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Mayor's Report



The Village of Los Rancho's 2009 Roadmap

From the Village Center to a new Fire Station there's a lot to look forward to.

by Larry Abraham

On behalf of the entire Village administration and the Village Vision, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year!

The Village is celebrating its 50th year of incorporation this year. After 50 years, I am happy to report that Los Ranchos is now firmly placed in the United States Zip Code Look -Up Directory. This USPO database is used by nearly all shipping companies and mailing houses worldwide and each one of our residential and business addresses is linked in.

Additionally, we have had several businesses on the national scene promoting Los Ranchos. Kelly Jo's ceramics are currently showcased in Nordstrom Department Stores and all of Casa Rondena's award winning wines, shipped nationwide, proudly display Los Ranchos de Albuquerque as their home. Our Village has been visited by the President of the United States twice, and was the home of President-Elect Obama's north valley campaign headquarters. Los Ranchos can now be found on most maps, and is clearly shown on all three networks' TV weather maps.

With the completion of the Areas I and J sewer project, all of our residents will now be able to hook up to a sewer system that will protect the groundwater for future generations. I am very proud of the accomplishments of our administration as well as our residents and businesses and, yet, I feel there's still much more to be accomplished.

What we have to look forward to in 2009:

Bike Lanes

This spring we will complete the widening and repaving of Rio Grande Blvd. from Chavez to Montano to accommodate dedicated bike lanes that will run from Montano to Paseo del Norte on both sides of Rio Grande. These dedicated bike lanes will be delineated by a colored thermoplastic material on the width of the bike lanes.

Open Space Initiatives

In 2008, we made major strides at preserving more open space for future generations to enjoy. We now have nearly 50 acres of open space just north of Paseo del Norte that is either under our ownership or management. We have just completed the purchase of one acre on the northwest corner of Edgewood and Osuna which we will put into a permanent pasture this spring. This piece will greatly enhance the gateway to the Village. We are finalizing the details of the purchase of 23 acres of the Anderson Vineyards. We hope to incorporate this piece of property with our 50th anniversary/Lavender Festival in July.

Village Center and 4th Street

In order for our Village to prosper and maintain its unique identity, we must develop a Village Center that is economically sustainable and yet pedestrian-friendly at the southeast corner of 4th and Osuna. We must also strive to create a prosperous atmosphere for all of our 4th street businesses. We are working on gateways which will identify our Village at each entrance, as well as other street enhancements along 4th Street to slow traffic down and create a friendlier atmosphere

Repaving 4th Street Intersections

This spring we will be repaving the Fourth Street intersections at El Pueblo, Los Ranchos, and Ranchitos.

Fire Station

Sometimes a downturn in the economy can be beneficial to building a capital project. Plans are currently being finalized for our new station, and with a slow down in the economy, we anticipate a very competitive bidding process which will allow us to build a new station at or under budget. We hope to break ground on our new fire station at 4th and Schulte in early summer.

Lavender in the Village and 50th Year Anniversary Celebration

Lavender in the Village has been set for July 10th, 11th, and 12th and I hope that the entire Village will come out to celebrate our agricultural roots and anniversary festival.

Lastly, this Village is about to enter its second fifty years and I will continue my passion to get all of our residents and businesses to embrace the spirit of Los Ranchos. I hope to see the day that each one of our residents and businesses are as outraged as I am when our Village is misidentified as 'Albuquerque'.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and ask that in your New Year resolutions you include being an ambassador for the Village of Los Ranchos!

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Upcoming Events

Deadline: February Village Vision

Friday, January 9th

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

January 10th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Winter Markets

February 14th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

March 14th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, January 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, January 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11th, 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1st

Village Office Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Monday, January 21st

Village Office Closed

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 17th



Village At-a-Glance

New Businesses!

Pasta Divina is open at their new location at 6847 4th Street NW. They produce fresh, certified organic pasta, ravioli, and compound butters. Stop by or call them at 385-9563 or 577-2316, or check out their website at www.pastadivina.com. Tell them you read about them in the Village Vision and receive 10% off your order. Grand Opening on January 10th, after the Growers' Market! Buon appetito!

The Fat Finch: Touted as the web's most beautiful bird store, Los Ranchos is the home to this brand new retail location. Stop by and visit with Roberta Beyer, or check out her website at www.fatfinch.com. With this issue, Roberta will begin a regular series of columns on all aspects of birds. If you have questions, feel free to ask her for help or ideas, at her shop or on line.

The Corner Cafe, in Rincones de Los Ranchos, is finally open. Drop in to see Aaron, fill up on his great comfort food, and then step across the courtyard to The Fat Finch!

Black Orchid Couture, just opened at 8831 4th St. NW, carries new and recycled Gothic, Punk, Rockabilly, and Vintage clothing. Sara Pena is the owner. Lots of fun!

Porky's Barbecue moving: Look for Porky's Barbecue to be relocating in the bowling alley complex in late ZJanuary or early February.

Cornelia Wylldestar has opened her *Green Printmaker Gallery* at 6501 4th St. NW, Suite E - 1. Unusual prints and atmospheric photographs.

Alumenart Gallery and Gifts is located at 7200 4th St. NW. Great gifts, original New Mexico art and jewelry, even if you missed the stocking stuffers and tree ornaments. Ask to see the mechanical man!

On Wednesday, January 21st, from 10am to 1pm, *Employers Pro Advantage* and *Lakota Consulting* are holding an open house at Sky Dog the Art Space. Refreshments, free consultation for businesses regarding advertising, payroll, and human resources services in a challenging economy. See ad on page -----.

Los Ranchos Addresses!

When renewing your driver's license or ordering new checks, or anything with an address, please try to remember to include "Los Ranchos" as the address.

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Correct Addresses Critical to Village's Prosperity

In an effort to help residents better understand the impact of addresses on the Village of Los Ranchos, Beverly Abraham, wife of the mayor, explains the background and mechanics of the ZIP Code system.

by Beverly Abraham

The Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque is located in the north valley region of Bernalillo County. The incorporated limit of the Village contains approximately 2,500 acres. The Village is bordered on the south by the city of Albuquerque, on the east and north by unincorporated Bernalillo County, and on the west by the Rio Grande Valley State Park (Rio Grande River).

The Village of Los Ranchos is an incorporated municipality which was formed under the laws of the State of New Mexico on December 29, 1958. The original Los Ranchos town site in 1958 was located between Guadalupe Trail and Rio Grande, north of Chavez, and south of Los Ranchos. Over the past fifty years, additional territory has been annexed into the Village.

The Village has a mayor-council form of government. The Council, known as the Board of Trustees, is a four-member body that is elected at large. The Trustees serve four year staggered terms. The Mayor is elected once every four years. [Paraphrased from the Village of Los Ranchos 2010 Master Plan Summary] Residents of Los Ranchos do not vote on Albuquerque ballots and Albuquerque residents cannot vote in Los Ranchos elections.

The "ZIP code" is the system of postal codes used by the USPS. The letters [Z-I-P] are an acronym for Zone Improvement Plan. These postal zones were implemented for large cities in 1943. In 1963, non-mandatory ZIP codes were announced for the whole country.

In 1967 they were made mandatory for second and third class bulk mailers. In 1983, the USPS began using an expanded ZIP code system called Zip + 4. ZIP codes are numbered with the first digit representing a certain group of U.S. states; the second and third digits together represent a region in that group, and the fourth and fifth digits represent a group of delivery addresses within that region.

Despite the geographic derivation of most ZIP codes, the codes themselves do no represent geographic regions;

they generally correspond to address groups or delivery routes. Consequently, ZIP code "areas" can overlap, be subsets of each other, or be artificial constructs with no geographic area. A ZIP code's address and the "city" name do not necessarily mean that that address is within that city. The USPS designates a single "default" place name for each ZIP code. Additional place names may be recognized as "acceptable".

The postal designations for place names become de facto locations for their addresses, and as a result it is difficult to convince residents and businesses that they actually are located in another municipality different from the "default" place name associated with their ZIP codes. Often local officials in a community that is not the "default" place name for a zip code, but is an "acceptable" place name, will advise residents to always use the name of the correct municipality. [Paraphrased from Wikipedia.org] The use of ZIP codes was implemented to simplify and expedite mail delivery, not define boundaries of municipalities. This dilemma and situation is not unique to Los Ranchos.

My husband's campaign promise six years ago was his mission to change the "status quo" regarding the identity of the Village of Los Ranchos. The Village has been an active viable municipality for fifty years. Unfortunately, before this administration, not much notice or concern was given when residents or businesses used 'Albuquerque' in their correspondence, on their billings and statements, in subscriptions, in voting registrations, on drivers' licenses, and on tax bills. Even prior Village administrative offices used 'Albuquerque' on their correspondence, business cards, stationery, and, yes, even on their own fire station uniforms!

Our Mayor has been tenacious and determined that the Village of Los Ranchos be recognized and honored for the municipality that it is. The reasons can be many. Some examples are: protecting our rural culture, which is so eloquently described in our master

plan; receiving gross receipts from a variety of sources within the Village (Note the VLR budget is gross receipts driven); having our own identity in the eyes of the county and the state when it comes to governing, and the resources provided by both; requiring Realtors to post a permit on Village properties that are for sale, showing potential buyers that the property is in the VLR (This is a twofold benefit - one: making sure the gross receipts from that sale are correctly credited to the VLR and two: that new buyers are aware that they are under the VLR's zoning and planning ordinances and residing in a separate municipality); and receiving all applicable fees and excise taxes on utility bills. In all of these examples, the only way to determine where an address is located is to use LOS RANCHOS as the city name.

Upon taking office, the Mayor contacted the USPS about getting a zip code - or even a post office -- in Los Ranchos. Both are impossible to get at this time here in the Village. Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and Los Rnchs ABQ have ALWAYS been acceptable city names with the USPS. Last year, working with the USPS, Los Ranchos was added to that list of acceptable cities (no one can now protest that it is too long to use!). Within the last six months, again working with the USPS, all Los Ranchos addresses were put into the USPS database, showing their default city as 'Los Ranchos'. The USPS understood quite clearly the necessity of having these addresses corrected in their database.

There are hundreds and thousands of cities, towns, and villages which did not need the permission of the USPS to become municipalities. It is obvious that most, if not all, including the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, were municipalities long before there was such a thing as a ZIP code.

At the end of the day, when you get out of bed in the morning and put your feet on the floor, the legal place in which you are residing is Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and not the city of Albuquerque!

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Destination Los Ranchos

Aaron Worrell's Corner Café is All About People

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

Aaron Worrell remembers important details, things like his customers' names, who wants extra tomatoes and no mayo, who drinks cherry Coke—things that helped him build a regular clientele at Sandwich Time, his first restaurant in the Village. Customers want chefs like Aaron to succeed because it's easy to tell that he genuinely cares about them. Listening to him talk about food and his new restaurant, The Corner Café, located in the Plaza at Rincones de Los Ranchos (just south of Ranchitos), it's clear Aaron loves people, and he especially loves feeding them. "I like what food does for people. It will outlast anything that goes wrong," he explains.

