LAS VEGAS HISTORY CD INDEX

NUESTRA SEÑORA
de LOS DOLORES de
LAS VEGAS
GRANDES
• NUEVO MÉXICO •
1835 • 2010

175 YEARS

oak and laurel wreath from official document of la República Mexicana, 1836
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PROGRAM #8 (MARCH 15, 2010)

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Contents:

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Veeeder Family
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“Heady Times”
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PROGRAM #13 (APRIL 19, 2010)

UNVARNISHED BUT TRUE HISTORY OF HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY—PART III

Contents:

1970—Election for Governor between Democratic Bruce King and Republican Pete Domenici

Donaldo A. “Tiny” Martinez supports King

1971—Governor King appoints Ben Roybal, Tom Wiley, and Ernestine Duran Evans to NMHU Board of Regents (Regent James T. Burke)

Presidential Search by new Board of Regents

Dr. Frank Angel, Jr., named as NMHU President (First Hispanic in the United States to serve as President of a four-year Institution of Higher Education)

PROGRAM #14 (APRIL 26, 2010)

TOUR OF DOUGLAS AVENUE

HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY—PART IV

Contents:

Visit of Joseph P. López, M.D.

Stores along Douglas Ave. between 6th and 8th Streets

Dick’s Liquor Store, Safeway, Taichert’s, Montgomery Ward, Mode-O-Day, Montezuma Barber Shop, Gordon Jewelers, Funk’s 5 &10, Crockett Building, Murphy’s Drugs

J J Newberry’s, Office Supply, Ilfeld Store, Karl’s Shoe Store, J. C. Johnson & Son (furniture store)

PROGRAM #15 (MAY 3, 2010)

TOUR OF DOUGLAS AVENUE

VETERANS OF LAS VEGAS

Contents:

Guest—David P. Escudero, Great-Great-Grandson of Governor Albino Perez

Las Vegas and Music—Judge Blanchard; Duncan Opera House

Tour of Douglas Ave. and 6th Street

Duncan Opera House, Masonic Lodge, Hoffman & Graubarth Clothing Store, El Fidel Hotel, Elks Lodge (destroyed by fire in 1998)

Veterans of Las Vegas and San Miguel County

Spanish-American War, WW I, WW II (Bataan Death March), Korea, Vietnam, Gulf Wars
PROGRAM #16 (MAY 10, 2010)

HISTORY OF FEDERAL COURT IN LAS VEGAS
TOUR OF THE OLD TOWN PLAZA—WEST SIDE

Contents:
- History of Federal Court in Las Vegas
- Prior to 1928—Old Courthouse (Southside of Plaza, next to Plaza Burgers)
- Tour of West Side of Old Town Plaza
- Tru-Parts (now Plaza Antiques), Music Album, Veeder Building
- Law Office of Donald A. “Tiny” Martinez; Political Rallies
- United States Senator Joseph M. Montoya

PROGRAM #17 (MAY 17, 2010)

TOUR OF THE PLAZA—WEST AND NORTH
FIESTAS

Contents:
- Correspondence from 1917 about Death of Ezekiel C’ de Baca; Christening of Battleship U.S.S. New Mexico
- Tour of West Side of Old Town Plaza
- Our Lady of Sorrows Church (Destroyed by Fire)
- Tour of North Side of Old Town Plaza
- History of Plaza Hotel, Dice Apartments
- Fiestas (Long-time Fiesta Committee: Ernesto Guerin, Don Jesús López and Eusebio (Saibe) Segura)

PROGRAM #19 (JUNE 7, 2010)

TOUR OF PLAZA—HOMES AND LAW OFFICES ON NORTH SIDE

Contents:
- Robert L. Arimijo Law Offices
- Judge Luis E. Armijo
- Secundino Romero and Romero Political Machine
- Patron System
- Donald A. “Tiny” Martinez
- Lorenzo Delgado—Sheriff and Mayor of West Las Vegas
- Importance of San Miguel County and Its Citizens (Leaders in Politics, Education and Society)
- “King’s English, Queen’s Spanish”
PROGRAM #20 (JUNE 14, 2010)
TOUR OF OLD TOWN PLAZA—NORTH AND EAST

Contents:
- Death of Elba C’ de Baca, Historian and Author
- Last Building on North Side of Plaza—Many Owners and Businesses
- Gonzales Funeral Home and Fidel “Chief” Gonzales
- “Chief” Gonzales—1st Mayor of Consolidated City Las Vegas
- Dr. Meta Christie
- Guerin’s Grocery Located in Romero Block
- Valentine’s Jewelry Store

PROGRAM #21 (JUNE 21, 2010)
CHURCH HISTORY OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

Contents:
- Early Church History
- Archbishop Jean Baptiste Lamy
- Father Antonio José Martinez
- Guerin Family
- Guerin Grocery Store (1940s)

PROGRAM #22 (JUNE 28, 2010)
FIESTAS DE LAS VEGAS

Contents:
- History of 4th of July Fiestas
- Master of Ceremonies Cipriano Aguilar
- Essay by Dr. Lynn Perrigo
- Personal Memories of Fiestas, Rodeos and Parades
- Signature song of Don Jesús López for Fiestas, *El Quelite*, sung by Jesús L. López and Cipriano Aguilar
PROGRAM #23 (JULY 12, 2010)
TOUR OF OLD TOWN PLAZA—WEST AND SOUTH

Contents:
- Guests from Main Street—Cindy Collins and Birdie Jaworski
- Las Vegas Police Department (Formerly Buffalo Exchange) Dedicated to Melecio Perea
- Lumber Yard (Destroyed by Fire)
- Romero Mercantile Company
- California Store (Danziger’s)—later Price’s Furniture, Arts & Stones
- Henry Beisman Building
- Donation of Beisman Survey Maps and Memorabilia to NMHU

PROGRAM #24 (JULY 19, 2010)
HISTORY OF KFUN
TOUR OF THE OLD TOWN PLAZA—SOUTH

Contents:
- Conversation with Joseph P. Baca about history of KFUN and Baca’s intended Book
- Ernie Thwaites—First Owner of KFUN
- Childhood Memories of Joseph P. Baca
- Building next to Beisman Building—Owned by Salomon Quintana
- The Palm’s Ballroom and Victory Bar—Owned by Pena Family Since 1924
- “The Factory”—Manufactured Parachutes and Source of Employment for Las Vegas Women