, and I will simply state that I haven't and obviously people should not," he said in October in San Francisco. "That's the law. And the law should be enforced."

Wilson's advisers said that because Wilson had no recollection of even having a maid in San Diego, there was no reason for him to think that he might be guilty of making the same mistake.

"He was obtuse to the fact that she existed," said Ken Khachigian, a senior adviser to Wilson. "He can't even remember her."

Although Khachigian admitted that it is hard to believe Wilson would never see a person who worked in his house for three years, he said that the workaholic traits of the former San Diego mayor may have made that possible.



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The issue of public officials hiring illegal immigrants and paying Social Security taxes for them has been on the rise since Zoe Baird, President Clinton's first choice for attorney general, was forced to turn down the nomination after it was discovered that she had employed an undocumented worker and did not pay taxes for her. Now, it is considered standard for politicians to thoroughly search their record so that they do not raise issues on which they might be vulnerable.

"That kind of inattentiveness

from such a detail-oriented person as Pete Wilson is hard to believe at best and cynical at worst," said John Whitehurst, a political consultant who worked on Democrat Kathleen Brown's gubernatorial campaign staff.

"It all comes down to an issue of character," Whitehurst said. "People just have a hard time believing that a person who rode an anti-illegal-immigration theme would never have bothered to check."

"Any politician running for such a high office would have taken the time to look," agreed one Republican strategist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "It shows a great deal of arrogance and hypocrisy on the issue of illegal immigration."

Several veteran consultants said rumors about Wilson's possible use of an illegal immigrant have swirled for years but could not be confirmed because Hosie refused to cooperate.

Hosie, who has remarried, could not be reached for comment yesterday. However, on Wednesday she told the Washington Post that "I've avoided the press for 15 years, (and) I'm not talking now."

The housekeeper told Wilson aides that she was given a green card to work legally in the United States on March 19, 1979.

Sources at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service told the Los Angeles Times that they have a record of a 52-year-old woman named Josefa Klag, who was issued a green card on the same date. The records indicate that woman was also known as Josefa Delgado, and she became a "permanent legal resident" in 1979 because of her marriage to a U.S. citizen.

Court papers in San Diego list a Josepha Klag marrying Kirk Klag on Dec. 28, 1978, and filing for divorce two weeks later. Records report that the divorce was not final until 1990.

Chronicle wire services contributed to this report.

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Finally, let me just say that there are two important facts that have sometimes been lost in the media coverage here: First, the report that this woman was in the country illegally when Betty hired her, is unconfirmed. We have tried, but been unable, to verify the facts of this woman's legal residency. And second, when Betty had hired this woman 17 years ago to help with housecleaning one day a week, there was no legal requirement to ask about her legal residency and we had absolutely no reason to do so.

Nonetheless, I've tried to be as forthright as possible with the media throughout this. And that's why I'm here today to answer your questions to the best of my ability.

I will say that I have enough faith in the voters that, if they're fair-minded and take time to view the facts, they'll put this in the context in which it belongs.

Those opponents of immigration reform who think they can use this against me to silence the debate on illegal immigration are mistaken. The voters are far more concerned with how the federal government is failing to control our borders today, than with who was hired 17 years ago to help with the housework.

I don't think this will have any serious impact on my campaign for president, or my ability to bring change as governor.

Now, I'd be happy to answer some of your questions. When my throat goes, John Davies will try to answer any additional questions you have.

# Wilson Unsure Former Housekeeper Was Illegal

■ **Politics:** He says records are lacking and he doesn't know status of some ex-employees. He admits he may owe Social Security.

By DAVE LESHER  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO—Gov. Pete Wilson, appearing frustrated at his inability to fully explain a damaging political controversy, told reporters Friday he is still uncertain whether he has ever hired an illegal immigrant housekeeper or whether he might possibly have employed more than one.

Wilson acknowledged that in the late 1970s, while he was mayor of San Diego, he and his ex-wife hired a housekeeper from Mexico who may have been working in the United States illegally.

He also said he may have committed a "serious dereliction" in not paying Social Security taxes for the employee.

But he said he is having trouble ascertaining the facts because his memory is vague, the housekeeper



Associated Press

Gov. Wilson discusses the case at Sacramento news conference.

is not cooperating and there are no employment records.

"We really do not know what the facts are," Wilson said, in discussing the issue for the first time publicly. "We were under the impression she was a citizen. . . .

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# WILSON: Governor Uncertain Housekeeper Was Illegal

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Clearly, if we had known [she was working illegally], we would not have employed this woman."

The governor said he has initiated an investigation of all his former domestic employees. A longtime friend who will head the review, attorney John Davies of San Diego, estimated that there are two to five former housekeepers whose work status is still not known.

Wilson spoke with difficulty in a soft and raspy voice, demonstrating how seriously he considers the issue by violating a doctor's orders to avoid strenuous speaking after a minor throat surgery three weeks ago.

The governor was unruffled in answering tough questions that could prove pivotal to the presidential campaign he hopes to launch officially later this month. To a room packed with state and national reporters, he also issued a firm warning to the opponents he suspects of leaking the controversy to the press by saying that it will not prevent him from seeking the White House or from continuing his high-profile fight against illegal immigration.

"One thing that I want to make clear is that those who are skulking in the shadows feeding this information, if they are entertaining the hope . . . that this would in some way silence the debate on immigration, they are woefully mistaken," Wilson said. "I intend to continue to demand reform for the people of my state and all states."

Wilson said he first learned about the possibility that he employed an illegal immigrant housekeeper last month after a call to his office from his former wife, Betty Hosie. Hosie, who was divorced from Wilson in 1983, said in a statement that she wanted to alert the governor that she did not pay Social Security taxes for the housekeeper, Josefina Klag.

When Klag was contacted by a Wilson aide, she said that she was not issued a green card to work legally in the U.S. until March, 1979. Klag said she started working for the Wilsons about a year earlier, in 1978.

But the governor said others—his former wife and a family friend—have indicated that the woman might not have worked at his home until after March, 1979, when she was apparently a legal U.S. worker.

Wilson also emphasized that it was not illegal to unknowingly employ an undocumented worker before 1986. His staff also said there was no requirement that employers ask for proof of legal status.

keeper goes by the names Josefina and Josefa, Klag and Delgado.

If Klag worked in the Wilsons' home for three years before the couple's legal separation in 1981—as Klag told the governor's office—Davies estimated that Wilson probably owes about \$3,000 in Social Security taxes, penalties and interest.

Under certain conditions, however, Davies said that the Wilsons would not owe any Social Security taxes. As a result, he said, he is not certain how much the governor does owe, if anything.

Since the controversy was first revealed Thursday, Wilson critics have blasted the governor for being a hypocrite by campaigning against illegal immigrants when he had apparently employed one in his home. During his reelection campaign last year, Wilson was an outspoken proponent of Proposition 187, the controversial ballot measure approved by voters to stop health and education benefits to illegal immigrants.

The criticism continued Friday, some of it from one of Wilson's Republican presidential opponents. "It was unfortunate for Gov. Wilson since he has made so much out of illegal immigration," Lamar Alexander, a former Tennessee governor, said in a television interview.

The scandal also spread to the national airwaves where comedians and talk show hosts ridiculed the development. New York's irreverent radio personality, Don Imus, parodied the governor on his nationally broadcast program Friday morning. And Jay Leno told jokes about Wilson Thursday on the Tonight Show.

"He had no idea she was illegal," Leno joked. "He said he thought everybody's maid spoke Spanish, had no Social Security number and hid when the doorbell rang."

Despite the controversy, Wilson said he did not believe the issue will be a major problem for his presidential campaign because voters will understand that if he did employ an illegal worker, it was unknowingly.

"I think fair-minded people should make a distinction between an offense that is knowing and one that is unknowing," he said.

Wilson also said he does not believe the controversy has compromised his position on the issue.

"I am not leading a fight against undocumented people," he said. "I am leading a fight against the federal government."

Still, Wilson was left in the embarrassing position of having to admit his vulnerability on the illegal immigrant issue, even though he has watched the same issue

damage several other political careers recently and he is about to launch a presidential campaign using illegal immigration as a cornerstone issue.

Wilson said he thought his background was checked last year by his reelection campaign staff. Based on that assumption, he told reporters last fall that he never employed an undocumented worker when he was asked the question following GOP Senate candidate Mike Huffington's confession that he had hired an illegal immigrant as a nanny.

Wilson said Friday that he learned recently that his campaign staff had only checked the domestic workers he employed back to 1986, when federal law made it a crime to hire an illegal immigrant. He said his campaign staff never talked to his former wife to check for potential problems.

"Some of you have asked about other household help we've had over the years and, unfortunately, I don't know the answer to that question," Wilson said. "But I'm eager to put this issue to rest."

Times staff writers Michael Granberry, Sebastian Rotella and Chris Kraul in San Diego and Patrick McDonnell and Bill Stall in Los Angeles contributed to this story.

Davies said that reconstructing the facts has also been made difficult because of the uncertain memories and conflicting stories.

He said Klag has declined to provide any documentation of her legal status. And immigration officials have told the governor's office that they cannot obtain the information without Klag's permission.

Davies also said he was unaware of information reported by The Times on Friday indicating that Klag was issued her green card in March, 1979, because of her marriage to a U.S. citizen. According to records in San Diego County Superior Court, Klag separated from her America husband, Kirk C. Klag, less than three weeks after they married in December, 1978.

Klag's current employer, Becky Irwin in La Jolla, is a friend of Wilson's former wife who told The Times that she referred the housekeeper to the Wilsons. She could not recall, however, whether it was in 1978 or 1979.

Irwin also said that the house-

# Wilson Says He'll Survive Maid Problem

## He renews commitment on illegal immigration

By Robert B. Gunnison  
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### Sacramento

Despite the controversy over his former housekeeper, an apparently undocumented immigrant, Governor Wilson vowed yesterday to press the federal government to tighten border controls and halt illegal immigration.

In a news conference, the Republican presidential aspirant said he was the victim of unidentified political opponents who have been "skulking in the shadows, feeding (reporters) this information."

"If they are entertaining any hope, or if any of the other opponents of immigration reform think that this will in some way silence the debate on illegal immigration, they are woefully mistaken," said Wilson, still raspy-voiced from throat surgery two weeks ago.

The comments were the first he has made about Josefina Klag, the housekeeper he and his ex-wife employed in the late 1970s while he was mayor of San Diego.

### He Recalls 'Somebody'

Although aides earlier had said the governor had "no recollection" of a housekeeper, Wilson said he now recalls "somebody" was working in the small downtown condominium where he lived at the time.

"I was aware that we had help," he said. "I might have spoken to her. I probably did."

Adding to the tumult yesterday were reports from Spanish-language and Mexican news organizations, including a San Diego paper, Hoy, which said Wilson hired at least two undocumented workers while he was mayor of that city from 1971 through 1983.

The governor said he has initiated an investigation of all his former domestic employees. A long-time friend who will head the review, attorney John Davies of San Diego, estimated that there are two to five former housekeepers whose work status is still not known.

### Believed She Was Legal

Regarding Klag, Wilson said he and his former wife, Betty, believed the maid was a legal resident of the United States when she was hired in 1978 for \$25 a day to clean their downtown residence.

"I certainly never would have hired this woman if Betty and I had known she was in the country illegally — if in fact she was," Wilson said.

"I also never intentionally failed to withhold Social Security taxes. That was a serious oversight on our part," said Wilson, a lawyer. "I blame myself for having assumed my former wife was aware of the law."

He said he became aware of the problem in March, when Wilson's ex-wife Betty Hosie contacted his office to report that she had not paid Social Security taxes to housekeeper Josefina Klag, believed to be a resident of Tijuana.

Hiring an undocumented immigrant was not illegal under federal law until 1986, but employers have long been required to pay Social Security.

Wilson, a prime supporter of Proposition 187, the ballot measure approved in November to halt government services for illegal immigrants, said he would not be politically harmed by the disclosures.

