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Mayor's Report



New Signage Aims to Improve Trail Experience



by Larry Abraham

When we moved to Los Ranchos nearly eight years ago, one of the many things that I looked forward to was the chance for me to practice my photography. I have always been fascinated with trying to capture a moment in time to share with others. Last month's cover was such a chance, capturing one of our magnificent sunrises over Los Ranchos. Almost anyone who wanted to could enjoy the majestic sunrise from one angle or another.

This month's cover however is different. The fact that although every one of our residents has had the opportunity see a wood duck from a distance, most of our residents never get close enough to truly realize and appreciate what a magnificent water fowl they really are. We are so lucky to be living adjacent to the Bosque and being able to enjoy all of the wildlife living there. Even the sand hill cranes will let you get close enough to see the bright red markings on their heads. If you are careful, many birds including pheasants, roadrunners, and geese will let you enjoy their beauty as well. Wood ducks are a little different and harder to catch a glimpse of.

I was lucky enough to catch this wood duck on one of our bird feeders, but wood ducks and many other species can be found near the water almost any time of the year. I have always been fascinated with this beautiful, crested, multi-colored duck. The male pictured on the cover is patterned

in iridescent greens, purples, and blues, with a distinctive white chin patch and face stripes. The female is equally beautiful with grayish feathers highlighted by blue iridescent feathers. Wood ducks are, however, extremely elusive. Few residents without binoculars ever get close enough to see this magnificent bird. Interestingly enough, they can be found perched high in a cottonwood tree and actually make their nests in tree cavities as much as one hundred feet above the ground.

This duck is so representative of the beauty of our Village. Anyone who is willing to take the time can savor the beauty that surrounds us. Our walking trails and ditch system provide unique and rare opportunities to appreciate what city dwellers can only dream of.

I thought the picture of a wood duck would be a great way to introduce the trail signs (pictured on the back cover) that we are placing around the Village. We want our residents and visitors to take advantage of our trails, but they must be respectful of others as well as of our wildlife.

It is important to remind everyone that Village ordinances require all pets to be on a leash. On the surface this seems trivial and sometimes easy to ignore. I have been reminded over and over again during my tenure why this is not only important but necessary. Without going into details, our Village has had to deal with numerous dog bites, several dog maulings, dogs that have killed other dogs, dogs that have attacked horses, residents that have shot attacking dogs, and the list goes on and on.

You never know what is going through a dog's mind, and our residents should not have to be concerned or anxious about an approaching dog off leash. It is not fair to walkers, joggers, children, horseback riders, or others who are walking their dogs on leash. Additionally, a point often overlooked: it is not fair to the wildlife that has chosen to nest in Los Ranchos as well. The wood duck will have as many as ten to fifteen ducklings, with a mortality rate of nearly 90% because of predators, and the last thing a mother duck should have to worry about is a dog chasing her babies!

Hopefully, our new trail signs will remind people to be respectful of others, and do their part to let everyone peacefully enjoy our trail system.

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Upcoming Events

Deadline: March Village Vision

Friday, February 6th

Deadline: Spring Village Vision

Friday, March 20th

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

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

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

Saturday, April 11th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

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

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

Tuesday, April 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

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

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

Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14th

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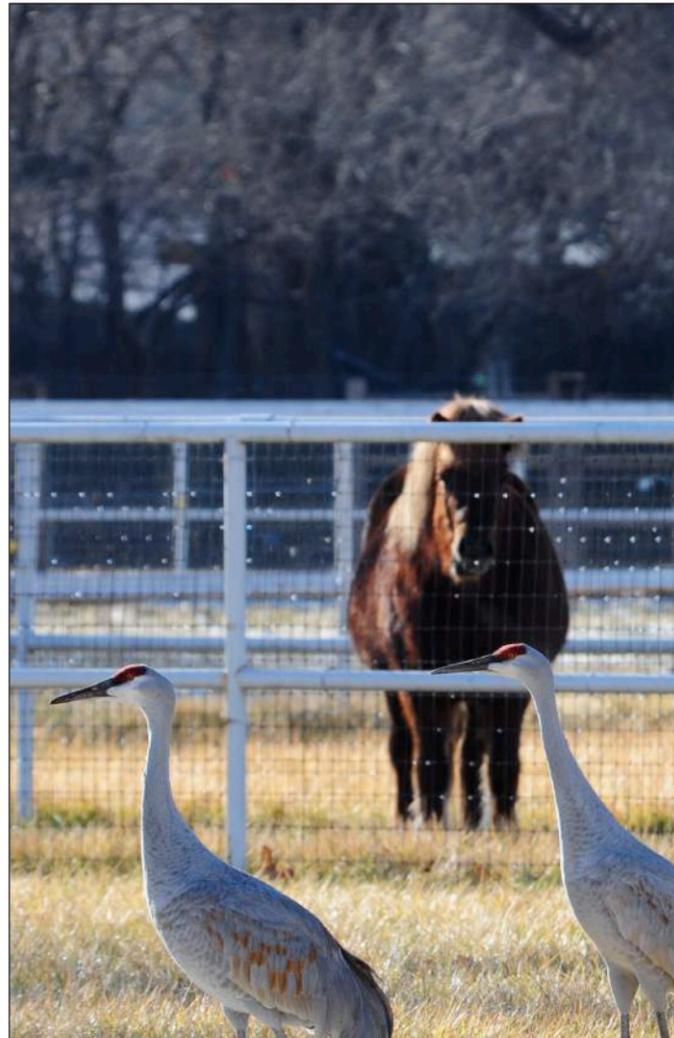
Village Office Open

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday, March 17th

Easter

Sunday, April 12th



Village At-a-Glance



Valentines Day Growers' Market

Enjoy Valentine's Day, Saturday, February 14th, at the Growers' Market from 10:00 am until noon. Take your pet for a walk, pick up your veggies or a Valentine gift, and visit with your neighbors.

Aaron's Corner Café Open

Aaron has opened his new Corner Cafe at the Plaza at Rincones de Los Ranchos. Watch for the Grand Opening festivities in the coming weeks.

Don't Miss The Fat Finch

Roberta Beyer's new shop featuring everything about birds is a Village success in the Plaza at Rincones de Los Ranchos! (Her shop is on the east side - drive around to the back of the plaza.)

Roberta will also be a featured columnist in the Village Vision, writing about our local feathered friends.

Trail Signs being placed around the Village

We are installing 80 trail signs around our walking trails and ditch banks. The trail signs are pictured on this month's back cover. Please be respectful of our residents and wildlife.

Open Space Trash Receptacles

We have placed several trash receptacles along the open space trails north of Paseo. We are also placing plastic bags to help you pick up after your pets.

New EMS Vehicle

Watch the streets for the new EMS vehicle that we just purchased for our Los Ranchos Fire Department. Our Fire Department is second to none, and we are trying to keep pace by upgrading all of our equipment.

Share your Photos

If you have a favorite photo of our Village, please send it to RHall@losranchosnm.gov.

We would also be interested in any old and historic photos of the Village that we might reprint in this Village Vision as we celebrate our anniversary.

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A perched wood duck. Photo by Larry Abraham.

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The Village's new trail signage



Simple Pleasures II: Sarabande Bed and Breakfast

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones



Like a category one hurricane, the holidays blow in and, in their wake, leave an intense desire for calm. So, in early January, my husband and I decided we'd plan a holiday recovery getaway. We agreed it needed to be reasonably inexpensive, therefore probably close to home. One afternoon, walking along Rio Grande Blvd. near the Growers' Market, we passed Sarabande Bed and Breakfast. We peeked into the serene courtyard, and the plans for our getaway came into focus.

However, what was to become our Village weekend needed to set the tone for a peaceful winter, so I didn't want to leave anything to chance. I called and asked for a tour. As Janie Eggers, the owner of Sarabande, showed me through the rooms, I knew right away that her quiet efficiency would insure a pleasant stay. In answer to my question about the challenges of running a B and B, Janie smiled and responded, "I've been so fortunate. People just want to have a pleasant time."

Because we'd agreed to keep the entire weekend under \$200.00, I chose the Jasmine Room with its semi-private back patio and old-fashioned gas stove/fireplace. The brick floors, jetted bathtub/shower, and large gabled skylight promised an airy, comfortable retreat. Although I chose the most economical room at \$99.00 per night, I made a mental note of the Rose Room, a luxurious suite with a Japanese soaking tub, a wood burning Kiva fireplace, and a door leading



Janie Eggers

to a lap pool just beyond a Wisteria covered portal. The Rose Room would make a perfect Valentine's surprise! Each of the six rooms has a private bath, a telephone, and a television. The rates, ranging from \$99.00 to \$170.00 per night, include a full breakfast for two. Villagers who come to Sarabande for one night in February will receive a certificate for a two- nights-for-one second visit.

Janie's gracious welcome included information about breakfast. Then she discretely disappeared, leaving us to pop some popcorn, open the wine, and watch a movie before snuggling into the invitingly appointed queen-sized bed.

