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I would like to invite you to join us in celebrating 100 years of Statehood during our annual 2012 Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana.



year. We congratulate our new Reina Juliette Peralta and her Princesses, as well as the honorees for this year's Fiestas and wish them well in representing Taos in all that they do.

We thank each and every one for your generosity and help

Las Fiestas is the coming together of generations to enjoy good company, cultural music, great food and most importantly to celebrate this rich tradition. A tradition that honors the tri-cultural uniqueness of Taos that has developed over the last four centuries. This festivity is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to unite in fellowship and a special time for families and friends to come together and enjoy each other on the Historic Taos Plaza.

We give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us during the past year and ask God's grace in preparing us for yet another

because without the support of the entire Taos community we would not be able to continue with is age old tradition. The annual Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana belongs to the people of Taos and the Taos Fiesta Council is honored to serve as stewards for you and your Fiesta.

We invite you and our visitors to visit the many cultural and historic sites throughout the beautiful community of Taos and wish everyone a safe and festive Fiestas Weekend. *¡Dios los bendiga y Que vivan Las Fiestas!*

JOSEPH QUINTANA
PRESIDENT, TAOS FIESTAS COUNCIL

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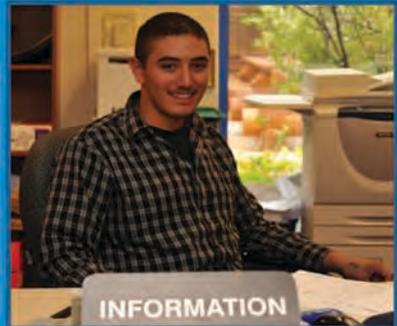
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The time has come to bid farewell to my reign as *La Reina de Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana por el año dos mil once*.

The honor bestowed on me has been an unforgettable and blessed experience. It has enriched and inspired me to pursue all of my life's goals. The beautiful and special memories will be cherished forever. Princesas Bianca Silva, Jenni Medina and I have learned that keeping the traditions, religion and other customs of our Spanish culture are very important as we participated in the many festivities in Taos and other surrounding communities. We represented Taos with great pride and genuine respect for each event.

My biggest thank you goes to my parents, Johnny and Lorraine Vásquez. My mom's words of encouragement and praise have always given me the strength to be the young lady I am today. I want to thank my dad for all the work he did on the float to make sure my court and I were represented like royalty. To my brothers Gabriel and Reynaldo and their families, thank you for hauling the float to all the different parades and decorating it to perfection. I am also very appreciative for my grandparents Tito and Florida Archuleta, my god-parents Lloyd and Grace Rivera and my great aunt and uncle, Joe and Ruth Rodríguez, for their help and support. A heartfelt appreciation to my escort Tony



Vigil for always being there for me when I needed him; you're the best. A special thank you to Tim Romero for having the time and patience to teach Tony and I the dance, *La Varsoviana*.

To my court, I am grateful to my Princesses, Bianca and Jenni, for accompanying me throughout the year and making

this experience unforgettable and filled with laughter.

Also thank you to the families of these amazing girls for your help and support.

Furthermore, I want to thank the many sponsors who supported us with their monetary donations. And of course, from the 2011 Royal Fiesta Court we would like to express our love and gratitude to three outstanding women: Evangeline "Vangie" Romero, Sonya Romero, and Elma Vigil who cared for us girls as their daughters. Also to the Taos Fiesta Council, for making the annual Taos Fiestas a fun festivity for all to enjoy, thank you for all your hard work and dedication in keeping our traditions alive.

Lastly, I extend my best wishes to the 2012 Royal Court. You have such a beautiful traditional honor bestowed upon you. I wish you girls the best of luck!

Muchisimas Gracias por todo y ¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana!

Anna Eloisa Vasquez
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De Las Fiestas De Santiago y Santa Ana por el ano del dos mil doce. I am extremely blessed and honored to represent my family, my church, my culture and the beautiful community of Taos, New Mexico. I accept the title as La Reina and promise to uphold this position to the best of my ability.

I look forward to an amazing year with my court, Andra Lucero, Santana Martínez, Sonrisa Medina and Leeandra Muñoz, and representing Taos at the various events in Northern New Mexico. These girls are already very special to me and I know we will make it a fun and fantastic year.

I would like to thank my very

supportive friends and my family, my beautiful sisters, and especially my parents, Dina and Joey Peralta. I also would like to thank Arsenio and Kathy Córdova for preserving the traditions of Los Pastores and for allowing my family and me to partake in it. A big thank you goes to the community of Taos for sponsoring and supporting me and my court. And most importantly, thank you to the Taos Fiesta Council for presenting me with this amazing opportunity.

May God watch over us and bless us while we make our own footprints in the history of Taos.

Muchisimas gracias, y ¡Que Vivan Las Fiesta de Santiago Y Santa Ana!