Wilson's lawyer Davies said Klag has refused to provide specific information about her immigration status.

The Los Angeles Times reported that a Josefa Klag was issued a green card on March 19, 1979, and that marriage records in San Diego show that a Josepha Klag was married to Kirk C. Klag in December 1978, and they were separated within three weeks.

San Diego Hoy, however, reported that Klag's real name is Josefina Delgado and that at least two other people — a domestic and a gardener — worked for Wilson while he was mayor of San Diego.

Citing friends and relatives of Klag who requested their names not be used, the paper reported that Wilson knew she was undocumented and that his ex-wife telephoned Klag about a month ago to ask her not to tell anyone that she had worked illegally for Wilson.

At his press conference, Wilson was asked about the gardener. "I find that fascinating because we lived in a condominium," the governor said.

Chronicle staff writer Aurelio Rojas contributed to this report.

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# Search for Blast Victims Nears an End

By RICHARD A. SERRANO  
and TONY PERRY  
TIMES STAFF WRITERS

OKLAHOMA CITY—Exhausted  
and their hopes gone, recovery  
workers said Thursday that they  
will sift through one more pile of  
debris deep inside the Alfred P.  
Murrah Federal Building and then  
declare the search over for victims  
of the worst terrorist attack in  
American history.

Oklahoma City Fire Chief Gary  
Marrs said that officials expect to  
post the final death count at 156  
with another 13 forever lost in a  
twisted grave of steel and concrete.  
He said that his team would work  
through Thursday night, if neces-  
sary, to complete the search.

Among those still missing are  
three infants from the building's  
America's Kids day-care center.

"The area we're working in is  
getting very small," Marrs said.  
"We're going to put a finale to  
this."

In Washington, U.S. Atty. Gen.  
Janet Reno, grappling with the  
public anguish over the April 19  
bombing, as well as the continuing  
investigation, said:

"I could never understand what  
happened in Oklahoma City. I, for  
one, do not understand, cannot  
comprehend, anybody that would  
do something like [this] or any-  
thing related to it."

She said that the manhunt for  
other bombing suspects will con-  
tinue, even if "it is a disappoint-  
ment that 'John Doe No. 2' has not  
been identified or taken into custo-  
dy."

One bombing suspect—27-year-  
old Timothy J. McVeigh, an Army  
veteran with a penchant for guns  
and a hatred for the government—  
has been arrested.

But investigators believe that a  
second man helped rent a yellow  
Ryder truck and deliver the bomb  
to the front of the office building in  
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least implant litigation.

Under a settlement reached in  
April, 1994, a group of former  
manufacturers, including Dow  
Corning, Bristol-Myers Squibb, 3M  
Co. and Baxter International,  
agreed to fund a settlement of \$4.23  
billion. Dow Corning was the big-  
gest contributor, agreeing to pay \$2  
billion. While agreeing to the set-  
tlement, implant suppliers have  
continued to deny their products  
hurt anyone.

Lawyers for the women met  
with companies involved in manu-  
facturing or supplying the implants  
in Washington on Thursday in an  
effort to salvage the settlement.

U.S. District Judge Sam C.  
Pointer Jr. in Birmingham, Ala.,  
who is overseeing the case, said  
Monday that the fund is oversub-  
scribed and may be inadequate to  
pay the promised benefit of  
\$105,000 to \$1.4 million per claim-  
ant.

The lawyers are discussing  
whether to increase the size of the  
settlement pot to account for the  
number of claims—about 400,000  
women have registered as claim-  
ants so far. If the companies don't  
come up with more money, women  
would be faced with accepting  
significantly less compensation for

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WASHINGTON—White House  
Deputy Counsel Bruce R. Lindsey,  
a close friend and political confi-  
dant of President Clinton, has been  
notified formally that he is a "tar-  
get" of the government's White-  
water investigation and could be  
indicted for actions that he alleg-  
edly took during Clinton's 1990  
gubernatorial campaign, sources  
said Thursday.

If independent counsel Kenneth  
W. Starr persuades a federal grand  
jury to indict Lindsey, the White  
House lawyer would be the high-  
est-ranking current Administra-  
tion official ensnared in the  
lengthy, wide-ranging investiga-  
tion, which began with allegations  
aimed primarily at Clinton and his  
wife, First Lady Hillary Rodham  
Clinton.

Lindsey's indictment would be a  
devastating personal blow to Clin-  
ton, who relies on his longtime  
friend for advice on a broad range  
of political and private matters.  
Rarely does Clinton leave the  
White House without the slender,  
bespectacled Lindsey at his side.

It would move Starr's investiga-  
tion to its closest point to the  
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# Governor's Campaign Airs More on Immigrant Issue

By DAVE LESHNER  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO—Gov. Pete  
Wilson's fledgling campaign for  
President on Thursday tried to  
control the damage from his ad-  
mission that he once hired an  
illegal immigrant housekeeper and  
failed to pay her employment tax-  
es, but officials also acknowledged  
that they still don't know the  
extent of the problem.

Wilson aides said the house-  
keeper told them she obtained a  
green card for legal employment in  
1979, about a year after she was  
hired by Wilson, who was then  
mayor of San Diego, and his former  
wife. But the woman—identified  
by the campaign as Josefina Klag  
of Tijuana—has refused to help the  
campaign document her legal sta-  
tus because she is afraid of the  
public scrutiny.

Federal immigration records and  
other sources checked by The  
Times, however, indicate that the  
housekeeper obtained a permit to  
work in the United States after she  
married an American citizen for  
less than three weeks in 1978,  
about the time she started working  
for the Wilsons.

An attorney investigating the

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Disclosure about housekeeper  
comes at critical juncture. A3

issue for the Wilson campaign said  
he is also still trying to determine  
how much the governor and his  
former wife owe in back taxes and  
penalties, since they have been  
unable to locate any records of the  
employment. In a memo to the  
governor dated Wednesday, the  
attorney estimated that the liabili-  
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# Wilson Flap Underscores Confusion on Immigration

# WILSON: More on Controversy

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Wilson was returning to California from New York on Thursday and unavailable for comment, but his campaign officials responded to a flurry of media inquiries by releasing a series of documents outlining their investigation to date and including statements from the governor and his former wife.

Campaign chairman Craig Fuller also said that the disclosure will not prevent Wilson from making illegal immigration a cornerstone of his presidential campaign, as he did during his reelection as governor last year. Fuller said he expects Wilson will be criticized, but he should actually be "commended for seeking the facts and taking appropriate action."

"Clearly there are those who hope that this will somehow discourage Pete Wilson from continuing to address the serious problem of illegal immigration—nothing could be further from the truth," Fuller said. "Although we fully expect some people to continue to try to exploit this incident for their own political purposes, we believe that it will have no lasting effect on our campaign's success."

Wilson and his former wife, Betty Hosie, were separated and divorced in 1981, about three years after they hired the housekeeper at their condominium in San Diego. Both said in statements that they never inquired about the woman's legal status when she was hired and they were unaware that she had not been a documented worker until the housekeeper told a Wilson campaign investigator last month.

"I have no idea whether her statement is true and accurate, but I do know that if it is, I first learned of her possible illegal status when John told me," the governor said in a statement released Thursday, referring to his longtime friend and adviser, attorney John Davies.

The housekeeper told Wilson aides that she was given a green card to work legally in the United States on March 19, 1979.

Sources at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said they have a record of a 52-year-old woman named Josefa Klag who was issued a green card on the same date. The records indicate that the woman is also known as Josefa Delgado and she became a "permanent legal resident" in 1979 because of her marriage to a U.S. citizen.

Marriage records at the San Diego County Courthouse indicate

that Josefa Delgado was married to Kirk C. Klag in December, 1978, and that the two separated three weeks later.

Klag is currently employed in La Jolla at the home of Becky Irwin. Irwin said Klag told her on Tuesday that the controversy about her employment was about to erupt and that she would be temporarily unable to work.

"She doesn't want to talk to anybody," Irwin said. "She's very upset by this. She didn't do anything wrong."

Hosie, who worked as a real estate broker at the time, said in her statement that she, not her former husband, was responsible for the housekeeper's employment. Hosie said she called Wilson's office in March to alert him that she did not pay the Social Security taxes on their employee before he officially launches his presidential campaign later this month.

At her residence in La Jolla on Thursday, Hosie posted a sign for reporters that read, "Private Property. Keep Out. No Statements."

**B**ut Hosie's role in excusing her husband's actions also triggered complaints Thursday that Wilson was not accepting responsibility for his household and, instead, he was hiding behind his ex-wife.

Former Republican Education Secretary William Bennett, who crossed swords with Wilson last year by opposing California's anti-illegal immigrant ballot measure, Proposition 187, was critical of Wilson's response.

"Say you made a mistake . . . don't say she did it, she did it," he said. "This is not what I would call virile Republicanism. It really isn't manly, which I think [is] something men should still try to do."

In Washington, Democrats who have watched several of President Clinton's nominees be stung by the issue were also quick to hoot at Wilson and accuse him of a sexual double standard. "How come Republican men always get to blame these things on their wives?" demanded one White House adviser.

Other critics lined up in California on Thursday to blast the governor for acting like a hypocrite by taking a hard line against illegal immigrants when he now admits that he employed one in his home.

"This is a man of no principle, no shame and, when convenient, no memory," Democratic state chairman Bill Press said at a news conference in Los Angeles.

He also released a copy of a

letter to U.S. Atty. Gen. Janet Reno asking for "a complete investigation."

Both supporters and critics of Wilson were also assessing the impact that the issue might have on the governor's presidential campaign. The political speculation was complex because the issue has elements that could both modify and exacerbate the damage to Wilson.

On one hand, for example, Klag worked in Wilson's home long ago—between 14 and 17 years ago—when it was not illegal to hire an undocumented worker. California law prevented the practice only when the employer knowingly hired an illegal immigrant. And the federal law sanctioning employers was not passed until 1986, when Wilson was a U.S. senator and voted in favor of the measure.

"The official line from the [Clinton] Administration is that failing to pay Social Security [taxes] is not disqualifying" for its appointees, said William Schneider, an independent political analyst in Washington. "Had he broken the law when he hired the person, it probably would have demolished his campaign. But there are lots of extenuating circumstances."

On the other hand, Schneider added that the issue could blunt Wilson's hopes of staking his presidential campaign on the issue of illegal immigration. It could also stain the image that Wilson brought to the presidential campaign of a bulletproof candidate with a clean reputation that has survived four rigorous California campaigns.

"The worst part about this is that one of the assets Wilson brought to this process is that people thought he ran really good campaigns and he had been tested in the toughest campaign process in the country," said Bill Carrick, a Democratic political consultant. "Now, here people are getting surprised on something that goes right to the core of one of his right-wing credentials."

The issue is also likely to fuel a national debate that has surrounded a number of similar cases recently, involving questions about the responsibility public officials have for their domestic helpers, sometimes in the distant past.

Even if Wilson did not know about the woman's legal status, critics have questioned whether public officials active on the issue of immigration have an obligation to go beyond the law's requirements in their personal lives.

In California, the issue was raised last year when Republican U.S. Senate candidate Mike Huffington admitted in the final weeks of his race that he employed an illegal immigrant nanny at home for more than four years, ending shortly before he announced his candidacy in 1994. Unlike Wilson's case, Huffington acknowledged that he violated federal law by knowingly employing an illegal immigrant after the 1986 employer-sanction bill was passed.

Huffington, however, attacked rival Democratic U.S. Sen. Diane Feinstein for a situation that appears similar to Wilson's. Feinstein claimed that she was unaware of the legal status of her housekeeper during the early 1980s.

For many, it was a surprise to hear that Wilson had been caught in the same political trap. Since the issue has caused so many problems for other public officials and Wilson has been outspoken on illegal immigration, many assumed his background had been thoroughly checked by the governor or others.

"If this had happened [last] October, he wouldn't be governor today," State Sen. President Pro Tem Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward) said.

