

Primary Source: La Sevillana bakery owner

Something of note about El Paso is our rich Mexican culture, and with it, the variety of foods, breads, and desserts that can be found around the city at the abundance of locally owned and operated *panaderias*. Mr. Juan Gonzalez is one of those business owners who has run his bakery, La Sevillana for the past 26 years. I decided to interview Mr. Gonzalez about his bakery and traditional Mexican breads and desserts because, despite the fact that I'm half-Mexican, I have never been very connected to my Mexican heritage. Having not connected with the Mexican side of my family until I was late into my teens, I only know about general Mexican holidays, but not about how they are celebrated or the history surrounding some of the foods I have come to love. My hope is that, by talking with Mr. Gonzalez about the traditions behind the foods, breads, and desserts he prepares, I will learn more about my own heritage, as well as contribute to the discussion as to how Mexican traditions are celebrated in order to enlighten listeners about El Paso's indigenous and colonial past.