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Letter to the Editor [Rachel Vega and Zulema Medina]

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U.S. history. "Newspapers from New York to California, from Cedar Rapids to Waterloo, to most markedly, today’s Minneapol- is-St. Paul Star Tribune where an article on the front page in bold letters states that "POSTVILLE IS SOMETHING BAD IN THIS TOWN." The article states an essay on raids in a packing plant that has torn an Iowa community apart. It states that a town which boasted of the peaceful coexistence of its many cultures has been left "absolutely shattered." The story tells of worker safety accusations and of the condoning of illegal status of its workers. The raid broke up families and cast tides soon became the subjects discussed. These trag- edies soon became the subjects discussed. These trag- dis-traditions are still felt today in our community. The raid at Jacobson Foods, Inc. is a prime example of the way in which our way of life, the people we love that have been lost by Postville has been tested. The ICE raid was labeled the "largest in

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