When the revelation was made about Huffington last October, Wilson told reporters that he had never knowingly hired an illegal immigrant domestic worker. But Thursday, Wilson aides said the governor has only researched his own background to 1986, when the federal law was passed.

"Prior to that, this was not illegal, so there was no further research done," Wilson spokesman Dan Schnur said.

**A**ccording to the documents released by Wilson's office Thursday, the governor's former wife called his office March 29 out of concern that the violation of Social Security tax laws might damage Wilson's presidential campaign.

Wilson subsequently asked his friend, Davies, to investigate the matter. Davies wrote in a memo to the governor that, during the review, the housekeeper acknowledged for the first time that she was not a legal resident when she accepted the job in Wilson's home.

The Wilson attorney, who asked not to be identified, said Klag was referred to Betty Hosie by a coworker at a real estate brokerage. He said Klag currently lives in Tijuana and still works for the friend in La Jolla.

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Hosie remarried in 1992.

Wilson married his current wife,  
Gayle, in 1983.

Hosie said in her statement that  
she was unaware she had to pay  
taxes on the housekeeper until the  
mid-1980s. After that, she said she  
did not pay because she "procrasti-  
nated."

Although Wilson officials insist-  
ed the governor did not know  
about Klag's status, aides also at-  
tempted Thursday to finger Cali-  
fornia Democrats for digging up  
the story and leaking it to the  
Washington Post.

Privately, they said they also  
believe Wilson's 1994 rival, Demo-  
crat Kathleen Brown, knew about  
the issue last year and declined to  
use it because she had a similar  
conflict in her own household.

A former Brown aide said Friday  
that a thorough check of the  
Democratic candidate's back-  
ground was made last year, prov-  
ing that "she was free and clear."  
Other Brown officials said they  
knew of rumors last year about an  
illegal immigrant employee in Wil-  
son's household.

"We had a suspicion that, in  
view of the fact that Pete Wilson  
lived in San Diego, that it might be  
the case," said Clint Reilly,

Brown's former manager. "But we  
never were able to confirm it."

Wilson officials insisted that  
they did not leak the information to  
the Post in hopes of clearing the  
issue before the presidential cam-  
paign gains steam this fall. They  
acknowledged, however, that they  
cooperated with the newspaper by  
providing information from their  
own investigation and refusing to  
share the governor's response with  
California newspapers.

The attorney investigating Wil-  
son's case said the governor was  
planning to release the information  
himself when their internal review  
was complete.

Other political activists specu-  
lated that the disclosure about  
Wilson was developed by investi-  
gators working for the governor's  
leading presidential rivals, Sen.  
Robert Dole and Phil Gramm.

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## Wilson's Memory Vague on Hiring of Housekeeper

By DAVE LESHNER  
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SACRAMENTO—Gov. Pete Wilson, appearing frustrated at his inability to fully explain a damaging political controversy, told reporters Friday that he is still uncertain whether he ever hired an illegal immigrant housekeeper or whether he might possibly have employed more than one.

Wilson acknowledged that in the late 1970s—while he was mayor of San Diego—he and his ex-wife hired a housekeeper from Mexico who may have been working in the U.S. illegally.

He also said he may have committed a "serious dereliction" in not paying Social Security taxes for the employee.

But he said he is having trouble ascertaining the facts because his memory is

vague, the housekeeper is not cooperating and there are no employment records.

"We really do not know what the facts are," Wilson said, in discussing the issue for the first time publicly. "We were under the impression she was a citizen. . . . Clearly, if we had known [she was working illegally], we would not have employed this woman."

The governor said he has initiated an investigation of all his former domestic employees. A longtime friend who will head the review, attorney John Davies of San Diego, estimated there are between two and five former housekeepers whose work status is still not known.

Wilson spoke with difficulty in a soft and raspy voice, demonstrating how seriously he considers the issue by violating a doctor's orders to avoid strenuous speaking after a minor throat surgery three weeks

ago.

The governor was unruffled in answering tough questions that could prove pivotal to the presidential campaign he hopes to launch officially later this month. To a room packed with state and national reporters, he also issued a firm warning to the opponents he suspects of leaking the controversy to the press by saying that it will not prevent him from seeking the White House or from continuing his high-profile fight against illegal immigration.

"One thing that I want to make clear is that those who are skulking in the shadows feeding this information, if they are entertaining the hope . . . that this would in some way silence the debate on immigration, they are woefully mistaken," Wilson said. "I intend to continue to demand reform for the people of my state and all

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Wilson said he first learned about the possibility that he employed an illegal immigrant housekeeper last month following a call to his office from his former wife, Betty Hosie. Hosie, who was divorced from Wilson in 1983, said in a statement that she wanted to alert the governor that she did not pay Social Security taxes for the housekeeper, Josefina Klag.

When Klag was contacted by a Wilson aide, she said that she was not issued a green card to work legally in the U.S. until March 1979. Klag said she started working for the Wilsons about a year earlier in 1978.

But the governor said others—his former wife and another family friend—have indicated that the woman might not have worked at his home until after March 1979, when she was apparently a legal U.S. worker.

Wilson also emphasized that it was not illegal to unknowingly employ an undocumented worker before 1986. His staff also said there was no requirement that employers ask for proof of legal status.

Davies said that reconstructing the facts has also been made difficult because of the uncertain memories and conflicting stories.

He said Klag has declined to provide any documentation of her legal status. And immigration officials have told the governor's office that they cannot obtain the information without Klag's permission.

Davies also said he was unaware of information reported by The Times on Friday indicating that Klag was issued her green card in March 1979 due to her marriage to a U.S. citizen. According to records

in San Diego County Superior Court, Klag separated from her America husband, Kirk C. Klag, less than three weeks after they married in December, 1978.

Klag's current employer, **Becky Irwin in La Jolla**, is a friend of Wilson's former wife who told The Times that she referred the housekeeper to the Wilsons. She could not recall, however, whether it was in 1978 or 1979.

Irwin also said that the housekeeper goes by the names Josefina, Josefa, Klag and Delgado.

If Klag worked in the Wilson's home for three years before the couple's legal separation in 1981—as Klag told the governor's office—Davies estimated that Wilson probably owes about \$3,000 in Social Security taxes, penalties and interest.

Under certain conditions, however, Davies said that the Wilsons would not owe any Social Security taxes. As a result, he said, he is not certain how much the governor should owe, if anything.

Since the controversy was first revealed on Thursday, Wilson critics have blasted the governor for being a hypocrite by campaigning against illegal immigrants when he had apparently employed one in his home. During his reelection campaign last year, Wilson was an outspoken proponent of Proposition 187, the controversial ballot measure approved by voters to stop health and education benefits to illegal immigrants.

The criticism continued Friday, including from one of Wilson's Republican presidential opponents. "It was unfortunate for Gov. Wilson since he has made so much out of illegal immigration," Lamar Alexander, a former Tennessee governor, said in a television interview.

The scandal also spread to the national airwaves where comedians and talk show hosts ridiculed the development. New York's irreverent radio personality, Don Imus, parodied the governor on his nationally broadcast program Friday morning. And Jay Leno told jokes about Wilson Thursday on the Tonight Show.

"He had no idea she was illegal," Leno joked. "He said he thought everybody's maid spoke Spanish, had no Social Security number and hid when the doorbell rang."

Despite the controversy, Wilson said he did not believe the issue will be a major problem for his presidential campaign because voters will understand that if he did employ an illegal worker, it was unknowingly.

"I think fair-minded people should make a distinction between

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# WILSON: Memory Vague

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an offense that is knowing and one that is unknowing," he said.

Wilson also said he does not believe the controversy has compromised his position on the issue.

"I am not leading a fight against undocumented people," he said. "I am leading a fight against the federal government."

Still, Wilson was left in the embarrassing position of having to admit his vulnerability on the illegal immigrant issue, even though he has watched the same issue damage several other political careers recently and he is about to launch a presidential campaign using illegal immigration as a cornerstone issue.

Wilson said he thought his background was checked last year by his reelection campaign staff. Based on that assumption, he told reporters last fall that he never employed an undocumented worker when he was asked the question following GOP Senate candidate Mike Huffington's confession that he had hired an illegal immigrant as a nanny.

Wilson said Friday that he learned recently that his campaign staff had only checked the domestic workers he employed back to

1986 when federal law made it a crime to hire an illegal immigrant. He said his campaign staff never talked to his former wife to check for potential problems.

"Some of you have asked about other household help we've had over the years and, unfortunately, I don't know the answer to that question," Wilson said. "But I'm eager to put this issue to rest."

**Times staff writers Michael Granberry, Sebastian Rotella, Chris Kraul in San Diego, Patrick McDonnell and Bill Stall in Los Angeles contributed to this story.**

# Wilson says critics 'skulking in the shadows'

By Doug Willis  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete Wilson, his budding presidential campaign in crisis, says information about his hiring of an illegal immigrant maid nearly two decades ago was disclosed by shadowy, unidentified enemies.

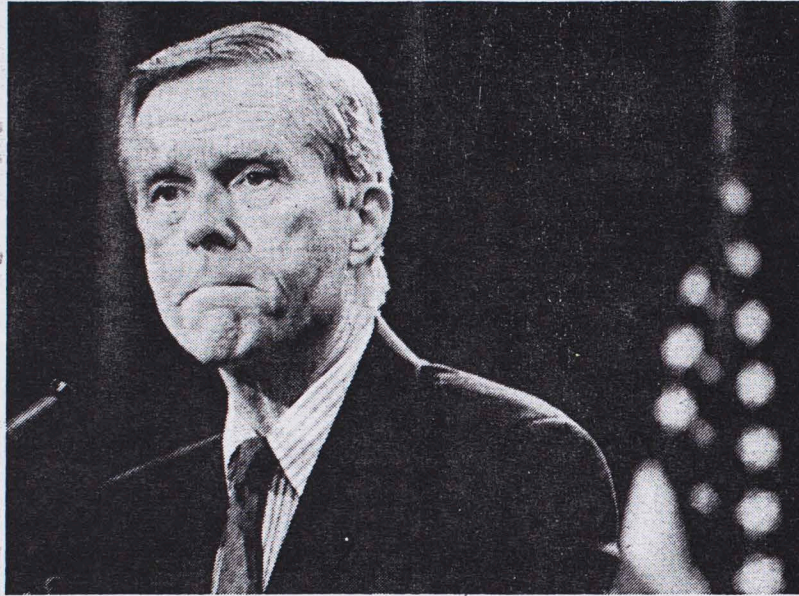
"I can't prove who it is, so I won't publicly speculate," Wilson said Friday at a Capitol news conference, his voice rasping from recent vocal chord surgery.

But, he said, "one thing I want to make clear, and that is that if those who are skulking in the shadows, feeding this information, if they are entertaining any hope, or if any of the other opponents of immigration reform think that this will in some way silence the debate on illegal immigration, they are woefully mistaken."

The Republican governor used illegal immigration as the cornerstone of his re-election campaign last year, and it is at the center of his fledgling presidential campaign. He is to formally announce his presidential candidacy later this month.

The maid controversy "doesn't change either the announcement or its scheduling one single iota," Wilson strategist Dan Schnur said.

Wilson told reporters that he and his former wife, Betty Hosie,



Associated Press

Grim-faced California Gov. Pete Wilson addresses reporters at the Capitol in Sacramento Friday over the controversy of hiring an illegal immigrant as a maid. Wilson said he and his former wife, Betty Hosie, were under the impression the maid was a U.S. citizen.

were "under the impression that she (the maid) was a citizen."

"Clearly if we had known, we would never have employed this woman," he added.

He also warned against concluding that the maid, Josefina Klag, was illegally in the United States.

"The report that this person was in the country illegally is un-

confirmed," Wilson said. "We simply still do not know."

Wilson said he knew they should have paid Social Security taxes and assumed that his ex-wife, who handled all household expenses, was paying them.

"I blame myself for having assumed my former wife was aware of the law," Wilson said, stressing repeatedly that they didn't know-

ingly fail to pay taxes.

