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## Murder on the Border

Outside the *maquiladoras* of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, young women workers are being abducted, raped, and often murdered at an astonishing rate — reportedly some 300 murdered, 400 disappeared in the last ten years. This epidemic of violence against women is linked in many people's minds with the other negative effects of NAFTA, so much so that film-

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maker Lourdes Portillo directed a documentary on the subject, *~~Señorita Extraviada~~* (aka *~~Missing Young Woman~~*). It outlines the lives and times of women

(and men) working in the assembly plants along the US-Mexican border, where labor is cheap and apparently life is, too. The Black Whole Collective screens *Señorita Extraviada* in video Thursday evening, July 24, 6 p.m., at the World Cup Cafe, 1212 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland. A discussion and homemade tamales (vegan, if requested) follow. Phone 510-654-9494 for more info. — **Kelly Vance**