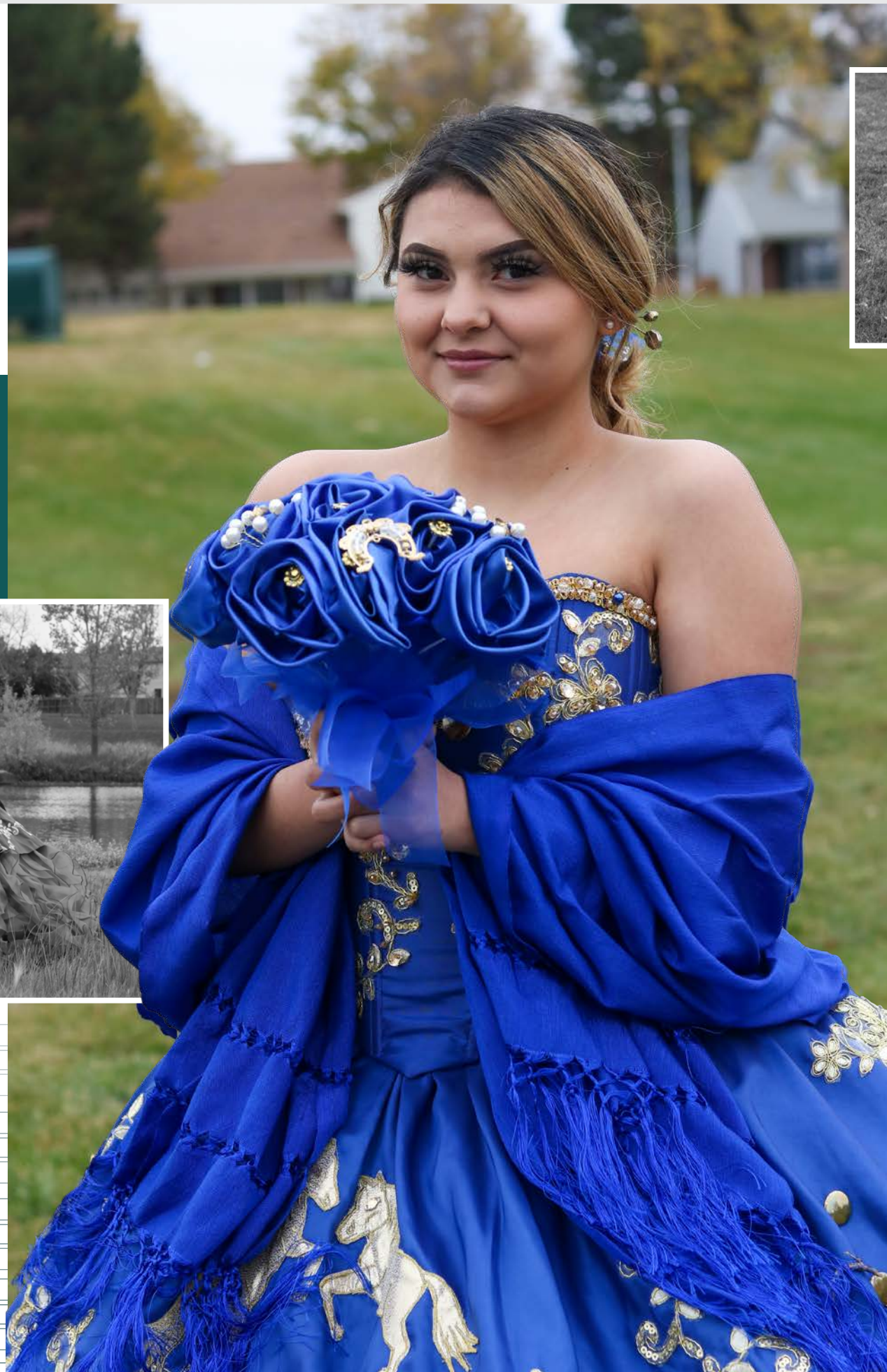


**"I THINK I
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BOUQUET IN HAND, sophomore Rubi Guzman smiles in her dress. Guzman spent over a year planning her quince. "COVID impacted my quince in a way that hurt everyone because all the time and effort put into it just for it to get cancelled within a few months," Guzman said. PHOTOS BY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA



