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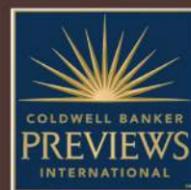
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Mayor's Report



Los Ranchos Purchases Anderson Winery

by Larry Abraham

Congratulations, Los Ranchos! After nearly four years of negotiation, the Anderson Winery property, more commonly referred to as the Buffalo Curve, is now officially owned by the Village of Los Ranchos. The purchase includes nineteen acres of property as well as the 11,000 square foot building that housed the Anderson Winery. The Village has an option to buy an additional four acres just northeast of the winery building.

There are many people to thank for this purchase. First and foremost, you, the residents of the Village deserve a wholehearted "thank you". It was you who set the course for preservation of our rural agricultural roots, as well as the open space vistas, when you overwhelmingly passed the mill levy bond issue in 2007. Our thanks go to the Bernalillo County Commission and its Open Space Division, with special recognition to Commissioner Alan Armijo. With its assistance and support, the County contributed one million dollars from the County Open Space Fund. Also instrumental in this purchase were our state legislators, led by Senator Dede Feldman. Over the last couple of years, Senator Feldman secured legislative funding amounting to nearly \$600,000. We thank the Trust for Public Lands, who played an important role in helping gain support for our initial bond election, and who took the part of an intermediary between the Andersons and the Village, as well as helping secure \$150,000 from the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department.

This open space purchase may possibly be the most important acquisition in

our Village's history. It is unquestionably a crown jewel piece of property along the Rio Grande Corridor. It also borders the 130 acres of open space to the east, of which, 90 acres are in the Village. The purchase provides for much needed access from Rio Grande Boulevard for all to enjoy the open space and adjacent trails. Coupled with the reestablishment of the 280' setback, it ensures that the Rio Grande corridor will be permanently protected for all of our children and grandchildren to enjoy. It further solidifies Los Ranchos' place as a regional treasure and destination.

Over the last three years, we have purchased 42 acres of land for the purpose of open space preservation. With the help of Governor Richardson, the Village purchased 22 acres just north of Paseo del Norte. We also purchased one acre of open space on the NW corner of Edgewood and Osuna Road. We have cleared the buildings there, and we will soon begin to improve this piece of property as a gateway park entrance to the Village. The Anderson purchase brings the total to 42 acres. I remain as committed to the preservation of open space and our agricultural heritage today as I was six years ago when I first ran for Mayor. This will continue to be a top priority in the coming years as we work to raise the funds to exercise our option for the

additional four acres of land at the winery. Our newest legislator, Bill O'Neill, has already started the ball rolling with a \$100,000 appropriation in the 2009 Legislative Session.

Once again, I want to thank everyone involved in these open space acquisitions. Without the help and support of our residents, and especially our Trustees, these priceless purchases would not have been possible.

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To celebrate our 50th Year Anniversary and the purchase of this magnificent piece of property, I would like to have an open house at the winery during the Lavender Festival, July 11th and 12th. In conjunction with the open house, we are also considering an exhibit of Village artists. I invite interested artists of the Village to contact Village Hall to help us assess the feasibility of this idea. I think this would be an ideal venue for not only the Guadalupe Artists, but all of our artists to have a Village-wide art showing that could be attended by as many as 15,000 visitors to the Lavender Festival.

April

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Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

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

Last Winter Markets

May 2nd, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Market Regular Season begins

May 9th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

May 16th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Old Vehicle Show

Tailgating Griller

Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

Guest Chef: Kenny the Fishhugger

May 23rd, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

May 30th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Celebrate our Village Dogs at the Market Dog Event!

June 6th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

June 13th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

June 20th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Health and Fitness Fair

Fire Department Breakfast

June 27th, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Village At-a-Glance

Lavender

Lavender in the Village this year will be held on July 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Attention All Artists! Village-wide Art Exhibit

If you are an artist in the Village and would like to participate in a 50th Anniversary Art Exhibition at the Anderson Winery during the Lavender Festival, please contact Rosemary Hall at 344-6582 or email her at rhall@losranchosnm.gov.

Do you have a piece of Village History you would like to share?

We are gathering items to display in Village Hall during Lavender in the Village. If you have an old photo or piece of history that you would like to display in Village Hall, please call Annabelle @ 344-6582 or email her at asilvas@losranchosnm.gov.

Facebook: "What's Happening in Los Ranchos?"