He has contended that Hosie hired Klag starting in 1978. She worked one day a week, starting at \$25 a day and eventually making \$50 a day.

Democrats have assailed his explanations as hard to believe and demanded an investigation. Some of Wilson's GOP presidential rivals also took shots.

Wilson was re-elected last year on a platform of denying education, welfare and other benefits to illegal immigrants.

Wilson said he had his staff investigate the situation after his ex-wife told his aides last month about the unpaid taxes. He and his ex-wife will pay the debt, as well as any penalties or fines, as soon as the Internal Revenue Service determines the total.

Wilson's lawyer, John Davies, estimated the bill at \$3,000, "about \$500 in taxes, a couple hundred in penalties, and the rest in interest."

Hiring an undocumented immigrant was not illegal under federal law in 1978, but employers have always been required to make Social Security payments.

State law at the time banned Californians from knowingly hiring illegal immigrants.

Wilson aides have stressed that Hosie was the one who hired the

housekeeper, and kept her on the payroll for 11 years after the couple were divorced in 1981. Klag achieved legal status in 1979.

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**TAX, IMMIGRATION WOES PLAGUE PUBLIC FIGURES**

In the two years since illegal immigration became a major battleground, the laws governing the employment of household workers have dogged politicians from both parties.



**Zoe Baird**

■ January 1993: Attorney General candidate Zoe Baird withdrew her nomination after revelations during her confirmation hearings that she employed undocumented workers in her household and knowingly neglected to pay their Social Security taxes.



**Kimba Wood**

■ February 1993: Kimba Wood, the federal judge nominated for attorney general after the Baird revelations, withdrew her name when it turned out she, too, had hired an illegal immigrant as a baby sitter. Unlike Baird, Wood had paid the required taxes.



**Ron Brown**

■ February 1993: Commerce Secretary Ron Brown revealed that he discovered in January that he should have been paying Social Security taxes for a three-hour-a-week employee. He has since paid the back taxes.



**Bobby Ray Inman**

■ December 1993: Retired Admiral Bobby Ray Inman, President Clinton's choice for defense secretary, did not pay Social Security taxes for a household worker who was a U.S. citizen until after he was selected to replace Les Aspin. Inman ultimately withdrew his name for other reasons.



**Michael Huffington**

■ October 1994: Michael Huffington, an outspoken opponent of illegal immigration in his race for the U.S. Senate, admitted he employed an undocumented immigrant for four years to care for his children, and he promised to pay all back taxes.



**Dianne Feinstein**

■ November 1994: California Senator Dianne Feinstein acknowledged that she employed a Guatemalan woman as a housekeeper. Federal officials ultimately determined that the woman was in the country legally but did not have a permit to work for a private employer.



**Pete Wilson**

■ May 1995: Governor Wilson, confirmed that from 1978 through 1981 an undocumented woman worked as a part-time maid in his home. Wilson said he learned about a month ago that the maid did not have a green card, and that he and his ex-wife, Betty Hosie, never paid Social Security taxes.

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# Question Is, How Much of Wilson's Time Will It Take to Explain?

## Danger in taking up issue of immigration

By Marc Sandalow  
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Washington

Few believe that neglecting to pay \$3,000 in taxes 17 years ago on behalf of an undocumented immigrant housekeeper is enough to knock someone out of a presidential race.

But for Pete Wilson, who has made a hard line against illegal immigrants the centerpiece of his political identity, the issue is a powder keg.

The governor's credibility has already been called into question for running for president after promising California voters that he would not do so and for portraying himself as an anti-tax crusader after over-seeing the largest state tax increase in the nation's history.

Now, he will be forced to reconcile two years of forceful statements against illegal immigrants with his admission that as mayor of San Diego he may have employed one for three years.

Yesterday, the Wilson campaign quickly tried to defuse the issue, saying that before 1998 there were no laws against hiring

undocumented immigrants and that not paying Social Security taxes, for which the governor's ex-wife has already taken the blame, was at worst an inadvertent error.

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But no amount of faxes, interviews or conference calls with reporters could undo the public relations damage done to the fledgling campaign. The first front-page mention of Wilson's presidential bid in the influential Washington Post came yesterday, with a headline disclosing the latest controversy.

Some of Wilson's GOP rivals for the nomination wasted no time exploiting the issue.

"I just look at it as a part of a pattern," said Lamar Alexander's spokesman Dan McLagan. "(Wilson has) made a career out of saying one thing and doing another. Saying that Pete Wilson is inconsistent is like saying the sun is going to rise in the East."

Most GOP rivals, however, have refused to comment — leading some to speculate that they first want to be certain that similar skeletons are not lurking in their own closets.

A whole generation of politicians have become concerned over the issue since President Clinton's original nominee for at-

torney general, Zoe Baird, was forced to drop out after problems arose over her domestic help. Shortly thereafter, four members of Congress stepped forward to say that they had hired undocumented immigrants.

And last fall, just 10 days before election day, it was revealed that California's U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington had employed an illegal immigrant to care for his children.

### 'Veracity . . . Important'

"Veracity is what is important," Huffington said yesterday in an interview. "I don't think the fact that they had one (an undocumented immigrant worker) should be an issue, because those aren't the kind of things we vote on." Huffington said. "But how it is handled, that is the issue."

"If just his wife (knew about it), it shouldn't have any effect on him. If in fact he knew about it . . . and for any reason didn't say anything, that could be a major problem," Huffington said.

Wilson maintained in a statement that he was unaware of the situation until his ex-wife brought it to his attention just five weeks ago.

In a conference call with reporters, a Wilson associate who refused to be identified said that it never occurred to the governor

previously that he might have hired an undocumented housekeeper because he never even knew he had a housekeeper.

During his years as mayor of San Diego, Wilson "went to work early in the morning and never came home until late at night," and probably assumed that his wife had done the cleaning, the associate said.

That explanation may have difficulty withstanding the scrutiny of a presidential campaign.

"I'm a little, let's just say, ever so slightly skeptical," said James Carville, President Clinton's political adviser, his voice dripping with sarcasm.

Carville said he expects that the issue is "going to dog him and it's going to hurt him." But unless Wilson is caught in a lie, he said, it is an issue that will probably fade before any votes are cast for president.

### Not Necessarily Fatal

"If he's not lying . . . and he becomes the Republican nominee, I don't think that this in and of itself is fatal to his chances," Carville said.

That analysis is shared by Huffington.

"It's come out so far in advance of any of the (primaries), I think it will be totally irrelevant,"

Huffington said. "What matters here is whether he is telling the truth."

Still, because Wilson has done almost a complete turnaround on the issue of illegal immigration in recent years, the admission that he employed an undocumented immigrant may linger. In 1988, then-Senator Wilson voted for a program that would guarantee California growers a permanent supply of low-cost workers. But after discovering rising voter resentment against illegal immigrants during his re-election bid, Wilson made Proposition 187 the cornerstone of his campaign.

There can be little doubt that Wilson will have to spend time addressing the issue. His aides said they doubt it will have a lasting effect, but political insiders as far away as New Hampshire said they expect that their voters will want a full explanation.

"Credibility is important to New Hampshire voters," said Charlie Arlinghaus, executive director of the Republican Party in New Hampshire, where Wilson will face his first primary test in February. "If he didn't do anything illegal, then it's probably not a big deal. Voters here care more about taxes than immigration. . . . But he's going to have to talk to the voters about that."

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# Wilson orders hiring review

## Will check all domestic help

By Ken Chavez  
Bee Capitol Bureau

Gov. Pete Wilson ordered a wider investigation into the history of his domestic help Friday, saying he wants to check the backgrounds of "every individual who's done any household work for my family," as reports circulated that he may have hired more than one undocumented immigrant.

"Some of you have asked about other household help we've had over the years, and, unfortunately, I don't know the answer to that question," Wilson said at a Capitol news conference. "But I am eager to put this issue to rest."

Wilson said his judicial appointments secretary, John Davies, a lawyer and longtime friend, will take a leave of absence from government service to conduct the investigation.

The Republican governor's order for a more thor-

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# Wilson: Says disclosures won't harm his presidential chances

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ough look into whether his household help had legal residency comes in the wake of revelations this week that Josefina Klag, a housekeeper once employed by Wilson and his former wife, reportedly said she was in the country illegally when they hired her.

One Spanish-language newspaper, *San Diego Hoy*, Friday quoted anonymous friends of the woman as having said that other undocumented immigrants also may have worked at the Wilson household in the late 1970s. At the time, Wilson was mayor of San Diego.

While Wilson and his ex-wife, Betty Hosie, said they did not know whether their housekeeper was a legal resident at the time, they admit to failing to pay Social Security taxes on her behalf as required by federal law.

In 1992, the disclosure that Zoe Baird, President Clinton's first nominee for U.S. attorney general, had hired undocumented domestic help and failed to pay Social Security taxes sparked debate over the issue. Baird ultimately withdrew from consideration.

On Friday, Wilson said he as-

sumed his former wife, who has taken responsibility for hiring and paying Klag, also had withheld Social Security tax money from the housekeeper's checks.

"That's where I think I was derelict," Wilson said. "I simply assumed she knew that. I should not have assumed it."

The gravely voiced governor, still recuperating from throat surgery three weeks ago, faced a horde of reporters and television cameras in an effort to stem the controversy that has rocked his fledgling campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Wilson galvanized national support against undocumented immigration during his re-election drive last year. He also championed Proposition 187, the voter-approved state ballot measure that seeks to deny social services to undocumented immigrants.

Wilson said he does not believe the current controversy will damage his presidential prospects — or force him to give up any moral ground on the immigration issue.

"I don't think this will have any serious impact on my campaign for president or my ability to bring change as governor," Wilson said.

Others disagree.

"This is his own little Watergate," said state Sen. Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles. "He does not deserve the right to run for president. He should fold up his tent and come back home to California."

Shortly after mentioning his presidential campaign during the 45-minute news conference, Wilson turned defiant. Breaking from



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Gov. Pete Wilson answers questions Friday at the Capitol after announcing he has ordered a probe of his past domestic hiring.

his prepared text, he issued a warning to unnamed foes whom he appeared to blame for leaking information on his one-time housekeeper to the media:

"One thing I want to make clear, and that is, if those who are skulking in the shadows feeding this information . . . think this will in some way silence the debate on illegal immigration, they are woefully mistaken. I intend to continue to demand reform."

Asked who he thought responsible for spreading the information, Wilson said, "I can't prove who it is so I can't publicly speculate."

Later, he said, "Somebody, obviously, has been feeding this to reporters. I can't say who it is. I don't know."

Bob Mulholland, a senior adviser to the state Democratic Party, was among many to suggest the information may have been leaked to East Coast newspapers by one of Wilson's potential rivals for the GOP presidential nomination, Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas.

"He's not running against Kathleen Brown now," Mulholland said, referring to Wilson's Democratic rival in last year's race for governor. "He's running against the big boys."

Officials of the Dole campaign denied any involvement.

Michael Reese, an adviser to the Brown campaign, said her team was aware of the rumors Wilson had employed an undocumented immigrant but "couldn't prove it."

He also dismissed speculation that Brown was reluctant to use the information because she had hiring problems of her own.

Meanwhile, San Diego Hoy reported that Wilson's former wife told Klag she was trying to track down a gardener who had worked at the Wilson home in the late 1970s. The paper quoted unnamed friends of Klag who said the gardener was an undocumented worker at the time. Another source said a relative of Klag's, also undocumented, had been employed at the Wilson home.

Asked about the gardener Friday, Wilson said, "I find that fascinating because we lived in a condominium and the (lawn) care was (handled) by the homeowners association."

Wilson and his aides also said they are not certain Klag, now 52, was an undocumented immigrant when she worked for the governor because they could not determine when she began work in their home. Klag, however, told an aide to Davies that she was not a legal resident for the first year of her employment with Wilson.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service confirmed Friday that Klag received permanent resident status on March 19, 1979, after marrying an American citizen. Her official entry date into the United States is listed as Jan. 23, 1979.