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CITY AND STATE OPENING OF FIESTA
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10 AM / SUN., SEPT. 9
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF
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**DESFILE DE LA
GENTE HISTORICAL /
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12:30 PM / SUN., SEPT. 9

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From the Mayor's Office

As mayor of the town of Taos, I welcome you to join us during the Fiestas de Taos celebration July 20-22.

This past year was an ongoing challenge for all in the Taos area due to the economic recession, but we continue to progress as a community and welcome over a million visitors each year to the traditions that have been part of our Northern New Mexico hospitality for several hundred years.

During 2012, Taos has been awarded wonderful "best of" travel and lifestyle designations by respected, international media entities such as *Smithsonian Magazine*, *Forbes*, *Vogue.com*, *Smart Money*, CNN Travel, The Today Show, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Huffington Post* and *Shape Magazine* (you can read about them all on www.Taos.org).

And all of them talk about our heritage and culture as a mainstay of our appeal. It's something we treasure and actively preserve, and Fiestas de Taos is a major core of



that heritage and culture.

Traditionally, the Fiestas de Taos is a time when the local Taoseños are invited to put aside their labor for the weekend and enjoy the leisure of the cultural Fiesta celebration. This year's ceremonies will be particularly interesting as organizers pay special attention to the dress, activities and

traditions of Fiestas gone by.

Attendees can expect a town celebration with great food, music and performances from some of Taos' most talented — and this guide is a good place to start in learning all that is offered.

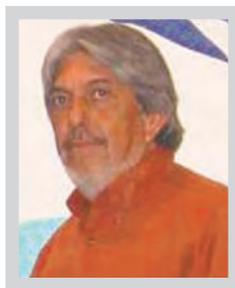
A historic parade (including El Vibaron as part of the Children's Parade), mariachi, Tio Vivo (an historic, traditional merry-go-round) and traditional dances will be some of the highlights of the three-day event. I encourage everyone to come celebrate with us, enjoy Taos and the Fiestas.

To learn more, please visit www.Fiestas-deTaos.com and www.Taos.org.

MAYOR DARREN M. CORDOVA
TOWN OF TAOS

From the Taos County Commission

B*ienvenidos* fellow Taoseños and friends! On behalf of the Taos County Board of County Commissioners, elected officials and county staff, I would like to welcome you to Taos County, and to extend an invitation to join in the 2012 Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana! The celebration of the Fiestas is truly a time of commemoration and tradition that has its roots deep within northern New Mexico history. Now more than ever, we must take advantage of opportunities like the Fiestas to come together, put our differences aside, and celebrate life in the midst of our majestic mountains and rich traditions. This year's theme: "Honoring 100 years of statehood — Everybody is somebody in New Mexico," epitomizes the way of life



that Taos County has become known for. Taos County, perhaps more so than any place in the world, reflects a careful balance of tradition and progress, preserving values held sacred while welcoming new perspectives and ways of life. Please join us in celebrating 100 years of New Mexico

statehood.

Thank you to the Fiesta Council for keeping our traditions alive. And finally, thank you to the residents of Taos County and our guests who, through their participation, always make our Fiestas memorable. *¡Que Vivan las Fiestas de Taos, la Reina y las Princesas!*

With gratitude,

JOE MIKE DURAN, CHAIRMAN,
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From the Intergovernmental Council

Welcome Taoseños and visitors on behalf of all the elected and appointed officials of the Intergovernmental Council of the Enchanted Circle to Las Fiestas de Taos. Fiestas are a tradition that, over the last four centuries, has passed from generation to generation as a way to preserve Taos' rich cultures. This year we also honor 100 years of statehood.

This festivity is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and unity. We invite our visitors to tour and enjoy the many cultural and historic sites throughout the Enchanted Circle and receive the *cariños* of our citizens and communities.

Thank you from our 13 members:



Taos County, town of Red River, town of Taos, village of Angel Fire, village of Eagle Nest, village of Questa, village of Taos Ski Valley, Picuris Pueblo, Taos Pueblo, Peñasco Independent School District, Questa Independent School District, Taos Municipal School District, and the University of New

Mexico-Taos. Our sincere thanks to the Taos Fiesta Council for its tireless efforts in maintaining this time-honored event. *¡Muchas Gracias!*

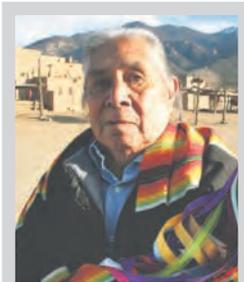
*Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Hee-Ya-Ho!
¡Que vivan Las Fiestas de Taos!*

BARBARA L. WIARD,
CHAIRPERSON INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COUNCIL OF THE ENCHANTED CIRCLE
MAYOR PRO-TEM, VILLAGE
OF TAOS SKI VALLEY

Welcome Statement from Taos Pueblo

Welcome! Taos Pueblo would like to join the town of Taos and surrounding communities in welcoming everyone to the annual town of Taos Fiestas. The Fiestas are a time when we join our neighbors in celebration and to give thanks for living in a special place: the Taos Valley, the ancestral and continuing home for the Taos Pueblo people.