Los Ranchos is going Facebook. Trying to take advantage of technology and social networking, Los Ranchos has a Facebook page called "What's Happening in Los Ranchos?" We will try to give weekly updates about what is happening in the Village, as well as road closures, fire danger, upcoming Market events, Easter Egg Hunts, and anything else we feel our residents may want to know. Our goal is 500 members!

Los Ranchos Chamber of Commerce

We are in the process of working with our four bank managers and other key business leaders to reorganize the Chamber of Commerce. To jumpstart the Chamber, all of our business and home occupation licensees will be automatic members of the Chamber. With our present economy, the synergy of all of our businesses working toward a common goal will help their survival in these uncertain economic times.

Market Dates and Lavender

Lavender in the Village this year will be held on July 10th, 11th and 12th. The Growers' Market begins its 17th season on May 2nd and runs through mid-November.

Patio Opens at Corner Cafe

On April 20th, Aaron will open his patio for outdoor dining and Thursday and Friday evening music. (Assuming, that is, that the weather warms up!) Note that the Corner Café is now open for dinner until 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday, and closed Saturday evening and all day on Sunday.

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ADVERTISING

The deadline for the next issue is printed in the Calendar on page 2 of each issue. Advertisements must be paid at Village Hall before each deadline, and submitted to the Coordinator. (see above)

Page Remick Can "Design and Organize" Any Workspace

The name of the business is DO. That stands for 'Design and Organize'. It's what Villager Page Remick does, and very well, too, from the look of her sleek but comfortable home. In fact, she can concentrate her talent on more than just homes; Page works on offices, restaurants, shops - anywhere she is needed to bring order and harmony to a space. Even for those folks who work from their cars (I know some real estate agents who should be reading this!), she specifically mentioned that she can work her magic there, too!

We're living in a time when many people might not want to spend a lot of money on redecorating their home, and if that is your case, Page Remick may have a very practical answer. She enjoys working with the furniture, pictures, and 'stuff' we all accumulate over the years, and reworking their placement in your home for a whole new look. She can help you sort out the things that are really important, or with which you just cannot part. She will use these objects in different settings, add a pillow or a picture, or a

plant, and suddenly your room looks brand new. Or you may need an extra chair, or a different table; Page can help with that, too.

Page loves her work! As we talked, her enthusiasm showed for what she does. She told me that she loves to see the "Aha!" moment when a client suddenly sees a room redone. And she holds to the theory that 'simple and logical' works. This carries over to a job that involves an office or a shop, and she'll even organize your computer! She enjoys placing objects where they are used. Why walk across the room for an item, when it can be tucked into a spot within reach. In a shop, like objects should be placed together to lead an interested buyer to just the right purchase. Sometimes, this is just a matter of tweaking a few things; sometimes it only takes an objective eye to see the solution to a problem.

Redesign has an advantage: it's done with your things in your style. The point is to see that you feel comfortable in your home or your office. And Page's services are entirely reasonable:



Remick

a one hour initial consultation costs \$75.00. Thereafter, she charges \$40.00 per hour to complete a job.

Page can be reached at 344.2697, or you can email her at topage@hotmail.com

You might consider her motto for DO: Yoda said it: "Do or do not; there is no try!"

Behjat Shirazi Now Providing a Variety of Therapy Services

I recently spent a fascinating morning with Behjat Shirazi in her office in the Fourth Street Wellness Center. A native Iranian, Behjat came to this country at the age of seventeen, while still in high school. Not long after earning an MA in Counseling Education from Cal State San Bernardino in 1976, she accepted a position as Guidance Counselor at the Albuquerque Indian School. She continued her career in Counseling as a Therapist and Direct Service Coordinator at the Shelter for Battered Women.

Since 1995, Behjat has been licensed with the State of NM as Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. She has maintained a small private Practice working with families, couples, children and adolescents. She is a provider for all the major health networks, including Medicaid. Concurrently, since 1995, she has worked with the Albuquerque Public Schools as Professional School Guidance Counselor with three

elementary schools.

Currently, Behjat maintains a position of Family Therapist with Albuquerque Public Schools, serving eleven schools. Behjat works with children older than ten, and with younger children within their families. In her private practice, which counts for about half of her work, she provides relationship counseling, individual and family work, and sees same-gender parents.