No stranger to the Albuquerque restaurant scene, Aaron began cooking with his brother when he was just a teenager. "I had a knack for cooking, but not much," he says of his early experiences in the late 70s. As if in preparation for having a restaurant of his own, he began working as a server for Red Lobster. It wasn't long before he was asked to help in the kitchen. He admits that by the mid 80s he had begun to love to cook. A part of the reason—"It makes people feel good when you cook for them." Remembering the early days of his evolving into a chef, Aaron liked to experiment. He would even take leftovers and make something special of them.

As his skills evolved, Aaron's biggest critics were his kids, a phenomenon every cook with children experiences.

With owning a restaurant in mind, he began to hone his skills by experimenting and watching the Food Channel. From some of the great American chefs, he learned three principles that have guided him as he prepared for ownership of The Corner Café: simple menu, great quality, fair price. In keeping with the simple menu principle, Aaron serves what he calls American Grandma's Cuisine, with a twist.

A rib eye served with garlic mashed potatoes and two sides forms the cornerstone of the café's menu. It also includes chicken fried and Salisbury steaks, along with fajitas and pastas. And there are things Aaron says people don't usually get like green chile meatloaf and buttermilk fried chicken. Add to that sandwiches like those once served at Sandwich Time, burritos, and tacos and you have the basic menu for lunch and dinner. Many items are also offered for carry out. Breakfast includes waffles, omelets, and Aaron's special version of huevos rancheros. The dish that is likely to become the café's signature offering is a fruit chimichanga. The pastry is filled with apples or peaches and cream cheese, deep fried, covered with caramel sauce, and topped with vanilla ice cream—a decadent novelty already earning kudos for the chef.

As a complement to the restaurant itself, The Corner Café features a deli case stocked with homemade entrees like pastries stuffed with fillings such as pepperoni/pizza and green chile/cheese, Boar's Head meats, and cold as well as hot salads.

Menu and quality don't present a

problem for Aaron. Pricing does. A friend once told him, "It's in your DNA to give low prices." He wants to make The Corner Café a place where people can bring their families on a regular basis. So a wide range of prices appear on the menu—averaging around \$6.50 to \$8.00, with the rib eye for \$15.00 at the high end.

The number of times Aaron uses the words "people," "love," and "food" when he talks about his restaurant prepares you to hear him say, "I'm the caretaker of this restaurant." Part of what that means is that when a customer asks him to add a special favorite to the menu, he'll try his best to do so. And even though he's not much of a coffee drinker himself, he's taken advice from customers about offering the best coffee specialties.

The Corner Café is a tastefully designed, light-filled space. Light flooding in from a wall of windows on the north side of the dining room reflects off the khaki-colored walls, causing them to change from tan during the day to a soft grey at night. Accent pieces from Kelly Jo's pottery provide wall art.

Nowhere is Aaron's love for people and food more obvious than when he talks about the future. "We take food for granted," he says. "It's beyond ridiculous that people are hungry here." As soon as his restaurant gets established, he plans to bring in hungry people and offer them a good meal in a beautiful setting. He talks about a time years ago when his family needed help at Christmas, and his children's school provided assistance. "I didn't think we were that unfortunate, but I've never forgotten what they did." Aaron also has dreams of starting a school at the restaurant to help people get started in food-related businesses.

Clearly, Aaron Worrell will serve as the caretaker of his café in his special corner of the elegant new Plaza at Rincones de Los Ranchos. And because he understands the important details, he will serve as the caretaker of other important things that will enhance life in our Village.



Ditch Writer

Rain or snow, the Winter Growers' Markets press on!

by Sue Brawley

The Winter Markets will take place on the second Saturday of each month from December to April, from 10 am to noon. The markets will be held outside in the regular location (the tennis court parking lot) except in the case of inclement weather, when the market will be held in the adjacent Community Barn.

Several of the growers have greens

such as arugula, chard, spinach, and lettuce which they are growing in cold frames for the winter. Ross's Gardens will have tasty hot-house tomatoes. Arrowsmiths may have broccoli, fennel, and radicchio. Exotic Mushrooms will have their delicious oyster mushrooms. Pasta Divina will have a great selection of pasta.

On January 10th, one may find hot-house tomatoes, greens & micro greens, some root vegetables, mushrooms,

dried fruit, honey, eggs, pasta, jams and jellies, pies, pintos, cider, indoor plants, herbs, cold-weather bedding plants, forced bulbs, dried flower arrangements, hot posole and burritos, arts and crafts, and music by guitarist Rob Roman. We will also be continuing the spotlight on various Los Ranchos businesses. Jennifer Curtis, award-winning Navajo silversmith, and Kelly Jo Designs may be on hand in January, as well as some local authors.

A History of the Elena Gallegos Land Grant

by Cordelia Sanchez

Before Los Ranchos became an incorporated Village in 1958, the area was known as the "Elena Gallegos Land Grant" by many of the "old timers."

During the 1960s, Reis Lopez Tijerina came to New Mexico to raise concerns among the heirs of these Land Grants, and to encourage them to seek ways to regain their lands from the "Anglos." Tijerina sent one of his "Lieutenants" to my home to try and convince me to sue Albert Simms for the land my mother had sold to Simms in the 1940s. That land is now known as the Los Caballeros subdivision, and is located behind my home here in Los Ranchos.

Tijerina claimed that my mother had illegally sold part of the Elena Gallegos Land Grant, and that she was not a legal heir. He claimed that only my father was an heir, and that my father was deceased when my mother sold the land. Tijerina asserted that I needed to get that land back from Albert Simms because only heirs of the Land Grant could legally sell it. Obviously, I did

not pursue Mr. Tijerina's demands, or the Los Caballeros sub-division on Chavez Rd., would not exist today.

The Elena Gallegos Land Grant was originally granted as a "common" Land Grant, but later, through some manipulations by several "land and mortgage companies," it was divided and sold as "individual" Land Grants.

The following excerpt is taken from my Abstract of Title for my property in Los Ranchos. (It is recorded in Book 80, Page 353 of Records of Bernalillo County, New Mexico.): "Whereas in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1891 entitled "An Act to establish a Court of private land claims and to provide for the settlement of private land claims in certain states and Territories the claim of the heirs, legal representatives, successors in interest, and assigns of Diego Montoya and Elena Gallegos, his vendee, has been duly established as a Private Land Grant known as the Elena Gallegos Grant or Ranchos de Albuquerque Grant.

The description of the Grant, which

consists of over 35,000 acres, is as follows: "On the west, beginning at a point on the east bank of the Rio Grande River, where the north boundary of the Albuquerque Grant intersects the same, thence north to along the said east bank of said Rio Grande River to a point opposite the southeast corner of the Alameda Grant. Then easterly along the south boundary of the said Alameda Grant, to the southeast corner of the same, then north easterly along the ancient bed of the Rio Grande River, at or near an ancient Indian Ruin about four hundred yards south of the southern boundary of the Pueblo of Sandia, then as nearly east as is possible without conflicting with the south boundary of the said Pueblo of Sandia Grant, to the summit of the Sandia Range of Mountains, then southerly along the summit of Sandia Range of Mountains to a point due east of and opposite to the place of beginning, then due west to the place of beginning."

At this time, perhaps it would be fun to follow these lines of designation and walk the whole Grant!

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LifeLong Learning Programs in Los Ranchos

by Janet Long Ford

From T. S. Eliot to the 1929 depression to Indian temple architecture, Village residents can enjoy stimulating courses right in their own backyard. The Institute for LifeLong Learning is planning to hold three of its spring offerings at the Los Ranchos Sheriff's Substation.

In "Poets of the High Modernist Mode," a four-week class, Anthony Hunt will lead class members on a delightfully intellectual journey through the diverse works of the most notable poets of the years between 1890 and 1920, including Ezra Pound, William Butler Yeats, T. S. Eliot, Robert Frost, William Carlos Williams and Wallace Stevens.

LLL members in Hunt's fall class had enthusiastic praise for him. "Obviously," wrote one member, "Tony enjoys teaching and poetry. He was always prepared, handouts were wonderful and the presentation flowed perfectly. The two hours flew by."

Also at the Substation, Stewart Doty, University of Maine professor emeritus and a regular LLL instructor, will lead a four-session class on "The World Depression of 1929," including a look at the connections, if any, to today's economic situation.

Henry Shapiro, who is a new instructor for LLL, will present a lecture with slide illustrations about "Temple Architecture of Northern India." A former UNM professor with a lifelong interest in religious architecture, he will introduce the history and iconography of the five major religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam, and Sikhism - that have left their mark on the north Indian architectural landscape.

At other locations around Albuquerque, Village residents can catch sessions on topics including the music and life of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, British film classics, Buddhism, the decision to drop the atom bomb, New Mexico politics, and moviemaking in New Mexico.

LLL is a member-driven, volunteer-run nonprofit organization specializing in continuing, liberal arts education for adults aged 50+. Since 1990, it has provided inexpensive daytime classes, lectures and field trips to provide adults intellectual stimulation and expanded horizons.

Spring courses begin March 9th. To learn more about LLL, go to our Web site: www.LifeLongLearningNM.org. After the first week in January, the spring catalog will be on the Web site for you to preview all 30-some sessions offered in the Village and around Albuquerque. Catalogs with registration forms will be mailed January 22. If you are not a LLL member already, you can request a catalog on our Web site by going to "Contact us" then "Join us," or call 888-7370.



During a break in his lecture "Invention: A Way of Seeing the World," presented in September at the Substation, LifeLong Learning instructor Bob Weber answers a question for Yvonne Haskins.

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Simple Steps to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

by Sgt. Jason Lazo,
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Welcome 2009!

Here it is the start of a brand new year. While some things change, others (such as crime) remain a constant. Lately we have seen an increase in thefts all around the City and County, and it appears to be making its way into our community as well. More specifically, mail theft appears to be on the rise. This tends to be the catalyst for identity theft which is becoming an epidemic problem nationwide. Here are a few tips to help protect you from becoming a victim of this crime:

1. Lock up your social security card, birth certificate, passport, and other personal IDs that contain sensitive information. Do not carry these items with you (except when absolutely necessary, such as to travel to a foreign country) or keep them in areas accessible to workers in your house.
2. Do not give out your social security number unless absolutely necessary.
3. Destroy all documents containing personally identifying information when you dispose of them. In particular, make sure to destroy bank and credit card statements, expired credit cards, old tax documents, health insurance forms, medical records, and utility bills. If you use a shredder, use one that cross-shreds for the best destruction.
4. Shred all credit card and mortgage offers. ID thieves can use them to apply for credit in your name.
5. Limit the number of credit cards you have and cancel all card accounts that you do not currently use.
6. Check credit card and bank statements each month as soon as they arrive or are available online. This is the best way to detect any unauthorized

use, plus most credit card companies and financial institutions only allow you to challenge mistakes for a set period of time, typically 60 days. Also, ask credit card companies not to send you "convenience" checks that could easily be stolen.

7. Limit use of debit cards attached to your bank accounts. For example, do not use them at restaurants (or anywhere else that they leave your sight) or for online transactions. Bank policies and debit card issuers generally protect against most debit card losses, but the extent of the protection varies. As a practical matter, your bank account could be emptied before you can stop unauthorized transactions.

8. Pick up new checks at the bank instead of having them sent to your mailbox.

9. Keep an eye on your mail. Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes, don't put it in your home mailbox if it is unsecured, and promptly remove delivered mail. Stop mail delivery when you go on vacation.