Sunday morning's breakfast told us one of the reasons Sarabande has a large number of repeat visitors. Janie had prepared a feast of fruit, juices, yogurt, and cereals as well as bacon and one of her specialties—apple spice pancakes. The walnuts and bits of apple cooked into the pancakes proved a delightful combination. It's clear that

owning a B and B is the ideal career for Janie because her breakfast was highlighted by an hour of anecdotes about the family reunions, wedding parties, and world travelers that have made their way to her door. "In the twelve years I've owned Sarabande, there've only been two people that I wouldn't love to have back again," she said.

Sometime after noon, we set out toward Casa Rondena, the winery located ¼ mile northeast of Sarabande on Chavez Road, for a wine tasting. Afterwards, content with our sampling of wines, we headed back west on Chavez to Nabor, turned left, climbed the ditch bank ahead and found ourselves at Anderson Field. The area always offers some of the most magnificent bird watching in the city. For our late afternoon picnic, we were treated to a panoply of Canadian geese, sand hill cranes, a ring-necked pheasant, and a few ducks. As evening chill began to set in, we returned to Sarabande to change for dinner. Janie was kind enough to offer a place to do so even though we didn't plan to stay the night.

The simple pleasures of our recovery weekend, costing just under \$200.00, reminded us once again why we choose to live in the Village.

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Valentine Celebration at the February Winter Market

by Sue Brawley

The Winter Markets take place on the second Saturday of each month from December to April, from 10:00 am to noon. The markets will be held outside in the regular location, on the tennis court parking lot, except in the case of inclement weather, when the market will be held in the adjacent community barn. On February 14th join us for a Valentines Celebration with music. One may find lots of greens, hot-house tomatoes, goat cheese, bread, pasta,

some root vegetables, eggs, dried fruit, honey, cold-weather bedding plants, forced bulbs, dried flower arrangements, and arts & crafts. Stop by and pick up a Valentine gift for someone special! All across the country, growers' markets are experiencing growth in the numbers of persons who shop there on a regular basis. One of the reasons for shopping at the Growers' Market is that locally grown food tastes better. Food grown here was probably picked within the past day or two. Food flown

or trucked in from other areas is, quite understandably, much older. In a weeklong (or more) delay from harvest to dinner table, sugars turn to starches, plant cells shrink, and produce loses its vitality. Also, local produce is better for you. A recent study showed that fresh produce loses nutrients quickly. Food that is frozen or canned soon after harvest is actually more nutritious than some "fresh" produce that has been on the truck or supermarket shelf for a week. Locally grown food purchased soon after harvest retains its nutrients.

Sixth Annual Lavender in the Village, 2009

July 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2009

For the sixth year, Lavender in the Village is off and running again! Extending the two day festival to three days last year did exactly what we hoped for. Attendance was up, more vendors, more sponsors. More Village residents came to the dance and auction on Friday night. The Village of Los Ranchos is THE destination for lavender lovers. It was estimated that over 20,000 people attended the festival in 2008!

The Executive Committee, Penny Rembe, Kelly Jo Kuchar, and Emily Benak, would like to introduce the new 2009 Lavender in the Village Board:

- Mayor Larry Abraham, ex-officio member
- Lori Barrett: owner, Sky Dog the Art Space and Lakota Consulting (advertising, marketing and media); twenty years in advertising and promotions

- Ann Carrozza: extensive non-profit experience
- Vicki Carson: Casa Rondeña
- Michelle Coons: Bank of the West
- David Hudson: Village resident, businessman
- Julie Johns: Tijeras Foundation, Village resident
- Janelle Johnson: long-time Village resident, in the homeowner association management business, coaches at Sandia Prep
- Kay Shollenbarger: former manager of the State Fair, worked for Governors Carruthers and Johnson, and for Sen. Domenici
- Katie Snapp: new author, expert on offsite facilitation and leadership nationwide

Lavender, although not a native herb, is the perfect plant for New Mexico. But like all herbs, it takes more than planting

it in the soil. Lavender takes marketing, education, value-added products, and promotion. A Village is not just about electing a Board every four years; it's about getting our residents to build community through projects like Lavender in the Village and the Growers' Market. Both a farm and a community need nurturing. Many more women are farming because the small scale "market farming" doesn't need heavy equipment or brawn. It takes intuition, patience, and finesse. Chefs are working with the farmers for specialty crops as people become more sophisticated about food and fresh herbs.

In this issue you will find the call for entries for the 2009 Lavender in the Village poster contest. Please send in your entries as soon as possible! And start thinking about volunteering for one of the many available jobs which help make our celebration a success.



In case you still don't believe that Los Ranchos is a genuine rural, agricultural Village, please take note of this photo. It was taken early on a chilly morning in January, and shows P & Z Commissioners Joe Brawley and John McDowell as they herd the Brawley hogs into a truck to begin their journey to be transformed into hams and pork chops. Local, home-grown food is the best, say all the experts!

Famed Trumpeter Tony Lujan Returns to His Roots to Support Taft Middle School Bands

Genre-spanning musician lends his years of experience to Taft's music program

by Rod Daniel

Famed trumpeter, Tony Lujan, will step up to help his fellow alumni at Taft Middle School. On Friday, February 20th, at 6:00pm, Taft Middle School will be abuzz with excitement as the annual Nacho Night and Silent Auction gets underway. Nacho Night will take place in the Taft Middle School cafeteria at 620 Schulte Road NW in Los Ranchos. Students in the award winning Taft Middle School Bands, under the direction of Dr. Rod Daniel, will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds for the evening's events. These young musicians will delight and amaze you, and you will be able to enjoy a plate of hearty build-your-own nachos from Sadie's Restaurant. Then you will be able to cruise the spread of auction baskets available for bid, generously donated by local Los Ranchos businesses and families. The evening should be fun for the entire family.

Of particular note is the addition of famed trumpeter, bandleader, and composer, Mr. Tony Lujan. Tony Lujan has toured, recorded, and played with just about everyone in the jazz and Latin music scene throughout his career. Mr. Lujan has produced highly successful CDs, including Tribute; You Don't Know What Love Is; and Zulu. He is able to move from jazz, to Latin, to African styles with amazing ease. He has recorded with other famous artists, as well as recorded movie soundtracks. Mr. Lujan is a graduate of Taft Middle School, and he will be performing with the Taft Middle School Jazz Band during Nacho Night.

Taft Middle School, a pre-college academy for grades 6, 7 and 8, has been a vital part of the Los Ranchos community for generations. The parents of many current Taft students are themselves Taft alumni. This multi-generational connection to Taft enhances the community connection that many feel with the school.

Research clearly supports what many have observed about music education



– that music enhances all the learning senses of students, and ultimately improves academic performance in all areas. In a recent study sponsored by the Journal for Music Research, the results indicated that students in high-quality school music education programs score higher on standardized tests compared to students in schools with deficient music education programs. This is the first study ever to examine the quality of school music programs as a factor affecting test scores, independent of the socioeconomic level of the school or school district. Here are a few of their findings:

Students in top-quality instrumental music programs scored 19% higher in English than students in schools without a music program. Students in top-

quality instrumental music programs scored 17% higher in mathematics than children in schools without a music program. (For more information on this study, visit: nammfoundation.org)

Research clearly supports what many have observed about music education: that music enhances all the learning senses of students, and ultimately improves academic performance in all areas.

Taft Middle School has supported one of the best music programs in the city for many years. Nacho Night is one of continuing programs produced by the Taft Band Boosters designed to enhance the education of Taft students. Your involvement will not only be great fun,

but also will provide added support to these deserving young musicians. Tickets are \$7.00 each and are limited to the first 400 requests. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact the band director, Rod Daniel, at: rdaniel@his.com or by telephone at: 344 4389.



On Patrol

Community Participation Critical to Crime Prevention

by Sgt. Jason Lazo,
Bernalillo County Sheriff's Dept.

Greetings,

As the economy continues to suffer, crime unfortunately tends to increase. Thefts are bound to continue to rise, and while we are fortunate that we still maintain a significantly lower crime rate than most, it is important to remember that we are not immune. Presently, we are still combating mail theft, as well as an increase in traffic now that Rio Grande is fully open once again. Graffiti also appears to be pop-

ping up again in isolated areas.

Your Law Enforcement personnel depend on all citizens of our community to assist us in making the Village of Los Ranchos a safe place to live and work. While it would be great to be able to have the police do it all on their own, the reality is that we just don't have the manpower and resources to be at all places at all times.

Remember, every report or call that is made increases the eyes and ears of the police which, in turn, provide more information on criminal activities and the areas where it is occurring.

This improves the chances of stopping criminal behavior in our community. Please don't hesitate to report things that don't seem quite right or appear suspicious. While it may turn out to be nothing, it is always better to err on the side of caution.

It is a partnership, a responsibility and duty that all of us share—to report and provide information about crime and suspicious behavior, report and remove graffiti, and to try and stay aware of what is occurring in our community. Only through working together can we keep our community safe.