As an Iranian immigrant, Behjat is bilingual in English and Farsi, and is highly skilled in working with diverse and multicultural populations. She uses an array of therapeutic methods, choosing the modality that will best meet the needs of her clients. She says that her primary concern is to meet the cultural and unique needs of individuals and families in her practice. Behjat has flexible hours and accepts insurance as well as cash imbursements. She will negotiate sliding scale fee when needed.



Shirazi

We welcome Behjat to the Village! If you have need of these services, her office is located in the Fourth Street Wellness Center, 7013 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos 87107. You may call her at 505.263.0821, or email her at saaron_7@msn.com.

Blending Tradition and Innovation at Rio Grande Community Farm

Rio Grande Community Farm (RGCF) continues to blend tradition and innovation with two new projects – and several continuing ones – as the new season begins. Located in the Los Poblanos Open Space at the south end of the Village, RGCF is a non-profit,

membership organization. The Farm manages about 50 acres of the Open Space by growing certified organic crops for both people and wildlife.

Food from the Farm goes to students in APS, La Montanita Co-op, and other local outlets as well as the Los Ranchos Growers' Market and local food banks. The annual Maize Maze provides great family entertainment every September and October, and food for cranes, geese and other wildlife each winter. The Community Garden has over 100 rows where people grow their own food. School and community groups visit the Farm for educational activities and service projects. Scores of people walk the Farm every day to enjoy the beauty and tranquility of nature. We invite you to join them and visit the Farm!

This year, the Farm has two new projects that will blend tradition and innovation to increase productivity and bring back an historic crop. The first project is a subsurface drip system. This will allow us to grow more food using less water, and to share what we

learn with other small farms. Located in the northwest field, this system will use both ditch and well water and will enable us to grow year round.

The second project will grow certified organic cereal grains in the northeast field. Grain used to be grown throughout the Rio Grande valley, keeping four mills in operation. There is now only one part-time mill left. The Rio Grande Valley Farmers' Guild will farm the grain field, and has purchased the first combine seen in the valley in recent memory to bring in the harvest.

RGCF relies on community supporters and Farm members to be able to offer all our programs. The Village of Los Ranchos and its citizens have provided essential support for the Farm from the beginning. Thank you!

Please visit our website at www.riograndefarm.org or call the office at 345-4580 for more information about the Farm or to become a member. Please look at our "Wish List" and call 345-4580 if you can help us with a donation. Thank you for your support!

Rio Grande Community Farm Wish List

For the Community Garden

- 2 medium-sized stock tanks
- Landscape cloth and pins
- Row cover and hoops
- Donations for educational programs

For the Farm

- Delivery van
- Golf cart or ATV
- Sturdy wheelbarrow or garden cart
- Donations for the sub-surface drip project
- Donations for wildlife habitat

Call 345-4580 to donate
Thank You!

Let's Meet at the Market!

Mark your calendar!
Saturday, May 2nd,
is opening day for
The Los Ranchos Growers' Market.
7:00 to 11:00 AM

Special May Events
May 16th, it's Old Vehicle Day, with Model As and other special cars, plus a guest chef, and LRFD's Pancake Breakfast

May 30th, we bring you our new "Canine Celebration," with everything for the dog lover plus obedience and agility demonstrations, and a pet photographer, too.

Join friends and Villagers to Meet, Greet, and Eat at the Market!

NEW MEXICO FARMERS' MARKETS



The 17th Growers' Market Season Begins May 2nd

by Sue Brawley

Growers' Market Season Begins on Saturday, May 2nd:

Market starts its 17th season on Saturday, May 2nd, from 7 – 11 am! Please note that we start at 7:00 am. The Market season runs for 28 weeks, every Saturday, from May through mid-November. Market tables will have an assortment of lettuces, greens such as arugula, chard, kale and sorrel, green onions, rhubarb, eggs, honey, salmon, beef, pasta, goat cheese, and breads.

This is a great time to pick up locally grown bedding plants (flowers, veggies, and herbs) and seasonal color spots. Toward the end of May, fresh peas – snow, shelling, and edible pod – will be available.

See pages 22 and 23 for more information on the the new season and its special events.

Health & Fitness Fair June 20th:

The Growers' Market will feature a Health & Fitness Fair on Sat. June 20 from 7 – 11 a.m. In addition to „Ask the Expert“ presentations, and a dietician providing great recipes and samples of easy, healthy dishes, we would like to spotlight local businesses in the health and fitness fields. If you would like to participate in the fair, please call Sue at 890-2799, or send an email to: sue@brawleyandcompany.com.