10. Check your credit report regularly to look for unauthorized credit applications. The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA), the same law that requires employers to properly dispose of consumer reports created by third parties, gives every person a free annual credit report.

11. Do not respond to unsolicited email asking for personal information - so-called "phishing" and "pharming" schemes. Thieves often will send out emails that appear to be from legitimate entities, such as banks, asking

you to provide personal information, account information, and passwords. Some even direct you to provide the info on "secure" fake web sites that look authentic, using corporate logos, etc. As a practical note, your bank or credit card issuer typically will not send out emails to ask for this type of information. If you really think it is from your bank, call them directly, but do not use a number provided on a suspicious email.

12. Protect your home computer. Use, and update regularly, virus and firewall protections to prevent outside access to your computer. Also, use "strong" passwords to protect your financial and other personal information that mix letters

and numbers. Do not use common identifiers like your mother's maiden name or your birth date. In addition, change passwords regularly for added protection and keep any written record of your passwords in a secure place, not on your computer

13. Immediately report any losses of personal identification and credit cards. For example, close credit card accounts and contact your state's drivers' license agency to flag your file so no one else can apply for a driver's license in your name.

14. Consider purchasing special ID theft protection. ID theft protection plans typically monitor your credit report and report any suspicious activity. In the event of a theft, the best plans will help you file reports, dispute unauthorized activity, and restore your identity.

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Chief's Corner



Visible, Correct Addresses Key to Your Safety

by Chief Greg Perez

Over the past year, I have read numerous issues of the Village Vision, particularly the Mayor's column. Mayor Abraham has put a strong emphasis on urging Village businesses and residents to make sure their addresses reflect Los Ranchos.

This is something that is particularly important to the Village of Los Ranchos Fire and Rescue for two reasons. Did you know that the Village of Los Ranchos Fire Department is a stand alone department? That means that it is not part of Bernalillo County or the

City of Albuquerque Fire Departments. A large portion of the budget for the Los Ranchos Fire Department comes solely from gross receipt taxes, and that means making sure your gross receipts come to the Village, and not to another community. It means that your cash register receipts, especially, must carry the Los Ranchos address!

But the more important reason the Fire Department is concerned with your address is the fact that many of our residents and businesses do not have that address posted correctly outside the homes or businesses. Your Fire Department relies greatly on the

ability to come to your aid based on the address from which the 911 call is received. If we cannot locate your address from the street, the chances of rendering aid to you, a loved one, or a customer could be delayed.

With Fire and Rescue, time is of the essence! On behalf of your Fire Department, I ask that each of you who read this take a minute to make sure we can read the address in front of your home or business just as easily as you can read the words in this article. Ensuring your address is correct and properly displayed is a win-win for you, your community, and the ones you love.

by Lori Barrett

In November and December, the Los Ranchos Fire Department, Sky Dog the Art Space, and Employers Pro Advantage worked together to fulfill a sometimes overlooked need in our community. Together, they collected food, coats, undergarments, and toys for those who were in need of a little help through the holidays. The final culmination of the efforts took place on December 13th at Sky Dog, where the LR Fire Department brought out a ladder truck to attract attention to the event, which was attended by several fire fighters.

It is estimated that ten to twelve families in need will receive packages of food, toys, and coats for the holidays. Greg Perez, LRFD Fire Chief, arranged the donations through local schools to help identify the families in need.

In addition, a silent auction held at

Sky Dog generated \$300.00 in donations given to the Roadrunner Food Bank to help those in need in the greater Albuquerque area. (Please note: this \$300 translates to \$3300, because every dollar to the Food Bank translates to \$11.00 in food!) There is no warmer feeling than to give to those who need a little help! Thanks to all who donated items to the drive, to the artists who donated work, and also to those who supported Sky Dog's art auction.

The Weekly Alibi and Southwest Art Magazine assisted in all of the efforts by sponsoring the drive, providing advertising at low or no cost for two months, and appreciation goes to them as well.

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Choosing the Best Bird Feed for the Winter Months

by Roberta Beyer

Winter is the season when feeding and providing water for your outdoor birds will contribute greatly to their health and survival. A recent study in England of the English Blue Tit (no jokes please, this is British science we're talking about!) found that non-migratory birds which receive human-supplied seed during the cold of winter do better than those which lack supplemental food.



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During winter the abundance of berries, fruits, and, most especially, insects upon which birds rely have dwindled to the point where their diets depend on seeds and fruit to survive.

Black oil sunflower seed, or a premium seed blend containing primarily black oil sunflower seed, is the best winter-time food to use in your feeders. High in protein and fat content, black oil sunflower seed has twice the calories per pound than striped sunflower seed. Its thinner shells also make it easier for smaller birds to open. A seed blend containing smaller seeds (like millet) will also please ground feeding birds.

Another favorite wintertime food for birds is suet. It, too,

is packed with calories and can be bought in small blocks, which often contain seeds and fruits mixed into the suet. Nuthatches and woodpeckers are highly attracted by suet.

Peanuts, shelled and unshelled, can also be very popular, especially if you have jays visiting your yard. Be sure to purchase peanuts specifically processed for birds. No salty peanuts or those from the grocery store.

Finally, and most importantly, put out water for your birds. Birds' summertime sources of water may now be frozen or non-existent. Water is also the single greatest attractant of birds to your yard, so the rewards for bird watching will be great if you supply fresh water daily.

Roberta Beyer is the owner of *The Fat Finch*, a Boutique for Birders located at 7528 - 4th St NW



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In Memoriam Tomasita Martinez

Tomasita Padilla Martinez, who had resided in the Village since 1950, passed away on November 6, 2008, after a year-long illness. She was preceded in death (in 1991) by her husband of forty-five years, Melecio Martinez. Melecio was a decorated combat veteran of the European Theater in World War II (having served under General George S. Patton).

Melecio and Tomasita lived in the Village in a modest home at 6832 5th Street NW, since they purchased it in 1950. Tomasita (called Tommie by many of her friends) was eighty-five years old when she died. She grew up in the Los Padillas area of the Albuquerque South Valley.

Tomasita and Melecio had four children: Agatha (Aggie) Lopez (Trustee Don Lopez' wife), Louise Greenwalt (husband Bob), Liz Thompson (husband Paul), and one son, Melecio Martinez Junior (wife Lynn). Tomasita and Melecio also had seven grandchildren, and one great-grandson, Don and Aggie's grandson, Max Nilsson.

Tomasita was a devout Catholic all her life and her final services were celebrated with a funeral mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church on Veterans Day, November 11, 2008.

She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends, and especially those Village neighbors who knew her so well for all those years.

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Simple Pleasures: Musings On and Over Burgers

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

Silent as sunshine, simple things slip into our lives. Like the fragrance of lilacs or the delicate flavor of our grandmother's *biscochitos*, they sometimes fill so little space in the hours of our days that we fail to acknowledge the pleasure they give. Consider the burger, that remarkably simple concoction that few of us go more than a week or so without. This quintessentially American staple doesn't shout for attention. It's simply there when we need something quick and easy. Luckily, every few blocks within our boundaries, Villagers have the opportunity to savor one.

Perhaps the most well-known burgers in Los Ranchos are Lota Burgers, made New Mexican by the addition of green chile. There are 78 Lota Burger stands in New Mexico and we're lucky enough to have two of them in the Village. Blake Chanslor, who lives in the Village, opened his first restaurant in 1952, with an initial investment of just over \$5,000.

Along with offering a fast bit of Angus beef and some of the best fries anywhere, the Lota Burger operation includes a construction company which builds and maintains the restaurants. And they service the fleet of vehicles required to transport materials to all hamburger stands in the chain.

As is the case with many simple pleasures, few of us can remember life without burgers. Growing up in a village on the outskirts of Phoenix, hamburgers were my go-in-to-town-on-Saturday treat. I loved the neon yellow mustard and the tomatoes ripened in the endless Arizona sun. I even liked the shredded cabbage that stood in for lettuce on the early burgers. But the meat, well, my dad was gracious enough to slip my patty onto his sandwich when he thought no one was looking. Although the fixings are still my favorite part of any burger, I've learned to manage the meat.

The most important thing, though, are the memories of sliding onto a red vinyl stool at the counter of Gracie's Diner right next to my dad and telling Gracie, "A hamburger with lots

of mustard, please." She'd shake her head because she knew where the meat would end up. I think she also knew how precious the dimes were that my dad managed to save to give me something special most Saturdays because once in a while, she'd set a bottle of Coke beside my plate and say, "It's on the house for my regulars."

According to food writer John T. Edge, America is in the midst of a burger Renaissance. He's even written a book, *Hamburgers and Fries: an American Story*, about the food that people around the world associate with our country. In it, he recounts some fascinating lore about the roots of the hamburger. Imagine a thirteenth century Mongol, led by the ravaging Genghis Khan, galloping over the vast plains of Asia with chunks of raw mutton stowed under his saddle to tenderize them, and you have the first hamburger. The Mongolian hordes spent much of their lives on horseback, so the uncooked delicacy provided a convenient meal they could devour on the way to an upcoming slaughter. There was no need to dismount because the Mongols knew just the right place in the gap between the horse's flank and the saddle to store the meat so that it could be retrieved even at a high-speed gallop.

The basic "Kahn Burger" would probably rank somewhat below the pimiento cheese burger Edge writes about. It's a scrumptious twist on the more mundane MacDonald's style cheeseburger. Definitely a simple pleasure—I know because I concocted one of my own. It only requires grilling a basic burger; slathering some softened pimiento cheese on a toasted bun; adding lettuce, tomato, and onion; and planning for a nap after eating.

Somewhere between the flattened mutton-on-horseback version of the burger and the unusual delicacies Edge writes about, burgers more akin to the kind we all grill in our backyards developed. Food folks have all sorts of tales about the first American burgers. Many include Charles Nagreen in the history of the hamburger. At 15, Nagreen started a meatball business in 1885, at a Wisconsin county fair.

The meatballs proved too messy to eat as customers toured the fair, so the young entrepreneur decided to try flattening the meatballs and serving them between two pieces of bread. The business thrived, and Nagreen continued serving his revision of the meatball at Wisconsin fairs until his death in 1951. Wisconsin also holds the world's record for the largest burger, weighing 5,520 pounds.

The burger most likely to win a place in *Gourmet* magazine is Dennis Apodaca's creation. Served at both Ezra's and Sophia's Places on the southern edge of the Village, Apodaca's version, called "Ezra's Kobe Beef Burger," uses simple ingredients in unusual ways. He begins with a special bun, not the typical type that would dissolve into a soggy mess if used as a foundation for the thick, juicy grilled Kobe beef. Atop the meat rests a touch of bleu cheese, enough to add just a hint of the cheese's slightly tart, nut-like taste, but not so much as to put the flavor into the salad dressing range. Add to the meat and cheese combo, sweet grilled onions, and finish it off with tomato and, instead of plain lettuce, a layer of mixed lettuces tossed with just a hint of vinaigrette. This burger elevates just plain simple to sublimely simple. Even if you're not a fan of bleu cheese, take a chance on Dennis's burger just once, and you'll order it again and again.

