

LAS VEGAS HISTORY CD INDEX



oak and laurel wreath from official document of la República Mexicana. 1836

HISTORY OF LAS VEGAS INDEX

PROGRAM #1 (JAN. 25, 2010)

POLITICS AND POLITICAL HISTORY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Contents:

Las Vegas Day at the Legislature, Jan. 2010
Gordon Melody and other Las Vegas politicians
“Mama Lucy” Gang
Donald A. “Tiny” Martinez
United States Senator Dennis Chavez
Armijo Family
History of Las Vegas Land Grant

PROGRAM #2 (FEB. 1, 2010)

LAND GRANTS AND PIONEER FAMILIES

Contents:

1794—San Miguel del Bado Land Grant
1820—Las Vegas Land Grant/ Luis Maria Cabeza de Baca
1835—Las Vegas Land Grant
Growth of Las Vegas
Romero Family
Romero Brothers and the 1st State Constitutional Convention

PROGRAM #3 (FEB. 8, 2010)

HISTORY OF NORTHERN NEW MEXICO AND LAS VEGAS

Contents:

Spanish Exploration and Colonization
Mexico’s War of Independence
“Annexation” by United States
General Stephen Watts Kearny
Hispanic and German-Jewish Merchants
Charles Ilfeld
Quote from *La Vida es Sueño* (*Life is a Dream*), a play written by Spanish dramatist Pedro Calderón de la Barca

PROGRAM #4 (FEB. 15, 2010)

MERCHANTS OF LAS VEGAS

Contents:

Resume of Jesús L. López

Las Vegas Grades de Nuestra Señora de Dolores

Charles Ilfeld and his Mercantile Empire

Las Vegas Fires

El Distrito de Las Escuelas (Location of Public and Parochial Schools)

Arrival of the Railroad and Development of New Town

Legend of Hot Springs

Baca's Folly

PROGRAM #5 (FEB. 22, 2010)

COMING OF THE RAILROAD

Contents:

Trolley Car System

Montezuma Hotel (Jesuit Seminary; United World College)

Las Gorras Blancas (White Caps)

Castañeda Hotel

Agua Pura Company, Ice Skating Pond, Ice Production

El Porvenir Hotel

Storrie Lake

Hermit's Peak (Giovanni Marla Augustini)

PROGRAM #6 (MARCH 1, 2010)

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT IN LAS VEGAS—1880s TO 1900s

Contents:

Capital of Crime

Paula Angel a/k/a Pablita Sandoval (Only Woman to be Hung in New Mexico)

Famous Outlaws (Billy the Kid, VooDoo Brown, Doc Holliday)

Vicente Silva and his Forty Thieves

Las Gorras Blancas (White Caps)

Two Political Parties—Newcomers versus Old Town Inhabitants Representing Hispanic Interests

PROGRAM #7 (MARCH 8, 2010)

URBAN LEGENDS

Contents:

Hermit's Peak and Giovanni María Augustini

July 4, 1912—World Heavyweight Boxing Championship (Jack Johnson versus Jim Flynn)

Film Industry (Tom Mix and Romaine Fielding)

Starvation Peak (*El Cerrito de Bernal*)

Newspapers—*Los Voz del Pueblo* (Felix Martinez, Antonio Lucerno, Ezequiel C' de Baca) and *El Independiente* (Secundino Romero)

Importance of Education

1837—Gov. Albino Perez and Chimayó Rebellion

David Escudero, Great-Great-Grandson of Governor Perez

PROGRAM #8 (MARCH 15, 2010)

TWO POLITICAL GIANTS—EZEQUIEL C' DE BACA AND OCTAVIANO AMBROSIO LARRAZOLO

Contents:

Ezequiel C' de Baca (2nd NM Governor after Statehood)

Role of Hispanics in Government

Veeder Family

Fencing Laws

Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo (4th NM Governor and 1st Hispanic U. S. Senator)

PROGRAM #9 (MARCH 22, 2010)

GOVERNOR DAVID F. CARGO

Contents:

Lonesome Dave: The Story of New Mexico Governor David Cargo

Presentation of Official Welcome to City of Las Vegas by Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

March 20, 2010—Governor David F. Cargo Day in Las Vegas

Retrospective of Cargo's Political Career

Supporter of Hispanics and Their Appointment to High Government Positions

Received NAACP Award in 2009

PROGRAM #10 (MARCH 29, 2010)

MALOOF FAMILY, U. S. SENATOR DENNIS CHAVEZ

Contents:

Maloof Family—Prominent New Mexico Family
Ezequiel C’ de Baca
Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo
U. S. Senator Dennis Chavez—Great Hispanic Leader (1st Native Born Hispanic to Serve as U.S. Senator)
Supporter of FDR
Member of Truman’s Kitchen Cabinet
Campaign Song
Chavez Statue in Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol

PROGRAM #11 (APRIL 5, 2010)

**UNVARNISHED BUT TRUE HISTORY OF HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY—
PART I**

Contents:

University—Brainchild of Felix Martinez
1893—Normal School (Teacher Education)
WPA Buildings
Exclusion of Hispanics from Leadership Roles
1970—Student Protest Movement; Occupation of Administration Building
Protest of Appointment of Dr. Charles Graham from Wisconsin as NMHU President
Donald A. “Tiny” Martinez (District Attorney)—Injunction against Regents

PROGRAM #12 (APRIL 12, 2010)

**UNVARNISHED BUT TRUE HISTORY OF HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY—
PART II**

Contents:

1970—Most Momentous Year in Highlands University History
“Heady Times”
Fighting to be a Part of the University Community
Resignation of Regent Joe L. Otero in Protest over Appointment of Dr. Charles Graham
Protest Ends with Appointment of Ralph Carlisle Smith as Interim President from 1970—1971

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