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To the Reader:
Please share the insert with our Spanish-speaking population. Feel free to make copies.

SURFING THE NET? Visit the Iowa Latino Directory on the Internet for the latest information on state-wide Latino resources, events, and announcements.

<http://www.dwx.com/>
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Promote:
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STEWARDSHIP
Attend the conference "Building Partnerships among Latino Communities for the 21st Century" at Grinnell College on October 17-18th.

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Hollywood Actor Motivates Students

Edward James Olmos, best known as the star of *Stand and Deliver* and for his Emmy-winning role on *Miami Vice* has worked around the country to end gang violence. On April 17, Olmos presented "We're All in the Same Gang" at the Iowa State campus. He addressed topics such as biases in our educational and legislative systems, racism, violence, and achieving personal goals. Hoover High School Students, accompanied by administrators and staff from Hoover High School and the Division of Latino Affairs had the opportunity to meet Olmos during his Ames appearance.



High School Students Host Culture Days

West Liberty High School students celebrated Multicultural Day on May 2 with ethnic food, music, dancing, and 32 workshops covering topics such as immigrant rights, minority women and domestic violence, Capoiera (a Brazilian dance), the Quinceañera, and a culture walk led by the Division of Latino Affairs. Professionals traveled from as far as Wisconsin to conduct workshops, exploring social issues which affect many individuals, not just ethnic minorities. Congratulations to Mariposa, a student minority women's group, and teacher John-Paul Chaisson for planning a successful and fun event!

BCLUW High School students in Conrad, Iowa explored culture from 51 different countries after weeks of investigation and planning. Impressive displays, including a replica of the Taj Majal and a gigantic U.S. flag filled the gymnasium. An assignment from Geography teacher Dan Stoffer, students were responsible for creating an architecture display representing their chosen country, along with finding music, food, clothing, country flags, and other articles. On April 30, the students, teachers, parents, and interested locals gathered in



the auditorium for a keynote address given by Lieutenant Governor Joy Corning and presentations by the Division of Latino Affairs. Guests from various countries conducted afternoon sessions and the festive day concluded with live music, dancing, and ethnic food.

INTERPRETERS COMMIT TO EXCELLENCE

Interpreters and translators explored challenges and opportunities on the road to bridging the language gap during a workshop at Scott Community College in Davenport on April 4-5. Assistant Attorney General Rose Vásquez facilitated sessions regarding the role of the interpreter and difficulties that linguistic minorities face in the judicial process. Students had the opportunity to record themselves interpreting simultaneously and consecutively. Unique challenges of this profession were discussed and evaluations and suggestions were given by University of Northern Iowa professors. Workshops sponsored by UNI, the Division of Latino Affairs, the Iowa Department of Education, and Iowa Community Colleges have also been held in Ankeny and Cedar Falls and are part of the development of CITA (Certified Interpreters and Translators Association).



A two-week Spanish Summer Symposium offered for 2 semester hours of graduate or undergraduate credit, or 3.0 continuing education units will be held at UNI from June 16-19 and June 23-26. Pre-register before June 6 by calling (319) 273-5970 or 1-800-772-1746.

How Do You SAY HONEYDEW???

Requests for recipes, typical Latino meal times, shopping habits, and the Spanish name of any food imaginable are frequent questions from Women, Infants, and Children (W.I.C.) dietitians, nurses, and clerks. To assist W.I.C. employees state-wide in serving the new immigrant community, the Iowa Department of Health has contracted the Division of Latino Affairs to conduct a series of cultural diversity and Spanish language workshops. In April and May we visited the offices in Davenport, Sioux City, and Graettinger.

HOT RESOURCES!!!

The Division of Latino Affairs has a collection of books and videos in English and Spanish. Topics include Latino culture, health issues, racism, empowerment, and educational guides to teaching English and citizenship. Resources can be used in the office or checked out for specific time periods. Call (515) 242-6534 for more information.

NEW ARRIVAL: *Directory of Financial Aids for Minorities 1995-1997*

by Gail Ann Schlachter and R. David Weber. National directory for finding scholarships, fellowships, loans, grants, awards, and internships.