Aaron Worrell's burgers are a work in progress. He and his family will soon be opening a new restaurant, The Corner Café, located in The Plaza at Rincones de Los Ranchos at Fourth Street. There they will offer grilled and dressed-to-order burgers, customized to suit each diner. Think grilled mushrooms or onions, green or red chile, or possibly avocado along with the traditional lettuce, tomatoes, and pickles. Each burger will be a hand-formed half-pound combination of sirloin, top round, and chuck infused with Aaron's secret blend of spices.

The reason for the three meats, according to Worrell, is that sirloin will give the burgers a steak-like quality, while chuck will add the density required to provide a base for the entire concoction. Everything will be sand-



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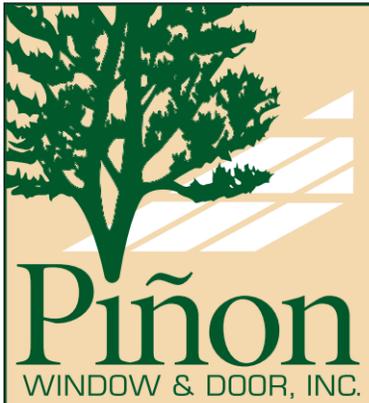
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wicked between the diner's choice of green chile cheese, wheat, or white rolls from TLC bakery.

Worrell finds his own simple pleasures in the Village itself, as well as offering the pleasure of a fine-tuned burger. "When I came to the Village, the thing I liked more than anything else is that people care about each other's needs," he says, and then goes on to explain how the concern he observes among Villagers impacts his business. "I need to adhere to my customers

needs," he explains as he talks about the menu in his new restaurant. He plans to include dishes his customers request. "It will be just as much their restaurant as mine," Worrell says of the people who will dine with him. "They have a right to have a say." Listening to him, it's easy to get the idea that this chef cooks by heart.

And heart is just what simple pleasures are all about. They touch us in some unexplainable way, slipping in and out of our lives without making

a fuss. Maybe most important, in an increasingly disconnected world, they often provide a connection with others.

A young chef's creations shared with those who come to eat, the long hours of sunshine warming our Village and keeping winter's doldrums at bay so that we're of good cheer among our neighbors, the excitement of watching a new business successfully launched—whatever the case, simple things give us a daily sense of pleasant ease.



**Noteworthy Villager:
Susan Neal**

The newspapers last week were full of a wonderful and truly heartwarming story of a new program in the women's prison in Grants. Here, selected inmates are training stray dogs and turning them into well-behaved and adoptable pets, ready to live with a family. This program is being directed by one of our Villagers, Susan Neal, who works as a therapist with the inmates. Now, if you've been taking part in art events in the Village, particularly the Guadalupe Trail Art Studio Tour, you will recognize Sue as the weaver, with her partner, Steve Thurmond, of the most exquisite silk and woolen garments. She's also a dog trainer. And she's going to write an article about the prison program for the February issue of the Village Vision. I just had to write a quick note here about our amazing neighbor!

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Baca's Trees

Prudential Sandia Real Estate in Los Ranchos

by Rebecca Langton

The current real estate market has us all scratching our heads. From a Seller's point of view, the market is slow. Houses are sitting on the market longer and fewer qualified Buyers are viewing homes. But ask a Buyer how he or she sees the market and you might hear some positive feedback. Interest rates are low, while inventory is high. I've heard Buyers sound almost exasperated by the number of homes available to choose from. And I've seen many Buyers make offers on properties well under asking price. Sellers don't want to give the property away, while at the same time Buyers are being coached to get out there and try to buy it for cheap! No doubt about it, this current real estate market is a tricky one. Buyers and Sellers need expert assistance when dealing with this unprecedented real estate environment.

And now real estate professionals are reinventing the way we get properties sold. Focusing on certain areas or specializing in specific neighborhoods is one way brokers are calling themselves experts. Now is the time to turn our focus inwards, toward our communities on a smaller level, offering up support in the area of our expertise, our very own neighborhood...The Village of Los Ranchos.

Not long ago, I ran into Cindy Chavez, Associate Broker with Prudential Sandia, at the Baskin-Robbins on 4th Street. It was a hot Friday night in late August and an ice cream cone was the perfect antidote. As Cindy and I caught up on real estate talk and ate ice cream while we leaned against the back of her pick-up truck, it dawned on both of us that we needed to join forces. It was so obvious to us that if we combined our efforts and focused on selling property in the Village, we just all might come out of this alive.

Now, Cindy is a veteran in the real estate business. She has been selling homes and land in the Village for at least thirteen years. I've been focusing on land and home sales in the valley since 2004; you might remember Lang-



Rebecca Langton (left), Cindy Chavez (right), and Jet

ton Realty on 4th Street. The real estate office is still there, but now it is operating as Prudential Sandia Los Ranchos Branch. Both Cindy and I are working from this office, in a neighborhood that we know and love dearly. And we want the community to know that we are here, focusing on real estate in this area.

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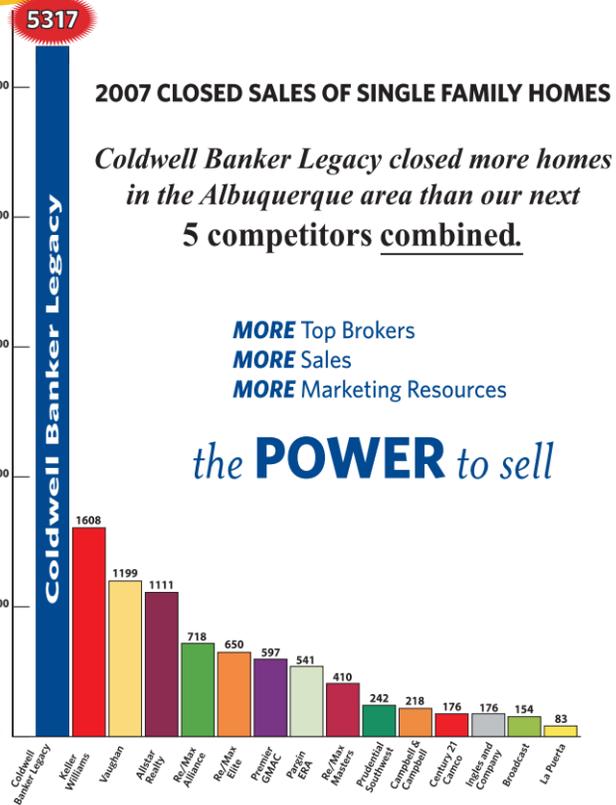
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Restaurant of the Month: Ezra's Place

Are you looking for something out of the ordinary? Ezra's Place is it! Named after his son, Ezra, Dennis Apodaca has created a unique restaurant in an unlikely location. If you think you know Dennis' name, that might be for his now famous Sophia's Place, seen recently on the Food Network. Ezra's has a bit more of a cafe menu, with some more

refined dinner offerings, along with beers, wines, and margaritas. An excellent filet steak, garnished with bleu cheese, comes to mind, as well as tasty salads, a calamari appetizer, and a remarkable chocolate mousse for dessert. But don't think that means expensive because Ezra's is not, especially for the quality of the craftsmanship involved.

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Michelle Martinez, left, and Luisella Hunter

by Lorilee McDowell

Things are really looking up! In spite of the economic woes of the world, the Village begins 2009 with two new restaurants, and now this dazzling new food shop! **Pasta Divina** is taking up residence at 6847 Fourth Street NW, on the corner of Tyler, in the old Sandwich Time space. Easy to find, plenty of parking, and wait until you taste the pasta!!

Actually, Pasta Divina is sort of coming home, since one of the owners, Luisella Hunter, is a resident of Los Ranchos, and she and her partner have been making their pastas in a borrowed kitchen elsewhere. Now they have their own space, and it's full steam ahead! You may already be familiar with their product; Pasta Divina pastas and flavored butters have long been available at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market, and at three other markets, as well as at Whole Foods and La Montanita. They will now be adding ravioli and two sauces, pesto, and occasionally pizza dough, for those who like to make their own pies.

The partners in this enterprise are Luisella Corbellari-Hunter, a native of Milan, Italy, who came to New Mexico for a Master's degree, and found a husband! She has always dreamt of offering a line of authentic Italian products to New Mexican cooks, and it seems as though she is succeeding. Luisella returns to Italy with her family every summer, where she renews her friendship with Italian pasta makers, and searches for unique Italian food products to bring to New Mexico.

Michelle Michelotti-Russell Martinez is a native New Mexican of Italian heritage, and a passionate chef. Her first generation Italian mother taught her much about her roots in Torino, where she returns each summer. She has traveled the world, studying new cooking styles, and recently took a cooking course in Florence, Italy, where she studied new techniques.

These ladies met when Luisella was teaching a course in Italian language, and Michelle was a member of the class.

Pasta Divina

Three years ago, their friendship turned into a business, when they looked for an Italian pasta machine, and found their first one in Santa Fe! They determined that their products would be only certified organic; their flours come from Santa Fe, some from Cloud Cliff bakery. Starting with pasta in limited shapes, they have gradually expanded their lines to include flavored pastas,

ravioli (small, authentic Italian ones in assorted flavors), compound butters, pesto, and perhaps eventually lasagna. Special shapes of pastas maybe had by special order. The pastas contain no additives, and must be refrigerated or frozen. Marinara and arrabbiata avola sauces will be available. More detail can be found on their website: www.pastadivina.com

A Grand Opening of the shop is planned for Saturday, January 10th, following the Growers' Market. Regular hours will be 8:30am to 5:00pm, depending upon demand, Monday through Friday, and possibly for a few hours on Saturday. (Or you can find them at the Growers' Market on Saturdays!) For information or orders, call 505-385-9563 or 505-577-2316.

Brian Webb's Alumenart Gallery Brims with Art

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

From the moment you enter Brian Webb's gallery, Alumenart, you know the proprietor has a fine-tuned sense of both whimsy and elegance. On my first visit, a life-sized robot and a rack of exquisite, hand-woven chenille jackets standing beside each other caught my attention. The unusual juxtaposition clearly says, "We're what this place is all about." The gallery, at 7200 Fourth Street NW, is home to a variety of art, everything from oils, pastels, acrylics, and mixed media to wood pieces and pottery. Some pieces, like the huge canvass that currently faces the front door, exhibit the whimsy of color and abstraction that exemplifies the best of contemporary art. Others, like the Christmas ornaments Brian makes of an aluminum alloy which doesn't tarnish, exemplify the elegance of fine jewelry. Prices in the gallery range from \$3.50 to \$1000.00 or more.

Brian, whose eyes assure you that there are at least a dozen things going on in his mind at once and that he is laughing to himself about some of them, actually built the robot from found material. "I've used him to draw people in," he said explaining the remote-controlled robot's role in various endeavors. "Right now, he's a bit out of commission. I've been too busy to fix him." Brian's exhibit at this year's Weems Artfest was so successful that he needed to begin restocking the gallery for the holidays, so he's had little time for making repairs.

The jackets, as soft as if they'd been woven from whipped cream, are created in classic designs of deep, jewel-toned yarns. They're elegant enough



Brian Webb

for the opera, yet casual enough to enhance jeans. Amy Webb, Brian's sister, who lives in The Village, creates the magical, once-in-a-lifetime garments.

