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La Reina de las Fiestas contestants perform a traditional handkerchief dance.

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2004 FIESTA QUEEN FAREWELL

This past year has been an awakening and a realization of how important it is to keep *la Cultura y Tradiciones* alive by celebrating our fiestas. Never let the youth of the community forget their roots as Taoseños. We have something to be proud of, we are *La Gente*.

I will continue to promote Taos and our rich culture that I am so proud to be a part of. I appreciate it more because I am more aware. This year has taught me about patience and forgiveness, and brought friendships that I will treasure for a lifetime. (*Gracias Edna y Kalina y adios amigas.*) *Que pronto ha pasado el año.*

Representing Taos has been an enriching and rewarding experience. I have met many people and have enjoyed participating with other communities who also believe in culture and traditions. That must be kept alive.



GREG KRELLER

Stephanie Romero

orgullosa por este honor. ¡Que vivan las fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana!

Visitors to Taos are also rewarded by experiencing some of the local traditions and the main one is the annual Taos fiesta celebration, which brings families together.

I believe I have grown this year and have learned more about *la Cultura y la Gente*. I will strive to keep them alive. As your 2004 Taos fiesta *reina*, thank you for an everlasting experience. I must say thank you to my parents and family, Dan and Renee Romero. *Gracias* to the other parents, Walter, Anna and Francina. We could not have done it without your help.

Muchas gracias a todos por la oportunidad de servir la comunidad. Me siento muy

Stephanie Romero,
Reina de Las Fiestas 2004

FIESTA WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

B*ienvenidos!*
On behalf of the Taos Town Council and the town of Taos, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2005 Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana.

The Taos Fiesta Council has dedicated many working hours throughout the year to make this celebration special for all of us.

Congratulations to our fiesta queen and her court. Thank you for representing the town of Taos.

This annual celebration is a time for us to visit with old friends and for us to make new ones. Taoseños and visitors to



Mayor Bobby Durán

Taos have an opportunity to mingle as we enjoy the sights and sounds of fiesta on our historic and beautiful Taos Plaza.

Taos has so much to offer! Please take the time to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and the friendliness of the people. The Fiestas de Taos is a special time for all of us.

Have a great time, keep safe and please visit us often! ENJOY!

¡Que vivan Las Fiestas de Taos!

Bobby F. Durán
Mayor of Taos

FIESTA WELCOME FROM THE TAOS COUNTY COMMISSION

Bienvenidos!
There's no better time of the year than at Taos Fiestas for Taoseños and visitors to get together and rekindle old friendships and family ties. True Taoseños will always share fond memories of Taos Fiestas. From the beautiful señoritas vying for the honored positions of Taos fiesta queen and royal court to the colorful parades, the Tío Vivo carousel and El Vivorón, all these remain beautiful elements of Fiestas de Taos.

On behalf of the five member board of the Taos County Commission, and other elected officials of our Taos County government including the Taos County treasurer, assessor, clerk, sheriff, probate judge and our fine members of administration and staff, I have taken this opportunity to welcome you to the annual Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana.

My favorite part of Taos Fiestas has always been visiting with fellow Taoseños that make up the colorful tapestry of our multi-cultural community and its surrounding areas. Fiestas are also a good time to think about those who have passed on before us



Gabriel Romero

and Taoseños who have contributed toward the quality of life we enjoy in Taos. Fiestas are also a good time to honor our soldiers who have fought to ensure that we will continue to enjoy freedom and peace. On a local level, there's much to be grateful for during fiestas and throughout the year. Our National Guard unit is back, and many members of our armed forces are back home.

We must pray for the safe return of those Taoseños who continue to protect our freedom.

The Taos County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the fine members of the Taos Fiesta Council for making our Taos Fiestas such a success. Without your dedication and hard work this annual gathering would not be possible and a major part of our lives, culture and tradition would not exist.

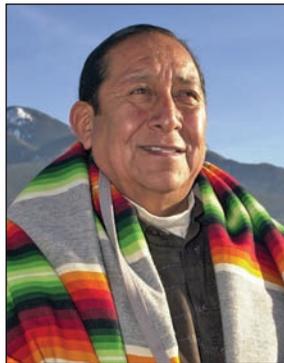
¡Con Amor y mucho Gusto! ¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana!

Respectfully,
Gabriel Romero, chairman
on behalf of Taos County commissioners

FIESTA WELCOME FROM TAOS PUEBLO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Welcome and greetings to the Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana.