Recycling @ Market:

The Growers' Market will have new recycling bins for plastic and aluminum containers. Help us be greener and use the recycle containers instead of the garbage bins. We'll also have a bin for paper and plastic bag exchange – bring some to share or take some if you need bags.

Eat Locally Grown Food / "Recession Gardening"

How much fossil fuel is embedded in the food you eat? Eating locally produced food helps cut fuel and energy use. Complement the food that you buy at the Market with a small back yard garden. May is a great time to plant tomatoes, peppers, basil and other herbs, green beans, cucumbers, and other tasty vegetables.

Plant a little extra and bring it to Market! Whether you have a basket of peaches or several heads of lettuce, the Growers' Market encourages "backyard growers" to sell at the Market. If you would like to sell at the Market on an occasional or regular basis, call Sue at 890-2799, or send an email to: sue@brawleyandcompany.com.

MRGCD Election June 2nd:

There are two Bernalillo County representative places on the MRGCD board up for election this year. Watch for information regarding a candidate forum, and don't forget to vote on June 2nd!



Destination Los Ranchos

New, Streamlined Menu at Calico Cantina and Cafe

Spring is here, bringing welcome changes to the New Mexico landscape. And spring is bringing exciting changes to The Village Shops at Los Ranchos, too! The Calico Cantina and Café, as well as Vernon's Hidden Valley Steak House, are now under new ownership. Mike and Kim Baird have acquired the restaurants, formerly owned by Vernon and Angel Garcia. The Garcias, who built these two wonderful restaurants, found it necessary to retire due to health issues, and the Bairds will be building on what Vernon and Angel created.

First of all, let me say that Vernon's will not change, except for a few innovative details to come. (You'll soon see!) The highly successful menu and speakeasy atmosphere will remain, and Vernon's Hidden Valley Steak House will still welcome enthusiastic diners on Thursday through Sunday evenings. The wine dinners will continue. Why meddle with success!

The Cantina, on the other hand, will see a few changes and upgrades. Mike Baird is proposing to build a cover over the entire patio area, thus shading all lunchers from the sun. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 AM on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with lunch and dinner served seven days.

There will be music: light at lunch, and a variety on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. The patio, and, of course, the bar will be available for a drink and a plate of 'barritos': bar-sized plates of nachos, and creative snacks. And you will be welcome for a late-night drink, too!

The Calico menu will emphasize some lighter meals, with smaller lunch portions, perhaps a variety of omelets, new salads, and chicken, fish, and steak tacos; in all, diners will be offered a newer, more streamlined menu, which, as Mike



described it, sounded thoroughly appetizing! And if you're looking for a spot to hold an early breakfast meeting, the Cantina can be available on mornings when the regular breakfast is not served. By all means, call to inquire.

Calico Cantina and Café, as well as Vernon's, have new websites, where guests will be able to find details of special events and menus: www.calicocantina.com and www.the-hiddensteakhouse.com. On the latter site, you'll be able to check on upcoming wine dinners at Vernon's. There could be one in May - the date is not yet decided.

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On Patrol

Spring Activity Heightens Importance of Safe Driving

by Sgt. Jason Lazo,
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Greetings,

Spring is here and the weather is on track to be most favorable for getting people out of the house. This is the time of the year when we see pedestrian traffic significantly increase in and around our beautiful Village. People walking, jogging, exercising pets (which should be on a leash!), and, of course, those riding bicycles which I expect will be plentiful now that we have designated

bike lanes along Rio Grande. Additionally, with more and more businesses opening up in the Village, we can expect to see the Fourth Street corridor get even busier than it already is with both vehicle traffic and those walking to and from the businesses.

With the increase in people out and about, it is more important than ever that drivers slow down, obey the 25mph and 35mph speed limits, come to complete stops at stop signs, and allow ample space while passing pedestrians.

While the police can't be all places at all times, we will be out and about enforcing the traffic laws, and ensuring all who partake in what the Village has to offer have a safe, enjoyable, experience. If you see an area that needs some "special" attention, please don't hesitate to let me know, and I will do all that I can to address the matter.

As always, stay safe and don't forget that it takes all of us working together to keep our streets, neighborhoods, and community among the safest places around.