Clearly a master of many trades, Brian actually built the machines necessary to create the art which gives the gallery its name. He could have bought them for 50 to 100,000 dollars. Instead, he built them for less than 10 thousand dollars each. "I think a part of art is having the equipment to do it," Brian says. Although machines are involved in the early stages of the process, the aluminum alloy pieces, displayed in interesting vignettes throughout the gallery, are hand formed and finished.

Brian, who graduated from Sandia High School and attended UNM, has always been an artist. He started making jewelry in his dad's garage and was influenced by his mom who, he says, was always making things. These

days, he's moved away from making jewelry. He makes furniture, including some pieces for the gallery. He does metal wall art and sculpture, and says, "I want to go back to making more fun things like the robot." The intricate designs for his work come from all sorts of sources—books on architecture and nature, as well as nature itself.

When the gallery first opened, one of Brian's creations, a gigantic kinetic metal piece, stood guard at the entrance. It sold in the first few days. Its successor moves in the wind and reflects the sun. Perhaps one day soon, the robot will regain its voice and stand outside to beckon villagers in.

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Water Matters: Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Begins 2009 Bolstered by 2008 Success

by Jim Roberts,
 MRGCD Board Member

It was another terrific year for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and its constituents in 2008!

Most importantly, we had a full irrigation season, and the Conservancy's seven-member board held the line on property taxes. We kept the mill levy, or tax rate, the same as it was last year, even while we increased the budget to deal with a much-needed special project.

Once again, the Conservancy continued to be a leader in the area of water conservation. Over the past ten years, we have steadily decreased the amount of water that's diverted from the Rio Grande, all while getting farmers and irrigators the water they need.

The final diversion numbers aren't in for 2008, but they have leveled off in the 320,000 to 360,000-acre foot range. That's a 45 percent decrease from what we were diverting ten years ago.

And more conservation could be coming. Beginning in 2009, the Conservancy is hoping to launch a pilot program that could save more water and help farmers become more efficient. The Decision Support System (DSS), which was developed with help from the Interstate Stream Commission and water experts from Colorado State University, uses a variety of parameters to help farmers know when and how much to water, and to help Conservancy water managers know how much water to release into ditches.

The DSS takes into account things like soil moisture, weather conditions, and crop patterns, to more precisely determine how much water is needed in a given area. We're hoping to start using it on a trial basis in the Belen Division along the Peralta Main Canal, and in the Albuquerque area, possibly in Corrales or in the South Valley.

Levee Rebuild

The big project the Conservancy will undertake in 2009 is an effort to rebuild a 3.2-mile-long section of levee in Albuquerque's South Valley. The levee doesn't meet new standards set forth by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and must be rebuilt if residents are to be taken out of the flood plain by FEMA.

The \$6 million project is being funded by the Conservancy (\$4 million), AMAFCA (\$1 million), and Bernalillo County (\$1 million). The federal government will reimburse us for 75 percent of the cost of the project. Construction is expected to begin in December and be completed by late spring.

Those levees—the Conservancy maintains more than fifty miles of them in the Albuquerque area—are important, not only because they contain the river, but also because they keep property owners out of FEMA's flood plain maps. That means that homeowners don't have to buy expensive flood insurance. For instance, if the levees weren't there, or if they weren't properly maintained, the owner of a \$250,000 home would be forced to pay \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year for flood insurance.

Recreation

As always, the Conservancy encourages and welcomes recreational use on its ditches. Our unspoiled ditch banks have long been used by joggers, walkers, bicyclists, bird watchers and other nature lovers.

In October, we broke ground on the Route 66 Bosque Revitalization project. This will create trails, wetlands, observation areas, and remove unwanted debris and jetty jacks in the bosque in central Albuquerque. It's the brainchild of retiring U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, and could eventually become a 20-mile-long park. The \$6 million Phase One

will treat 120 acres of bosque. The Conservancy owns 30,000 acres of bosque, which is home to the Rio Grande Valley State Park in Albuquerque.

Endangered Species

The Conservancy continues to support efforts to save endangered species, in this case, the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow. In October, we dedicated the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow Sanctuary, which was built on Conservancy land just south of our headquarters in the South Valley. The Sanctuary will allow minnows to breed in a protected environment, and then be released into

the Rio Grande. This project was also supported and funded with the help of Senator Domenici.

Property Taxes

For the fifth straight year, the Conservancy's board either reduced, or kept property tax levels the same. As the Albuquerque Journal wrote after we approved our \$23.2 million budget: "The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District board, wanting to avoid raising taxes, pruned its budget and dug into its savings to prevent an increase to ratepayers."

The board approved a \$23.2 million budget Thursday, meaning homeowners living in the district will not face a property tax increase."

In the past five years, the board has lowered the mill levy, or tax rate, by more than 20 percent.

Elections

Four seats of the Conservancy's board will be up for election in June. They are two seats from Bernalillo County, one from Sandoval County, and one from Socorro County. Watch the MRGCD's Web site, www.mrgcd.com for scheduling information and deadlines for candidates.



Roberts

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8422-D Rio Grande Bl NW	615739	\$198,000.00	0.24ac	VACANT LAND				Lauren Austin	The Ingles/Company Realtors	828-1366
Nuevo Hacienda NW	605596	\$235,000.00	0.23	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
218-220 Nico Trl NW	617149	\$244,402.00	0.398ac	VACANT LAND				Cindy A Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
Nuevo Hacienda NW	605597	\$245,000.00	0.23	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
507 Marys Way NW	625184	\$270,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND				Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
Nuevo Hacienda NW	632392	\$275,000.00	0.31	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
511 Marys Way NW	625182	\$280,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND				Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
506 Roehl	625919	\$299,000.00	0.688	VACANT LAND				Geri-Kay Sanchez	Infinity Real Estate	281-2596
Rancho Rd	624583	\$339,000.00	1.005	VACANT LAND				Steve Maestas	Maestas & Ward Commercial	878-0001
Rancho Rd	624586	\$339,000.00	0.804	VACANT LAND				Steve Maestas	Maestas & Ward Commercial	878-0001
El Caminito de Guad. NW	625549	\$400,000.00	0.5	VACANT LAND				A. Kay Beason	Reliance Realty & Investment	843-9575
6767 Guadalupe Trl NW	633919	\$425,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Jim W Shull Jr	Shull & Associates	344-1141
803 El Pueblo Rd NW	636525	\$450,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
7542 Rio Grande Bl NW	610080	\$495,000.00	1.399	VACANT LAND				Jill Levin	New Frontier Realtors	891-7411
Roadrunner Ln	636312	\$425,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
4620 Los Poblanos Cir NW	620380	\$559,000.00	1.0ac	VACANT LAND				Katie A Strosnider	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
13 Guadalupe Estates	494758	\$565,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
Alma Encantada Ct	507929	\$575,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Marie Blea	Marie Enterprises Inc.	991-1405
Roadrunner Ln	636314	\$500,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
7408-20 4th St NW	612670	\$799,000.00	3.453ac	VACANT LAND				Sam H Carnes	Carnes & Company Inc.	247-8000
914 Ortega Rd NW	622809	\$180,000.00	0.5	1369	2-3	2	3	Karen A Gauze	Desert West Properties	994-8075
519 Charles Pl NW	634569	\$280,000.00	0.33	1582	3	2/0/0	1	Lisa Hebenstreit	Lisa Hebenstreit Realty LLC	242-2272
307 Del Aker Rd NW	626804	\$299,900.00	0.27	1700	3	2	2	Dan J Cash III	Pinnacle Real Estate Group	897-7300
723 Tyler Rd NW	634704	\$299,900.00	0.422	1666	3	1/1/0	1	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
321 Nara Visa Rd NW	621887	\$280,000.00	0.037	1600	3-4	1	2	Judith Campbell	Coldwell Banker Legacy	838-1000
373 La Chamisal Ln NW	631270	\$325,000.00	7500	1803	3	2/0/0	2	Linda Carroll	Town & Country Properties	410-0085
504 El Pueblo Rd NW	626748	\$399,000.00	0.47	1875	3	2/0/1	2	Donald L Plunkett Jr	Congress Realty, Inc.	229-2009
1118 El Pueblo Rd NW	627507	\$440,000.00	0.96ac	2118	3-4	1/1/0	1	Barbie L Brennan	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
8240 Guadalupe Trail NW	607273	\$499,900.00	46609sf	2900	3	2	2	Winnie DeVore	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
519 Bledsoe Rd NW	630662	\$545,000.00	1.142	2680	3	2/0/1	4	Thomas J Mestas	Casa Latino RE of ALBQ	247-0507
8424 Guadalupe Trl NW	632501	\$550,000.00	2.04	2366	3	2/0/0	0	Cheryl Marlow	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
8503 Rio Grande Blvd NW	631501	\$525,000.00	1	1363	2	1/0/0	2	Gary Randall	Investment Solutions	343-0700
816 Mullen NW	634274	\$599,500.00	0.43	2743	3-4	2/0/0	0	Sandy Garrick	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
5720 El Prado NW	635896	\$669,000.00	0.44	4064	5-6	3/0/1	6	Mike Novak	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
8808 Rio Grande Bl NW	625929	\$699,000.00	0.933ac	4392	4	3/0/1	4	Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
805 El Pueblo NW	630835	\$649,000.00	1	4205	4	2/0/1	4	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
528 Roehl NW	626767	\$725,000.00	1.25ac	2752	4	2/0/1	3	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
533 Rohl Ct NW	624199	\$735,000.00	0.527	2456	3-4	3/0/1	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
6509 Caballero Parkway NW	622899	\$739,450.00	26136	4589	4	3	3	Ann Cloud	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
1007 Acequia Trl NW	635428	\$750,000.00	0.5	3600	4	2/1/0	2	Robin Riegor	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
6404 Zapateco St NW	639586	\$780,000.00	0.883	3828	4	2/0/1	2	Judith A Givens	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
724 Ranchitos Dr NW	637342	\$825,000.00	0.467	3362	4-5	2/0/1	3	Cindy A Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
817 Ranchitos	623213	\$838,000.00	0.99	4328	5	3/1/0	4	Pepper C Poole	Tu Hacienda Realtors	301-8909
1013 Salamanca Cir NW	619854	\$949,000.00	0741ac	4098	3-4	2/0/1	2	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1418 Bonito Suenos Ct NW	611258	\$950,000.00	1ac	5920	4	4/1/0	3	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
8020 Rio Grande NW	639924	\$94,900.00	1.89	6414	5	4/1/1	4	Jesus Esparza	Sellstate Asset Solutions Real	896-3694
1016 Acequia Trl NW	639405	\$909,900.00	17424sf	3613	4	2/1/0	2	Sandra S Dawson	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
609 Roehl Rd NW	626145	\$985,000.00	0.407ac	3531	4-5	3/0/1	3	Kate M Southard	Kate Southard Real Estate	344-4734
304 Nuevo Hacienda Ln NW	629456	\$999,900.00	0.514ac	5040	5	2/2/0	5	Vince Tomardy	The Rhino Group, Inc.	891-0900
1024 Acequia Trl NW	614728	\$1,099,900.00	0.52ac	3641	3	3/0/1	0	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
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919 Salamanca NW	631321	\$1,099,000.00	36590	5600	4-5	2/1/1	3	Michael Brothers	Investors Trust Realty Svcs.	292-8192
208 Nico Trl NW	635756	\$1,125,000.00	0.77	3970	4	2/0/1	4	William Wieser	Wieser Realty	306-1002
331 Nuevo Hacienda NW	635089	\$1,200,000.00	10890sf	4200	4	2/1/1	3	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
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1004 Acequia Trail	636861	\$1,277,000.00	0.5	3800	4	2/1/1	3	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
6508 Meoqui Ct NW	634608	\$1,190,000.00	0.9	5359	4-5	3/1/1	3	Susie Fairchild	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
8714 Rio Grande Bl NW	620937	\$1,350,000.00	2.0ac	3815	5	4/0/1	3	Pat King	Real Estate Group/Pat King Co.	269-1148
8415 Rio Grande Blvd NW	630851	\$1,375,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3	Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1015 El Pueblo NW	624842	\$1,350,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3	Marion Newman-Wyllie	Regal Properties	856-3500
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6767 Guadalupe Trail NW	622294	\$1,250,000.00	1.5	4900	5	3/0/1	3	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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1015 Cottonwood NW	606773	\$1,999,000.00	1.200 ac	7500	4	2/2/1	3	Dana Brown	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
5405 Eakes NW	635825	\$1,999,500.00	43560sf	4800	4	3/1/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
970 Eakes Rosas NW	632173	\$2,100,000.00	43560	4937	4-5	2/2/1	4	Bill Christ	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-0044
4674 Los Poblanos Cir NW	627305	\$2,200,000.00	1.2ac	5269	5-8	3/2/2	7	A.J. Yarbrough	AJ Yarbrough Realty	328-0044
9001 Rio Grande Bl NW	517691	\$2,290,000.00	1.43	10756	9	4/3/2	7	Jeremiah Collins	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
5201 Eakes Rd NW	633909	\$3,100,000.00	2.78	5800	5	4/0/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
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2420 Arbor NW	620792	\$499,000.00	0.380ac	2796	3-4	2/0/1	2	Sandy Garrick	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1105 El Pueblo NW	522333	\$429,000.00	0.78	1775	3	2	0	Christina Ortega	American Realty	897-3657
6915 Guadalupe Trl NW	513279	\$985,000.00	54450	3540	4	3+	5	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700