As governor of Taos Pueblo, I hereby extend a warm welcome to all visitors and friends to the annual fiestas in honor of patron saints Santa Ana and Santiago. The fiesta tradition is an opportunity to partake in the collaboration of the richness of the cultural diversity of Northern New Mexico. The fiesta tradition goes back for many



Ruben Romero

generations and has been enjoyed by entire populations of the Taos Valley. Taos Pueblo members have enjoyed the fiestas, which coincide with our traditional celebrations of Santa Ana and Santiago. Taos Pueblo will hold Corn Dances July 25 and 26. May the time you celebrate be memorable, and may you have a safe passage on your journeys.

Ruben Romero
Governor, Taos Pueblo

WELCOME FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL

Dear fellow Taoseños and visitors:

On behalf of all the elected and appointed officials and staff of the Intergovernmental Council of the Enchanted Circle, Welcome! ¡Bienvenidos! Hee-Ya-Ho! to our annual Fiestas de Taos.

Fiestas are a tradition that through the last four centuries has passed from generation to generation a way of preserving the rich cultures that have developed in Taos. This festivity is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and us to unite.

We invite our visitors to tour and enjoy the many cultural and historic sites throughout the Enchanted Circle and receive with open arms the *cariño* of our citizens and communities.



Don Francisco Trujillo II

Thank you from Taos County, town of Taos, Taos Pueblo, town of Red River, village of Questa, village of Taos Ski Valley, village of Eagle Nest, village of Angel Fire, Picuris Pueblo, Taos Municipal Schools District, Peñasco Independent School District, Questa Independent School District and the University of New Mexico-Taos.

Our sincere thanks to the Taos Fiesta Council for their tireless efforts in maintaining this time-honored event. ¡Gracias! God Bless you all!
¡Que Vivan Las Fiestas de Taos!

Don Francisco Trujillo II,
chairman, Intergovernmental Council
of the Enchanted Circle
Taos County Commissioner, District 1

2005 TAOS FIESTA COURT PROFILES

By Jessica Marsh ▲ *The Taos News*

La Reina Elena A. Villafranca

Ever since she was a little girl, Elena A. Villafranca dreamed of what it would be like to be fiesta queen. She loved to watch the fiesta royalty, and would clap and cheer as *la reina* and the *princesas* waved from their float. She would admire the beautiful dresses and the crown that the queen wore, and knew it was a fun experience she hoped to be a part of one day.

“I’ve been around fiestas my whole life ... and I take the opportunity to run for fiesta queen serious.”

Elena expressed several reasons for wanting to be fiesta queen. “I will feel honored to represent Taos. I know that the fiesta queen and her court go to different activities throughout the state, and I believe I will enjoy doing that.”

She wants the chance to portray Taos as a “very supportive community,” and to make certain that other communities know “we value traditions.” She also wants the opportunity to be a role model to girls in the community; specifically the girls in middle school. At that age, there is “a lot of peer pressure” to deal with, and the girls need a positive role model to look up to. “Just the way they look up to you



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Elena A. Villafranca



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makes you feel good,” and Elena feels it is necessary to show these young women that anything they want in life can be accomplished.

Elena, 17, fully understands how important it is to keep the tradition of the fiestas alive, and would encourage any girl interested in running for fiesta queen to try out. “It’s such a wonderful experience ... you’re representing your community.” While she is a little bit nervous, Elena is happy to be participating in a portion of Taos history and said, “This is something I’ll always remember for the rest of my life.”

Elena A. Villafranca was born June 4, 1987, to Ricardo Villafranca and Carmella Chávez. She is the granddaughter of Jorge and Manuelita Chávez, and Genaro and Dolores Villafranca, and the stepgranddaughter of Alex Suñiga. She is a graduate of the Class of 2005 of Taos High School, where she was captain of the Orange Krush Drill Team. She is also a flamenco dancer, and said that dancing is what she loves to

do. One of her favorite movies is “Selena,” and she loves listening to the music of local favorite High Society. Elena plans to attend college at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, and her career goal is to become a choreographer.

When asked who the most important person in her life is, Elena responded, “My mom ... because she’s always been there for me.” She said her mother supports her in every way, and is very happy to have her daughter running for fiesta queen. Elena said she also receives support from her boyfriend, Joe Moya. Family plays a big role in Elena’s life, and she is grateful that her mother helped her become a strong individual. Elena also said that her Catholic faith has helped her through hard times and it continues to give her strength.

