

¡TRIUNFANDO! AWARDS GALA

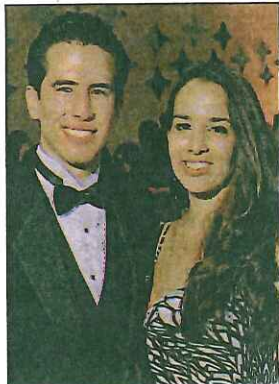
Hispanic chamber has arrived

THE Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce packed the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts with 1,200 guests Saturday night for the 25th annual ¡Triunfando! Awards Gala.

With "The Leader of Houston's New Majority" as its emboldened motto, the chamber celebrated its growing influence. Notable political leaders on hand included Mayor **Bill White**, state Sen. **Mario Gallegos**, Mayor Pro-Tem **Adrian Garcia**, Harris County Judge **Ed Emmett**, Harris County Commissioner **Sylvia Garcia** and U.S. Rep. **Al Green**.

Guests gathered first in Sarofim Hall for an awards presentation to business leaders and a performance by the Brazilian Arts Foundation, then moved to the grand foyer for dinner from Artista and Cordúa Catering.

In the mix were gala chair **Roland Rodriguez**, chamber board chair **George Gonzalez**, chamber president and CEO **Laura Murillo** and her husband, **Joe Murillo**. Guests continued the celebration late into the night at the official "After Gala" at the Midtown Post Oak Grill, where **Polo Becerra** hosted.



BRIGHT LIGHTS: Kevin and Rachel Caballero were among the 1,200 guests filling the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.



FRIENDLY FACES: Yolanda Black Navarro, from left, David Acosta and Lolita Guerrero joined the party, which went on late into the night.



KEY PLAYERS: Mir, Fox & Rodriguez managing principal Roland Rodriguez, from left, Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce CEO Laura Murillo, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and chamber board chairman George Gonzalez take the lead at the chamber's ¡Triunfando! Awards Gala.