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ESCRIBIENTE's Wednesday, February 4, 2009 meeting at 6:30 pm. at Manzano Mesa Center, 501 Elizabeth SE, will take you into the creative process of producing a thank you card(s) for the Make A Wish Foundation. Bring glue, ruler, scissors and other tools. Paper and basics await you. Free! Visit! Meet new people! Create for a good cause. More information? Call Jan at 281-5771. The public is invited.

Chief's Corner



A Brief History of the Ubiquitous Fire Hydrant

by Chief Greg Perez

The term "fire plug" dates from the time when water mains were made from hollowed out logs. The fire company would head out to the fire, dig up the ground down to the main, then bore a hole into the main so that the hole they dug would fill with water which they could draft using their pumper trucks. When finished fighting the fire, they'd seal the main with - you guessed it - a "fire plug". The next time there was a fire in the neighborhood, they'd dig up the plug and not have to cut into the main.

The first post or pillar type hydrant is generally credited to Mr. Frederick Graff, Sr., Chief Engineer of the Phila-

delphia Water Works around the year 1801. It had a combination hose/faucet outlet and was of "wet barrel" design with the valve in the top. It is said that Mr. Graff held the first U.S. patent for a fire hydrant, but this cannot be verified; the patent office burned to the ground in 1836, destroying all the U.S. patent records!

As late as 1869, the City of Buffalo, NY, was still installing wooden case hydrants, according to the first annual report of their public waterworks, but by this time the days of the wooden case hydrant were over. Indeed, by 1865, Philadelphia had installed cast iron hydrants that were very similar to today's models.

Many companies were now making

cast iron fire hydrants, and hydrants were deployed in major cities and many smaller ones. Europe, too, was installing such hydrants: Zurich, Switzerland, had its first hydrant system in place by 1870. In Asia, the City of Yokohama, Japan, installed its first 131 hydrants in 1887.

The Village of Los Ranchos currently maintains 325 hydrants. In 2006, the Fire Department began painting the hydrants in the Village, giving them a distinct look and feel. Today, Los Ranchos is not only known for the beauty of its homes and open space, but by its bright red and yellow hydrants. Okay, maybe that's going a little too far! This is at least what other fire departments visiting our Village tell us!



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Birds of a Feather

How to Handle Those Packs of Pesky Pigeons

by Roberta Beyer

Putting out a birdfeeder can have interesting results. We all hope for colorful and interesting birds to appear, but often uninvited guests fly in and overstay their welcome. It's a bit like an open-ended invitation to all your relatives: you may get some who will out-stay their welcome!

We are often asked about the hordes of pigeons that appear around, underneath, and on birdfeeders---"those annoying pigeons." Poor things. They're often called "feathered rats," "sky rats," and other names which can't be published here. Even ornithologists can't make up their minds about pigeons. First they called them "pigeons," then it was "rock doves" and now the latest official name for them is "rock pigeons". One thing is for certain: they're here to stay and they're here because of us. Rock pigeons are not native to North America, unlike their many dove cousins.

Back to the issue of pigeon-proofing your yard (I'm sticking with the name pigeon because it's easy and I like alliteration). The goal here is to keep pigeons off your birdfeeders and on the ground, cleaning up fallen seed. The more they do this, the less you have to clean up. It's a win-win situation.

If your birdfeeder has perches, pigeons will get on them. You can't do anything about it. There are, however, pigeon-proof feeders. Many squirrel-proof feeders also prevent pigeons from feeding; these are generally the feeders that have springs on the perches or weight calibrated perches. Anything heavier than a medium sized bird either falls off the perch or triggers the weight mechanism that closes the



feeding port. These feeders are fun! I've spent many an enjoyable hour (I'm easy to entertain) watching pigeons trying to eat from these feeders and falling off. Eventually they give up and just stay on the ground, cleaning up birdseed, which is what we want them to do. The other type of feeder that will prevent pigeons from eating at them is any kind of feeder without a perch. There are many types of goldfinch feeders that do this job nicely.

Finally, when something is really annoying and you can't control it, it's always a good exercise to find things

you can admire about it. Here are a few admirable things about pigeons: they are monogamous and mate for life; they've carried military messages since the Persian Wars, and they saved thousands of soldiers' lives in both world wars; they symbolize peace, and they are intelligent and highly athletic--- even if they do fall off perches!

The goal here is to keep pigeons off your birdfeeders and on the ground, cleaning up fallen seed.

Roberta Beyer is the owner of The Fat Finch, a Boutique for Birders located at 7528 - 4th St NW, Ste D, and is also on the web at www.fatfinch.com and www.fatfinch.wordpress.com

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on Saturdays from 8 AM to 3 PM.

If you enjoyed Sandwich Time, then you'll love this sleek, new dining room! The restaurant will feature a mixture of mid- priced breakfast specials, sandwiches, soups and salads, and entrees to please the tummy and the wallet.

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Constructing the Village's 2010 Master Plan

We have all heard this phrase that disparages the efficiency of the Roman contactors, but have we heard the rest of the story? You know - the one that describes how the Caesars took public input and created a community master plan, and then set out to build an imposing city at the center of a world- conquering empire. Much like the Caesars, the Village leaders set out years ago to develop a document that laid out a vision for Los Ranchos and set the course for implementing that vision.

The first Village Master Plan was adopted in 1992. The most current version of the Master Plan was adopted in 2000. Once again, it is time to gaze into the future of the Village and update the Master Plan for the coming years. By state law, every community must have an up-to-date planning document which sets forth the vision and values for the community and upon which all ordinances, zoning actions, infrastructure improvements, and planning is based.

While the requirement of a master plan is placed on the Village government, the most effective planning documents are those in which the community has taken an active role in developing. To this end, we will be asking you to contribute your time and energy into the updating of the Village master plan. The current master plan is available to you on the Village website, www.losranchosnm.gov.

We will give everyone some time to consider the current document and how it reflects each one's sense of our community. In an upcoming issue of the Village Vision, we will print a survey intended to solicit specific feedback on the current plan and capture all opportunities you see for improvement. Your participation is important to the process and we appreciate your involvement and enthusiasm.

Be assured that this document will not sit on a shelf, never to be looked at again. In fact, the master plan is used daily to guide planning and zoning decisions, develop annual budgets and

priorities, and write or amend ordinances. The current master plan has been the driving force behind many of the changes you have witnessed in the Village over the last several years.

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Accomplishments of the 2010 Master Plan

The following accomplishments have come about as result of a specific master plan directive:

- In 2000, the Planning and Zoning Commission was established, thereby changing the approval process and relieving the Board of Trustees of the necessity of hearing all applications.
- In 2003, Ordinance 183, the Village's first comprehensive zoning ordinance, was adopted to meet many of the Master Plan goals and policies. Its development was a multi-year effort.
- In 2004, Ordinance 191 reinstated the 280 foot setback on Rio Grande Boulevard, creating South Rio Grande Character Areas A, B and C.
- In 2006, a comprehensive research project was completed and the Village zone map was corrected, updated, and adopted.
- Village passed Ordinance 209 and Ordinance 216, implementing a Village-wide FAR and design guidelines,

new setbacks, stepbacks, and solar angles for residential development. These ordinances were a major step in preserving the rural agricultural nature of the Village.

- The old Northdale Shopping Center, now Los Ranchos Villa, was completely renovated. New development along Fourth Street occurred at the Village Shops at Los Ranchos and the Rincones de Los Ranchos commercial complex, in addition to those at Ranchitos. Rancho Farms, AutoZone at 4th and Nara Visa, Paul Davis Restoration and Z-Coil were all constructed.
- The Unser Racing Museum complex was opened in 2005 on Montano Road. The Community Barn in Hartnett Park was erected.
- Bernalillo County will complete the Rio Grande sewer projects, Area I, J, and K in early 2009, connecting residences to the county sewer system. Sewer systems are now available throughout the entire Village.
- The 4th Street improvement project Phase I was completed in May, 2007, which widened 4th Street from Schulte to Vineyard. A separate storm sewer system was installed at that time for drainage on 4th Street.
- Funding for a pedestrian and bicycle path on Rio Grande Blvd. was obtained and the path will be incorporated into the Bernalillo County repaving project after completion of the Area I and J sewer projects.
- A comprehensive subdivision ordinance has been drafted and will be forthcoming in the next few months.
- Open Space acquisitions include the joint project with the State of New Mexico, Bernalillo County, and the Village for Anderson Fields, as well as the 22-acre Blanchard property between 4th Street and the Albuquerque Main Canal, and a one acre parcel on Osuna.
- Annexations to the Village occurred in 2003, 2004, 2006, and 2008, thereby expanding the Village east of 4th Street towards 2nd Street (El Pueblo properties, Zia Gardens, Nico Trail, Paraiso Escondido, and the industrial complex behind 66 Bowl).