Elena has the following words of advice for the younger generations in Taos. “Follow your dreams. If you can believe, you can achieve them.”

La Princesa Krystle DeAnn Struck

Spending time with family and friends, listening to the music of Selena and watching Oprah are just a few favorite hobbies that Krystle DeAnn Struck enjoys the most. She was an honor roll student at Taos High School, and enjoyed learning how to create a business when she was enrolled in an entrepreneurship class during her senior year. Krystle is also grateful for the opportunity she had during her senior year of high school to receive an internship with the Spirits of Beauty Salon. She said it gave her an insight as to what to expect and look forward to once she enters the workforce.

When asked why she would like to be fiesta queen she said, “I have always looked forward to the fiestas since I was a little girl. As the years passed by, I wondered how exciting it would feel to be up there wearing my beautiful dress and shining crown.” She also said she wants the oppor-



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Krystle DeAnn Struck

tunity to represent the Taos community as a place that is proud to keep the traditions and culture alive. Krystle said she feels very excited and honored to be part of the fiesta tradition. She wants to be a role model for the younger generations in the community, and offers the advice to always “try out for anything you want to, because anything is possible. You have to believe in yourself.”

She especially wants to reach out to the younger girls in the community by inspiring them to become involved with the fiesta traditions, and encourages them to “be a person that’s not afraid of who they are.” Krystle said she will never forget this experience, and will look back on it with happy memories.

Krystle DeAnn Struck was born Dec. 19, 1985, to Nick and Diana Struck. Her grandparents are Nick Struck Sr. and the late Mercy Struck, and the late Octaviano and Andreita Romero. Krystle is 19 years old and is a graduate of the Class of 2004 of Taos High School. She currently attends

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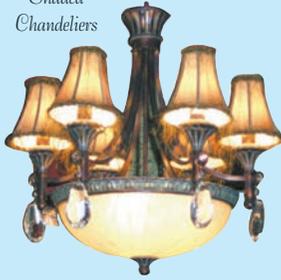


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Northern New Mexico Community College, and is pursuing her degree in cosmetology. Her career goal is to open her own beauty salon in Taos.

Krystle said that the most inspirational people in her life are her parents and her brother, Erick Struck. She said her family constantly reminds her to never give up, and “They always help and encourage me.”

She said they have always given her unlimited amounts of support, and “They have faith in me that I’ll succeed in anything I do in life.”

She also said, “I believe in myself a lot,” and that by doing so, it helps her not to become discouraged when life gets difficult. Krystle also shared that her faith in the Catholic religion has helped her become and remain a strong person. “It gives me strength,” and she knows that because of

her faith “everything will work out.”

Krystle is also very thankful for all the support she has received from the community, especially during her search for sponsors. She said the community has been more than helpful, and she knows the sponsors “will help in any way they can.”

Krystle shared some final thoughts about why she would like to be fiesta queen. She believes that the role of fiesta queen not only represents her, but “represents Taos” as well, and that it is crucial to keep the fiesta tradition alive. “If the tradition was lost, it wouldn’t be right.” She said she loves living in Taos and “doesn’t want to live anywhere else.” Krystle said, “I want to show the community I’m not ashamed of where I came from and where I grew up,” and that she is not afraid of being involved in such a “challenging and wonderful experience.”

La Princesa María Elena Martínez

Growing up, María Elena Martínez always received encouragement from her grandmother to join the Taos Fiesta Court. When talking about her grandma Carmen, María said, “She was always there for me ... giving me that little push to get ahead in life.” María said she has always enjoyed watching the events of the fiestas. She loved listening to the music and eating all the wonderful food. She was also involved with the fiesta celebration when she was a little girl. María participated in the Fiesta Mass and danced with Los Niños Bailadores. She always wanted to know what it would be like to be fiesta queen, and used to say, “One day I could be fiesta queen.”

As a young woman of 17, María feels confident that she “can represent Taos in a great way.” “I want to reach out to the community ... and show them who I am.” She also wants to show that she is proud of the community traditions and her heritage.

When asked what the role of fiesta queen means to her, she said it’s about “time management, and representing Taos in a lady-like manner ... but still having fun while doing so.” María believes she can represent the citizens of Taos as people who are willing and able to inspire others. She also wants the chance to reach out and make an impact on the lives of the younger generations of the community.