First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit Program FAQ

by Tim Tourville, CRS

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 authorizes a \$7,500 tax credit for qualified first-time home buyers who purchase homes on or after April 9, 2008 and before July 1, 2009.

I have received many questions regarding this program, and although I don't have the space to answer them all in this article, I would like to cover just a few.

What is the definition?

The law defines "first-time home buyer" as a buyer who has not owned a principal residence during the three-year period prior to the purchase. For married taxpayers, the law tests homeownership history of both the home buyer and his/her spouse.

Who is eligible?

First time home buyers purchasing any kind of home, new or resale, are eligible. To qualify for the tax credit, a home purchase must occur on or after April 9, 2008 and before July 1, 2009. For the purposes of the tax credit, the purchase date is the date when closing

occurs.

Does the credit have to be paid back?

Yes, the tax credit must be repaid. Home buyers will be required to repay the credit to the government, without interest, over 15 years or whenever they sell the house, if there is sufficient capital gain from the sale.

Because the money has to be paid back, isn't it really a zero-interest loan?

Yes, it operates like a zero-interest loan. The program is called a tax credit because it operates through the tax code and is administered by the IRS. Also, like a tax credit, it provides a reduction in tax liability in the year it is claimed.

If I'm qualified for the tax credit and buy a home in 2009, can I apply the tax credit against my 2008 tax return?

Yes. The law allows taxpayers to choose ("elect") to treat qualified home purchases in 2009 as if the purchase occurred on December 31, 2008. A benefit of this election is that a home buyer in 2009 will know their 2008 MAGI

(modified adjusted gross income) with certainty, thereby helping the buyer know whether the income limit will reduce their credit amount.

For a home purchase in 2009, can I choose whether to treat the purchase as occurring in 2008 or 2009, depending on in which year my credit amount is the largest?

Yes. If the applicable income phase-out would reduce your home buyer tax credit amount in 2009 and a larger credit would be available using the 2008 MAGI amounts, then you can choose the year that yields the largest credit amount.

The above, as well as additional information regarding this program, can be found at www.federalhousingtax-credit.com. As always, if you have any questions, please contact me.



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Functional Fitness: A Fun and Safe Way to be Active

by Rachel Mittleman

It's that time of year again! New Year resolutions to lose weight are at the forefront of our minds, especially with health statistics telling us that 30% of Americans are overweight/obese, and that being overweight/obese can lead to potential health problems such as type II diabetes or cardiovascular disease. The good news is exercise and healthful eating habits can help control weight, prevent certain diseases and aid you in everyday life!



Mittleman

One way to exercise is to participate in functional fitness training. Functional fitness focuses on using core muscles to create various body movements at different levels and directions, rather than just one body part at a time, so you can perform daily activities - walking, bending, lifting, -- without pain, injury or discomfort. What good is having the sexiest biceps in town if you cannot put a box into storage with ease or lift a toddler without wrenching your back? Most people have goals other than, 'Can I tone up my gluts?' More people should have an exercise program that fits their needs, whether they are over-

weight, have existing joint problems, knee pain, or back pain.

This is why functional fitness training is a good activity to try. It's fun too! The equipment includes rubber fitness balls, bands, and yoga basics like balancing cushions. Having a variety of choices of equipment helps prevent boredom and the 'exercise dropout' factor that so often follows regular machine or free weight strength training. Also, the results are more likely to stick with you for a lifetime!

If you are interested in taking part in a functional fitness program, Global Motion Fitness, LLC, offers Personal Functional Fitness Training. As owner of Global Motion Fitness LLC, I am committed to offering conscientious and evidence-based services in order to create a safe and informational program for my clients. I also find it important to create an environment that is welcoming for all levels of ability. I have been in the field of prevention, health education, fitness and public health for over ten years within the University of New Mexico's Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. My experi-

ence is in design, implementation, and evaluation of various physical activity, nutrition and wellness interventions for youth, adult and older adult populations within the area of obesity, type II diabetes, and tobacco prevention. I have also worked for two years at

various clinical and community based organizations as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist, which required design and instruction of exercise and dance programs for people with Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, spinal cord injuries

and developmental disabilities.

I am a Village resident, and I offer personal functional fitness training in the home, office, gym, or Global Motion facility of your choice (Jewish Community Center Gym or Palo Duro 50+ Gym).

To learn more about my credentials and program, visit my website at: www.globalmotionfitness.com or call: 401-9828

Rachel Mittleman, M.Ed.
Global Motion Fitness, LLC
Certified Personal Trainer for 50+
Global Motion Fitness Instructor

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Casa Rondeña Winery Releases 2006 Meritage Red

Casa Rondeña Winery is proud to announce the upcoming release of its 2006 Meritage Red, the fourth vintage of their award-winning Bordeaux-style blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. This limited production wine will be officially unveiled to wine club members and special guests at an event on December 7, 2008, and will subsequently be available for tasting and sales in the tasting room.

John Calvin, vintner and owner of Casa Rondeña Winery, has been producing this award-winning blend since 2003. Casa Rondeña's Meritage Red has received many accolades over the years, including gold and double-gold

medals at national competitions from New York, Atlanta, Washington, and the Southwest Wine Competition to name a few, and it has been listed by Saveur Magazine as one of the top ten Meritage Red wines in the country for its 2005 vintage.

Although it has become one of the most awarded Meritage Red wines in the United States, Casa Rondeña's Meritage Red continues to be one of the most affordable. The average cost per bottle of the wines in Saveur Magazine is \$61 bottle, but the 2006 Casa Rondeña Meritage Red will be priced at \$24 bottle.

The National Meritage Association

describes Meritage wines as handcrafted red or white wines blended from the "noble" Bordeaux grape varieties. A Meritage wine is considered to be the very best of a winery's production.

Casa Rondeña Winery was established in 1995 by vintner and native New Mexican, John Calvin, and is located in the beautiful community of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. The winery's tasting room is open seven days a week and the vineyard grounds are open to the public year round.

For more information about Casa Rondeña Winery and its wine club, please visit www.casarondena.com.

Alvarado Elementary School

1100 Solar Road
Albuquerque, NM 87107
344-4412
www.alvaradoallstars.org

Jan. 5th: Classes resume
Jan. 16th: Inservice day - no school
Jan. 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no school

Bosque School

4000 Learning Road NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
898-6388
www.bosqueschool.org

Jan. 6th: Classes resume
Bosque School Information Session
Jan. 13th: Bosque School Information Session 6 - 8:30 pm
Separate Sessions for Middle School and Upper School; Budagher Hall on Bosque School Campus
RSVP to Suzie @ Bosque School, 898-6388, by Friday, January 9.
Admission test dates: January 10, 2009
January 24, 2009
January 31, 2009
Test times are from 9-11am

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School

1776 Montañó Road NW, Building 3
Los Ranchos, NM 87107
314-9042

Jan. 20th: 2009 Governing Council meeting to determine by open vote the number of students to be admitted to Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School for the 2009-2010 academic year.

JANUARY

Los Ranchos Elementary School

7609 4th Street NW
Los Ranchos, NM 87107
898-3611

Jan. 5th: Classes resume
Jan. 16th: Inservice - no school
Jan. 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - no classes

North Valley Academy

7939 Fourth Street NW
Los Ranchos, NM 87114
Website: www.nvanm.org
998-0501

Jan. 5th: First day of
Jan. 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No classes
Jan. 22nd: Science Fair and Family Science Night

Sandia Preparatory School

532 Osuna Blvd Rd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113
505.338.3000 (phone)
505.338.3099 (fax)
www.sandiaprep.org

Jan. 5th: classes resume
Admission Testing and Campus Tours

Saturday, Jan. 10th 9:00 a.m.
Call 338.3000 or email admission@sandiaprep.org for application and testing information.
Jan. 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No school
Admission Testing and Campus Tours
Saturday, January 24 9:00 a.m. Call 338.300 or email admission@sandiaprep.org for application and testing information
Jan. 24th: Winter Ball

Taft Middle School

620 Schulte Rd. NW
Los Ranchos, NM 87107
344-4389

Jan. 5th: classes resume
Jan. 16th: Inservice day - no classes
Jan. 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no classes
Jan. 29th & 30th: Inservice days - no classes

Taylor Middle School

8200 Guadalupe Trail NW
Los Ranchos, NM 87114
898-3666

Jan. 5th: classes resume
Jan 15th: district inservice. No classes today
Jan. 19th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No classes



Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

November 13, 2008 - Action Report

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

TUE., JANUARY 13, 2008

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll call

Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Hunter, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Crawford. Commissioner Simon. Commissioner Radnovich was excused. Chairman Hunter stated there was a quorum present for the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Residents may address the Planning and Zoning Commission to comment on issues, problems, or successes on **topics that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda**. Audience members will be given an opportunity to comment on agenda items as they come up. **Speakers must register with Village Staff prior to the beginning of the meeting.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting - October 14, 2008

4. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent agenda and will be considered separately.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

A. CU-08-10 A request Jeret Snider for a Conditional Use Permit for an after school program located at 7930 4th Street, North Valley Academy. The property is legally known as Tract 1 of Tracts 1 and 2 Horizon Academy being a replat of Tract 1 Alamo Acres Mobile Home Park. The property contains 6.4293 acres more or less.