We would also like to invite everyone to visit Taos Pueblo July 25 and 26 when we celebrate our Santiago and Santa Ana feast days. On these days we will be doing our corn dances, which begin around 2 p.m. We celebrate our main feast day of San Geronimo on Sept. 30 and on that day we hold our foot races



RICK ROMANCITO
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RICK ROMANCITO
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SANDOVAL.

starting around 7 a.m. Our annual feast, in addition to honoring our traditions, is a trade fair that has a history going back centuries, when we traded with other Indian tribes and later with non-Indians. Our Pueblo has been inscribed as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations as a place of significance worldwide.

UNESCO has recognized Taos Pueblo for its living culture, which we continue to practice as we have for centuries. We hope you will be able to visit and join us on these joyous occasions. *Keenah soo Goo yah!* Let's all have an enjoyable time!

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The Taos Fiesta Council cordially invites you to attend the following 2012 Fiesta Events.

Friday, July 20, 2012

◆ Fiesta Mass & Crowning of Queen
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
5:30 p.m.

◆ Official Fiesta Opening
Taos Plaza
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 21, 2012

◆ Children's Parade
Enos García Elementary to Taos Plaza
10 a.m.

Sunday, July 22, 2012

◆ Historical Parade
Paseo del Pueblo Sur
Noon



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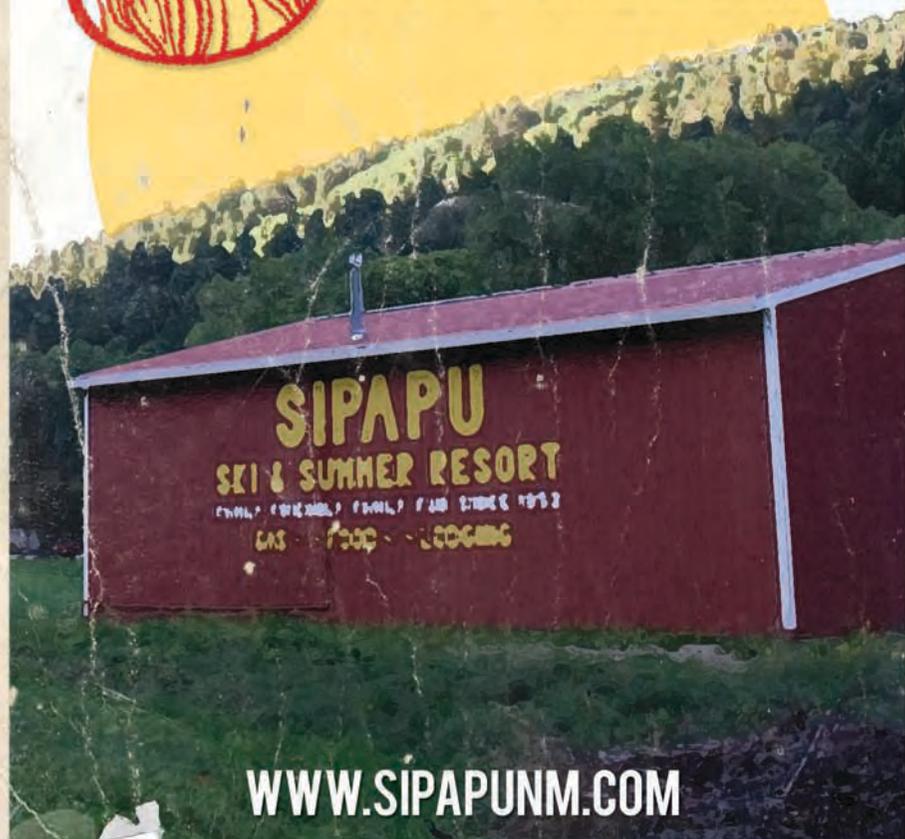
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Taos Fiesta Council 2012 Plaza Entertainment Schedule

Friday, July 20

- Noon-12:30 p.m.**
Spanish Soundtrack
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.**
Izcalli In Nanantzín
(Canza Azteca)
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.**
El Trío Los Gallos
Rita Tafoya y Michael Rael
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.**
Rita Tafoya y Michael Rael
- 3:30-4 p.m.**
Niños Bailadores
- 4-5 p.m.**
Catalina Río Fernández &
Flamenco Nuevo México
- 5-6 p.m.**
*Trío Los Amigos
de New Mexico*
- 5:30-6:45 p.m.**
Fiesta Mass:
Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 6:45-7 p.m.**
Procession to Plaza
with Mariachi Encantadoras
del Río Grande
- 6-7 p.m.**
Mystic Dance Team
- 7-8 p.m.**
Opening Ceremonies
on Taos Plaza
- 8-10 p.m.**
Mariachi Encantadoras
del Río Grande
- 10 p.m.** – Plaza closes