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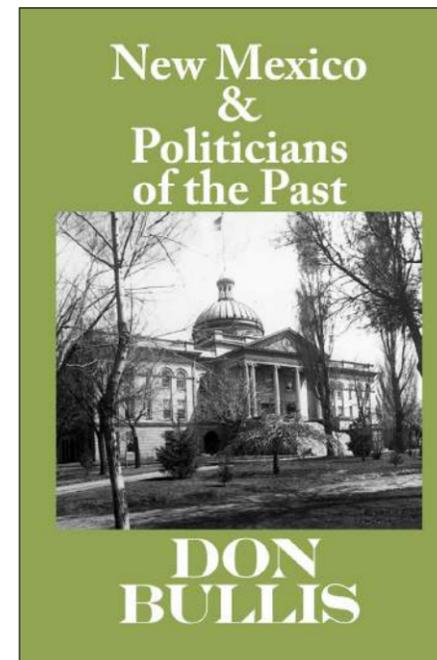
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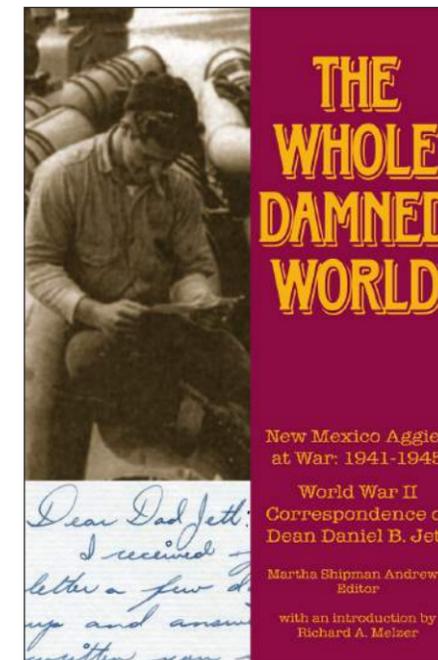


by Barbe Awalt

LPD Press & Rio Grande Books of Los Ranchos is starting 2009 with three new titles. The new books cover history in Las Cruces, Albuquerque, and all of New Mexico.

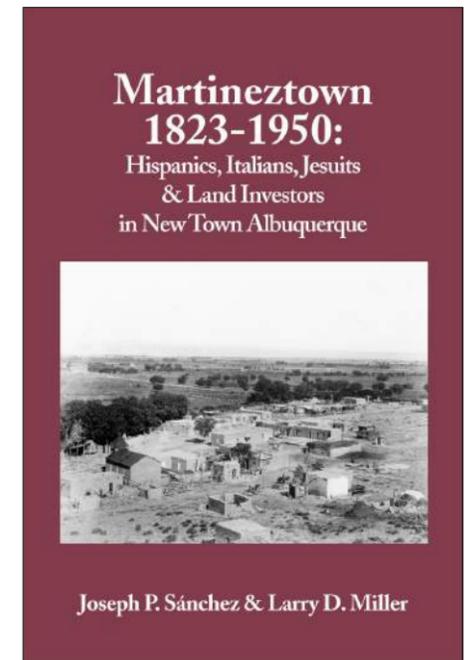
LPD Press/Rio Grande Books has teamed up with the New Mexico State University Library to publish *The Whole Damned World*, *New Mexico Aggies at War: 1941-1945*, *The World War II Correspondence of Dean Daniel B. Jett*. Dean Jett was the head of the Engineering School at NMSU from 1938 to 1947 and carried on a personal correspondence with hundred of his students during WWII. Known as "Dad" Jett, these letters are part of the NMSU Library Archive and the book gives the reader an unprecedented view of the war and its toll on New Mexico. Martha Shipman Andrews compiled the letters and edited the book, and renowned historian and President of the New Mexico Historical Society, Richard Melzer wrote the Introduction. The book is available in hardback and softback.

The State of New Mexico is starting to get ready for the Centennial. It has awarded a grant to Don Bullis' *New Mexico & Politicians of the Past* to start the process of commemorating New



Mexico's statehood. Bullis is the author of many award-winning books and is a columnist and magazine writer in addition to teacher and ex-lawman. The book features: Governors Juan Bautista de Anza and Fernando de la Concha, Judge Joab Houghton, Hoodoo Brown, President Grant, Lew Wallace, Juan de Oñate, and many others. Signings and talks are scheduled, including the Sandoval County Historical Society, Albuquerque Westerners, and the Historical Society of New Mexico Convention in Santa Fe. The book is available in hardback and softback. Don Bullis will sign at Bookworks (4022 Rio Grande Blvd, Albuquerque) on February 1st from 2 to 4pm.

Martineztown 1823-1950 is a love affair with a settlement that shaped Albuquerque with Hispanics, Italians, Jesuits, and land investors. Joseph P. Sanchez and Larry D. Miller have researched Albuquerque's best-kept secret and traced it through history, including the urban renewal, the railroad, and the importance of land ownership. The book is also available in hardback and softback, and will be a must for anyone whose family came from Martineztown. *Martineztown* will have a signing at Bookworks (4022 Rio Grande Blvd, Albuquerque) on Febru-



ary 22nd from 2 to 4pm.

All three books — *The Whole Damned World: New Mexico Aggies at War*, *New Mexico & Politicians of the Past*, and *Martineztown 1823-1950* — will be for sale at the Clear Light Book Gallery in Santa Fe (851 W. San Mateo Street) on January 31st and February 1st (from 10am to 4pm).

LPD Press/Rio Grande Books had four winners in the recent New Mexico Book Awards: *New Mexico: A Biographical Dictionary, Volume II*, *Our Favorite Recipes*, *Avenging Victorio*, and *Saints of the Pueblos*. For information call 505-344-9382 or visit nmsantos.com

Barbe Awalt and Paul Rhett started LPD Press in 1984. In 1996 they began Tradición Revista magazine, which focuses on the Hispanic art and culture of the American Southwest, and have published almost three dozen books on Hispanic art and culture.

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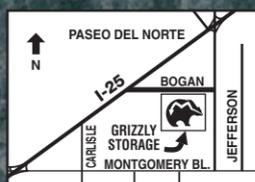


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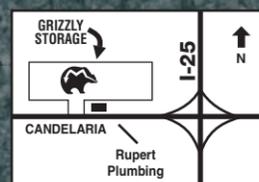
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Medical Support Hypnosis Joins 4th Street Wellness Center



by Janet Wahl

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"Ever since I was five years old, the worst thing I could imagine happening to me was to have someone cut into my body. When I learned that I needed surgery for prostate cancer, I was anxious to say the least. Jan made me tapes for pre-op, immediate post-op, and for the recovery period. The tapes had such a calming influence. As I went into surgery I was surprised that I was as calm and serene as I was. The surgery went much better than I expected, and the recovery is proceeding

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T.S.

"I have always had anxiety about most things medical, so when I received a diagnosis of invasive carcinoma following a colonoscopy, my fears were skyrocketing. My blood pressure at the gastroenterologist's office was 167 over 93, and I could hardly breathe. Jan prepared some recordings for me to listen to and gave me a few hypno-therapy sessions, and I began my quest to make myself more able to cope with my upcoming surgery. At the surgeon's office, prior to the surgery, I was able to carry on a productive and helpful conversation with the surgeon, and my blood pressure was 130 over 82. I had a degree of confidence that I had never had before in a medical situation this important. I surprised myself and my wife with the degree of confidence that I had. The surgery went as well as could be hoped; with the outcome being-- no further treatment was necessary!"

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• Janet Wahl is certified in hypnosis (450 hours of training) and ThetaHealing™: www.mindbalance.us. She has a PhD in Language, Literacy & Learning and has served more than 35 years in education as a teacher, administrator, and university professor with expertise in special needs, learning strategies, and language arts: www.janetwahl.com.

• Eve Loren Wedeen is an Art Therapist, Clinical Therapist: www.evelorenwedeen.com.

• Behjat Sharazi, Therapist for couples, families, adolescents, same-gender couples.

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A Change of Location! LifeLong Learning

LifeLong Learning regrets that scheduling conflicts have forced it to relocate the three spring offerings planned for the Los Ranchos Sheriff's Substation. For complete details, go to www.LifeLongLearningNM.org. LLL looks forward to holding a number of sessions in Los Ranchos next fall.

New Mexico Tourism Department Business Listings

The New Mexico Tourism Department is offering an online business listing directory. Listings are limited to businesses that provide goods and services that are related to tourism in New Mexico. Complete terms and conditions can be found on the tourism website at www.newmexico.org.

Choice Children's Clothes are Plentiful at Oodles



by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

Window shopping at Oodles, the new clothing store for children in El Paraiso Center at 3801 Fourth Street, lets you know right away that cool things for kids await inside. Each window display features a variety of complete outfits as carefully put together as if a fashion designer had done them. The best part: each outfit, made up of name brands like Gap for Kids, Osh Kosh, Old Navy, and Jamboree, carries a price tag of \$15.00 to \$20.00. The budget-conscious pricing is possible because the store features both new and gently used clothing in prime condition.