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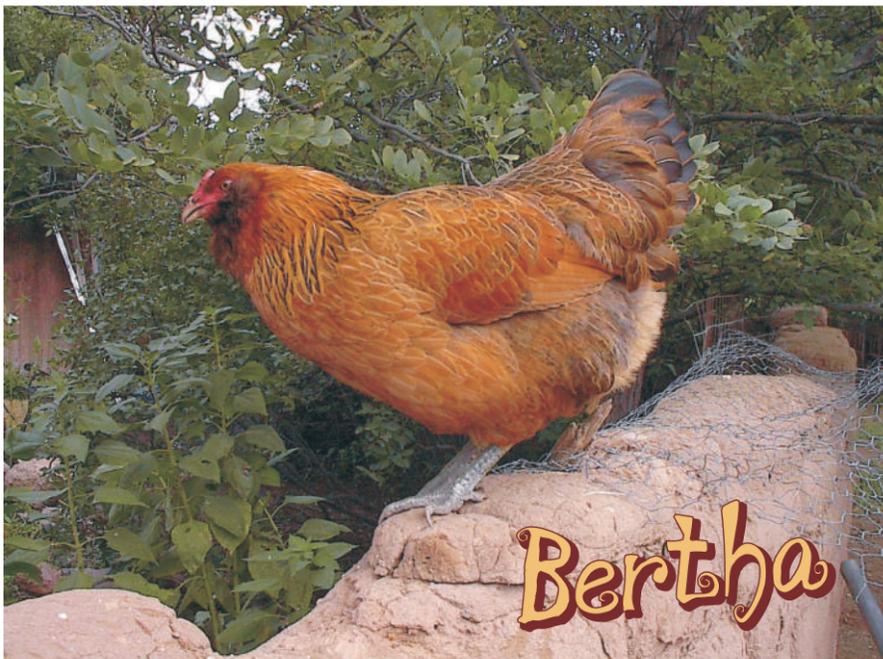
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Festivities Return with the 2nd Annual Lavender in the Village Barn Dance

by Julie Johns

We are thrilled to announce the 2nd Annual Lavender in the Village Barn Dance, being held on Friday, July 10th from 6:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. This year we have room for 400 guests and tickets are \$75 each. Michael Hearn and South by Southwest were such a huge hit last year that we have invited them back for an encore and we couldn't be more excited. There will be a live auction and the chance for preview shopping from the Lavender vendors.

Get your tickets early. Last year was a sell out and we anticipate the same this year. What a great time to catch up with old friends and meet new neighbors. Look for the one page cut-out in this Village Vision, on page 35, to order your tickets. See you at the Barn!

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Chief's Corner



Los Ranchos Firefighters Lose Their Hair but Gain Against Childhood Cancer in St. Baldrick's Event

by Chief Greg Perez



On March 15th, six Los Ranchos Fire Fighters lost their hair for a great cause. "St. Baldrick's is the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising event for childhood cancer research. Thousands of volunteers shave their heads in solidarity of children with cancer, while requesting donations of support from friends and family" (stbaldrick.org).

"At a St. Baldrick's event, something amazing happens. People who normally shy away from the very thought of childhood cancer find themselves compelled to support this cause after looking into the faces of these brave children, who are smiling broadly as their friends and family members proudly display their newly shaved heads" (stbaldrick.org).

The team from Los Ranchos along with six members of the Sandoval County Fire Department, raised \$2,000.00 to help in the fight against childhood cancer. If you are interested in making a donation to this great cause, you can do so by visiting www.stbaldricks.org, selecting the "find a participant" tab, select "find a team," and enter LRFD. This will direct you to our team site.

Thank you to all who contributed. Your support will be invaluable. I also want to personally thank the members of my department for participating in this event and representing the Village of Los Ranchos in the fight against this devastating disease: Joe Martin, Daniel Lopez, Steve Owensby, Justin Tibbetts, and Ivan Lawit. The Los Ranchos Fire Department always seeks ways to give back to the community, and the above members continued that tradition.

Participating in the St. Baldrick's Event were firefighters Joe Martin, Daniel Lopez, Steve Owensby, Justin Tibbetts, and Ivan Lawit.



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Birds of a Feather

Gardening for the Birds, Bees, and Butterflies

by Roberta Beyer

Gardening to attract birds, bees and butterflies is fun and easy. Besides creating a beautiful oasis for yourself, you will be helping not only birds, but other vitally important pollinators whose habitats are at risk due to development, pollution and pesticides. You'll also get a larger variety of birds. Most of the world's plant life (and one-third of our food supply) could not exist without pollinators, so everything we can do to help them is crucial. Their needs are no different than ours: food, water, and shelter.