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María Elena Martínez

María feels she can truly make a difference by being a role model to kids who currently attend middle school. She is determined to get more young people involved in the positive experience that is the fiesta tradition. She said she loves the feeling when “kids look up to you,” and she wants to encourage young girls to become a part of this “fun experience ... because it can help you overcome your fears”

and be more outgoing in life. She offers advice to the younger generations to always “have fun ... follow your dreams ... go for it,” and don’t ever let anyone “put you down.”

María Elena Martínez was born July 22, 1987, to David and Melissa Martínez. She is

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the granddaughter of Andy Torres and Carmen Martínez, and Larry Sánchez and Susanna Trujillo. She is a graduate of the Class of 2005 of Taos High School, where she was cheerleader captain. María plans to attend the Technical Vocational Institute (TVI) in Albuquerque, and plans to pursue her career goal in secondary education. María enjoys playing softball, cheerleading and is a flamenco dancer. She loves listening to the music of Jennifer López, watching her favorite movies "Dirty Dancing" and "Save the Last Dance," and her favorite book is "The Long Road Home" by Danielle Steele.

María said her family members, especially her grandma Carmen, are the most important and influential people in her life. She said her parents are always willing to help and give her support. She is also very appreciative for everything her family has taught her over the years.

"My dad taught me to respect myself ... and always respect others." María also gives credit to her faith in the Catholic religion. She said it plays a big part in her life, and "When I am really down, I pray and it helps me get through the day." She also said her faith continuously helps her to be a stronger and better individual.

When asked how she will remember this experience, María said she will look back on it with fond and joyous memories. She said it has been and will forever be "a good experience," and she would like to be remembered as "a good role model to the kids." María said this has also been an exciting experience, and she has truly enjoyed "getting to know and meet" so many new people.

TAOS FIESTA DEDICATION HONORS ANNA MARIE MARTÍNEZ-GONZALES AND RICK MARTÍNEZ

By Kathy Córdova
For The Taos News

The 2005 dedication of the Taos Fiestas honors the late Anna Marie Gonzales and the late Rick Martínez, two citizens who greatly loved fiestas.

According to tradition, the Taos Fiesta Council dedicates the annual event to one or more individuals who, during a lifetime, contributed to the fiestas.

"The dedication is very important. It's our way of honoring those who are no longer with us. However, when they were here, they showed through their actions rather than words," said Elma Torres, Fiesta Council president.

Anna Marie Gonzales, known to many as Annie, grew up with the Taos Fiestas as part of her formative years. The oldest of four sisters, Annie served as a role model to her

younger siblings Diana, Dolores and Ernestine.

Her mother, Cecilia Martínez, recalled, "When Annie and Diana were little and the other two girls weren't born yet, we'd take them to the fiestas dressed in their new outfits. People would ask if they were twins, and my husband (the late Ernest Martínez) always answered, 'Yes.'" Martínez laughed and continued, "They loved to stay all day, or at least as long as they could. Their special activity was to ride *Tío Vivo*."

The mother recalled her daughter participating in a family booth with father Ernest and others. Years later, Annie Gonzales helped organize booths to raise funds for medical expenses for nephew Ernesto Martínez and Our Lady of

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Anna Marie Gonzales

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princesas Anna Marie Martínez-Gonzales, Laura Peralta-Archuleta, Sarah Yuma and Bernadette Renee Romero of Rodarte.

At the Gonzales home, family members recalled Annie's fiesta involvement.

Husband Faustín "Tiner" Gonzales Jr. shook his head, smiled and said, "It was the focal point of the summer for her. She reminded me of my Grandma Rafaelita, waiting to spend all three days at the park. She'd say, 'We can go home, rest, cool off and return.'"

One year, the family rented a room at La Fonda Hotel to rest between shifts at the fiesta booth. Preparation for the fiestas included Tiner removing the top from the Jeep and attending the pageant and fiestecitas. When the family sponsored a booth, Annie would carefully position it to see the musicians, the court and all the action. Through Faust's Transportation, the couple drove the court and the Fiesta Council members to various official appointments. After they completed their rounds, Annie wanted to return to dance to the music of her favorite group, Mezcal.