The application was unanimously approved. The Commission also voted to study the traffic conditions and work with North Valley Academy toward resolution.

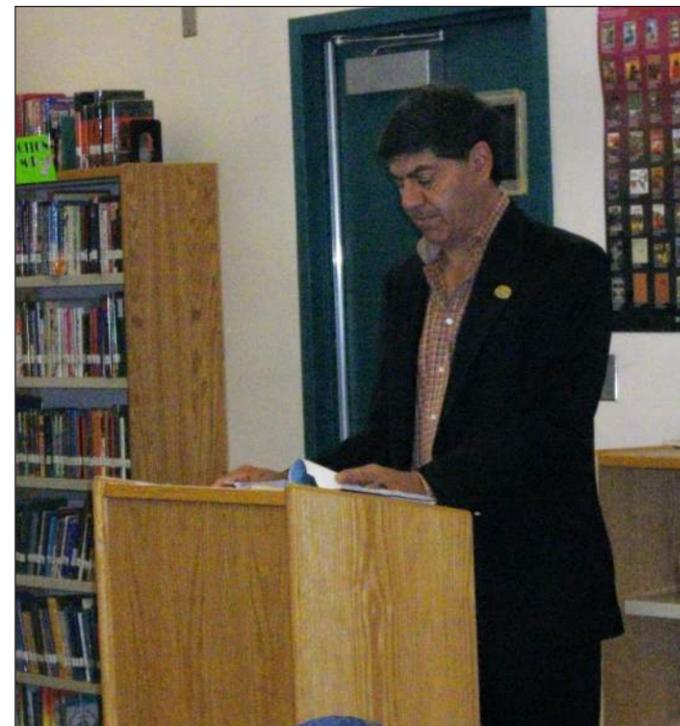
6. OLD BUSINESS

Students and Staff at Taft Middle School Care

by Wynette Smith

Los Ranchos' schools are a direct reflection on the community of Los Ranchos, and our community is definitely a caring and giving community. Just before Thanksgiving, the students and staff at Taft Middle School collected canned food to help those in need. Ms. Loretta Duran, the honor society sponsor, was the organizer of the event. A total of six hundred and seventy-six cans were collected! These cans of food were delivered to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. The students and staff of Taft Middle School want to encourage all to be generous to those who could use help. Ms. Duran will continue to collect and deliver canned goods throughout the season, so if you wish to give, simply deliver to Taft Middle School. Taft thanks you!!

Mayor Abraham (right) recently came to Taft to read selections on the Holocaust to a group of students in the library. Taft instructors are teaching the students the concept of caring about others and treating others with respect. These readings pointed out the terrible state humans can reach when they do not respect the rights and feelings of others. We thank Mayor Abraham for caring about the students at Taft and taking the time out of his busy schedule to come here to read.



7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion on the Village Master Plan update**

Planner Seebach gave an overview of the accomplishments in the last ten years due to the Master Plan, explained the purpose of the Master Plan and how it had or had not fulfilled its purpose.

8. **REPORTS**

A. **Planner's Report**

9. **COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, 6718 RIO GRANDE BLVD NW, DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HOURS ARE FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON, AND BY APPOINTMENT FROM NOON UNTIL 5:00 PM. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at 344-6582 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.



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Board of Trustees Summary

November 12, 2008

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
WED., AUGUST 27, 2008
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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented with an amendment to hear items 6.B, 6.C and 6.D as one item prior to voting on Item 6.A.

B. **Presentation by David Montoya on the Blanchard Open Space Property**

David Montoya gave a report and presentation on the open space property which comprises about 40 acres.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Laurie Hause, Greenwoods Neighborhood Association, 6636 Edgewood Drive, read a letter of appreciation to the Mayor and Board for the recent purchase of the property on the northwest corner of Osuna and Edgewood for open space.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes – September 17, 2008**

B. **Department and Committee Reports**

- 1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/BCSD
- 2. FIRE
- 3. ANIMAL CONTROL

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Abraham reported that:

- The Rail Runner is on track to go to Santa Fe by mid-December and the rates should be about \$6.
- The Holiday Village Vision is at the printer already and should be in mailboxes the week

of Thanksgiving.

- As in every other municipality, the Village is concerned with the weakness in its Gross Receipts and will take some cost-cutting measures or possibly some layoffs to be fiscally prudent.
- They are still negotiating with the Anderson family for the open space and would like to have an agreement before the end of the year.
- Governor Richardson has a “grab for cash” whereby he has informed all municipalities that if they are not using their State Legislative Funds then he wants them returned.

B. Administrator’s Report

Administrator Kelly Ward reported that:

- The Governor’s press release announced the need to find \$200-\$300 million to make up for the shortfall in the 2009 budget. He has prepared two spreadsheets, one for DFA and one for NMDOT, showing the appropriations for projects in the Village. His assumption is that the State could take the General Fund fairly easily but he thinks it would be a challenge for them to take the Severance Tax Bonds to reauthorize for some other purpose.
- He has let a purchase order for the rebuild of the three intersections. There are two schools that are impacted at Los Ranchos and Ranchitos and they will work around the schools’ schedules.
- Regarding the I & J Sewer Project, Rio Grande should be a complete and open road around mid-December. They will be done with the physical installation of paving on Rio Grande, but the actual project will not be complete until mid-February or March because they are waiting on control panels for the lift stations. He anticipates an operational sewer to hook into somewhere in the April or May timeframe.
- Visible work on the Taft Middle School recreational field should start tomorrow.
- The fire suppression system on the Community Barn is just about finished.

C. Planner’s Report

Planner Linda Seebach reported that:

- In addition to processing the few building permits the Village has received, P&Z has been busy processing the applications forwarded from the P&Z Commission to the Board of Trustees.
- Storm drains are to be cleaned week after next. There will be approximately 3 nights and 2 days involved in the cleaning.
- The bid was let for the combined platting of the various tracts of the Blanchard Open Space into two parcels.
- Business and home occupation renewals were sent out the first week in November for 2009 renewals. There has been a 1% return in the first 12 days.
- The subdivision ordinance has been drafted and is being reviewed by Administrator Ward and the Village Attorney.

D. Legal Report

Attorney Martha King reported that:

- She has been reviewing, analyzing and processing applications and reviewing drafts of ordinances
- She worked with Administrator Ward on administrative matters and cases that have been brought against the Village.

E. Fire Dept. Report

Fire Chief Perez reported that:

- It has been a busy month with 85 calls for the month of October.
- They have been running 4-man crews with ALS for the last 3 months.
- They are closing in on a final design for the fire station.
- He is working with Administrator Ward on the purchase of a new rescue unit.
- Volunteer testing was held on November 2nd for 45 candidates, none of whom are Village residents.
- In conjunction with Sky Dog, a Village business, the Fire Department is conducting a food drive during the month of November for Village residents. During December, they will conduct a toy drive.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Cash Report – September & October

The Cash Report was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

B. Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2008-11-1 Revising the FY 2009/09 Budget to include the Coop Agreement Project SP-GA-5092(205)05, and Project ST-7601(373) to plan, design and construct a walking, jogging and bike lane adjacent to Rio Grande Blvd.

Resolution No. 2008-11-1 was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

C. Discussion and approval of resolution No. 2008-11-2 Revising the FY 2008/09 Budget to include the Municipal Arterial Program Cooperative Agreement for the Pavement Rehabilitation of Ortega Road from Rio Grande to Fourth Street (Project Map-5124(901), Control Number HW2 L3089 in the amount of \$63,750.00.

Resolution No. 2008-11-21 was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

D. Discussion and approval of resolution No. 2008-11-3 Revising the FY 2008/09 Budget to include the Municipal Arterial Program Cooperative Agreement for the reconstruction of Osuna Road from Chamisal Lateral to Second Street (Project Map-4052(901)00, Control Number HW2 L3079 in the amount of \$87,600.00.

Resolution No. 2008-11-3 was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

E. Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2008-11-4 Revising the FY 2008/09 Budget to Include the Severance Tax Project Grant Agreement for the planning, design and construction of the fire station, Grant 08-L-G-3204 in the amount of \$200,000.

Resolution No. 2008-11-4 was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to the Conditions of Approval for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center, Cluster Housing and Open Space SU-1 Zone. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less. ACA-08-02.

The Board approved the amendment to the Conditions of Approval as amended which are site specific for the Los Poblanos SU-1 zone and read the findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

This item was voted after B, C & D

B. A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Cluster Housing Development SU-1 Zone to construct a single family residence and remodel an existing structure for a guest house on Tract A-1. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Tract A-1 of Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 5.0587 acres, more or less. SDP-08-02.

The Board approved the Amendment to Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Cluster Housing Development SU-1 Zone to construct a single family residence and remodel an existing structure for a guest house on Tract A-1 with the conditions and findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

C. A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center SU-1 Zone to allow construction of additional rooms to reach the maximum of twenty (20) rooms granted December 12, 2007. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less. SDP-08-03 postponed from the september 10, 2008 meeting.

The Board of Trustees approved the Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center SU-1 Zone for construction of additional rooms to reach the maximum of twenty (20) rooms granted December 12, 2007, as indicated on the Site Development Plan of September 2008. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center SU-1 Zone to construct ancillary buildings to facilitate the operational conditions approved in the Amendment to Conditions of Approval granted December 12, 2007. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less. SDP-08-04 POSTPONED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING.

The Board of Trustees approved the Amendment to the Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center SU-1 Zone for the construction of ancillary buildings to facilitate the operational conditions approved in the Amendment to Conditions of Approval granted December 12, 2007. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

E. An appeal by Paul Melendres, Attorney for Mark and Judy Caruso, of Planning and Zoning Commission denial for a Home Occupation License for commercial filming in their home on September 9, 2008, Agenda Item 5B. The property is located at 5001 Rio Grande Lane and is legally known as Lot Seven (7) Los Poblanos Estates, a subdivision within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the Replat of said Lot 7, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on August 25, 1986. The parcel contains 3.0865 acres more or less. HO-357. POSTPONED FROM THE OCTOBER 7, 2008 MEETING.

The Board denied the request for a Home Occupation Permit with reasons. The motion carried

unanimously, 4-0.

F. A request by Consensus Planning, Inc. Agent for SCM Property Company, LLC for a Zone Change and Zone Map Amendment for PROPOSED Lot C1-B of Rancho Acres subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Fourth Street Commercial Character Area. The property is located at 4th and Rancho Road and is legally known as Lot lettered "C-1" of the plat of lots A-1, B-1, C-1 and D-1 of Rancho Acres, within projected Section 21, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on June 10, 1996 in Plat Book 96C, page 252. The property contains 1.8038 acres more or less. ZMA-08-01. THIS ITEM WILL BE postponed TO the DECEMBER 10, 2008 meeting.

This item was postponed to the December 10, 2008 meeting.

