

# Saturday, September 16, 2006

# Mexican Independence Day Celebration



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## Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18.

## Mexican Independence Day Activities

*In Beautiful Downtown Topeka on Quincy Street between 6th and 8th Streets next to the Topeka Performing Arts Center*

- 4:00 pm Vendor Food & Beverage Service Begins
  - 4:00 pm Open Mic- local talent
  - 5:00 pm Ballet Folklorico de Topeka
  - 6:00 pm Hechiseros de la Sierra, Kansas City
  - 7:00 pm Aguilas de la Sierra, St. Luis Potosi, Mexico
  - 8:00 pm Mariachi Zapata, Omaha  
& Mexican Independence Day Ceremony
  - 9:30 pm Los Alteños de la Sierra, Sonora, Mexico
- Approximate starting times and schedule is subject to change

## Downtown Area Mexican Restaurants

**Lupita's**, 732 S. Kansas  
**Pepe & Chela's**, 1001 SW Tyler

**Arturo's**, 105 SW 10th  
**El Mexcal**, 511 SW Topeka Blvd

## Making Tracks: Mexicanos and the Railroads in Northeast Kansas

A special exhibit celebrating the story of Mexicans and the railroad on display at The Great Overland Station, 701 N. Kansas, through Sept. 24.

The Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

## "Mariachi Divina" dedicated on July 17, 2006

The 18-foot tall memorial on the grounds of the Topeka Performing Arts Center celebrates the all-female mariachi troupe, which was perhaps the first of its kind in the United States.

The monument, which was sculpted by Colorado artist Emmanuel Martinez and is entitled "Mariachi Divina," also recalls the four Mariachi Estrella de Topeka members who died July 17, 1981, when two skywalks collapsed at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Kansas City, Mo., where they were to perform, killing them and 110 other people.