Marriage records at the San Diego County Courthouse show that a Josefa Delgado married Kirk C. Klag in December 1978. They separated three weeks later.

# Wilson Says He Doesn't Recall Maid

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## Scramble to get campaign on track

By Robert B. Gunnison  
and Kenneth J. Garcia  
Chronicle Political Writers

### Sacramento

Governor Wilson says he has "no recollection" of his Mexican cleaning woman whose \$3,000 of unpaid Social Security taxes and illegal-immigrant status have thrust his planned presidential campaign into turmoil.

As Democratic and Republican rivals for the presidential nomination delighted in Wilson's sudden woes, the governor's aides and press advisers yesterday began a major counteroffensive to blunt the controversy.

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■ An analysis of the damage to Wilson's presidential campaign

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Wilson admitted Wednesday that he and his former wife had not paid Social Security taxes for Josefina Klag, who worked in the condominium where he lived while he was mayor of San Diego. But Sean Walsh, Wilson's press secretary, told reporters yesterday that Wilson cannot remember the  
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# WILSON: Governor Says He Doesn't Recall Maid

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woman.

"He doesn't even recall that there was a person who did come into clean the house," Walsh said. "He has no recollection of this individual."

The governor, who plans to formally announce his presidential candidacy by the end of the month, returned to Sacramento yesterday from New York and Washington but made no public comments.

The disclosure swept through Wilson's office yesterday like a firestorm. Suddenly, Dan Rather and other journalists were calling, and Mexican television stations started a search for Klag, who is believed to be living in Tijuana.

One Wilson adviser said Klag has so far refused to produce any documents that would clarify her immigration status during the late 1970s. And Wilson's former wife said she did not ask Klag whether she was in the United States legally when she was hired.

In 1978, there were no employer sanctions under federal immigration law, and it was not illegal for the Wilsons to employ an undocumented worker. But tax laws did require them to file and pay Social Security and other employment taxes.

Wilson said he and his ex-wife, Betty Hosie of La Jolla, would make a back payment "expeditiously." He estimated their payment, including penalties and interest, to be about \$3,000. Hosie may have to pay more for the years Klag continued to work for her after her divorce from Wilson.

Hosie has taken the blame for the controversy, saying that she, not her husband, hired Klag.

For opponents of Wilson, perhaps the nation's most vocal opponent of illegal immigration, the situation was a political feast.

"It destroys any shred of credibility he had left," said state Democratic Party Chairman Bill Press, who asked U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to conduct an investigation into the matter. "This will kill Pete Wilson."

"The governor has been a leader in the fight to crack down on illegal immigration for several years," he said. "And ultimately, that's going to mean a lot more to the voters than a part-time housekeeper who was hired legally almost 20 years ago."

Last fall, when it was reported that Michael Huffington, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, had hired a nanny who was in the country illegally and had not paid her Social Security taxes, Wilson said Americans should not hire such workers.

"I have never hired an immigrant, certainly not knowingly, and I will simply state that I haven't and obviously people should not," he said in October in San Francisco. "That's the law. And the law should be enforced."

Wilson's advisers said that because Wilson had no recollection of even having a maid in San Diego, there was no reason for him to think that he might be guilty of making the same mistake.

"He was obtuse to the fact that she existed," said Ken Khachigian, a senior adviser to Wilson. "He can't even remember her."

Although Khachigian admitted that it is hard to believe Wilson would never see a person who worked in his house for three years, he said that the workaholic traits of the former San Diego mayor may have made that possible.

The issue of public officials hiring illegal immigrants and paying Social Security taxes for them has been on the rise since Zoe Baird, President Clinton's first choice for attorney general, was forced to turn down the nomination after it was discovered that she had employed an undocumented worker and did not pay taxes for her. Now, it is considered standard for politicians to thoroughly search their record so that they do not raise issues on which they might be vulnerable.

"That kind of inattentiveness

from such a detail-oriented person as Pete Wilson is hard to believe at best and cynical at worst," said John Whitehurst, a political consultant who worked on Democrat Kathleen Brown's gubernatorial campaign staff.

"It all comes down to an issue of character," Whitehurst said. "People just have a hard time believing that a person who rode an anti-illegal-immigration theme would never have bothered to check."

"Any politician running for such a high office would have taken the time to look," agreed one Republican strategist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "It shows a great deal of arrogance and hypocrisy on the issue of illegal immigration."

Several veteran consultants said rumors about Wilson's possible use of an illegal immigrant have swirled for years but could not be confirmed because Hosie refused to cooperate.

Hosie, who has remarried, could not be reached for comment yesterday. However, on Wednesday she told the Washington Post that "I've avoided the press for 15 years, (and) I'm not talking now."

The housekeeper told Wilson aides that she was given a green card to work legally in the United States on March 19, 1979.

Sources at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service told the Los Angeles Times that they have a record of a 52-year-old woman named Josefa Klag, who was issued a green card on the same date. The records indicate that woman was also known as Josefa Delgado, and she became a "permanent legal resident" in 1979 because of her marriage to a U.S. citizen.

Court papers in San Diego list a Josepha Klag marrying Kirk Klag on Dec. 28, 1978, and filing for divorce two weeks later. Records report that the divorce was not final until 1990.

*Chronicle wire services contributed to this report.*

Former Education Secretary William Bennett, a Republican who crossed swords with the governor last year by opposing California's anti-illegal immigrant ballot measure Proposition 187, criticized Wilson's response. "Say you made a mistake. . . . don't say she did it, she did it," Bennett said. "This is not what I would call virile Republicanism. It really isn't manly, which I think something men should still try to do."

"Live by illegal aliens, die by illegal aliens," said Alex Castellanos, a strategist for Texas Senator Phil Gramm, a rival for the GOP presidential nomination.

Declared Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, "The governor's real problem is the failure to pay taxes. Little-bitty people pay their taxes. He knew the payment was not made. He signed the tax returns. He's a lawyer."

Others point out that Wilson's vehement opposition to illegal immigration has made his political position extremely vulnerable following the disclosure about Klag. Last fall, he was the most visible supporter of Proposition 187, which cuts government services for illegal immigrants, and he has promised to make a national issue of the federal government's failure to protect the borders.

"How can voters possibly be expected to trust this man?" asked state Senator Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles.

"If we ever needed any evidence that Wilson's anti-immigrant agenda was cynical, hypocritical and opportunistic, we have the evidence now," said Charles Kamasaki, a vice president of the National Council of La Raza, a Washington lobbying group for Mexican Americans.

Dan Schnur, Wilson's campaign spokesman, brushed aside such arguments.

## Wilson's Border Record— Success or Opportunism?

■ **Immigration:** Report that he once employed an undocumented maid has put his long history in spotlight.

SACRAMENTO—As mayor of San Diego, Pete Wilson sent local police to stop thugs from preying on illegal immigrants streaming across the border from Mexico.

As U.S. senator, he insisted on a program that eventually allowed

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the legal migration of more than 1 million foreign workers.

As gubernatorial candidate, he railed against illegal immigration and rode the Proposition 187 bandwagon to victory.

During the past three decades,

few elected officials have steeped themselves so deeply in the immigration issue—or staked so much on it. And now, as a Republican presidential hopeful, Wilson has been thrust on the defensive amid accusations that an undocumented maid was employed in his own home 17 years ago.

Although the governor's advisers dismiss the hiring as ancient history and of no real consequence, the controversy has put a harsh spotlight on his handling of an issue that is part of the social and economic fabric of the region. And critics have seized on the episode to attack Wilson's immigration stands as politically opportunistic and hypocritical. ♦

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"It's the classic Republican Party in San Diego," said California Democratic Party consultant Bob Mulholland. "At home and in their hotels, they have nothing but illegals, but at press conferences they denounce the Democrats and illegals."

Wilson, still recovering from surgery to remove a nodule from his vocal cords, was not available for comment. But the governor's aides say he has been unwavering and tough on the immigration issue. "Pete Wilson is viewed as a national leader on illegal immigration and reforming the system," said Wilson's communications director, Leslie Goodman.

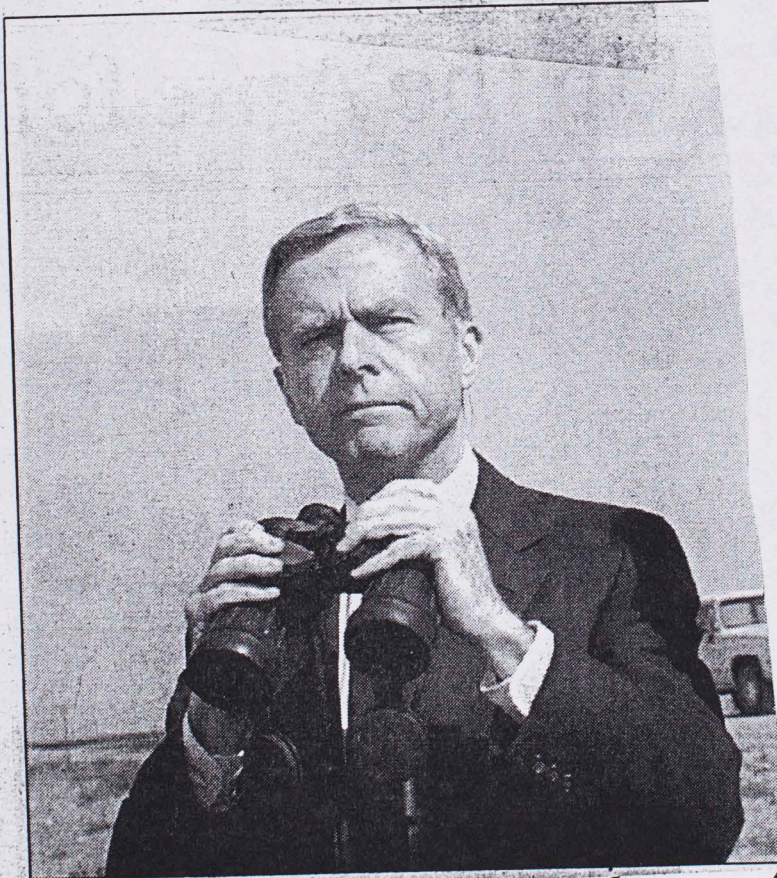
An examination of his record shows that Wilson has frequently called the federal government to task for its failure to stop the flow of illegal migrants into the country.

Documents and interviews also show that he has long championed the legal importation of low-cost labor, principally Mexican workers considered essential to the agricultural and other business interests that have supported his political career.

For example, when federal action threatened to slow permits for immigrant farm workers in the mid-1980s, then-Sen. Wilson whipped off a letter to the President and prodded officials of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Wilson also has resisted efforts to penalize the employers who hire undocumented workers, arguing that those efforts are ineffectual and have created a cottage industry in the counterfeiting of documents.

When the INS raided a pair of San Diego resort hotels and arrested 30 suspected illegal immigrants employed there in 1989, Wilson as a senator tried to intervene on behalf of the owners, who were campaign contributors, according to government records.



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Yet as a state assemblyman 24 years ago, Wilson was inexplicably absent for the vote on a measure barring California employers from knowingly hiring undocumented workers. That law was still in effect in 1978 when, according to the governor's office, Wilson and his then-wife, Betty, hired Josefina Klag, a Mexican citizen at the time, to clean their condominium.

The bill was carried by one of Wilson's closest friends in the Legislature, then-Assemblyman Dixon Arnett (R-Redwood City). Legislative records show that Wilson was present in the Assembly that day, July 29, 1971, and voted on matters both before and after Arnett's bill was brought up for consideration.

Wilson press secretary Sean Walsh said late last week that the governor does not remember his position on the bill or why he missed the vote, although he may have taken a break to work on his campaign for mayor of San Diego. It was unusual for him not to vote, Walsh added.

Another Wilson aide, Goodman, was asked why the governor's knowledge of the 1971 law did not prompt him to question the immigration status of Klag when she was hired in the late 1970s. Wilson "was not involved in the hiring of this woman," Goodman said. "His wife is the person who hired her."