An appealing habitat will have a wide assortment of plants. A yard dominated by a grass lawn does not attract as many birds and other wildlife as one filled with an assortment of flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Use native plants.

Nothing beats native vegetation for feeding area wildlife. Choose plants rich in nectar and pollen like wildflowers and old-fashioned varieties of flowers. Hummingbirds love bright, tubular flowers, many of which do not require much water. Trumpet vine, salvias, sages, penstemons, hyssop, and Texas red yucca are just a few such plants. (As you can see from the photo above, other birds also like these tubular blossoms.) Native plants are superior to exotics, as Clyde Tingley inadvertently taught us in the 1930's with his Chinese Elms. A succession of blooming annuals, perennials and shrubs guarantees nectar and pollen throughout the growing season. Plant extra parsley and dill for butterfly larvae to feed on. Lavender is beloved by butterflies. Goldfinches flock to



sunflowers. Fruiting plants will attract many varieties of birds.

Pollinators will come to large or small gardens and patios. Even a window box or hanging planter will attract butterflies and bees.

2. Go organic.

Most pesticides are toxic to bees and wildlife. An estimated seven million birds a year die from exposure to lawn pesticides. Poison is unnecessary to protect your garden from insects and diseases. Poisons may eliminate one problem, but create more by killing beneficial organisms. You'll disrupt your garden's ecosystem while exposing yourself and your pets to the toxins.

By adding plants that attract beneficial insects, you can work with nature to control pests and diseases. If you do choose pesticides, apply them carefully and selectively, insuring they have no way to reach ground water or

escape from your property. Do not use pesticides on open blossoms or when bees or other pollinators are present.

Creating a beautiful oasis for yourself will be helping not only birds, but other vitally important pollinators.

3. Provide shelter.

Birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators need shelter to rear their young,

safe from predators and the weather. In addition to healthy trees, consider leaving dead trees standing. Unless it is diseased, dangerous or unsightly, a dead tree provides a great wildlife



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habitat. It also makes for easier bird-watching. An oriole or tanager visiting your yard will be much easier to spot in a dead tree than in one with dense foliage. An Oriole feeder with grape jelly, hung in a dead tree, assures you of Orioles. Brush piles also provide great bird habitat.

4. Banish the gas-powered lawn equipment.

Atmospheric and environmental scientists report that flowers' scents are being destroyed. The cause? Air pollution. Flowers produce scent molecules that travel easily in the air, but pollutants break apart the molecules, destroying their smell. Bees depend on this fragrance to locate food. One single leaf blower produces more air pollution in a year than 80 cars---and makes more noise. Get rid of the gas-powered lawn mower, the leaf blower and the edger. There are plenty of environmentally friendly alternatives to these obnoxious tools. Your neighbors will be happy with the silence, too. The Village is noisy enough as it is!

5. Provide water.

Water is the single greatest attractor for birds and other garden wildlife. Include birdbaths in your garden and keep the water fresh. Adding a dripper, water wiggler, or mist sprayer to your birdbaths helps too; birds see moving water from far away and mosquitos don't lay eggs in moving water.

6. Be a lazy gardener.

At the end of the gardening season, leave seed heads on plants. Birds will eat seeds from plants throughout the fall and winter. Instead of raking up all the leaves in your garden (no leafblowers!), leave some in piles; insects will come and birds will find them.

We humans have destroyed a lot of wildlife habitat with our buildings, parking lots, lawns, and gas-guzzling cars. By creating a garden habitat with wildlife in mind, you'll help minimize our impact, and get the bonus of beauty on the wing in your backyard.

Roberta Beyer is the owner of The Fat Finch located at 7528 - 4th St NW and on the web at www.fatfinch.com and www.fatfinch.wordpress.com

Click! Photography Gallery Calling Los Ranchos Home

by Lori Barrett

The Click! Photography Gallery opened in February at 7103 4th St., Bldg M, where Sky Dog the Art Space is also located. Kim Ashley, a New Mexico-based photographer specializing in images of the American Southwest, is the owner. As an outdoor photographer, he is inspired by the region's magnificent landscapes and its rich, multicultural traditions. His mission is to capture iconic images of the land, its people, and its history.