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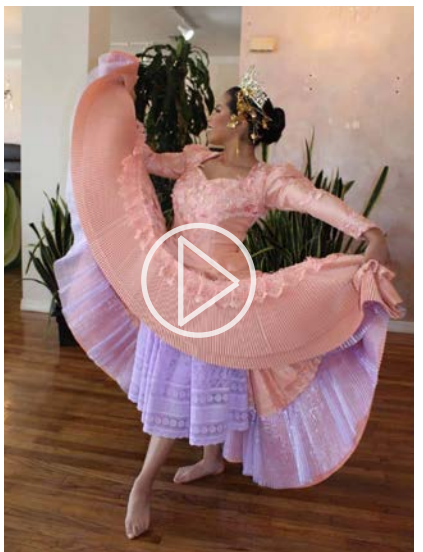
PLACED ON HOLD
MONTHS OF PARTY PLANS
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Since she was a little girl, **sophomore Rubi Guzman** always planned on having a big quince. The preparations began over a year ago for her quinceañera, her 15th birthday party that would be the highlight of her teenage years, and represent her coming of age. A quinceañera is a Latino tradition practiced among many families living in Mexico, Latin America, and the United States. Guzman's family planned to keep the tradition. The date was set, the location was booked, and the 300 guests were invited. However, the family couldn't have planned for the global pandemic that forced her to make an impossible decision. "I decided to cancel my quince because it didn't seem right having it with

all the problems going on." Guzman said. "A quince to me means so much, ever since I was a little girl, because that's the day I'm turning into a young lady," Guzman said. When Guzman was fourteen years old, she had traveled to Mexico to get fitted for her quince dress. She had the designers incorporate a horse into her dress as a special touch for her mother. "I picked my dress because I wanted it to be western themed and the color was something I always imagined myself in," Guzman said. Guzman's family spent over five thousand dollars for the celebration, and family members had already purchased their plane tickets from far away. "Even though it was a hard choice I think I made the best decision," Guzman said.

senior Maria Sanchez
ORIGIN OF THE DANCES: "Every dance comes from either our regions Costa, Sierra, and Selva. Some of our most popular rhythms come from African fertility dances."
IMPORTANCE: "I have been a dancer for all of my life. Culture, that's my home, not only did I grow up in Peru but I always carry its beauty in my heart."
HOW TO DO THE MARINERA: "The man would courtship the woman with his hat and elegant moves, while the woman would flirt back with her 'pañuelo' (handkerchief) and smile. Both will demonstrate their confidence with their footwork."



TRUST THE DANCE
EXPRESSION THROUGH THE PERUVIAN MARINERA

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YO PROMETO
LEALTAD
THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THE PLEDGE IN SPANISH

"It was special to represent a part of the Hispanic community. Something really important about Hispanic Heritage month is that people get to learn more about Hispanic culture, and the pledge is important because everyone realizes that no matter the language or culture, one can still be a part of something."



SENIOR SEBASTIAN REYES
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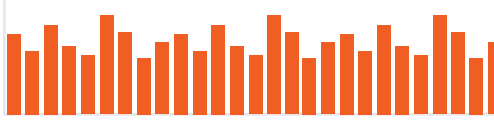
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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?
BAD BUNNY HOSTS A VIRTUAL CONCERT TO CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SENIOR PATRICA CAMPOS "It really wasn't what I expected. I don't think anyone expected him to roam around New York delivering a free concert to everyone there."

SENIOR KEVIN MARTINEZ "My favorite performance was the whole Bad Bunny performance because I love Bad Bunny."

SENIOR MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA "It's really cool to see celebrities celebrating their heritage. I think it was nice that he also honored health care workers by performing in front of a hospital."



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