Then there's Leonidas, the gregarious, chattering two-year-old who

greets everyone who enters. Leonidas is his mom Asbel Sanchez's main inspiration for putting together the stylish, often funky outfits featured in Oodles. "I know how it feels to dress my baby. I want him to look good," explains Asbel as she talks about why she and her sister, Sara Salgado, decided to open the shop. The sisters "saw a niche for a store that would be fun and useful" and decided to launch their first business, even though Sara is studying child development at CNM while Asbel and her husband have a graphic design business.

Asbel is responsible for the functional, visually attractive layout of Oodles. The brick floors and vigas proclaim its Village location. And the front wall of windows, supplemented by recessed

lighting throughout the store, establishes a welcoming atmosphere from the moment customers walk in. The smiling presence of Leonidas adds to the feeling that Oodles is definitely a place for kids.

The store is actually Sara's dream. She loves children and their toys, which Oodles also carries along with things like swings and strollers for infants. "I just thought a store like this would be fun," she says of her plans for Oodles. "And it will meet a need for people, especially in this economy." The sisters are determined to "carry things customers will be proud to buy." Along with purchasing items from the store, people can sell used items for cash or a 10% in-store credit.

Oodles is an exciting venture for Sara

and Asbel's entire family. The Salgado Camposes, who are from Honduras, all have a part. The sisters' mom helped with the background work before the store opened, and she still works behind the scene as the bookkeeper. Mr. Salgado Campos and Asbel's husband designed and built the wall display forms. Asbel designed the layout of the store, and Sara chooses the clothes and

does the pricing.

According to a study compiled from material gathered by the Departments of Labor and Agriculture, the average cost of raising a child for ten years, beginning when he or she is two, is about \$10,000 per year. Clearly, Oodles, which carries inexpensive clothing and offers to buy it back once it's outgrown, can make the process a bit less daunt-

ing. And getting acquainted with Leonidas and his family can make it fun as well!

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| 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 |
| 4642 Los Poblanos Cir NW | 640740 | \$650,000.00 | 1.02 | VACANT LAND | | | | Jim W Shull Jr | Shull & Associates | 344-1141 |
| 7530 Rio Grande Bl NW | 642022 | \$1,800,000.00 | 4.28 | VACANT LAND | | | | Marsha A Adams | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 293-3700 |
| 914 Ortega Rd NW | 622809 | \$180,000.00 | 0.5 | 1369 | 2-3 | 2 | 3 | Karen A Gauze | Desert West Proepriets | 994-8075 |
| 604 Ranchitos Rd NW | 640553 | \$219,000.00 | 0.15 | 1283 | 2 | 0/1/0 | 0 | Kevin Koppenhaver | Tu Hacienda Realtors | 301-8909 |
| 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 |
| 623 Roehl Rd NW | 641676 | \$380,000.00 | 0.069 | 1674 | 3 | 1/0/0 | 2 | Janie Gilmore-Daniels | Keller Williams Realty | 271-8200 |
| 8240 Guadalupe Trail NW | 607273 | \$499,900.00 | 4.6609sf | 2900 | 3 | 2 | 2 | Winnie DeVore | Vaughan Company Realtors | 823-6677 |
| 7909 Rio Grande Blvd NW | 640283 | \$525,000.00 | 0.771 | 3704 | 4 | 3/0/0 | 2 | Keith W MacRae | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 898-2700 |
| 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 |
| 8503 Rio Grande Blvd NW | 631501 | \$525,000.00 | 1 | 1363 | 2 | 1/0/0 | 2 | Gary Randall | Investment Solutions | 343-0700 |
| Nuevo Hacienda NW | 641355 | \$599,000.00 | 10890 | 2828 | 4 | 2/0/1 | 3 | Alexa Knight | Knight Realty & Assoc LLC | 299-8343 |
| 5720 El Prado NW | 635896 | \$599,900.00 | 0.44 | 4064 | 5-6 | 3/0/1 | 6 | Mike Novak | Re/Max Masters | 883-8979 |
| 8808 Rio Grande Bl NW | 621529 | \$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 |
| 604 Ortega Rd NW | 641016 | \$659,000.00 | 1.05 | 4244 | 4-5 | 2/3/0 | 3 | Jer Collins & Associates | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 244-1600 |
| 528 Roehl NW | 626767 | \$725,000.00 | 1.25ac | 2752 | 4 | 2/0/1 | 3 | Marsha A Adams | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 293-3700 |
| 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 | \$785,000.00 | 0.99 | 4328 | 5 | 3/1/0 | 4 | Pepper C Poole | Tu Hacienda Realtors | 301-8909 |
| 1013 Salamanca Cir NW | 619854 | \$949,000.00 | 0.741ac | 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 |
| 1016 Acequia Trl NW | 639405 | \$909,900.00 | 1.7424sf | 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 |
| 8633 Rio Grande Blvd NW | 641996 | \$995,000.00 | 1.54 | 3000 | 4 | 2/0/1 | 3 | Eve Price | Keller Williams Realty | 271-8200 |
| 1116 Salamanca NW | 641257 | \$999,950.00 | 1 | 15-May | 4-5 | 3/1/1 | 2 | Cheryll McDade | Keller Williams Realty | 271-8200 |
| 1024 Acequia Trl NW | 614728 | \$1,099,900.00 | 0.52ac | 3641 | 3 | 3/0/1 | 0 | Suzanne Kinney | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 244-1600 |
| 1007 Acequia Trl NW | 635343 | \$1,100,000.00 | 1 | 3600 | 4 | 2/1/0 | 2 | Robin Riegor | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 898-2700 |
| 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 | \$1,050,000.00 | 0.77 | 3970 | 4 | 2/0/1 | 4 | William Wieser | Wieser Realty | 306-1002 |
| 331 Nuevo Hacienda NW | 641348 | \$1,100,000.00 | 10890sf | 4200 | 4 | 2/1/1 | 3 | Alexa Knight | Knight Realty & Assoc LLC | 299-8343 |
| 4316 Rio Grande Bl NW | 627614 | \$1,250,000.00 | 1.690ac | 4414 | 4 | 2/1/1 | 2 | Eve Price | Keller Williams Realty | 271-8200 |
| 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 |
| 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-Wylie | Regal Properties | 856-3500 |
| 1004 Acequia Trl NW | 619407 | \$1,419,000.00 | 0.50ac | 3800 | 4 | 2/1/1 | 3 | Alicia Feil | Maestas & Ward Commercial RE | 878-0001 |
| 6767 Guadalupe Trail NW | 622294 | \$1,250,000.00 | 1.5 | 4900 | 5 | 3/0/1 | 3 | Sandi Pressley | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 293-3700 |
| 7542 Rio Grande Bl NW | 602053 | \$1,600,000.00 | 43560 | 4496 | 4 | 3.5 | 4 | Jill S Levin | New Frontier Realtors | 798-2530 |
| 8809 Rio Grande Bl #3 NW | 521410 | \$1,300,000.00 | 1 | 4131 | 3 | 3.25 | 5 | Fred & Sandra Creek | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 292-8900 |
| 323-331 Nuevo Hacienda NW | 641353 | \$1,490,000.00 | 0.6 | 6900 | 8 | 5/1/1 | 5 | Alexa Knight | Knight Realty & Assoc LLC | 299-8343 |
| 746 Chamisal NW | 503986 | \$1,695,000.00 | 1.13 | 3442 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Marie Blea | Marie Enterprises, Inc. | 991-1405 |
| 5405 Eakes NW | 635825 | \$1,999,500.00 | 43560sf | 4800 | 4 | 3/1/1 | 3 | Suzanne Kinney | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 244-1600 |
| 970 Bonita 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 | \$1,999,000.00 | 1.2ac | 5269 | 5-8 | 3/2/2 | 7 | A.J. Yarbrough | AJ Yarbrough Realty | 328-0044 |
| 9001 Rio Grande Bl NW | 517691 | \$2,099,000.00 | 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 |
| 4610 Rio Grande Ln NW | 630824 | \$2,855,000.00 | 3.119 | 10978 | 6 | 7/0/1 | 9 | Lynn M Johnson | Keller Williams Realty | 897-1100 |

| ADDRESS | ML# | LIST PRICE | LOT | SF | BR | BA | G | AGENT | COMPANY | PHONE |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------|---------|------|-----|-------|---|------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| PENDING | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| 839 El Pueblo NW | 640365 | \$399,000.00 | 0.766 | 1303 | 2 | 1/1/0 | 0 | Donna R Stark | Re/Max Masters | 883-8979 |
| 816 Mullen NW | 634274 | \$599,500.00 | 0.43 | 2743 | 3-4 | 2/0/0 | 0 | Sandy Garrick | Coldwell Banker Legacy | 244-1600 |
| 8020 Rio Grande NW | 639924 | \$94,900.00 | 1.89 | 6414 | 5 | 4/1/1 | 4 | Jesus Esparza | Sellstate Asset Solutions Real | 896-3694 |

Enhancing Your Home with Some "Fire" Power

by Tim Tourville, CRS

Every month when Lorilee reminds me of the deadline for the real estate column, I start wrestling with the question, "What am I going to write about?" Well, when I got her email this time, I was enjoying one of the things I love most about our home...sitting by the fire with my family and our two chocolate labs. So, this article is about fireplaces!

