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Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch Returns to Iowa

LTC, US Army (RET)
Consuelo Castillo
Kickbusch, author of
¿Porque no?, an
educational video to
motivate students to stay in
school, will give the
keynote address at
the 13th Annual English as
a Second Language/
Bilingual Education and
Refugee Concerns
Conference.

The event, *From Many
Places, Tomorrow's Faces*,
will be held February 17-
18th at the Holiday Inn
Conference Center.
Call Helene Kaplan at
(515) 270-9030 or (800)
362-2720 to register or for
more information. *Early
registration deadline is
February 10th.*

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Latino Conference Speakers Captivate Audience

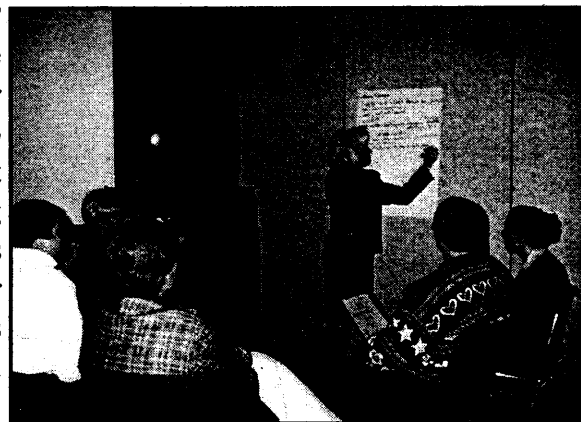


Jimmy Cabrera (pictured left), President of Success through Excellence, Inc. in Houston, Texas delivered the keynote address at the 2nd Annual Latino Leadership Conference held at Central College in Pella. Jimmy's presentations, rich with personal stories and humor, mentored participants, addressing topics such as facing change. The conference, *Fulfilling the Vision: Moving Forward into the 21st Century*, was held October 16-17th, and attracted Latino leaders, service providers, high school and college students from around the state of Iowa. The Friday evening mixer/dance showcased talent promoting Latino music and dance. One of Saturday's highlights was Poet Margarita Vallazza (pictured right), who performed original works which reflect her multicultural heritage. See special insert for more conference coverage!



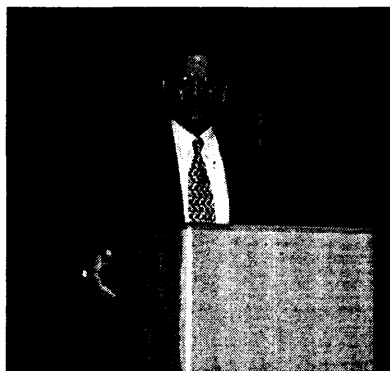
NO PINK FLAMINGOS IN THE FRONT YARD!

This rule, along with many other unwritten community rules compiled and discussed during an interactive workshop were presented by the Division of Latino Affairs at the Lt. Governor's Conference on Diversity in October. Every town, city, workplace, and school has rules that are not written down anywhere, but everyone knows about them and abides by them. What happens to the newly arrived in the community? Especially, how does the new immigrant cope with finding out these rules? Do they find out unwritten rules only by breaking them? Conference participants had the opportunity to discuss their community rules and to strategize on *how* to broadcast them to newcomers. Sharing your unwritten rules means caring for your community. For more information on workshops which help to build cultural bridges, call (515) 281-4070.

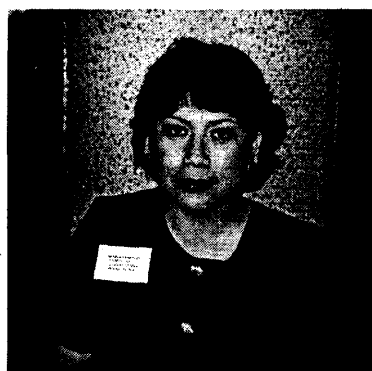


GET TO KNOW YOUR COMMISSIONERS

The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs is a 9-member commission appointed by the Governor to serve a two-year term. We feature them in each issue of this publication!



Dr. José Amaya, Assistant Professor of English and U.S. Latino Studies at Iowa State University, serves the Ames and Central Iowa region. Originally from Alamosa, Colorado, José came to Iowa State University in 1997. He was recently awarded the 1999-2000 Liberal Arts Fellowship in Law at the Harvard University Law School. José enjoys mountain biking and horseback riding. In fact, one of his dreams is to compete in the Olympic horseback riding championship! Another wish is to ensure his family's happiness and security. He is very involved with his daughters' activities, helping the Girl Scout and Brownie chapters.