Saturday, July 21

- 8-9 p.m.**
Morning Prayer: *Christian
Ministerial Alliance*
- 9-10 a.m.**
*Taos County Evangelical
Christian Worship Team*
- 10-10:30 a.m.**
Children's Parade
- 10:30-11 a.m.**
Mariachi Encantadoras
del Río Grande
- 11 a.m.-noon** *Bad Boys*
- Noon-1p.m.**
Grupo XS – Phoenix, Arizona
- 1-2 p.m.**
Legacy of Santa Fé
- 2-3 p.m.**
Los Zapateados
- 3-4 p.m.** *Suave*
- 4-5 p.m.**
Baile Español
- 5-6 p.m.**
*Ernestine Romero y
Malsangre*
- 6-7 p.m.** *Baile Ilusión*
- 7-8 p.m.** *Mystic Dance Team*
- 8-9 p.m.** Tres Equis
- 9-10 p.m.**
The Tanya Griego Band
- 10 p.m.** – Plaza Closes

Sunday, July 22

- 9-10 a.m.**
St. Francis Choir
- 10-11 a.m.** TBD
- 11 a.m.-Noon**
Dickie Córdova y La Plevé
- Noon**
Historical Parade
- Noon-1 p.m.**
Audrey Davis Trio
- 1-2 p.m.**
Antonio Reyna
- 2-2:15 p.m.**
Special Community
Presentation
- 2:15-3:15 p.m.**
Dwayne Ortega Band
- 3:15-4:15 p.m.**
*The Legacy Band of
Colorado Springs*
- 4:15-5:15 p.m.**
Severo y Grupo Fuego
- 5:15-6:30 p.m.**
Darren Córdova y Calor
- 6:30-7 p.m.**
Mariachi Calor
- 7 p.m.** – Closing Ceremonies

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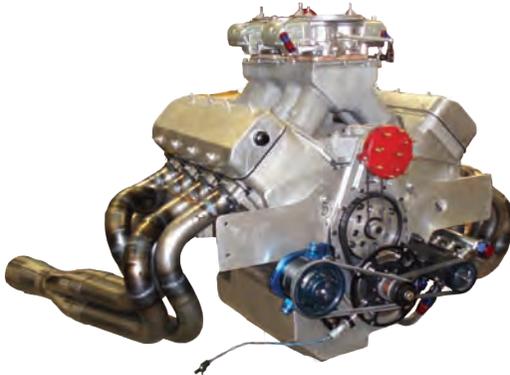
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- 1916 - Pancho Villa's troops raid Columbus. A massive Punitive Expedition into Mexico, headed by Gen. Black Jack Pershing, ensued. It involved the first tactical use of aircraft. A state park museum in Columbus tells a good story.
- 1926 - Route 66, the much celebrated "Mother Road" from Chicago to Los Angeles, provides many people with their first view of New Mexico and gave tourism a big boost.
- 1928 - Oil is discovered near Hobbs. The Spanish had found insufficient gold, silver and copper to make New Mexico worth much to them, but oil soon became New Mexico's biggest moneymaker.
- 1930 - Dr. Robert Goddard is convinced by Charles Lindbergh to move his rocket testing to the vast expanses of New Mexico. His many successful experiments earn him the title "father of rocketry."
- 1934 - It is said that during the Great Depression, the newly incorporated Town of Taos started the Fiestas for Santiago (St. James) and Santa Ana (St. Anne).
- 1940 - Milton "Doc" Noss claims to have discovered a huge storehouse of gold at Victorio Peak, very near what is now Spaceport America. The Army later closed the area for Alamogordo Bombing Range. Noss never could retrieve the gold he claimed, but stories have persisted of government excavation of the hill. It became a topic of the Watergate hearings.
- 1941 - New Mexico National Guard activated and shipped to the Philippines.
- 1942 - 1,800 New Mexico Guard troops were surrendered on Bataan Peninsula. Half died on the "Death March" and "Hell Ships," and in Japanese work camps.
- 1943 - Manhattan Project locates in Los Alamos on secret mission.
- 1944 - Navajo Code Talkers distinguish themselves for development of unbreakable code.
- 1945 - More than 100 Nazi scientists and engineers, along with V-2 rocket parts, shipped to Alamogordo Bombing Range, which became White Sands Missile Range, in what was known as "Operation Paperclip." White Sands ranchers, removed from their property in 1942, will remain permanently disposed of their land. World's first nuclear device exploded at Trinity Site.
- 1946 - U.S. Rep. Georgia Lusk, D-Carlsbad, was the first woman elected to statewide office. Members of Congress ran at large.
- 1947 - Roswell Army Air Force Base issues news release claiming it captured a flying disk.
- 1950 - Smokey Bear rescued from forest fire in Lincoln County. Becomes national symbol.
- 1960 - Interstate highway system begins in New Mexico. Brings many more tourists.
- 1966 - New Mexico's fourth capital building dedicated. Nicknamed "The Roundhouse."
- 1973 - Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta inaugurated in a dirt parking lot. Has grown into the world's largest and most photographed ballooning event.
- 1974 - Very Large Array telescope system begun on St. Augustine Plains, near Socorro.
- 1988 - Waste Isolation Pilot Plant opened near Carlsbad to handle low-level transuranic waste. Safety record outstanding.
- 2005 - Spaceport America groundbreaking as a joint project of the state of New Mexico and Virgin Galactic. The project fulfills longtime dreams of many in the Las Cruces business and educational community.
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La Reina