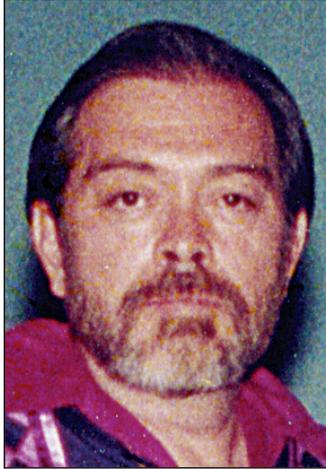
"I was tired, but I couldn't disappoint her. I'd take her," Tiner said.

Her children recalled that their mother loved the tradition so much that she encouraged them to join Luzita Trujillo's *Baile Baile* group so she could invite others to watch them. For several years, Juno wore his red sash and Amanda swished her fiesta skirt to the beat of the music.

Annie's sister, Ernestine Padilla, said that Annie carefully prepared herself for the fiestas.

"She'd spend time talking to friends and neighbors. She'd always have extra money in her purse to give dollar bills or quarters to her nephews and nieces to buy a toy, food or ride Tio Vivo," she said.

Family members also recalled her passion and talent for preparing the family youngsters and friends for the Children's Parade. Last year, the little ones won a first-place award as a result of her work with other family members to dress the



Rick Martínez

children as hot dogs, cat-supp, mustard and relish.

Former Fiesta Council president Rick Martínez died Sept. 1, 2004, in Lubbock, Texas, following a bout with cancer. His work with the Fiesta Council spanned a five-year period, with two years in the main leadership role. His wife, Geri, and mother, Celina, also served in that organization with him.

Martínez's widow related details of his life: The son of the late Celina and the

late Selso Martínez Jr., the honoree was the second of three boys. Brothers Donald (Taos) and Michael (Reno, Nev.) joined their parents and brother in many fiesta celebrations. He attended his first school years at St. Francis School in Ranchos de Taos and graduated in 1966 from Taos High School.

Higher education and military service followed. In 1966 and 1967, he majored in math and chemistry at New Mexico State University. In 1967 and 1968, he moved to Los Angeles to major in English at California State University. Then, he joined the U.S. Navy where he worked in the medical field, serving as a Navy corpsman to the U.S. Marines. Following the service, Martínez attended New Mexico Highlands University in 1973 and 1974 to major in business administration. He left school and accepted employment in Taos as a loan officer under supervisor Bobby Quintana.

Geri, Rick's wife of 30 years, said that the couple moved to California. For 10 years, he worked as a pharmacy tech. In 1984, the couple moved back to Taos and Rick commuted to Santa Fe to work as general inspector for the New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles.

Besides career involvement, Rick Martínez loved his work on the Fiesta Council.

"Membership on the council meant spending a lot of time preparing for the event, asking for donations and buying lots of ribbon shirts," Geri Martínez recalled.

He served as chairman of the Taos

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County Democratic Party until his illness. Geri retired from an 18-year career with Wal-Mart to care for him.

Geri and Rick's marriage brought about a blended family, with both their children and grandchildren as an added bonus. Geri corresponds with Rick's daughter Sharon (Bobby) Waitht and the four grandchildren, Keifer, twins Tristan and Bryce, and Brinley, all of Lubbock. After Rick's death, Geri moved to Littleton, Colo., to be near

her son, Toby Alvarez. His children include Crystal (Evan) Lux of Georgia; Heather Alvarez of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Toby Jr. and his daughter, Jennifer, of Littleton.

"I plan to return to Taos for this year's fiesta celebration. Rick would have been very proud of this honor," Geri said.

The dedication of fiestas in honor of two individuals who loved the celebration provides a fitting tribute. In essence, the tribute serves as the community's lifetime achievement award to Anna Marie Gonzales and Rick Martínez.

ST. JAMES AND ST. ANNE GIVE US MUCH TO THINK ABOUT

By Larry Torres

For The Taos News

When one stops to analyze the physical structure of old towns in New Mexico, it's interesting that despite different names like Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Belén, the layout of the early villages is remarkably similar.

On one side of the village square, the church represents religious authority and holds a prominent position. Civil authority is usually represented by courthouses and jails. The social aspect of the village is seen in its hotels, restaurants and taverns. Everyday life is found in the patios and houses strung side by side in portal fashion.

And lastly, the citizens themselves are defined by the quarter that they are most wont to frequent. In many New Mexico towns, the people were recognized by their personal characteristics, such as Moreno for dark-skinned people; location, such as Montañío for hillside dwellers; occupations, such as Herrera for blacksmiths; and descendance, such as Martínez for sons of Mars, the god of war.