Maria Isabel Moravec serves the Sioux City area. Currently the director of La Casa Latina, Maria grew up in Levelland, Texas in a migrant family. She is the oldest of 7 children. Maria now works with a migrant recruiting program, and serves on the Siouxland Diversity Coalition and on various Siouxland community organizations. Her interests include angels, floral arranging, computers, desk-top publishing, challenging games, and photography. Maria's inspiration comes from her hero, her father, who taught her to start every day with music and laughter, to treat everyone with respect and dignity, and to never lose sight of the importance of family.


Pabon Preserves Latino Heritage



The Division of Latino Affairs honored **Lupe Pabon** at a program celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. The event, *Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: A Tribute to Our Culture and History*, was held September 16th at the New State Historical Building. Lupe recently donated numerous historical documents and news clippings to the Division. These materials contribute to our historical project, which will document the history of Latinos in Iowa. See insert for more photos from this cultural event!

HOT RESOURCES!

El Aguila Real Opens in West Des Moines

Enjoy lunch or dinner at their new location:

 1960 Grand Ave.,
 Suite 19 & 21, West Des Moines.
 Phone: (515) 226-7877

Contact the Division of Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4070 to obtain the following resources:

- ♦ Immigration attorney list
- ♦ Bilingual attorney list
- ♦ Latino-owned businesses
- ♦ State-wide ESL and Citizenship class directory

New for 1999: Look for our Latino Cultural Affairs Directory

Do you know of Latino dance groups, singers, storytellers, artists, cooks, or other experts who should be included in our new directory?

Call the Division of Latino Affairs at (515) 281-4070.

Help Fight the War on Drugs

Call the Division of Narcotics Enforcement anonymously to report methamphetamines and/or other illegal drug activity: 1-800-532-0052. Calls can be taken in English or Spanish.

ESL/Citizenship Classes

The Division of Latino Affairs continues to help prepare individuals for the INS citizenship exam and to improve their English. Call (515) 281-4080 for more information.

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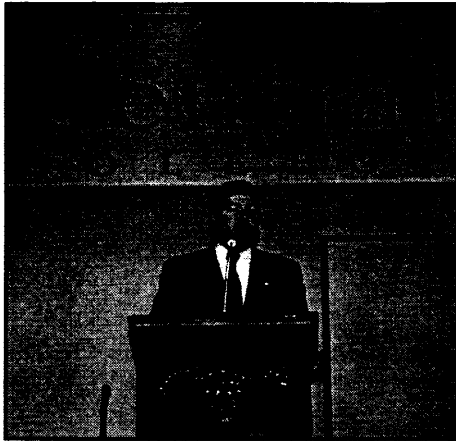
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Special Conference Photo Insert

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2nd Annual Latino Leadership Conference Highlights Fulfilling the Vision: Moving Forward into the 21st Century



Governor Terry E. Branstad welcomed conference participants at Central College.



The Fort Madison Fine Arts Troupe kicked off the Friday evening event with traditional Mexican dances.



Pictured are Dr. Donna Van Bodegraven, presenter Alfredo Parrish and Commissioner Paula Martinez, enjoying a break between workshop sessions.



Featured young performers included the Knoxville East Elementary School Choir.

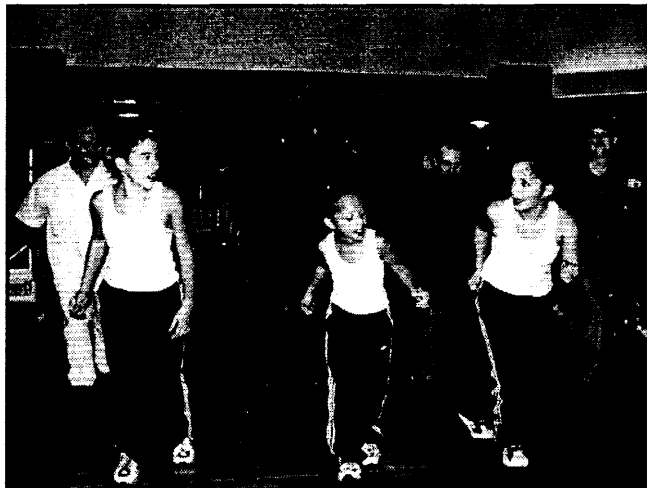
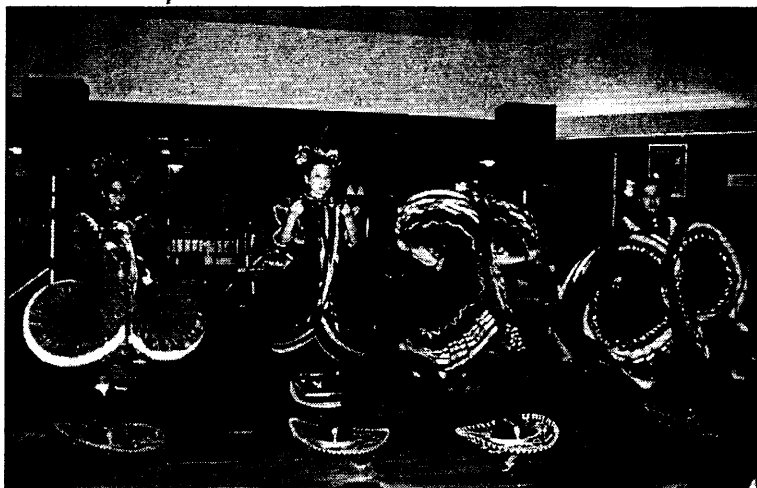