Juliette Elizabeth Rebekah Peralta

La Reina de las Fiestas de Taos, Juliette Elizabeth Rebekah Peralta, is 16 years old and will be a 2013 Taos High School graduate. She is an honors student and has been a member of Junior Senate, Student Council and the New Mexico Association of Student Council.



and orthodontics. "I'd like to become a pediatric dentist," she said.

Peralta enjoys reading, laughing and having fun with her friends, and loves spending time with her sisters.

La Reina is the daughter of Dina and Joey Peralta of Taos. Her maternal grandparents are

Virginia and Urban Romero Jr. Her paternal grandparents are Liz and Alfred Peralta.

After the ceremony, la Reina mentioned Vangie Romero as an inspiration and thanked her. She said that she had bonded really well with her princesses.

"I look forward to spending time with them," La Reina said. "And I feel honored to have the privilege of representing Taos."

La Reina will be crowned on Friday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church during the Fiesta Mass.

—TERESA DOVALPAGE

"If I get to be Reina, I'll do my best to inspire young girls to run in future years," she said the day before the pageant. "I'd like to inspire boys too, so they become escorts."

Peralta is proud to be a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church community and the youth group. She has been involved for many years in Los Pastores, a nine-day celebration and play that is performed each year in December, right before Christmas.

She plans to attend Adams State University to study child psychology

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Princesa Andra Gloria Bernadette Lucero

Andra Gloria Bernadette Lucero is 17

years old and will be a 2013 Taos High School graduate. She has participated in Mariachi el Tigre and has taken guitar and chorus classes.

Lucero has enjoyed the experience of being a contestant and preparing herself for the pageant. "I have learned a great deal about preserving our culture and traditions," she said. "It has also helped me build self-confidence."

She is an active member of the Health Occupation Students of America Club and other leadership clubs sponsored by Taos High. An energetic athlete, she



enjoys swimming, playing volleyball and basketball as a Taos Lady Tiger, as well as hiking, hunting and dancing flamenco.

Lucero goes to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church regularly and partakes in youth groups and Bible studies.

She plans to attend the University of New

Mexico to pursue a career in medicine and health sciences and, later on, to become a pharmacist.

She is the daughter of Reine and Arthur Lucero of Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Lucy and Paul Casias. Her paternal grandparents are the late Gloria and Abran Lucero.

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Princesa Santana Autumn Angelina Martínez

Santana Autumn Angelina Martínez is 17 years old and will be a 2013 Taos High School graduate. She is an honor student and takes advanced placement classes. She has participated in Junior Senate, Student Council and other leadership clubs.



Dance.

Martínez recently got an internship at Centinel Bank as a teller and is happy with the experience she is acquiring through the position. When she finishes high school, she plans to attend UNM and become an attorney.

Martínez is the daughter of Christine

Princesa Martínez considers herself an audacious young woman. "I like to live life to the fullest," she said.

She enjoys baking, being outdoors skiing, four-wheeling, camping, hiking, rafting and swimming, and has been involved for several years with Mystic

Dimas and Gerald Martínez of El Prado. Her maternal grandmother is the late Consuelo "Connie" Dimas. Her paternal grandparents are Theodora and Alfonso Martinez.

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Princesa Sonrisa Rachel Cecilia Medina

Sonrisa Rachel Cecilia Medina is 19 years old and currently attends New Mexico State University. “Being away for a year has reinforced the idea of how important it is for me to be in touch with our culture,” she said.



She plans to become a mechanical engineer, with a minor in aeronautical engineering.

A 2011 Taos High School Graduate, she was a member of the honor roll. During her junior and senior years, Medina participated in both the Health Occupation Students of America and the Envirothon Club. She was also a member of the Lady Tigers junior varsity and varsity soccer team, and a violinist of Mariachi

el Tigre.