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Wilson was swept into the San Diego mayor's office as a reformer in 1971 after a majority of the San Diego City Council was indicted in a taxicab bribery scandal.

He made it a top priority to reach out both to Mexican Americans in San Diego and elected officials south of the border, gestures that are commonplace for politicians now but were innovative at the time.

Wilson led a trade mission to Mexico City and was declared an honorary citizen of Mexico. And he hosted one of the first binational conferences on drug problems along the border.

"I remember Pete saying many times that 'San Diego's future is not tied to Los Angeles. It is tied to Baja California,'" said Elsa Saxod, who at the time was the director of Fronteras de las Californias, a non-profit group that promoted business and social ties across the border.

Even when he was mayor, constituents sometimes contacted Wilson for help in immigration matters. In 1972, La Jolla resident and bandleader Bob Crosby, brother of crooner Bing Crosby, sought Wilson's help in overturning the deportation of a Mexican woman who had worked for the Crosby family for several years. Records show that Wilson assigned the matter to a low-level aide, who checked with the INS and eventually turned over the case to a local congressman.

Of greater concern to the mayor was the increasing crime along the Mexican border. In 1977, Wilson wrote to President Jimmy Carter, saying: "In recent months, we have witnessed both Mexican and American residents—as well as the aliens themselves—become the victims of a growing incidence of robbery, assaults and murders at and around the border."

He also called for Carter to act to stop "the massive flow of Mexican nationals into the U.S. illegally, not just at San Ysidro but all along the U.S./Mexican border."

Carter did not respond to Wilson's letter or a lengthy telegram that followed and snubbed Wilson when he sought a meeting with the President on a trip to Washington, according to the governor's aides.

Frustrated at the lack of federal response, the San Diego Police Department tried several approaches to curb border crime and prevent the victimization of illegal immigrants as they tried to sneak into the United States under cover of darkness.

"We were probably the only police department in the world to have a task force to protect illegal immigrants sneaking into their country," said Bill Kolender, then San Diego police chief and now San Diego County sheriff. "That's what I call a moral commitment, and Pete was with us all the way. He wanted the violence against the illegal aliens stopped."

"A lot of people are just now coming around to the issue of border relations and illegal immigration," he said. "Not Pete. He's been with it a long time."

By the time Wilson ran for the U.S. Senate against then-Gov. Jerry Brown in 1982, state agricultural interests were worried about proposals in Congress to enact some form of employer penalties as a way to address the problem of illegal immigration. The growers feared the sanctions would place cumbersome restrictions on their employment practices and cut off a flexible supply of low-cost labor for harvesting perishable crops.

In a debate with Brown, Wilson declared, "I would not support the employer sanctions, the penalties visited on employers under the proposed . . . legislation. I think that it would very likely produce the kind of discrimination that a number of minority groups, civil rights groups are concerned about. Businessmen, fearful of the impact of the penalty, might simply not hire."

On the other hand, he argued that there was "a need for a legalized guest-worker program in the United States because there is a legitimate market for the labor of Mexican nationals."

Once elected to the Senate, Wilson battled hard to include a guest worker provision in the final version of the bill that provided amnesty for longtime residents who had entered the country illegally.

He threatened to filibuster if the Senate version did not allow as many as 350,000 foreign laborers into the country. The final compromise legislation, which Wilson voted for, established the Special Agricultural Worker program. This program eventually permitted an estimated 1.3 million undocumented workers to receive permanent residence under a process that former immigration officials now concede was riddled with fraud.

In 1987, a year after President Reagan signed the immigration reform act into law—and before its full impact was known—Wilson's Senate office boasted of his role in holding out for a program to bring foreign farm workers into California. Without the influx of laborers, the office report argued, "the perishable commodities grown in California and other Western states would rot in the fields."

But during his 1994 reelection campaign, it became a political liability. Democrats accused Wilson of being the author of a program that opened the flood gates to large numbers of new immigrants, all entitled to public

services under the immigration reform bill.

His aides now say Wilson's guest worker proposal had been hijacked by liberals, altered unconscionably and forced to a vote. They said that Wilson voted for the compromise because it was essential to keep the agricultural workers in the country and to provide more resources for policing the U.S.-Mexico border.

When the law first went into effect, immigration officials insisted that agricultural workers provide proof that they had worked in the United States for at least 90 days in the previous year. But many were stopped at the border because they had no record of their previous work.

When growers began to complain, Wilson wrote President Reagan and met with immigration officials to break the logjam.

Wilson's efforts to cut through bureaucratic red tape were justified, according to Goodman, his spokeswoman. "Crops are not pickable [only] when a secretary of labor decides they are ready," she said.

In 1989, INS agents raided the Bahia and Catamaran hotels in San Diego, arresting 30 employees. The resorts hotels were owned by Anne L. Evans and her family, longtime Wilson contributors.

The next morning, Wilson got a call from the owners and sent a letter to the district director of the INS, complaining about "a continuing lack of communication between the interested parties, as evidenced by a surprise raid during an audit."

Wilson aides point out that the letter asked only for a meeting between the owners and INS officials, and that no special treatment was granted.

The INS eventually deported 29 of the hotel employees and the owners agreed to pay a \$70,000 fine.

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Wilson's concern about farming interests is not surprising in a state where agriculture remains one of the largest industries. And agriculture has generously contributed to his campaigns.

During his Senate years, Wilson sat on the Agriculture Committee, and between 1982 and 1990 he collected \$744,188 from agricultural interests, according to a recent Times computer analysis of Federal Election Commission records. The figure represents about 3% of the \$22,549,931 he raised in private and political action committee contributions for his federal campaign committee during that period.

Since his first run for governor, agricultural interests have regularly been among the top contributors to his state campaigns as well. The California Farm Bureau Federation, for example, donated more than \$60,000 to Wilson's reelection campaign; Sunkist Growers, almost \$40,000.

Wilson continues to back guest worker programs, despite the disaster that befell the 1986 plan. In March, on "This Week With David Brinkley," Wilson was asked whether he would support bringing in workers from Mexico to work in the fields. "If you're saying would I favor a guest worker program, a legal guest worker program of the kind that we have had for generations, yes," he said.

Critics say that Wilson public pronouncements on immigration are politically motivated and were more restrained during the Republican administration of President George Bush than they are today. They note that it was not until Bill Clinton became President—and Wilson himself was preparing to run for reelection as governor—that Wilson took the unprecedented step of suing the federal government to recover more than \$4 billion for the costs of providing services for illegal immigrants.

"Both as senator and as governor with Republican Presidents, Wilson has had lots of opportunities to crack down on illegal immigration or seek federal reimbursement for

local costs, and he was missing in action for a decade," said Rick Swartz, founder of the National Immigration Forum, a Washington-based immigrant rights lobbying group.

Wilson aide Goodman countered that Wilson had been critical of Bush on the immigration issue but that the news media paid little attention. The suit against the federal government, she said, was prompted because the cost of providing services has grown to "crisis proportions."

The governor was late to fully embrace Proposition 187, the initiative that would block public services and education for those in the country illegally, according to some backers of the measure.

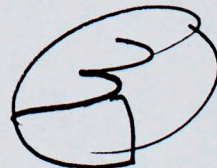
They said Wilson kept his distance when money and support were needed to qualify the measure for last November's ballot, but later endorsed it and sounded its themes in his campaign ads, charging that illegal immigrant children were costing the public schools \$1.5 billion a year "and they keep coming."

Bill King, a former INS official and one of the sponsors of Proposition 187, applauded Wilson for his eventual support but noted, "Pete Wilson is a politician. I think he had to wait to see which way the wind was going to blow."

Wilson aides said that the governor's pioneering efforts on the immigration issue helped win support for Proposition 187. And they pointed out that he took considerable political heat for backing it. "Everyone was blaming him for endorsing it," said communications director Goodman.

Times staff writers Mark Gladstone and Dwight Morris contributed to this article.

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# California and the West

**NEWS ANALYSIS**

## Disclosure's Timing Hurts Wilson

■ Past employment of illegal immigrant housekeeper puts another burden on governor, who is already hard-pressed to justify his record on taxes and abortion, GOP insiders say.

By ROBERT SHOCHAN  
TIMES POLITICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON—The disclosure that Gov. Pete Wilson and his ex-wife had hired an illegal immigrant as their housekeeper gave the incipient presidential candidate just about the last thing he needed—something else to explain.

Even before this latest revelation, Wilson's plate of rationalizations for past

conduct was filled to overflowing, as was demonstrated by his appearance earlier this week before an audience of conservative activists in Washington.

In a rasping whisper, made necessary by recent surgery on his vocal chords, Wilson first had to explain to the audience of political insiders why he felt compelled to run for President only a few months after he had solemnly promised the voters of California that he would serve out his full term.

Then, seeking to become the standard-bearer for a party that regards cutting taxes as close to a religious sacrament and raising them as close to a mortal sin, Wilson had to explain his role in helping push through the biggest tax increase in California's history during his first term in charge of the state's government.

Now, he has to explain not only the circumstances surrounding the hiring of

the housekeeper, which would be troublesome enough in view of his efforts to present himself as a leader in the battle against illegal immigration. But, in addition, he has to deal with the troublesome fact that he and his ex-wife failed to pay Social Security taxes on the woman's salary.

Ordinarily, time would be on Wilson's side because this incident took place more than 15 years ago and there is often an informal statute of limitations on political misbehavior. "It isn't something that happened recently when there was a heightened awareness" of the issue, said Charles Black, a senior adviser to one of Wilson's rivals, Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.).

But, timing is everything in politics and this timing is all wrong for Wilson. The incident occurs at a crucial moment

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Gov. Pete Wilson

## Teachers Speak Out in Favor of Reading Aloud

■ **Education:** Convention focuses on increasingly controversial method, sometimes criticized as replacing phonics.

By RICHARD LEE COLVIN  
TIMES EDUCATION WRITER

ANAHEIM—Though they were far from their classrooms, down the street from Disneyland and surrounded by peers rather than pupils, many teachers attending the 40th annual International Reading Assn. convention here this week could not resist the urge to settle into the big red chair and read aloud.

was a primary-colored island of calm as well as a symbol of the theory of reading dominant in most schools today—that children learn to read best when surrounded by good literature.

And there, without a tick of self-consciousness, teachers such as Deloris Fox of Durham, N.C., were anxious to summon the same repertoire of arched eyebrows and dramatic voices they would have used with a roomful of fidgety first-graders.

"They love it," she said of the time she

Yet that simple restorative act—reading aloud to children—is becoming increasingly controversial in states across the country, as politicians, parents and some educators worry that it has replaced systematic instruction of the fundamental building blocks of literacy. In California last week, Gov. Pete Wilson and his top education adviser blamed proponents of "whole language" methods that do not explicitly teach children phonics for national test scores that ranked the state with Louisiana, 39th out of 39 participating states.

And a reading task force put together by

whole language approach.

Methods of teaching reading are being reconsidered in Minnesota, Missouri, Colorado, Indiana, Maryland and other states as well, as school districts find themselves spending more money than ever on special tutoring programs aimed at students who are struggling to read in regular classrooms.

When it comes to reading instruction, "California . . . has been the shining example . . . that the rest of the world was trying to catch up to," said Kenneth S. Goodman, a University of Arizona professor credited with formulating whole lan-

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in his political life—just as he is trying to introduce himself as a national political candidate.

"He does not have a lot of wiggle room and this is not good for him," said Kellyanne Fitzpatrick, a Republican pollster who is not working for any of the GOP presidential candidates. "It is a problem because he is already teetering on the edge of being viewed as a hypocrite on many issues."

Similarly, University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato, author of "Feeding Frenzy," a book about journalistic treatment of disclosures about politicians, said that the incident is "much less significant" than other problems for Wilson, such as his support of abortion rights and his record on tax increases.

"But it's one more burden for a candidate who hasn't exactly rocketed from the launching pad," Sabato said.