Fireplaces have irresistible appeal. Just picturing a fireplace conjures feelings of warmth and coziness. Even in warmer climates (most of my family lives in Southern California where people don't rely on them for heat) fireplaces add charm, character, and value to homes: about \$12,000 per fireplace, according to the National Association of Realtors. They lend ambiance to just about any room, and with so many varieties and options available, it's easy

to see why people want them.

If you don't have a fireplace in your home, it's easier than you might think to add one - without undergoing a complete remodel or major construction. Pellet stoves, gas, and electric models are more popular and affordable than ever and easy to install. And with so many options for every space and budget, the hardest part is choosing the one that best suits your needs.

If you do have a fireplace in your home, whether it's the wood-burning, gas, or electric variety, the most important factor is maintenance. Like cars, fireplaces need annual tune-ups. If you have a chimney-based fireplace, traditional wood-burning or top-vent gas, you should have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the chimney at least once a year or after approximately eighty fires. I enjoy seeing and smelling all the chimney smoke in the Village during the holidays. Now that the

season is over, it's a good time for some maintenance, especially if you were naughty and burned the Christmas tree in your fireplace. It's also a good idea to have a certified service technician come out once a year to inspect gas fireplaces and replace bulbs on electric units.

Enjoy the warmth of your hearth and be sure to observe "no burn" days!

Instead of wrestling with the subject for the next issue's article, I am going to leave it up to you. That's right: just email me questions you may have regarding real estate and I will make the best question the basis of an upcoming article.



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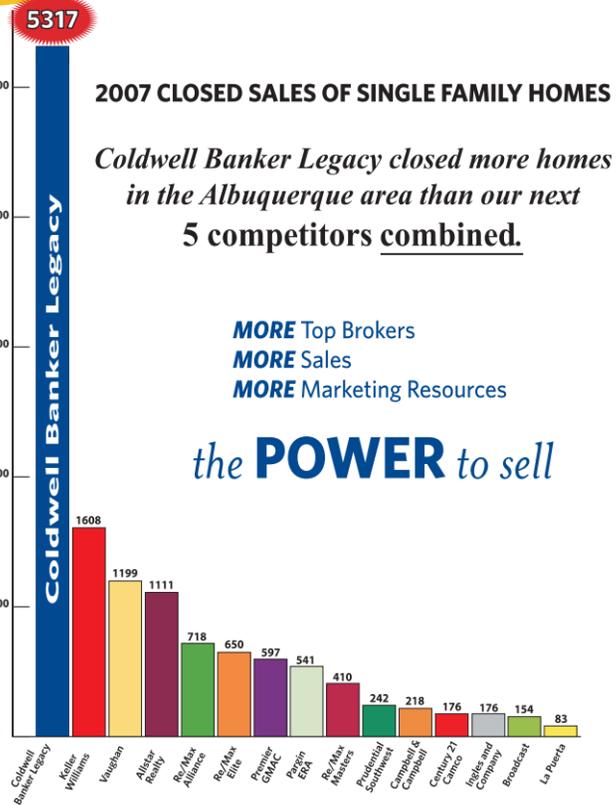
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Alvarado Elementary School

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

FEBRUARY

Feb. 16th: No School. Presidents' Day
Feb. 26th and 27th: No School. Parent/Teacher Conferences

Bosque School

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

Bosque School production of *Fiddler on the Roof*

- Friday, February 20 at 7pm
- Saturday, February 21 at 7pm
- Sunday, February 22 at 2pm
- Friday, February 27 at 7pm
- Saturday, February 28 at 7pm
- Sunday, February 29 at 2pm

All performances will be held in the Black Box on the campus of Bosque School. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens. Call 898-6388 for tickets.

Bosque School will be holding Winterim classes and trips the week of March 16-20, 2009. Spring Break will be held the week of March 23-27, 2009. Classes resume on Monday, March 30, 2009.

Bosque School Application and Financial Aid Deadline for the 2009-2010 school year is February 6, 2009. Please contact the Admissions Office at 505-898-6388 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Your Valley Realtors!

Kate
Southard



Carol
Carpenter

344-4734

Kate Southard Real Estate

328-4488

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School

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

February 15, 2009: Currently enrolled students must have their enrollment information and Intent to Return Letter submitted.

February 15, 2009: Siblings of currently enrolled students who plan to attend CCPS must have their application packet turned into the administration.

February 15, 2009: Current students and siblings of currently enrolled students who are enrolled by this date are automatically accepted.

February 15, 2009: Number or new students CCPS is able to accept from the Lottery Drawings will be determined.

February 16, 2009: Presidents' Day - no school.

Los Ranchos Elementary School

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

The Los Ranchos Staff, Students, and Community, wish to welcome our new principal, Mrs. Letha Oman. Mrs. Oman is transferring from McCollum Elementary (APS) where she was the principal for the past 8 ½ years. We welcome Mrs. Oman, who started on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, and look forward to working with her.

Feb. 16th: Presidents' Day - no school

North Valley Academy

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

Feb. 11th through 13th: Parent Teacher Conferences; Early Dismissal 1pm

Feb 16th: No School - Presidents' Day

Sandia Preparatory School

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

Application Deadline

Friday, February 6 | Call 338.300 or email admission@sandiaprep.org for information

Presidents' Day Holiday

Friday, February 13 through Monday, February 16
No School

Sandia Prep Theater Department Presents "Les Misérables"

Thursday, February 26 through Saturday, February 28
7:00 p.m. | SPS Theater | Email tickets@sandiaprep.org

SummerPrep Open Registration

Saturday, February 28 | 9:00 a.m. | SPS Saunders Library
Call 338.3000 or email summerprep@sandiaprep.org for information

Taft Middle School

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

February 13th: Testing Begins

February 16th: Presidents' Day (no school)

February 20th: Social Studies Speaker

Taylor Middle School

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

Feb. 3rd: 5th grade parent night 6 to 7: 30

Feb. 6th: Late start

Feb. 16th: Presidents' Day - no school

Feb.19th: PTO meeting



Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

December 12, 2008 - Action Report

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

TUE., FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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version of the minutes is available
online at www.losranchosnm.gov

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll call

Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Radnovich. Commissioners Hunter and Simon were excused. Acting Chair Crawford stated there was a quorum present for the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented

Attorney King swore in those present who would be speaking before the Commission.

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 - November 13, 2008

The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

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. V-08-11 A request by Vincent Montoya for a variance from the required rear setback of twenty-five (25) feet to allow for a ten (10) foot setback for a new residence in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 821 Louanne Lane NW and is legally known as Lot 1-C of plat of Anita Maria Subdivision, Projected Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Elena Gallegos grant, Lots 1-A, 1-B, 1-C and 1-D, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM, June 2008.

Calling all artists and lavender lovers!

Lavender in the Village is soliciting entries for the 2009 poster contest. Please either email your ideas to perembe@lospoblanos.com or send to: Penny Rembe, 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107

Poster Contest Deadline: February 24, 2009

Lavender in the Village also needs volunteers for committees and tasks. If interested, call Penny Rembe at 344-6336.

The Variance was unanimously approved.

B. V-08-12 A request by Chris Musello for a variance from the required rear setback of twenty-five (25) feet to allow for a five (5) foot setback for an addition in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 525 Chamiso Lane and is legally known as as Lot 3, Chamisal Addition, a foregoing subdivision of that certain parcel of land situate in Sections 20 and 21, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. Bernalillo County, New Mexico, May 3, 1961. The property contains .5000 acres more or less. **THIS ITEM POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 13, 2009 MEETING.**

C. ZMA-08-03 A request by Susan Unser for Montano Land Company and the Village of Los Ranchos for a Zone Change and Zone Map Amendment from A-1 to C-1 in the Dietz Farm Character Area. The property is located at 1776 Montano Road NW and legally known as Lot 1, Racing Museum Subdivision, the Southwesterly portion Tract 8-A-1, Los Poblanos Ranch, As shown on M.R.G.C.D Map 31, now being Lots 1 and 2, within the Elena Gallegos Grant, Projected Section 31, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, June 16, 2005 and Lots 2-A and 2-B, Plat of Lots 2-A and 2-B, Racing Museum Subdivision, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, February 2007. The property contains 5.0119 acres, more or less.

The Zone Change and Zone Map Amendment was unanimously approved with conditions.

D. SDP-08-07 A request by Susan Unser for Montano Land Company for Preliminary Site Development approval for the construction of a 20,000 square foot building to house the Challenger Learning Center and racing museum annex. The property is located at 1776 Montano Road NW and legally known as Lot 2-B of Plat of Lots 2-A and 2-B, Racing Museum Subdivision, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, February 2007. The property contains 2.6547 acres, more or less.