But regardless of just how they might define themselves and one another, these people all come together for the village feast days. Welcome to July 25, celebrated in Taos as the Day of St. James the Greater. Locals call him Santiago.

The big question for many people may be just what defines Santiago as James the Greater? Among the apostles of Jesus there were two named "James." The one dubbed "the Lesser" was probably shorter in stature. He was also called "James the Just." He was the first bishop of Jerusalem.

James the Greater, though, was first cousin of Jesus by one count. He was a son of Salome, held to be sister of the Virgin Mary. He, along with his brother John (called the Evangelist), forms part of the first string of men called to be apostles. The other two were Andrew and his brother Simon (later called Peter). All four were fishermen who spent much of their time on the shores of the Sea of Galilee along with Zebedee who was known for his temper. When his sons James and John exhibited similar temperament, Jesus would refer to



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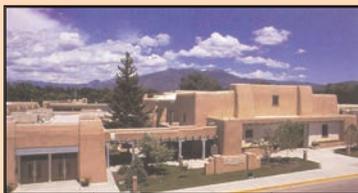


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- 4-5 ♦ Las Macarenas
- 5-6 ♦ Los Coloniales
- 5:30-6:30 ♦ Fiesta Mass, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- 6-7 ♦ Sangre de Cristo Liturgy Band
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- 10 a.m. ♦ Children's parade
- 10-11 ♦ Juntos Unidos Band
- 11-12 ♦ Baile Foclórico de Santa Fe
- 12-1 p.m. ♦ Lidiana Castro y Briana
- 1-2 ♦ Baile Español de Santa Fe
- 2-2:30 ♦ Sorellas
- 2:30-3 ♦ Alán y Briana
- 3-4 ♦ Julián Lucero Band
- 4-5 ♦ Orange Blossom Express
- 6-7 ♦ Young Guns
- 7-8 ♦ Lidiana Castro y Antonio Reyna
- 8-9 ♦ Guerrero de Chocomostoc Aztec Dancers
- 9-10 ♦ Grupo Diversión

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 9-9:30 a.m. ♦ Life in the Fast Lane Band
- 9:30-10 ♦ Mark Moody
- 10-10:30 ♦ Taos Trío
- 10:30-11 ♦ Los Vigilantes
- 11-11:30 ♦ Los Niños Bailadores
- 11:30-12 p.m. ♦ Ixcalli Nanantzin Aztec Dancers
- 12-1 ♦ Antonio Reyna con Mariachi
- 1-2 ♦ Los Zapateados Folklórico Dancers
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them as “sons of thunder” or Boanerges in Hebrew. The only other apostle that received a nickname from Jesus was Simon (Peter) whom he called “the rock.”

Studying Peter, James and John as the men closest to Jesus, we find that all three were present at the resurrection of Jairo’s daughter. They were the only three present at the scene of The Transfiguration on the mountaintop. And they were the three who were chosen to keep watch in the Garden of Gethsemane (the garden of the olive press).

According to Chapter 11 of the Acts of The Apostles, the disciples were first called “Christians” in Antakya (the ancient name of Antioch). Antioch was an early patriarchate of Christendom along with Alexandria and Rome. But by Chapter 12 of Acts in verses I and II, “Herod the king (Agrippa) laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword.” Thus the death of James marks a beginning in the persecution of the early Christian Church. His death is the only one recorded in the Bible from the 12 apostles who were chosen.

Centuries of pious belief and tradition surround the events subsequent to the death of James the Greater. In the Middle Ages it was reported that his own disciples spirited away the body of James in a horse-hair sack after his decapitation. They took it to Finis Terre, as Spain used to be known in those days. When they unwrapped his body from the sack, his head had been miraculously reattached to it.

Other pious belief seems to stem from Bishop Voragine’s writings that state that before his martyrdom in Jerusalem, James the Greater had already visited Spain and didn’t have too much success in making converts there. Having made only eight converts, he was discouraged but he was

given hope when he saw the Virgin Mary seated atop a pillar of jasper. She bade him persevere. She was recognized as Nuestra Señora del Pilar.

If we continue to rely on the writings of Bishop Voragine, we find that after his martyrdom in Judea, Santiago was miraculously returned to Iria Flavia in the northwest of Spain and later to Compostela. In his beautiful writing, Voragine recounts the story of how the apostle’s remains were spirited away in the middle of the night and buried in a field marked by the light of a bright star (hence “campo estela” or Compostela). However, according to another tradition,

the relics of the apostle were kept in the church of St. Saturnin in Toulouse, France. Given the importance of the relics in establishing social prominence and village prestige during the Middle Ages, it is quite possible that the sacred relics may have been divided between the two places. What tends to give greater strength to Compostela in Spain though is the Papal Bull “*Omnipotens Deus*” issued by Leo XIII.