The housekeeper story made headlines in cities around the country, including Milwaukee, where Wisconsin party officials are preparing to host a Midwest GOP regional leadership conference this month, at which Wilson is expected to make his campaign debut competing for support against half a dozen rivals for the nomination.

"It's not fatal," said Jim Pugh, communications director for the

state's Republicans. "But having to deal with it may take the immigration issue away from him."

Of course Wilson is not the only candidate who has to explain his past behavior. Gramm has been hectoring about the draft deferments he was given during the Vietnam War, which may help explain why his adviser, Black, said that "it wouldn't be fair" to make an issue of the illegal immigrant episode.

But not everyone was so charitable.

**C**onservative leader William J. Bennett, who condemned Proposition 137 during last fall's campaign, slammed Wilson.

"He promises the voters he's not going to run [for President], and then big money shows up and he says he changed his mind," Bennett said. "He says the family made a mistake in not paying Social Security taxes but it wasn't his fault, it was his ex-wife's fault. You can call this a lot of things, but stepping forward and leading it ain't," Bennett said.

"I don't think this is an impressive debut for a presidential candidate."

Aides to the two Wilson rivals with the most to lose from his candidacy—former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter—lost

no time in piling on.

"I think it's another huge problem for Wilson's campaign," said Mike Murphy, chief strategist for Alexander, who until Wilson decided to enter the race was the only candidate with substantial experience in state government.

Wilson "made a career last year out of becoming the protector of America from illegal immigrants," Murphy said. "Now we find out that he wasn't particularly diligent about the immigration status of people he hired to work for him."

Roger Stone, campaign chairman for Specter, who is the only contender competing with Wilson for the abortion rights vote in the GOP presidential race, suggested that the incident could be lumped together in a campaign television commercial with Wilson's first-term tax increase and his earlier opposition to the tax-cutting Proposition 13.

A potential script, he said, clearly savoring the prospect, would end something like this: "When it comes to taxes, Pete Wilson doesn't even like to pay his own."

Times political writer Ronald Brownstein contributed to this story.

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## Governor Pete Wilson Lies in Illegal Alien Hiring!

"Governor Pete Wilson is a Liar  
 Hypocrite, Lawbreaker &  
 Exploiter of Mexican Labor."

Herman Baca, Chairman  
 Committee on Chicano Rights  
 May 5, 1995

by: daniel l. munoz  
 San Diego, Ca. ...May 19, 1995... Local political activists, Herman Baca, Chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights has charged Governor Pete Wilson with outright lying in his efforts to cover up that he 'knowingly' hired an undocumented Mexican female worker in 1978.

" Governor Wilson, has in fact, broken California's law, which was in effect in 1978, on hiring undocumented workers. He ignored existing Federal law on paying taxes. As Mayor in 1978 and later as Governor, he failed to carry out his oath of office to uphold the laws of California and the nation!" Baca said in a prepared statement.

### Wilson Takes on Chicanos

Governor Pete Wilson chose to make the Mexican workers scapegoats to cover his apparent weak leadership and his failed policies. They have plunged the state into the worse recession of the nation. Wilson and his operatives failed to take into account that Chicano activists from the Chicano movement, who have been involved in issues of civil and constitutional rights, discrimination and racism against those of Mexican ancestry for decades, would not idly stand by and allow him to use those of Mexican ancestry as political scapegoats to further his political goals.

" It is quite clear," said Baca, that Wilson made a consciousness decision to sacrifice the Mexican, Latino, and Hispanic population of this state and nation in his drive for political power. He used and is using the immigration issue for purely political purposes which has little to do with his rhoteric of controlling the U.S./ Mexican border."

### Dixon Arnett Bill

In the late 60's and early 70's a movement was underway to prevent the hiring of undocumented, a.k.a. illegal aliens, by California employers. This movement ended with the passage, on November 11, 1971 of AB528 (the Dixon Arnett Bill). AB528 was vehemently opposed by Chicano groups and leaders such as Bert Corona, who headed Centro de Accion Social Autonomo (C.A.S.A.), Herman Baca, president of the local chapter of the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA), Raul Ruiz, of La Raza Unida Party,



and Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee (UFWOC) and Congressman Roybal. The opposition was created by the fear that AB528 would lead to wholesale firing of "Mexican-looking" persons and of the chilling effect that it would have on the hiring those of Mexican ancestry. Discrimination against Latinos, Mexican Americans was seen as increasing dramatically if AB528 passed.

Though Assemblyman Peter Chacon and Alex Garcia along with Cesar Chavez supported AB528 when it was first introduced, it soon became clear to Chavez that he had been duped and immediately turned against Chacon, Garcia and AB528 and became one of its strongest opponents. Much to the disgrace of Chacon and Garcia they continued to support AB528 in spite of the massive demonstrations and protests against AB528.

Assemblyman Pete Wilson cannot say he was unaware of AB528. It was the hot button issue from 1970 until the passage of the Simpson-Rodino bill in the U.S. Congress in 1987.

#### Wilson-Dixon Arnett Connection

Assemblyman Dixon Arnett, the sponsor of AB528, was and is a close friend of Pete Wilson. He is currently an appointee of Governor Wilson. Wilson cannot claim that he "unknowingly" hired Josefina Delgado in 1972. Wilson was in Sacramento the day the Dixon Arnett Bill came up for a vote on the floor. As a close friend of Arnett, Wilson should have been on the floor to support it. Pete Wilson was in Sacramento and attended the sessions of the Assembly and voted on bills presented prior to the vote on AB528. Contrary to the cover story, that was fed to "friendly" media by Wilson operatives on May 4, 1995, Wilson was not on an airplane to San Diego to prepare for his race for Mayor. Wilson was in Sacramento and attended the session immediately after the Arnett Bill AB528 was passed!

"We were fully aware of the vote going on in the Assembly. Intense lobbying had been going on all day to stop the passage of AB528. Why Pete Wilson "dodged the bullet" on the Arnett bill can probably be attributed to the fact that Wilson wanted to run for Mayor and he knew that alienating the Chicano vote would probably cause him to lose the election in San Diego," pointed out Baca. "The Dixon Arnett bill passed and became part of the California Labor code (Labor code 2805). It was now "the law of the State of California!

#### AB528-Labor Code 2805 Challenged

AB528/Labor Code 2805 was challenged before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Charles M. Church on March 1, 1972. He declared it unconstitutional and issued an injunction against it. That ruling applied only to the County of Los Angeles. At the same time, Herman Baca, now head of the La Raza Unida Party in San Diego, launched an effort to have the local Superior Court declare it unconstitutional in the County of San Diego.

AB528/Labor Code 2805 was then challenged in the State Supreme Court of California. At first the Supreme Court sided with the

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Chicano political leaders and ruled that AB528 was null-N- void as it dealt with immigration law which was a Federal prerogative. Arnett submitted a challenge to that interpretation and said it was about "labor" and not immigration. The Supreme Court on reconsideration agreed and returned AB528/Labor Code 2805 to the lower courts to rehear the case. In 1978, when the Supreme Court returned AB528/Labor Code 2805 to the lower courts it immediately became affective. Pete Wilson, a lawyer, who was Mayor of San Diego at the time, can not plead "ignorance of the law" as his excuse for hiring an undocumented person. Labor Code 2805 remained the law of California until the Simpson-Rodino bill passed the U.S. Congress and made Labor Code 2805 null and void by the provisions contained in the Federal Law which made the hiring of the undocumented against Federal Law. Wilson as Governor had his administration remove Labor Code 2805 removed from the books!

#### Governor Pete Wilson Lied!

"Wilson was fully aware that he was in violation of California's state law which prohibited the hiring of undocumented Mexican workers under the states labor law. It is obvious that the "guru," of the Mexican bashing movement, lied and stands accused of violating the law. This should prove to all those that believe Governor Wilson is a fit candidate for President, that he is a hypocrite, a liar and law breaker. Wilson, like many other supporters of Prop 187, is a "user of cheap Mexican labor!" said Herman Baca.

"Politicians have exploited the immigration issue endlessly, and if there is a No 1 offender it is Pete Wilson," pointed out Lisa Navarrete of the National Council of La Raza. "With this latest revelation we now know for sure he (Wilson) is a total hypocrite.".....

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) issued a statement stating "...For a policy leader, who purports to have a thorough and sophisticated understanding of undocumented immigration, to profess ignorance of the hiring of a member of his household...strains credulity."

Rubbing salt into the bleeding wound of the Wilson Presidential campaign Howard Ezell, former INS Western Regional Commissioner, a Republican and a sidekick to Wilson in Pushing for the racist California Proposition 187, stated: You can't have your cake and eat it to. If you're going to be really true to your convictions--and if you really believe illegal immigration is a bad thing--then you have to say "Look I'm going to do everything I can to make sure illegals don't get my money." Anything else perpetuates the system. Ezell lamented Wilson's double standard.

#### Wilson Fails To Pay Taxes

Baca continued: " Not only did Wilson lie about not knowing it was against the law to hire an undocumented person but he tried to hid the fact that he had an undocumented worker by failing to pay her Social Ssecurity taxes. Though he is trying to hid behind his former wife's (Betty Hosie) apron on the issue, it was Wilson who

signed his Income Tax returns and not Mrs Hosiel

"Scaperoating behind women's skirts seems to be a particular habit of the Governor. If anyone else had failed to pay his Social Security taxes and hid the fact for 10 years, he would summarily be brought to court and charged with a criminal act. Once again, Wilson is trying to lie his way out of an illegal act. Attention to this fact has been made to the U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno by the Committee on Chicano Rights. We are demanding that Wilson be prosecuted to the full extent of the law," said Baca.

Perhaps former Education Secretary William Bennett, a Republican, said it best when he said (Wilson should say) "I made a mistake...don't say she did it"...This is not what I would call virile Republicanism. It really isn't manly, which I think men should still try to do." It would now seem that Governor Wilson has become an extreme embarrassment to the Republican Party.

#### State Attorney General Should Prosecute Wilson

Baca and other Chicano political leaders are now demanding that California Attorney General, Dan Lundgren (Republican) indict and prosecute Governor Pete Wilson for failing to uphold the law of the land as he swore to do upon assuming office "Wilson is not above the law"....said Baca..."He cannot pick and choose what laws he will obey and which ones he won't. He cannot plead ignorance of the law as an excuse for not obeying a law. That privilege is not held by any citizen of the State of California....Not even the Governor. Attorney Dan Lundgren must be enjoined to carry out the duties of his office to which he was elected to." stated Baca.

#### Legislator Should Consider Impeachment

Speaker of the Assembly, Willie Brown has stated that "The Governor has a real problem...He knew the payments were not made. He signed the tax returns. He is a lawyer."

"The Governor has committed serious illegal acts," said Baca. "He has failed to uphold the laws of the state. he has committed a serious breach of ethics. Hearings should be held immediately to judge whether Pete Wilson is fit to continue as Governor of our state if not he should be impeached." concluded Baca.

## Indictment of Governor Pete Wilson Called For!

by; Daniel I. Munoz

National City, Ca...The Committee on Chicano Rights, has requested State Attorney General Dan Lungren to indict Governor Pete Wilson immediately for inciting VIOLENCE & RACIAL HATRED among the State's majority white residents <sup>Against</sup> and the 15 million Mexican American-Latino residents and uncounted number of immigrants <sup>of CA.</sup>

Herman Baca, the chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, a Civil Rights organization, called attention to Lungren's public statements that "Racists have picked the wrong state to commit acts of violence and hate." as the basis for his request. " If you are sincere and honest about your public statements on racists than on behalf of California's 15 million persons of Mexican ancestry, who are presently the target of the most vicious racist attacks in the state's history, we urge that you immediately move to indict California's #1 inciter of racial hatred, GOVERNOR PETE WILSON!" said Baca.

Calling on the State Attorney General, <sup>Violence</sup> to take immediate steps to protect the safety of the state's 15 million Mexican Americans, Baca cited the Governors continued racist attacks on the so call migrants or immigrants. Wilson has charged them with being responsible for all the social, economic and educational and health problems in the state and has in the process lite a fuse under the white and black population which has been hurt by the Governors bungling of the state's finances and administration of health, welfare and educational systems.