The Site Development Plan was unanimously approved with conditions.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. REPORTS

A. Planner's Report

Planner Seebach presented the Planner's Report.

9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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.



Board of Trustees Summary

January 13th, 2009

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
WED., FEBRUARY 11, 2009
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version of the minutes is available
online at www.losranchosnm.gov

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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.

A. Minutes - November 12, 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, 3-0.

4. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Abraham reported that:

- About 40 trail signs are being installed on the ditch banks which will make residents aware to pick up after their pets; keep pets on a leash; and keep trails clean.
- The road construction on Rio Grande is completed; people are accepting the stop signs that were installed during the construction; Phase 2 will start south of Chavez all the way to Montañito in March or April; and will include installation of the green thermo plastic bike lane.
- Running increased radar on Rio Grande and various Village streets; also running three small mobile traffic speed signs, as well as alternating a police car that is not running radar but is causing traffic to slow down.

- Will be getting a Village weather station in conjunction with the Cottonwood School at the Unser Museum which will be monitored by the Weather Bug and Channel 4
- The Lavender Committee is working well and will be an even bigger event this year.

B. Administrator's Report

Administrator Kelly Ward reported that:

- The Governor has presented a proposal to de-authorize \$263 million of capital outlay appropriations state wide. The final list has not been approved and he is not sure where the Village stands on its appropriations.
- The Gross Receipt Taxes looked okay until checking January's receipts on-line. They are a little off, but not much to panic about yet. In February or March we may need to revise the budget.
- A used rescue vehicle was purchased with State Emergency Management Funds.
- The intersections at 4th Street and El Pueblo and Ranchitos Road are under construction and should be finished by the end of next week.
- Taft Middle School field is nearly complete, and we have performed a walk through and will complete another walk through as soon as the sod takes root.
- Working on the Village Center RFP and will bring it to the Board at the February or March meeting.

C. Planner's Report

Planner Linda Seebach reported that:

- She has provided the Board with her Annual Planner's Report.

D. Legal Report

Attorney Martha King reported that:

- She prepared an answer on the Harold Davis case challenging the Village Sign Ordinance.
- Prepared the Caruso appeal.
- Responded on the Amy Landau case.
- Worked with the Planner on preparing and drafting Ordinances.
- Processed zoning applications

E. Fire Dept. Report

Fire Chief Greg Perez reported that:

- The firefighters have completed training on their Hazmat Operation Certification that will help the firefighters to begin their Firefighter II level certification; the department has been covering training on all aspects of the body.
- Thanked everyone who donated food and clothing for their first annual toy and clothing drive in partnership with Sky Dog. He was happy to provide packages of food, clothing and toys to five families in the Village.
- A used rescue vehicle was purchased that was used by an EMS department in Kansas, and will meet the Fire Department's needs. It should be in service by the end of January.
- Continuing to move forward on the construction drawings for the fire station and getting closer to breaking ground around March or April.
- November and December calls totaled 68 and 71 respectively.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Cash Report – November & December

The Cash Report was approved as presented. The motion carried 3-0

B. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2009-1-1 Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Mid Year Budget Revisions

Resolution No. 2009-1-1 was approved. The motion carried, 3-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. A request by Consensus Planning, Inc. Agent for SCM Property Company, LLC for a Zone Change and Zone Map Amendment for PROPOSED Lot C 1-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. postponed from the DECEMBER 10, 2008 meeting.

The Board approved the zone change and zone map amendment from A-1 to R-2 with a number of findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

B. A request by Frank and Francynn Martinez, property owners, for a Special Use Permit for Family Transfer Subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 8434 Guadalupe Trail and is legally known as Tract number one (1) of Tracts 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the Lands of Flora C. Romero, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, 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 September 6, 1973. The property contains 1.135 acres more or less. SU-08-02 – POSTPONED FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING

The Board approved the Special Use Permit for a family transfer subdivision in the A-1 zone with a number of findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

C. A request by Frank and Francynn Martinez, property owners, for Final Preliminary Plat Approval for Family Transfer Subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 8434 Guadalupe Trail and is legally known as Tract number one (1) of Tracts 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the Lands of Flora C. Romero, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, 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 September 6, 1973. The property contains 1.135 acres more or less. S-08-07- POSTPONED FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2008 MEETING

The Board approved the final preliminary plat approval for the family transfer subdivision in the A-1 zone with a number of findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. A request by Gene and Aurora Gallegos for a Special Use Permit for an Open Air FLEA Market in the C-1 Zone. The property is located at 300 El Pueblo and is legally known as Tract 140-G1 M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 24, Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, August, 2002 and Tract 140C1 M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 24, Lands of Pompa, Griego and Franco filed in the office

of the Bernalillo County Clerk on 8/6/76, Volume D2-A, Folio. The property contains 2.380 acres more or less. SU-08-01-POSTPONED FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2008 BOARD MEETING

This item was deferred to the February 11th Board meeting.

E. 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-postponed from the DECEMBER 10, 2008 meeting.

The Board approved the final site development plan for commercial construction in the C-1 Zone to re-construct the donated barn for utilization as a feed storage for Miller's Feed and Supply with conditions. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

F. A request by Susan Unser for Montaño Land Company and the Village of Los Ranchos for a Zone Change and Zone Map Amendment from A-1 to C-1 in the Dietz Farm Character Area. The property is located at 1776 Montaño Road NW and legally known as Lot 1, Racing Museum Subdivision, the Southwesterly portion Tract 8-A-1, Los Poblanos Ranch, As shown on M.R.G.C.D Map 31, now being Lots 1 and 2, within the Elena Gallegos Grant, Projected Section 31, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, June 16, 2005 and Lot 2-A, Plat of Lots 2-A and 2-B, Racing Museum Subdivision, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, February 2007. Lots 2-B-1 and 2-B-2, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, December, 2008. The property contains 5.0119 acres, more or less. ZMA-08-03

The Board approved the zone change and zone map amendment from A-1 to C-1 in the Dietz Farm Character area with findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

G. A request by Susan Unser for Montaño Land Company for Final Site Development approval for the construction of a 20,000 square foot building to house the Challenger Learning Center and racing museum annex. The property is located at 1776 Montaño Road NW and legally known as Lot 2-B-1 of Plat of Lots 2-B-1 and 2-B-2, Racing Museum Subdivision, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, December, 2008. The property contains 1.6439 acres, more or less. SDP-08-07

The Board approved the final site development approval for the construction of a 20,000 square foot building to house the Challenger Learning Center and Racing Museum Annex with findings. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and approval to advertise in summary an ordinance creating a new Planning and Zoning Action Matrix and repealing ordinance No. 186. Postponed from the December 10, 2008 Meeting

The Board approved to advertise the ordinance in summary. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

B. Discussions and approval to ratify approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement Between the Regents of the University of New Mexico and the Village of Los Ranchos and Authorization for the Mayor to sign the Amendment

The Board gave approval to ratify approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement and authorization for the Mayor to sign the Amendment. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

C. Discussion and approval of purchase agreement between Patty Anderson and the Village of Los Ranchos for the purchase of 19 acres of land for open space

The Board approved the Purchase Agreement for the purchase of 19 acres of land for Open Space. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

D. Discussion and approval of lease agreement with Miller's Feed and Supply for buildings and surrounding property at 8747 Fourth St NW

The Board approved the Lease Agreement with Miller's Feed & Supply. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

E. Discussion and approval of proposed annexation plan

The Board approved the proposed Annexation Plan. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

F. Discussion and approval to award RFB 2008-11-01 [A] for agriculture building (Barn) foundation to the lowest responsive bidder, Quantum Contracting, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to enter into and sign the contract for the scope of work

The Board awarded the bid to Quantum Contracting, Inc for the barn foundation. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Rael stated that he received one complaint about the stop signs on Rio Grande, but most people have been in favor of them

Trustee Lopez requested that the Village keep striping roads because a lot of the striping around the Village has deteriorated. He said the speed bumps on Chamisal also need to be striped.

Trustee Homan asked about the plans for the development of the new Master Plan and if the Village is going to have a public advisory committee. Administrator Ward stated that a letter will be sent to the residents with a survey that includes specific questions.

Trustee Homan asked when the Village is getting public post boxes. Administrator Ward stated that this would be done by the end of this month and they will be located between Big Lots and Eye Care.

Trustee Homan said that businesses on 4th Street are having problems with their mail, such as items not being received or being removed from mail boxes.

Trustee Homan stated that people are having problems getting drivers' licenses and are being denied in Santa Fe because Santa Fe does not recognize Los Ranchos. Everything goes to Santa Fe now and licenses are now being mailed from Santa Fe.

Trustee Homan asked if the Village notifies the Post Office on what is commercial property land and what is residential. She said the Post Office is insisting they receive the information from the governmental entity and that those residential homes on 4th Street be listed as commercial property and are being denied digital converter coupons.

Trustee Homan stated that it is now Girl Scout cookie time and it is a great activity for the girls. She asked that they be supported.