G. A request by the Village of Los Ranchos for Final Site Development Plan for commercial construction in the C-1 Zone of the Fourth Street Character Area and Corridor to re-construct the donated barn for utilization as feed storage for Miller's Feed and Supply. The property is located at 8747 4th Street and is legally known as A certain tract of land, being known and designated AS TRACT 122-B-1 as the same is shown and designated on the M.R.G.C.D. Map No 24, in Alameda School District No. 3, Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. The property contains 5.1712 acres more or less. SDP-08-05. THIS ITEM WILL BE DEFERRED TO THE December 10, 2008 BOARD MEETING.

This item was postponed to the December 10, 2008 meeting.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the codified ordinances, the Zoning Ordinance, and Zone Map, Section 2, Definitions and Section 24, Application and Approval Process, E (1) Site Development Plan

The Board of Trustees approved the ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the Codified Ordinances and Zoning Ordinance and Zone Map Section 2, Definitions and Section 24, Application and Approval Process, E(1) Site Development Plan as presented in Item 7.A. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

B. Discussion of comments received from the Caballero Norte Home Owners Association and Approval of Proposed Barn Usage Rules and Regulations - Deferred from the September 17 Board Meeting.

This item was deferred to the January 2009 Board Meeting. The motion carried, 4-0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and approval authorizing an amendment to the Waste Management Collection Services Agreement adding every other week recycling pick-up.

The Board approved the amendment to the Waste Management Collection Services Agreement adding every other week recycling pick-up. The motion carried 3-1, with Trustee McDonough voting no.

B. Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2008-11-5, establishing the Village of Los Ranchos Legislative Priorities for the 49th Legislative First Session.

Resolution No. 2008-11-5 was approved with the reordering of the priorities. The motion carried, 4-0.

C. Discussion and approval of Agreement with NM Water Authority to transfer Water Rights in the Dietz Farms & Dietz Acres Area.

The Board of Trustees approved the agreement with NM Water Authority to transfer water rights. The motion carried, 4-0.

D. Discussion and approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between Bernalillo County and the Village of Los Ranchos to acquire open space within the Village Boundaries.

The Board of Trustees approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between Bernalillo County and the Village. The motion carried, 4-0.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Rael asked about the barber pole at Little Art's and whether there were some complaints because of it spinning. He asked for a status report on the car repair place on Enchanted Valley Pl. He said the weeds were not cleaned up near his property because they did not go up close enough to the property line. Also, he said the weeds are really getting bad on the new property at Edgewood. Regarding the e-mail on stop signs, he wants stop signs but he thinks there should be an official study to show they are required.

Trustee Lopez said each of the Trustees should have an opportunity to present to Lee Engineering their thoughts and ideas about some of the things that could be done to make Rio Grande Blvd. much safer than it is today and safer than it ever was and still accommodate the goal of not having it become a freeway. He asked that the letter from Lee Engineering be e-mailed to each Trustee and then give them a few days to respond with their thoughts.

Mayor Abraham said he would like to keep the stop signs at Chavez and at El Pueblo. He said he has no problem taking the signs down at Ranchitos. He said he believes they can open the road up slowly with good signage and have law enforcement immediately ticket any speeders. He said he has received more positive feedback on the stop signs than anything else they have done.

Trustee Homan asked for a status report on the complaint on the 900 block of Pueblo Solano regarding a construction yard being run out of a home. She said the residents were complaining about the noise and the vehicles; she also reported that there were a pack of dogs hanging out on Guadalupe Trail and that 3 of them were trapped and the other 3 ran off. She said the resident was very pleased that the Village acted so promptly. She received a call about the crosswalk at Los Ranchos Villa shopping center. She said people are parking over in the north parking area and are having difficulty in crossing the street to the businesses on the south side because of the traffic. She said they are asking if there is anything we can do to make that crosswalk safer.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Please note: These are only a summary of the meeting. These are not the final minutes



Assisted Living Now Playing at the Adobe Theater

by Phil Bock

Let's face it: none of us can live without help from dozens of other people. We depend on the utility company, the mailman, the bank and, above all, our families. People who are isolated, by fate or by choice, must face daily problems that may overwhelm them in the absence of suitable support groups. Illness and/or aging accentuate this dependency and, while no one desires it, there are situations that call for Assisted Living. This is the title of Rich Rubin's new play, opening at the ADOBE Theater on Jan. 16th.

Director Becky Mayo has chosen this story of a funny, independent woman (Rose, played by Jean Effron) whose concerned family wants to provide her

with "assistance" that she rejects. This is a situation that many people can identify with, and it is treated here in a sympathetic manner (unlike the movie of the same title that was described as an "insensitive reality show"). Her family thinks Rose would be best off with "help" or in a "facility."

Mayo has broad theatrical experience, including several years with the Louisville Actors Theater. She has acted in many local productions, and at the ADOBE she has directed such diverse shows as Love's Labours Lost, and the musicals Quilters and Gift of the Magi. She is a compassionate medical professional, and has a special feeling for this play. Playwright Rubin is an M. D. who recently left Albuquerque for a position in Oregon.

Assisted Living

Assisted Living by Rich Rubin, directed by Becky Mayo, opens Friday, January 16th at the ADOBE Theater, 9813 Fourth St. NW, and plays through February 8th, with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 2pm.

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Bringing in the New Year with Green Chile Stew

by Randy Shamlan

Well, well...another year has gone by and here we are with the winds of change in the air. Now, I'm not about to suggest, "out with the old and in with the new", but I do have a uniquely different recipe for green chile stew that might strike a culinary interest in those who are curious or maybe even brave enough to try it.

I suggest 'brave' since it has an added kick if you happen to toss in the crushed green chile!

When I first arrived here in New Mexico a couple of years ago, I didn't know much about Southwestern cuisine, let alone being privy to the "Red" or "Green" that had me looking like a deer caught in the headlights when first queried by a server at Casa De Benavidez. "What?" I asked oddly.

Now, when in Rome is sort of a prevailing theme with me, but I decided to take a different road when I developed the following recipe for the stew. Before you say, "what!?"...it calls for cornbread, which not only imparts a nutty flavor that blends well with the pork and green chile; it adds a soothing texture.

Cornbread

- 2 3/4 cups cornmeal
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 Tbl baking powder
- 2 tsp salt
- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup roasted green chile, diced
- 8 oz. (2 sticks) unsalted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 365 degrees.

Combine dry ingredients in a bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs. Whisk in liquids and roasted green chile. Blend liquids into dry ingredients. Fold-in melted butter.

Pour mixture into a 9" x 13" (pan sprayed) Pyrex baking pan. Bake for 25 minutes or until done. Let cool.

Green Chile Stew (serves 6)

- 1 pound pork shoulder or butt, cubed
- 4 Tbl all-purpose flour
- 2 Tbl olive oil
- 1 smoked ham hock
- 1 cup yellow onion, chopped
- 1 cup carrots, chopped
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 Tbl garlic, minced

- 2 cups potatoes, cubed
- 2 cups roasted green chile, chopped
- 2 Tbl crushed (dry) green chile (optional)
- 2 bay leaves
- 8 cups chicken stock
- 4 cups water
- salt & pepper
- 2 1/2 cups cornbread, crumbled

Season pork with salt and pepper and dredge in flour. Heat stockpots, add olive oil, and brown the pork. Add onions, carrots, celery, and garlic and sauté till onions are translucent. Add potatoes, green chile, crushed green chile, bay leaves, and liquid. Simmer on low to medium heat for 35 minutes. Sprinkle in crumbled cornbread and stir. Simmer for 5 more minutes. Season to taste.

(Important: remove bay leaves and discard)

Serve warm with cornbread and your favorite condiments

Happy New Year everyone!

Randy Shamlan is the author of A Slice of Apple Pie and contributor to Edible Santa Fe, and screenwriter. He can also be found at the Growers' Market with fresh fruit pies and other baked goods.

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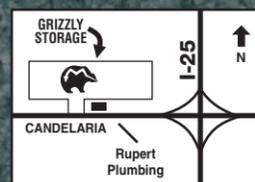
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Area I&J Construction

Only Finishing Touches Remain on I&J Project

by Lisa Manwill

Believe it or not, the Area I&J project almost complete! As many of the Village residents living on or just off of Rio Grande between Chavez and Paseo del Norte can attest - it's been a long and messy project. Thank you for your patience!

Paving and striping is complete and all roads are fully open. This month will consist of installing electrical components for the four sewer lift stations, clean up, and completing the "hand off" of the system to the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority.

Assuming start up goes smoothly, we anticipate notifying Village residents next month that the sewer system is ready for tie in.

Many residents will hire a professional plumber to connect their houses to the public sewer system. Please be sure to let your plumber know that he should locate the horizontal and vertical location of the sewer stub provided by the County, and verify the depth that sewer pipes exit your house prior to installing ANY yard line. The County has installed an electronic marking disc at the end of each service stub for ease of locating. Furthermore, the County

has made every effort to provide stubs deep enough to allow household waste to flow via gravity (no pumping). Many homes will have yard lines under 1/4 inch per foot, but will still be able to flow via gravity. If you are told you need a pump and have questions, please do not hesitate to call County personnel listed below.

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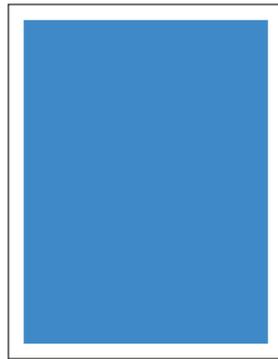
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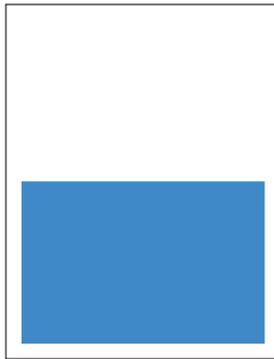
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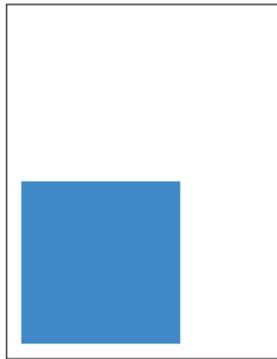
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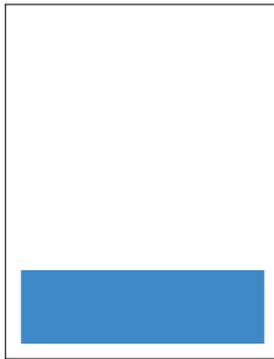
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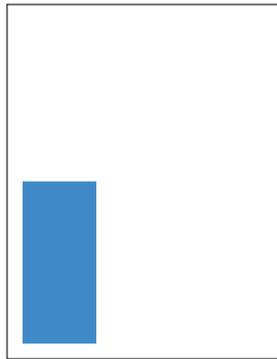
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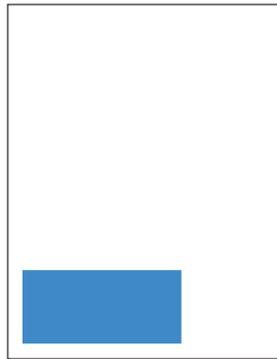
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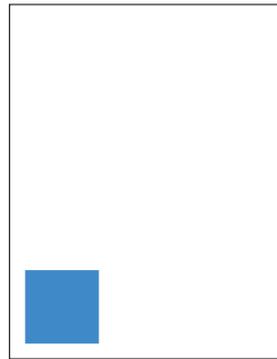
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