Princesa Medina loves reading, singing and playing the violin. She enjoys meeting new people and seeking out new and exciting opportunities – such as participating in the pageant. “My parents encouraged me to be a contestant,” she

said. “I am in my second semester in college, and it was good to come back and be part of this wonderful experience.”

She is the daughter of Beatrice Miera and Leonardo Adelmo Medina of Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Flora and Eli Miera. Her paternal grandparents are Juanita and the late Roberto Medina.

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Princesa Leeandra Corina Stephania Muñoz

Leeandra Corina Stephania Muñoz is 18 years old and a 2012 Taos High School graduate. She is an honors student and has participated in Junior Senate, where she held the title of class secretary.

Muñoz was actively involved in the drama club and choir classes. “I love reading, singing, dancing, acting, drawing and painting,” she said, adding that she likes spiders too. “I believe that all people are closely connected, like in a spider web,” she said.

She plans to attend UNM-Taos



to pursue a career in literature and elementary education. “I’d like to become an English teacher someday,” she said.

Muñoz credits her late father as a great role model in her life. “He has always been in the back of my mind as an inspiration,” she said.

Princesa Muñoz

is the daughter of Wanda and the late John Muñoz Jr. of Ranchos de Taos. Her maternal grandparents are Magdalena and Blas Romero. Her paternal grandparents are Shirley Gutiérrez and John Muñoz Sr.

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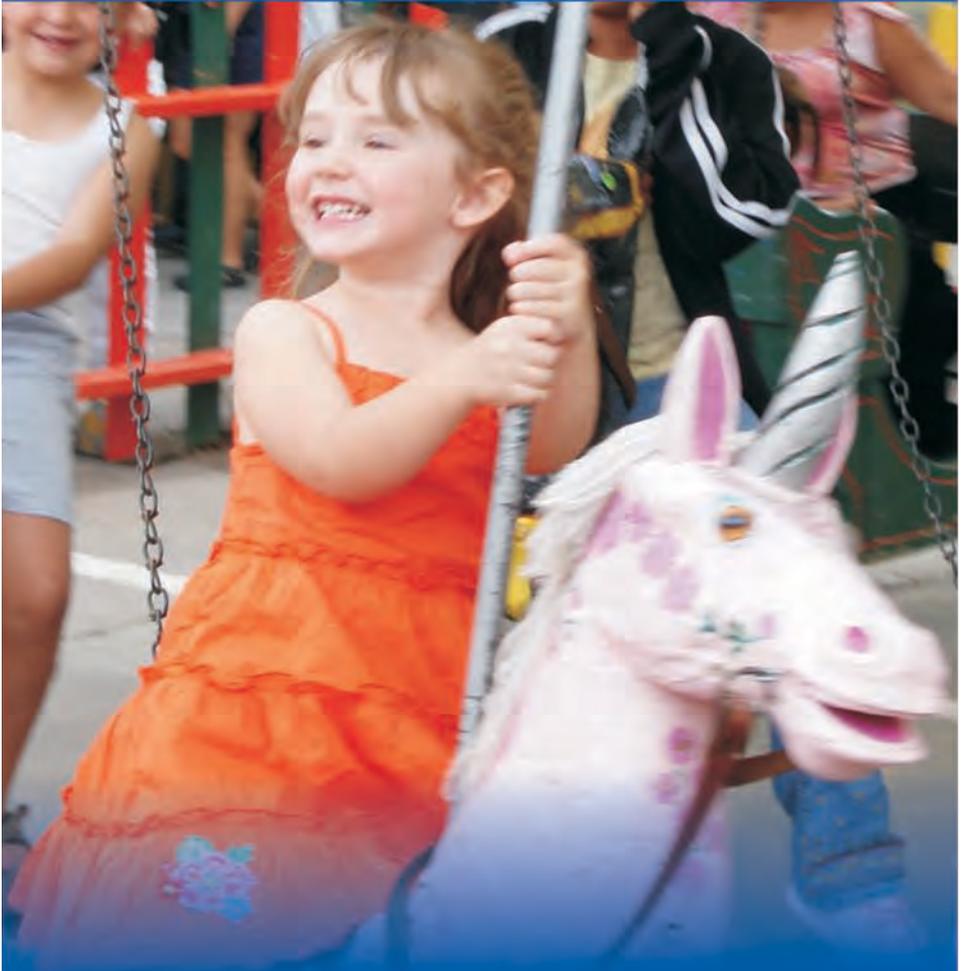
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2000 Crystal Martínez	1985 Erlinda Sanchez	1966 Teodora Vigil (Medina)	1936 Alice Martínez (Knight)
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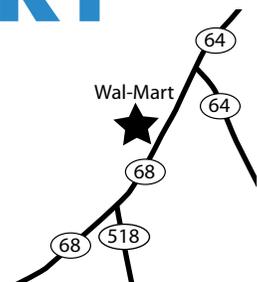


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Tina Larkin

Seminarian for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Simon Carian, left, swings a thurible while leading the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Fiestas de Taos procession through the Taos Plaza during last year's Fiestas parade.