The conference promoted Latino businesses in Iowa, such as *Importes Durango*, owned by Maria Luisa Gallegos (pictured left).

Photos courtesy of Ellie Webb.



Conference attendees danced for hours to smooth Latin Jazz performed by Gabriel Espinosa and Ashanti.



The Fort Madison Fine Arts Troupe (above and below, left) involved everyone; three generations of dancers and even Latino Leadership Conference audience members!



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage: September 16th *A Tribute to Our Culture and History at the State Historical Building*



The Brooks Elementary School 3rd Grade Choir performed *¡Qué bonita bandera!*



Reina Virginia Rivas and other young Latinas modeled traditional dresses from Latin American countries.



Razas Unidas Dance Troupe of Marshalltown entertained the crowd with *Juan y Juanita*.

SPOTLIGHT ON LATINO YOUTH

Congratulations to Merenciana Diana Cortez for her recent art exhibits at the 1998 Latino Leadership Conference in Pella and the Lt. Governor's Conference on Diversity in Des Moines. A 1998 Carlisle High School graduate, Merenciana is pursuing a career in Commercial Arts at Des Moines Area Community College. She is the daughter of Milton and Paula Martinez, Jr., and other family members include her 8-year-old brother Primo Carlos, and her grandmother Mary E. Campos. In addition to her college courses, Merenciana keeps busy with part-time jobs and



extra-curricular activities. Merenciana aspires to be successful in the commercial art field, with a dream to become a nationally known free-lance artist. Best wishes to Merenciana!

Governor Vilsack Hosts Vice-President at Local Town Meeting

Division of Latino Affairs Administrator Sylvia Tijerina, and Commissioner José Amaya had the privilege of attending a town meeting on methamphetamines at Amos Hiatt Middle School in Des Moines on January 8th. Vice-President Al Gore and other community leaders were in attendance at this meeting in which a federal grant was awarded to help in the fight against "meth" in Iowa. Let's all join the battle against drugs.

Take Note...



Please share the following announcements with others in your community.

Did you or someone you know work for Decoster Farms from 1992-1997?

A class-action suit has been won, and back-wages can be obtained by individuals who were employed during these years. Call lawyers Fontaine & Beal at 1-800-853-4312, to leave your name and phone number.

Immigration Updates

Contact INS at (515)323-2050 for more information on the following:

- ◆ The application fee for naturalization will increase from \$95 to \$225 on January 15th. For citizenship information on the internet, see www.ins.usdoj.gov/natz/howapply.html
- ◆ New laws have been passed which grant temporary work authorization to individuals in the U.S. who are from Honduras or Nicaragua.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| January 28 | Des Moines Latino Service Provider Meeting*
Hosted by El Aguila Real at their NEW location
1960 Grand Ave., Suite 19 & 21 in West Des Moines 4:30 - 6:00 PM |
| January 23 | Commission on Latino Affairs Meeting,* Marshalltown 10:00 AM
Place to be announced. [Call (515) 281-4070] |
| February 17-18 | <i>From Many Places, Tomorrow's Faces</i> - English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education and Refugee Concerns Conference,
Holiday Inn Conference Center, Des Moines |
| February 25 | Des Moines Latino Service Provider Meeting* 4:30 - 6:00 PM |
| March 6 | Commission on Latino Affairs Meeting* Davenport 10:00 AM |
| March 25 | Des Moines Latino Service Provider Meeting* 4:30 - 6:00 PM |

***Public Invited**

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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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