Trustee McDonough asked that the Village convey to Lisa Manwill with Bernalillo County the Village's appreciation for the sewer project and how smoothly it went.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

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



Spelling Bee Winners

On January 6th, Cottonwood Classical School began a series of spelling bees, covering several grades. These competitions start the process of determining the best spellers at every level: local, state, and, finally, national, with the best spellers in the country meeting in a nationally televised competition. The three students pictured here are the winners of the first spelling bee: from the left, they are: Gabrielle Harger, second place; Sylvie Tran, first place; and Matthew Crepeau, third place. We'll keep an eye out to watch these students' progress toward national fame!



Comedy Classic Arsenic and Old Lace at the Adobe

by Phil Bock

One of the most popular plays (and films) of all time, "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring, comes to the ADOBE Theater, opening on Feb. 20th for four weekends. Even if you think you remember this play from years ago, you will be surprised and delighted by its suspense, humor, and unexpected plot twists.

Yes, the two old ladies (played by

Jane Hoffman and Marie Benoit) are still sending lonely old men to their rest, and their daffy brother Teddy (David Nava) is still digging Panama Canal "locks" in the basement for the bodies; but do you recall the dangerous Jonathan (Rick Wiles) or the initially innocent nephew, Mortimer (Matt Heath)? Or any of the other men who sample the ladies' elderberry wine?

Joann Danella is one of the Adobe's most experienced directors, and she

has chosen an ideal cast to revitalize this classic comedy.

Make your reservations soon for this play that has been a "smash hit" across the country and abroad. "Arsenic and Old Lace" opens on Feb. 20th, and plays through March 15th, with performances on Friday and Saturday at 8:00, and Sunday at 2:00. Tickets are now \$14, students and seniors \$12. Call 898-9222 on weekdays.

If you missed Phil Bock's delightful little musical, "Love in the Bosque" last year, you will be happy to hear that there will be two more performances in February at the Open Space Center on Coors NW.

The date is Valentine's Day, February 14th, and performances will take place at 1:30 and 3:00 PM. The Open Space Center is located at 6500 Coors NW, just one mile south of Paseo on the east side of Coors.





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For Valentine's, Some Sweets for the Sweeties

by Randy Shamlan

The one thing in the world that would satisfy my grandmother was a box of Godiva chocolates come every Valentine's Day. My grandfather would quip, "Sweets for the sweeties" in his Popeye-like manner, as she would indulge in those refined confections.

Some years later, after I was left with fond memories of my grandparents, I was invited to participate in a dessert pairing with Jed Steele Winery, a highly celebrated Napa Valley wine maker. Jed Steele offered up a Zinfandel Port, which was extremely special for its deep blackberry and chocolate flavors, with hints of cinnamon, a tinge of juniper pepper, and a fluttering of roasted hazelnuts.

This was a moment in time for me, which comes rare in a pastry chef's career. Inspired by the occasion and one incredible Zinfandel Port wine, I set out on a journey to create a dessert that had to compliment and have equal standing with the wine. As a result of having to work with such a refined wine, as well as a winemaker, my task was relatively easy. I poached some D'Anjou pears in the Zinfandel Port with spices, then filled the pears with chocolate hazelnut mousse, and then dipped the pears in bittersweet chocolate. The pears were set atop a blackberry compote and served with a reduction of the poaching liquid, and, of course, the wine.

I developed the following recipe, which has a bit of resemblance to the Jed Steele pairing, yet a little more simplified. I hope that you can enjoy some "sweets for the sweeties" as you celebrate Valentines Day with those whom you care about most.

- Poached Pears (Serves 4)**
2 D'Anjou pears
3 cups Zinfandel port wine
1 cinnamon stick
3 black peppercorns
3 juniper berries
1 star anise
2 whole cloves
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/4 cup sugar

Peel, split in half and core pears. Place all ingredients in

a non-reactive medium pan, cover and simmer on low for 12 - 15 minutes till pears are tender (to test: run a pairing knife through pears). Remove from liquid, cool, and then marinate pears in poaching liquid for 2 days in refrigerator.

Nutella Whipped Cream

- 4 oz Nutella*
- 8 oz whipping cream
- 2 Tbl sugar
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

*Nutella is a chocolate hazelnut cream that can be found at The Fruit Basket and specialty food stores.

Place Nutella, whipping cream, sugar and vanilla extract into a chilled bowl. Whip on medium-high to medium stiff peaks.

Blackberry Compote

- 1/2 pint fresh blackberries - rinsed
- 2 Tbl pear poaching liquid
- 2 Tbl sugar

Add all ingredients and let macerate for 15 minutes.

Chocolate Hazelnut Bark

- 6 oz semi-sweet chocolate - chopped
- 1/2 cup toasted ground hazelnuts

Melt chocolate and stir in hazelnuts. Spread thinly on cookie sheet. Chill until firm. Break into pieces.

To serve: Spoon equal amounts of blackberry compote onto serving plate. Slice pear halves on a bias and fan out over compote. Dollop some Nutella whipped cream onto plate and then place a piece of bark into cream. Dust with confectioner's sugar and finish with a mint leaf. Serve with Zinfandel Port wine.

Randy Shamlan is the author of A Slice of Apple Pie and contributor to Edible Santa Fe, and screenwriter.

He's also at the Growers' Market with fresh fruit pies and other baked goods.

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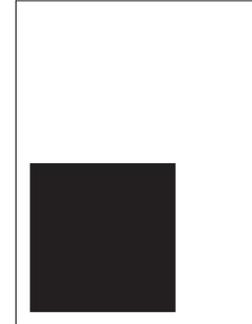
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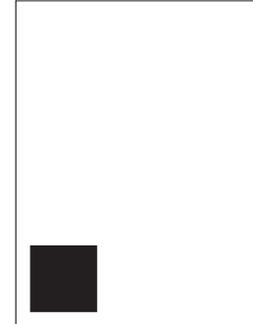
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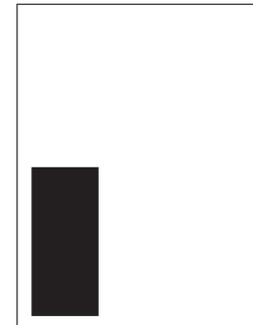
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Fowl Play: Guinea Fowls in Los Ranchos

by Wynette Smith

Wow, what is that? Are they turkeys? These are the questions asked by my niece as she saw the guineas for the first time when I stopped the car so they could cross the road. She loved that they could roam freely in our community. Many times I have had visitors who saw the guineas and were wowed by them.

We have many joys that come from living in Los Ranchos and the guinea fowl are one of them. I love watching them as they graze and travel. Most of our residents are very accommodating to them as they cross the roads. However, I have observed speeders flying down Guadalupe Trail, not caring that the guineas are crossing, leaving an injured and dying guinea behind, lying by the side of the road. These fowls have natural predators such as raccoons, skunks, coyotes, and

roadrunners which also inhabit our village. Their existence is a daily joy to so many of the residents of the Village of Los Ranchos. That is why there are residents who put food out for them in order to ease the severity of their existence.

The Guinea Fowl we have free-ranging in our Village are called Helmeted Guinea Fowl. Originally from Africa, the guinea fowl are related to pheasants, turkeys, and other such game birds. They are raised primarily to free range because of their eating habits. Ninety percent of their diet consists of insects and weed seeds. In the areas of the United States where Lyme disease is prevalent, they are used to keep down the population of the deer ticks that carry the disease. Their eggs are all right for humans to consume, but it takes two of their eggs to equal one of a large chicken. Gardeners love them because they keep the insects and weeds

down. They will not destroy a garden, as will a regular chicken.

These fowl mate for life, so if a mate is killed, the surviving fowl will remain alone for the rest of its life. The new chicks are called keets, and their survival rate is very low. This year I have observed only one surviving keet, who is now half grown. When nesting, more than one hen may lay eggs in the same nest. They generally lay one egg a day. After twenty to thirty eggs are in the nest, a hen will go "broody" and lay on the nest. The keets need to be kept at about a 90+ degree temperature until they get feathers. Getting wet is one of the biggest killers of keets.

If you see a flock of guineas entering your yard, be assured that they will benefit your garden and entertain you at the same time. Enjoy the wonders of guineas along with many other wonders of nature we have here in the Village of Los Ranchos!



Area I&J Construction

Area I&J Sewer Projects Enters Final Stage

by Lisa Manwill

The Area I & J Sewer Project is almost complete! The installation of all underground sewer and water is finished, and all roads have been resurfaced or repaved. The County still needs to install the electrical control panels in each of the four sewer lift stations. As of the writing of this update, it is anticipated that the panels will arrive mid January 2009, and installation will be complete the second week of February 2009. After the installation of the control panels, it will take several weeks to start the system up and obtain acceptance from the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County

Water Utility Authority.

The County anticipates hook ups to be allowed in late February 2009. If you have questions or require further information, please contact

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 j 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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