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OBAMA WINS FLORIDA, NATION TURNS BLUE ON WAVE OF YOUTH VOTER TURNOUT

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CHANGE YOUNG PEOPLE BELIEVED IN: Dozens of Miami Beach Senior High students attended the October 21 Obama Rally at Bicentennial Park.

Hispanic Heritage Festival Spices Up Beach High

The annual assembly showcased a variety of cultures and identities.

BY MARIA GUZMAN

Fifteen flags rushed down the aisles of the new auditorium in celebration of Hispanic Heritage on October 22. The Hispanic Club's annual demonstration of cultural pride included a variety of performances from tango dancing to reggaeton to a Celia Cruz impersonation by senior Angela Castro. The classes that were invited to the assembly were

chosen based on how many cans they donated to a food drive benefitting Hurricane Ike victims in Cuba.

The main event of the festival was Miss Hispanidad, a beauty contest that featured a representative from 15 Spanish-speaking countries. "The contestants first signed up for the country they wished to represent," explained Hispanic

Club President Rhobynette Sala, a junior. "These contestants went through a short interview with foreign language teachers who then determined the best candidates for those countries." The contestants dressed in a native costume and were asked questions about their heritage.

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