Memories of Fiestas past Notable figures relate to tradition and culture

Fiesta memories are created year round, but for Sonya F. Romero, member of the Taos Fiesta Council and royal pageant coordinator, her most memorable moments began the day she was proclaimed the 2001 Taos Fiesta Queen.

"I could never forget how proud my family was when my father, Adelaido T. Romero, crowned me during the official Fiesta Mass and the overwhelming emotions that filled my heart when the *Entrega* was sung," said Romero. She commented on the first time she led the traditional *marcha-hop* in 2002 with Don Francisco Trujillo II, and how timid she was. But as every Fiesta year passed, her confidence increased and now she leads the dance like a pro.

One interesting memory was the transformation of the queen's float. "As far back as I could remember every

queen from 2002, and even before, has built their float up from the base of a flat bed," Romero said. She added the float was transformed four times before its final design by José Coca in 2009.

Since her reign, Romero has also treasured memories of other royal courts. "In the 2007 pageant, La Reina Ana Alicia Romero recited a powerful poem about being a *Taoseña*; it brought tears to my eyes," she said. Another time, the 2010 court and council stayed in the famous Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, N.M. "We had fun scaring each other after hearing stories of the ghosts that haunted the hotel," she said. Ultimately, Romero feels blessed for the continuous memories that each royal court has given her, filling her heart with laughter, love and camaraderie.

Edward "Bardo" Coca, who was the

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emcee for this year's pageant, enjoys taking part in the traditions that are unique to the Taos Fiestas. "I really like to participate in the Fiesta Mass and the marchas that take place during the local celebrations," he said. "But it goes beyond Taos; I also enjoy traveling to neighboring communities to celebrate their Fiestas and making friendships that last a lifetime."

Theresa Trujillo has been a council member since her daughter, LeAndra Medina, was crowned Reina de las Fiestas in 1992. "It was a wonderful experience watching her in the parade and seeing how other young girls looked up to her," she recalls. Trujillo also remembers how LeAndra's father, Manuel Medina, whose family owns the concrete plant Robert Medina & Sons, made a huge float with one of the company trucks. "We had the reina, the princesas and even the mariachis on the truck, as part of the parade," she said. "It was both memorable and fun."

Tanya Vigil, a third-generation Taososeña, remembers that her mother and aunts waited for the Fiestas all year and had special dresses made for the occasion. "They would ride in from Ranchos to the Taos Plaza in a horse and a carriage

and shared with their friends the festivities of Santiago and Santa Ana," Vigil said. "Then they would go to Taos Pueblo and visit their comadres and compadres. The beauty of the festivities was that they included our American Indian, New Mexican and Spanish roots."

Joseph Quintana, the current council president, considers the Fiestas a special occasion for him and his family. "It's the perfect time to reconnect with friends that we see only once a year, during the celebrations," he said. "We get together and enjoy each other's company again." He decided to get more involved with the Fiesta Council in order to give back to the community and make sure that the Fiestas tradition goes on forever.

"My fondest memories of the Fiestas have to do with the celebrations in the Taos Plaza," he said. "That's where they started and they shouldn't move away from it."

The council strives to preserve the tri-cultural tradition of the Fiestas de Taos. "We have good company, music, culture, food and history, all together in one wonderful celebration," Quintana said. "The Fiestas are one of our richest cultural community events."

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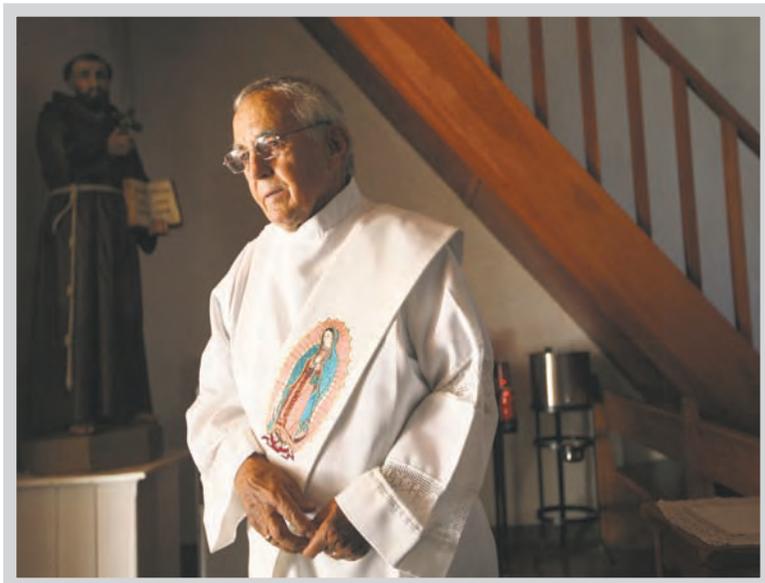
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Delozier came to Taos for the first time in 1960 and it was love at first sight. Finally in 1981 it was possible for him to move here, and Taos became his home. In the years leading up to the move he enjoyed a career in radio and television in Tulsa, Oklahoma, devoting most of his time to sports reporting and sales management.