On July 25 all men were supposed to ride through town on horseback. Santiago is the patron st. of Taos, hat makers, laborers and those who suffer from rheumatoid arthritis.



Even more difficult to trace is the genealogy of St. Anne. By tradition she and St. Joachim (San Joaquín) are held to be the parents of the Virgin Mary. Nowhere in the Bible is this stated clearly. As is the case with Santiago, the life of St. Anne comes to us more through pious belief and tradition.

According to a story by Bishop Voragine who embellishes a document called “The Gospel of James,” and who later writes his famous “The Golden Legend” in the 13th century, Anne herself was unable to conceive a child. After years of barrenness an angel appeared to tell them that they would have a child. Both were living separately at the time, with Joachim living in self-



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imposed exile in the desert, since it was considered shameful for a man not to be able to sire a child.

The moment that they were both visited by an angel, they each rushed and met at the city gate. There Joachim gave Anne a “chaste kiss” and it was at that moment that their daughter Mary “was conceived without stain of original sin.”

St. Anne is often depicted as instructing Mary in the home arts and in religion. However, other sources refer to St. Anne and St. Joachim as having dedicated Mary to the service of the temple at the age of 3 and then dying of a broken heart six months thereafter. This seems to reflect the story of how Hannah (another Anne) dedicated her son, Samuel, to the temple in the first Book of Kings.

Sometimes it is hard to separate fact from pious legend. Take for example the idea that by invoking the genealogy of Jesus, one can stop a dog from howling in the night. In New Mexico the incantation would go something like this: “*Ana parió a Santana. Santana parió a María. María parió al Señor. Por estas cuatro palabras, ¡cállate esa boca, animal!*” (Thou animal howling so late in the night, by these four allusions you’ll flee from my sight: Ana bore Santana. Santana, Mary begat. Mary begat the

Savior. By these four words you’ll go scat!)

Also mysterious is the allusion referring to the Salome, the mother of James and John, as “the sister of Mary.” This would have meant that St. Anne was not as barren as she was made out to be, or that perhaps, Joachim had had another daughter by someone else.

In art, St. Anne is depicted as bearing her daughter, Mary, on her lap, who in turn cradles the infant Jesus on her own lap. Symbolically then, the grandmother, the mother and the baby are the throne, the silver and the gold, making St. Anne patroness of miners.

On the feast of St. Anne, celebrated in Taos on July 26, women were wont to mimic what the men had done the day before. It was their turn to ride horseback. Those who were too old or infirm were pulled around Taos Plaza in horse carts.

St. Anne is honored in many parts of the world. Locally she is the patron st. of mothers and grandmothers because it was through the example of St. Anne that Mary brought up the Christ Child. She is also patron of housewives and women in labor.

All in all, both Santiago and Santa Ana offer the scholar and the merely curious a rich source of material to ponder during this time.

SHARING WITH OUR FAMILIES AND OUR VALIANT SOLDIERS

By **Lea Esparza** ▲ *For The Taos News*

In present times it is necessary to be united to family. There are many seasons in which families come together. The annual *Fiestas de Santiago y Santa Ana* in Taos give families the opportunity to unite under the grace of God. In this time of happiness and gratitude for the return of our soldiers in the 1115th Transportation Company, the fiestas provide the perfect opportunity to share special time with relatives and friends.

Knowing that the United States is at war against terrorism, Taos is grateful for having our children, husbands, wives, fathers and mothers returned. At times one thinks that families in the United States are no longer the way they used to be, but al-

though this may be true in some families, it is also very important to know that families are also being united, not only with relatives but also in their faith and in God. In this time of war there are families that are being held together by prayers. These prayers are strengthened by the faith of the people in God that he in his abundant grace will protect their loved ones.

The fiestas give families the opportunity to become joyous under the same spirit. Families and friends are able to share special moments with one another and form new friendships among fellow Taoseños. We are very grateful to have the opportunity to visit with family and friends once more and to enjoy them in this time of celebration.

