



**Teaching Tolerance Grant:** Teaching Tolerance, the education and professional development wing of the Southern Poverty Law Center, has awarded Gardena High School's Zerohour program a grant for the development and production of its black/Latino social history play *Divided We Fall*. The grant awards \$1994 for training, resources and student attendance of culturally relevant community events that will facilitate the launch of the play. The play is a joint project of the HRC's Women's Leadership Project, MECHA and the Black Student Union. A debut reading of the play was done at the June Women's conference.



**Media Literacy Forum:** On Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, students from Gardena High School's Women's Leadership Project participated in the Mother's Day Radio (MDR) media literacy forum with students from King-Drew High School and Peary Middle School. The forum followed up on a presentation MDR gave at the HRC's June women's leadership conference and featured documentary filmmaker Byron Hurt

(*Beyond Beats and Rhymes*), KPFK's Some Us Are Brave radio show and youth organizers from Take Back the Mic, a socially responsible hip hop collective. Over 50 students from both campuses participated in breakout sessions examining imagery in hip hop music and video and the global role of corporate America in the promotion and distribution of mainstream rap and hip hop.



### **Women's Leadership Project (WLP) October Events**

**California Women's Conference:** On 10/23 WLP students attended the Governor and First Lady's Minerva leadership conference at the Long Beach Convention Center. WLP students were among several thousand female youth groups from Northern and Southern California selected by the California Women's Foundation to participate. Students participated in a Women of Color in the TV/media industry panel with actress Raven-Symone, received \$100 savings deposit certificates from Wachovia and attended plenary sessions featuring Maria Shriver, international AIDS advocate Dr. Helene Gayle and the spouses of six presidential candidates. **Teens Make A Difference Day:** In partnership with 186<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School's after school program, members from the GHS Women's Leadership Project students did a Halloween craft-making project with K-5 students on campus.