LEARN TO READ AND WRITE ENGLISH

Literacy and English as a Second Language classes are offered by the Des Moines Learning Center, a program of the YWCA of Greater Des Moines. Class content and times are tailored to individual needs. Students must have basic English skills in order to enroll. Referrals can be given if you need help with transportation or childcare. Classes are FREE. Call Linda (4:40-8:30 pm) at (515) 282-9440.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 14** Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs Meeting*
Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 920 15th St., Perry, IA 3:00 PM
- June 16-19 & 23-26** Spanish Summer Symposium, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls
- June 26** Des Moines Latino Service Providers Coalition Meeting*
Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2603 Bell Avenue, Des Moines 4:30-6:00 PM
*Public invited

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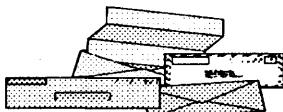
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¿Conoce usted alguien de Paraguay?
Hemos identificado personas en Iowa de todos los países Latinos menos de Paraguay.
¡Díganles que nos llamen a nuestra oficina!



¿Llegará mi documento?

En muchos países uno no puede confiar en el correo. En Los Estados Unidos, lo más seguro es mandar documentos certificados o registrados. Así la persona tiene que firmar al recibirlo.

Refrán:
No hay mal que por bien no venga.

¿Sabía Usted.....?

Queremos ayudarles a que tengan éxito con su proceso de inmigración. Lo que sigue son las sugerencias que hace inmigración en Omaha para que no pierdan tiempo o que hagan viajes perdidos.

- ◆ La oficina en Omaha está cerrada los miércoles. A veces algunos pueden ser citados que vengan el miércoles, pero éso sería por una carta oficial de invitación.
- ◆ El lunes es el día más ocupado. Aunque uno espera todos los días, el lunes tiene más larga espera.
- ◆ Esté preparado para esperar afuera si la oficina se llena a capacidad de 40 personas.
- ◆ Llegue temprano aunque hay la posibilidad de que tenga que esperar todo el día.
- ◆ ¡No pase sed ni hambre! Lleve bebidas, almuerzo y alguna forma de distraerse (libros, revistas). Vaya preparado.
- ◆ Se recomienda no llevar niños.
- ◆ No es necesario viajar a Omaha solamente para entregar las aplicaciones, "Application for Naturalization N-400" o "I-485". Mandelas por correo certificado.
- ◆ Haga copias de todos los documentos y lleve las copias a Omaha.
- ◆ Cuente con esperar 6 meses para respuestas de INS sobre las aplicaciones de ciudadanía o "Adjustment of Status."
- ◆ Los trámites de autorización de trabajo, "Employment Authorization" se llevan de una semana hasta 10 días. No es necesario viajar a Omaha solamente para entregar la aplicación. Mandela certificada por correo.
- ◆ Si tiene un documento que se necesita traducir (por ejemplo la acta de nacimiento), llevelo ya traducido.

INAUGURACIÓN DE INMIGRACIÓN EN DES MOINES

Dónde: En el aeropuerto, 6000 Fleur Drive, en un edificio al sur del terminal. (Edificio de "Customs, Agriculture, and Immigration")

Número de teléfono: (515) 256-5199

Horario:

- Está abierto al público los viernes en la mañana de 8:00 - 12:00.
- Está abierto de lunes a jueves solamente para las personas que han sido citados por INS. Repetimos, solamente para los previamente citados.

Servicios:

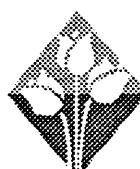
- Para información general de inmigración.
- Para obtener y entregar aplicaciones (N-400) o peticiones.
- Para entrevistas y exámenes de ciudadanía a los residentes permanentes los cuales han sido citados por INS.



¿Quiere mejorar su inglés?

El "Des Moines Learning Center," un programa de la YWCA del área de Des Moines ofrece clases de inglés gratis. Le enseñan individualmente como escribir y leer inglés. Se requiere que ya tenga una base en inglés. Ellos trabajan con usted para planificar sus estudios y horario de clases. Le pueden ayudar a encontrar arreglos de transporte y guardería de niños si es necesario. Llame a Linda entre 4:40-8:30 pm a (515) 282-9440.

PENSAMIENTOS....



Cuando era joven y libre, y mi imaginación no tenía límites soñaba con cambiar el mundo. Conforme crecí y mi sabiduría, junto conmigo, descubrí que el mundo no cambiaria. Por eso decidí recortar mis aspiraciones, y decidí solamente cambiar a mi país.