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Por Esther Herrera ▲ Para *The Taos News*

FAMILIA UNIDA

Cuando un grupo de matrimonios se reunió para formar una instancia que les ayudara a fortalecer su rol de padres y esposos, y que les permitiera valorar la trascendencia de su misión, ya que la familia es la única institución que permite el desarrollo integral de las personas.

La unidad familiar no ha de dejar de ser lo fuerte de una unión matrimonial. Cuando en ocasiones nos preguntamos: “¿Qué puedo hacer yo para que mi casa sea un hogar luminoso, un hogar alegre, un hogar donde se quieren y se ayudan?” después, cada uno sacará sus propias conclusiones.

Simulando que en nuestro hogar este formado por un equipo de fútbol donde todos tenemos que participar. Estamos alegres porque disfrutamos una fiesta deportiva. Un equipo que es campeón y que nos da un orgullo y un gozo, porque no solamente han ganado, sino porque hemos visto una actitud positiva y una unidad del grupo, Es un trabajar para el equipo de la mano con un entrenador que no solo nos ha dado una orientación deportiva, sino que se ha entregado totalmente. Así es como nos gustaría que nuestro hogar marchara siempre. Pero en ocasiones nos encontramos con obstáculos que son los que nos hacen tener errores y triunfos, y de los cuales aprendemos día con día.

DISFRUTEMOS JUNTOS LA UNIÓN FAMILIAR

Uno piensa en la familia. Tenemos lazos muy fuertes con nuestros hijos y a veces nos falta esa actitud de ser un equipo sólido, pues somos una familia. Disfrutamos juntos de las cosas buenas de la casa, apoyamos todos cuando a veces falta un poco de alimento, cuando uno está enfermo, ó cuando de repente uno de los chicos está de mal humor, le fue mal en el trabajo ó en la universidad. ¿Que hacemos? Nos unimos y hacemos el propósito de apoyar más.

Por eso te traigo ese ejemplo del fútbol, porque es tan vivo ver que esos muchachos se apoyaban unos a otros, con qué tranquilidad procuraban hacer lo que había dicho el

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CULTIVEMOS LOS VALORES EN LA FAMILIA

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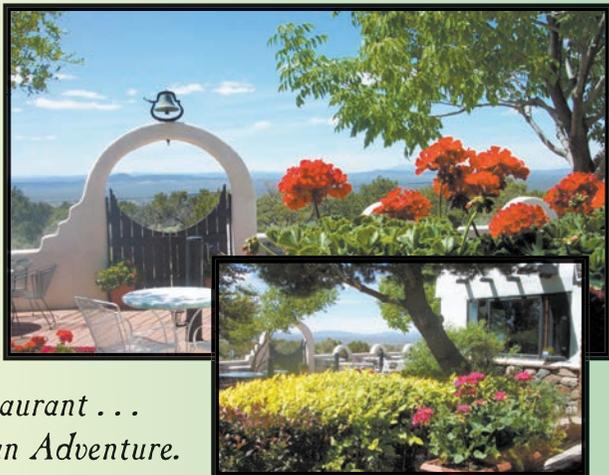
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Por **Billy Archuleta**

Para *The Taos News*

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Stephanie Allyson Romero, a ti como a tus antepasados,

Con tus honradas princesas, "¡Que viva la Reina de Taos!"

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FIESTA COOKING

By Fayne Lutz

Green corn tamales are a special summertime delicacy throughout the Southwest. This lazy way to prepare an otherwise complicated dish

will please the cook and the eaters. Particularly nice when served with barbecue, you will treasure this recipe every summer.

Green Corn Tamales

- 8 or 9 ears of corn**
- Corn husks**
- 2 teaspoons salt**
- 3 tablespoons melted margarine**
- 1 to 1½ cups corn meal**
- Sharp cheddar cheese, cut in strips**
- 1 4-ounce can whole green chiles**

Shuck corn, reserving the husks. Cut kernels off cob. Grind corn in food grinder, blender or food processor until mushy. There should be 3 cups of corn.

Add salt, margarine and enough corn meal to make a dough of thick consistency. Cut cheese into thin

strips. Rinse chiles and remove the seeds. Cut into strips. Rinse and drain husks and spread flat.

Line bottom and sides of oiled 1½ quart baking dish with husks. Spread thin layer of dough on husks, then top with layer of cheese and chiles. Top with remaining corn dough mixture. Press down to hold mixture and husks in place. Fold husks over top of dough, or add layer of husks. Cover with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour or until firm but still moist.

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