"The extremists are <sup>Also</sup> being stirred up by the Governors racist and bigoted statements which seek to shift blame to the poor and defenseless migrants of the state." said Baca. " Once a Mexican or Latino crosses the border, whether legally or illegally, and enters into our communities there is absolutely no way to tell him apart from Mexican Americans and Latinos who have been born here, or are legitimate citizens. Racists, INS agents, policemen, sheriff's deputies and self appointed vigilantes attack, arrest and cause violence on the basis of color! <sup>necessary to Wilson</sup> If your brown you must be illegal; If your brown, you don't rate an education; If your born of a Mexican heritage women, you must be an illegal child, therefore you don't deserve citizenship; If your brown, you don't deserve a job; if your brown, your'e a prime suspect for the police and sheriffs and readily blamed for crime, drug dealing, rapes, robberies and assaults. If your Brown you are an alien!" pointed out Baca.

Baca charged that the Governor has laid the ground work for racial violence and/or outright racial war. " <sup>AT</sup> The governor must be stopped at all costs", said Baca.

The raising level of hostilities at the U.S/Mexican border is also laid at the feet of the Governor. From El Paso to Tijuana, hostilities has increased as Immigration officers have coopted the U.S. Justice Department and have taken the law into their own hands. In El Paso, the Border Patrol and Immigration agents misappropriated millions of dollars, moved agents into the area without authority from the Justice Department, who is their boss,

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and essentially closed the border causing untold harm by their illegal actions. In fact, the INS created <sup>an</sup> adhoc Federal policy for the Clinton administration and Congress. They became a vigilante mob ~~which~~ almost erupted into armed conflict with Mexican Police officers. Congressmen Cunningham, Hunter, Lynn Shank and Senators Feinstein and Boxer had a hand in encouraging this outrageous usurpation of Federal powers. "Receiving encouragement from Governor Pete Wilson's actions in California, ~~the~~ freshmen female Senators and Congresswoman showed their inexperience and ignorance by encouraging the attacks on migrants, immigrants, Mexicans and assisted the Governor in carrying out his hate agenda against the nations 25 million Latinos and Hispanics." said Baca.

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Attacks against California's minority community is not a new thing for Congressman Duncan Hunter and Duke Cunningham. However, the Governor's public attacks embolden them to a degree they never had before. "State Attorney Lungren as the State's highest law enforcement officer has a duty and responsibility to protect ~~our~~ State and Federal Constituent. We demand that he take immediate steps to maintain the separation of powers between the Federal and State Governments. It is obvious," said Baca, "that Wilson has intruded into sensitive international affairs between the United States and Mexico. He has seriously jeopardized sensitive negotiations on NAFTA and has antagonized the Mexican people in Mexico. Calls for the breakoff of negotiations are rampant in the Mexican media as well as calls for immediate restraints on the Governor. Mexican citizens are wondering just who sets policy in our country. Governor Wilson has seriously embarrassed our country and has created a cardinal sin; that of denigrating the Mexican citizen, hurting their pride and impugning their honor.

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"This unconstitutional infringement on the powers of the President and the U.S. Congress must be stopped immediately. It is the State Attorney General's immediate responsibility to take action and preserve ~~our~~ Republican form of Government." concluded Baca.

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**Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc**

Oct. 19, 1993

State Attorney General  
Dan Lungren

On Behalf of California's 15 million persons of Mexican ancestry, who are presently the target of the most vicious racist attacks in the state's history, we urge that if you are sincere and honest about your public statements that "racist have picked the wrong state to commit acts of violence and hate" that you immediately move to indict California's #1 inciter of racial hatred and violence;.....GOVERNOR PETE WILSON!

It should be obvious to anyone who can read that Governor Wilson's statements on militarizing the border, blaming crime, welfare and education costs, among other things, on the so called "illegal alien" has created a "schism" between the races and between countries. Violent acts against Mexicans are being carried out in California and violent confrontations are building up along the U.S./Mexico Border.

We call on you as the states highest law enforcement officer to take immediate steps to protect the lives and property of all Californians. We demand that you immediately indict Governor Wilson for inciting violence upon one segment of the population of California, the MexicanAmerican community. We fear that the Governor has laid the ground work for racial violence and/or outright racial war in California. He must be stopped at all costs before it is to late!

As the State's highest law enforcement officer, we demand that immediate steps be taken to maintain the separation of powers between the Federal and State governments. Wilson's intrusion into international affairs is seriously jeopardizing relations along the border and is inciting retaliation and violence from Mexican citizens. This unconstitutional infringement on the powers of the President and the U.S. Congress are the workings of an unstable mind and seriously jeopardizes California and the country.

We await your response:

Herman Baca, Chairman  
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Awaiting your response;

Herman Baca

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Herman Baca, the chairman of the Committee on Chicano Rights, a Civil Rights organization, called attention to Lungren's public statements that "Racists have picked the wrong state to commit acts of violence and hate," as the basis for his request. "If you are sincere and honest about your public statements on racists then, I on behalf of California's 15 million persons of Mexican ancestry, who are presently the target of the most vicious racist attacks in the state's history urge that you immediately move to indict California's #1 inciter of racial hatred and violence; GOVERNOR PETE WILSON!"

said Baca. Calling on the State Attorney General, to take immediate steps to protect the safety of the state's 15 million Mexican Americans, Baca cited the Governor's continued racist attacks on the so-called migrants or immigrants. Wilson has charged them with being responsible for all the social, economic, educational and health problems in the state and has in the process lit a fuse under the white and black population which has been hurt by the Governor's bungling of the state's finances and administration of health, welfare and educational systems.

"The extremists are <sup>also</sup> being stirred up by the Governor's racist and bigoted statements which seek to shift blame to the poor and defenseless migrants of the state," said Baca. "Once a Mexican or Latino crosses the border, whether legally or illegally, and enters into our communities there is absolutely no way to tell him apart from Mexican Americans and Latinos who have been born here, or are legitimate citizens. Racists, INS agents, policemen, sheriff's deputies and self appointed vigilantes attack, arrest and cause violence on the basis of color. If you're brown, according to Wilson, you must be illegal; If you're brown, you don't rate an education; If you're born of a Mexican heritage women, you must be an illegal child, therefore you don't deserve citizenship; If you're brown, you don't deserve a job; if you're brown, you're a prime suspect for the police and sheriffs and are readily blamed for crime, drug dealing, rapes, robberies and assaults. If you're brown, according to Wilson, you are an alien!" pointed out Baca.

Baca charged that the Governor has laid the ground-work for racial violence and/or outright racial war. "The governor must be stopped at all costs," said Baca.

The rising level of hostilities at the U.S./Mexican border is also laid at the feet of the Governor. From El Paso to Tijuana, hostilities has increased as Immigration Officers have co-opted the U.S. Justice Department and have taken the law into their own hands. In El Paso, the Border Patrol and Immigration Agents



misappropriated millions of dollars, moved agents into the area without authority from the Justice Department, who is their boss, and essentially closed the border causing untold economic havoc by their illegal actions. In fact, the INS created an ad hoc Federal policy for the Clinton Administration and Congress.

The INS/Border Patrol became a vigilante mob which almost caused armed conflict with Mexican Police officers and citizens. Congressmen Cunningham, Hunter, Shant and Senators Feinstein and Boxer have had a hand in encouraging this outrageous usurpation of Federal powers. "Receiving encouragement from Governor Pete Wilson's actions in California, the freshmen female Senators and Congresswomen showed their inexperience and ignorance by encouraging the attacks on migrants, immigrants and Mexicans and assisted the Governor in carrying out his "state agenda" against the Constitution and nations of 25 million Latinos and Hispanics. Attacks against California's minority community is not a new thing for Congressmen Duncan, Hunter and Duke Cunningham. However, the Governor's public attacks has emboldened them to a degree they never had before," said Baca.

"State Attorney Lungren" continued Baca, "as the State's highest law enforcement officer has a duty and responsibility to protect the State and Federal Constitutions. We demand that he take immediate steps to maintain the separation of powers between the Federal and State Governments. It is obvious," said Baca, "that Wilson has intruded into sensitive international affairs between the United States and Mexico. He has seriously jeopardized sensitive negotiations on NAFTA and has antagonized the Mexican people in Mexico. Calls for the boycott of negotiations and economic boycotts are rampant in the Mexican media as well as calls for immediate action by American authorities on the Governor. Mexican citizens are wondering just who sets policy in this country. Governor Wilson has seriously embarrassed the country and has created a cardinal sin, that of denigrating all Mexican persons by slighting their pride, impugning their honor, and denigrating the Mexican family."

"This unconstitutional infringement on the powers of the President and the U.S. Congress must be stopped immediately. It is the State Attorney General's responsibility to take action and preserve the republican form of Government by indicting Governor Pete Wilson," concluded Baca.



**Committee on Chicano Rights, Inc**

May 4, 1995

Ms. Janet Reno, U.S. attorney General  
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The Committee on Chicano Rights, (CCR) is hereby requesting that the Department of Justice investigate and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, California state Governor Pete Wilson for the hiring of undocumented housekeeper in 1970. This is in direct violation of federal immigration law (harboring and transporting) and social security laws. We call on the U.S. Department of Justice to prosecute Governor Pete Wilson for violation of federal laws in light of:

- 1) His continually calls for control of the U.S./Mexico border and strict enforcement of this country's immigration laws by the federal government.
- 2) His filing of numerous frivolous lawsuits on behalf of the state of California against the federal government for reimbursement for the state cost in providing services to undocumented persons in this country who are in violation of federal immigration laws.
- 3) His call for changes to the 14th amendment of the U.S. constitution to deny citizenship to children of undocumented persons who are in this country in violation of federal immigration law.
- 4) His call to deny (under Prop. 187) persons who are in violation of federal immigration law any form of assistance, or health care.

It is our position that Gov. Pete Wilson should be prosecuted and unlike Pontius Pilate 2,000 years ago should not be allowed to wash his hands, or walk away for his blatant violation of federal laws. What he has called for....strict adherence and strict enforcement of the law, should now be applied to him in the strongest and fullest extent of the law.

We await your response;

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For Immediate Press Release

May 5, 1995

## INDICTMENT OF GOVERNOR PETE WILSON CALLED FOR!

National City, CA....The Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR) today accused Gov. Pete Wilson of not only being a hypotrite and law breaker (see enclosed article) for his hiring of a Mexican housekeeper in 1978, but also of being a liar. Herman Baca, President of the CCR accused Gov. Wilson of "not only breaking federal laws, but also of breaking California state law". According to Baca "Wilson was fully aware that he was in violation of California state law which prohibited the hiring of undocumented workers under the states Dixon Arnett law". "A law which Wilson voted for in 1971 when he was a state assemblyman". The published reports that the guru of the "Mexican bashing" movement stands accused of violating the law said Baca "should prove to the U.S. public that Wilson besides being a hypotrite, liar and law breaker is using the so-called immigration issue for purely political purposes, and has nothing to do with his call for strict enforcement of the nations immigration laws, or controll of the U.S./Mexico border". "In fact Wilson has been exposed for he really is, a utilizer like so much of U.S. society of cheap Mexican labor". "The same Mexican laborers that Wilson legislated into a "workers program" in 1987, and the same workers he and the right wing "scapegoated" to pass Prop. 187, and the same workers he is utilizing to jump start his dead in the water presidential campaign". The public stated Baca "should to end the political hypocrisy by politicians ask how much was Wilson paying his maid, how many hours was she working?, and if Wilson really believes that Mexican immigrants steal jobs, utilize educational and social services, and that U.S. workers should all carry a national I.D. card then why did he not hire a white U.S. maid?"

In conluding Baca stated "that the CCR has requested (see letter) that the U.S. Deptartment of Justice investigate Wilson for evasion of social security tax laws, labor laws, and immigration laws (harboring and transporting), and that Wilson be charged and prosecuted to the strongest and fullest extent under the law".

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