Pero esto también resultó imposible.

Conforme llegué a mis años de gran madurez, en un último intento desesperado, decidí cambiar solamente a mi familia; a esos cercanos, muy cercanos a mí.

Pero también fracasé.

Y ahora, cuando descanso en mi lecho de muerte, de pronto me doy cuenta que si tan solo hubiese cambiado mi persona, entonces por medio de mi ejemplo habría cambiado a mi familia.

Con su inspiración y coraje, también habría tenido la oportunidad de mejorar mi país y quien sabe, quien sabe, quizás habría logrado cambiar el mundo.

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Declaración de Nuestra Misión

La misión de la Comisión de Asuntos Latinos es la de mejorar la calidad de la vida de todos los Iowenses, al aumentar el nivel estatal del entendimiento de las contribuciones de índole social, cultural y económica que hacen los Latinos en Iowa.

Es más, nuestra misión es la de servir como un centro de recursos que promueve los cambios positivos, al valorar los asuntos y de hacer recomendaciones a los líderes encargados de tomar decisiones, de los retos con que se enfrenta la comunidad Latina de Iowa.

GOVERNOR SIGNS PAN AMERICAN DAY PROCLAMATION



Representatives of the Pan American countries gathered at the state Capitol for the Pan American Day Proclamation Signing on April 8. Governor Terry E. Branstad read and signed the proclamation, after which he met each representative. Guest speaker, Des Moines Attorney Ivan Webber, reflected on the many contributions Latinos have made to our nation.

THE ELDERLY EXPLORE CULTURES

An inquisitive and appreciative group of staff and residents at the Madrid Home, a nursing home located in Madrid, Iowa, celebrated Cultural Awareness Month in May. With a tradition of employing and serving individuals from diverse backgrounds, they invited guest speakers, including the Division of Latino Affairs, to present slides and stories from other cultures.



COULD YOU PASS THIS TEST????

Can you name the thirteen original colonies? The freedoms and rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights? How about the requirements a person must meet in order to be eligible to become President? Dedicated, enthusiastic students are learning the answer to these questions in their studies of history, government and English so that they will have the opportunity to become United States citizens. The Division of Latino Affairs has launched a pilot project in Des Moines with 20 students who are preparing for the naturalization process. These classes will serve as a model project to be implemented in other Iowa communities.

JOB NOTICES

The Division of Latino Affairs maintains a listing of current job opportunities. Call (515) 281-4070 for more information.

- ♦ **Bi-lingual Domestic Violence Counselor** position with Children and Families of Iowa Family Violence Center, a private non-profit organization in Des Moines. **Duties:** provides outreach and court advocacy to domestic violence victims.
Qualifications: BA or related degree; bi-lingual Spanish.
Salary: 22,000 - 25,000. **Deadline:** June 13. Send cover letter and resume to: Barbara Anderson, Children and Families of Iowa, 1111 University Ave, Des Moines, Iowa, 50314; phone (515) 243-6147; fax (515) 243-3404.
- ♦ **Nurses Aids** wanted to work with elderly in Madrid, IA. Pleasant environment. \$8/hour plus excellent benefits. Call Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4070.

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- ♦ **BUILD COMMUNITY**
- ♦ Do you want your organization, community, or staff to have the latest information on building cultural bridges?
- Lunch & Learns
- Staff In-Services
- Workshops
- Call the Division of Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4070.
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To all LULAC

members:

*Congratulations on
your new slate of
officers. We wish you
well. It was great fun
being at your state
convention May 18 in
Fort Madison!*

FACES AND VOICES OF IOWA: Building CommUNITY

Victor Villaseñor, author of *Rain of Gold* and baritone Simon Estes (talking!!) will highlight the Lt. Governor's Committee on Diversity Conference on October 21-22 at the Des Moines Convention Center. Over 60 workshops, Prism Awards presentations for outstanding diversity projects, a Food Fair celebration, and more! Call (515) 281-3421 for Prism Award nominations, workshop proposals, and registration brochures.

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The mission of the Commission on Latino Affairs is to improve the quality of life of all Iowans by increasing statewide understanding of the social, cultural and economic contributions Latinos make in Iowa.

Additionally, our mission is to serve as a resource center which promotes positive change by assessing the issues and making recommendations to decision makers of the challenges facing Iowa's Latino community.

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