Around the time Delozier moved here, a young attractive lady from Bogota, Colombia was also arriving. They met and were married in December 1982. It was through her, the

former Delfina Ruiz, that he became part of the Catholic Church. He was ordained a deacon in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in July 1993, and assigned to Holy Trinity Parish in Arroyo Seco. In December of 1996, he was transferred to San Francisco de Asís in Ranchos de Taos where he continues to serve.

Delozier's love affair with Taos began in 1960 with the picturesque scenery of the thick forests, the enchanted mountains, the painted skies and sweet clear air that captured his heart. After living here for a few years he became more aware of the real treasures of Taos ... the people.

"I have never been anywhere that equals the love, the depth of friendship, or the spirituality that I have experienced here," Delozier says. "The celebration that we call the Taos Fiestas reflects all the goodness of Taos ... enjoy every minute of it. Delfina and I will be looking for you."



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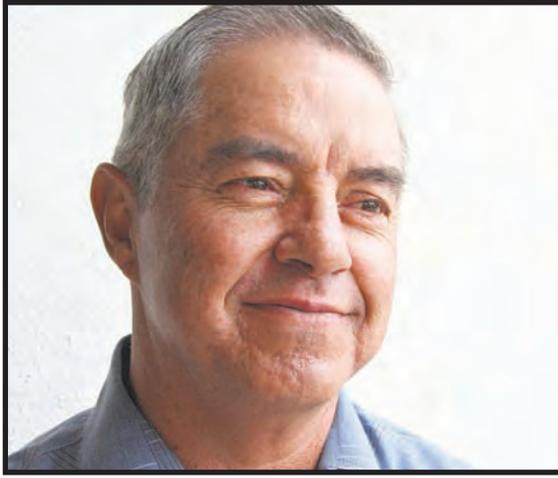
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Frutoso López, who is remembered for being a respected and inspiring teacher, passed away Feb. 12 at age 62. Thanks to López, thousands of students who attended Taos Middle School during the past four decades learned to love math.

Jason Silva, a Taos Municipal School Board member who was a student of López, as well as his four children, said López was one of the district's strongest teachers.

"He had a way of pulling something out of a kid that most people didn't," Silva was quoted as saying in an obituary that ran in *The Taos News* shortly after López' death. "He made you like math. I was blessed to have him as a teacher."

Frutoso López graduated from New Mexico State University, where he earned his teaching degree. He taught at Taos Middle and High schools, retiring briefly at 2001, before returning a few years later. He also taught at the University of New Mexico-Taos. He

coached sports at the middle school.

Ernest López, who worked as a science teacher before his retirement, said he and his brother adopted the strong work ethic taught by their parents, Ernesto and Emelina López – to do the best they can and to not settle for mediocrity.

Frutoso López' method of teaching? The three Fs: firm, fair and friendly. Students said, "yes, sir" and "no, sir" in his class.

Frutoso and his brother Ernest were named *Unsung Heroes* by *The Taos News* in 2005 for their commitment to education.

Ernest López said his brother loved being outdoors. He and Frutoso would head to the Río Chiquito or Little Río Grande to fish.

Such fishing trips typically became a competition between the two brothers.

López is survived by his wife, Velma López, son Flavio López, and daughter Alicia López, his grandchildren and numerous siblings.

Since López' death, a memorial scholarship has been established in his memory at Centinel Bank.



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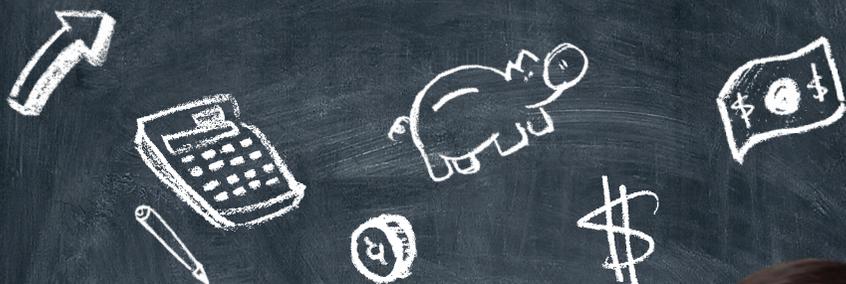
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