In 2008, Kim published a unique travel and photo book titled Photographing Albuquerque. He also has a portrait exhibit at the Governor's Gallery in Santa Fe, commissioned by Futures for Children, and most recently was a photo competition winner in New Mexico Magazine in February, 2009.

"I founded the gallery to celebrate my love for photography, and to pay tribute to fellow photographers who are inspired by the many wonders of

the American Southwest", Kim says.

One of the missions of the gallery is to provide a venue for contemporary fine art photographers. He has already presented several shows featuring guest artists who share the same inspiration.

Robert Medina Cook is also participating as a founding member of the gallery. Robert is an award-winning photographer and native New Mexican, who specializes in images of his beloved New Mexico.

Featured in several publications, including New Mexico Magazine, Five Magazine, and the European publication, Photo Magazine, his Limited Edition prints can be found in private, corporate, and museum collections throughout the United States and abroad, including the permanent collection of the Smithsonian Hubbard Museum of the American West.

In addition to the gallery and guest photographer shows, Click! Photography Gallery, in partnership with Sky Dog the Art Space, will be holding



Kim Ashley (left), Robert Medina Cook

photography workshops. Please visit skydogart.com and click on "Workshops" for dates and information.

You can reach Click! Photography Gallery at 307-1808, kim@kimashley-photos.com, or see www.skydogart.com for gallery hours and show dates.

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Easy Tips for Healthy Eating

by Rachel Mittleman

Food is an important part of our life. One way to enjoy the foods we love, but not end up with extra pounds, is to watch our portion sizes.

When eating in: To minimize the temptation of second and third helpings when eating at home, serve the food on individual plates, instead of putting the serving dishes on the table.

When eating out: Many restaurants serve more food than one person needs at one meal. Take control of the amount of food that ends up on your plate by splitting an entrée with a friend, or take half to go.

In front of the TV: When eating or snacking in front of the TV, put the amount that you plan to eat into a bowl instead of eating straight from the package. It's easy to overeat when your attention is focused on something else.

Go ahead, spoil your dinner! We learned as children not to snack before a meal for fear of "spoiling our dinner." Well, it's time to forget that old rule. If you feel hungry between meals, eat a healthy snack, like a piece of fruit or cut up vegetables, to avoid overeating during your next meal.

Out of sight, out of mind. Replace the candy dish with a fruit bowl. Store especially tempting foods, like cookies, chips, or ice cream, on a high shelf or at the back of the freezer. Move the healthier food to the front at eye level.

Research has shown that Americans often underestimate the number of calories they are consuming each day by as much as 25%.

One other tidbit to consider: A cheeseburger 20 years ago contained 333 calories. Today, a typical cheeseburger has 590 calories.

All information from the CDC Healthy Eating Website. Check it out!

Rachel will be writing for the Village Vision on a quarterly basis. You can check out monthly health tips at her website: www.globalmotionfitness.com. She will also make occasional appearances at the Growers' Market.

Navigating the Massive World of Pet Food Choices

by Stephanie Roe

So how did this whole pet food thing get started? Well, according to the Pet Food Institution, it was started in 1860 by a man named James Spratt. Spratt's "dog cake" consisted of wheat-meals, vegetables, beet root, and meat.

Obviously things have progressed in the pet food industry since Spratt's time. The modern pet food industry is a multi-million dollar commercial industry, with thousands of foods to choose from. Some good, some not so good, and it's left to us to try and navigate the pet food seas to find a food right for our pet. Here are some simple tips to follow:

Research has shown that corn, wheat, and soy beans are the top grains that can cause allergies in pets; they are not easily digested. Many pet food companies use these grains as a cheap way to boost protein percentages, in order to meet AAFCO standards. But pets have such a short intestinal tract, that these grains don't spend enough time in the body to be properly digested, and are virtually useless to the pet. So stay away from pet foods that contain these grains. Rice, oatmeal, and barley are safe grains you want to see listed in the ingredients.

Next, look out for "by-products". By-products in dog food is code for taking every part of the animal and processing it in the food, and I mean EVERYTHING: beaks, feet, even tumors, and the plastic bags the 'meat' comes in are tossed into the bin for processing, too. Look for meats you recognize! Meat meal is something you'll see listed as well. Meat meal is fine as long as the



Bow WoW Blues, on Rio Grande Blvd., sells holistic pet food.

meat source is defined. Meat meal simply means meat with the bone included. It's a great source of calcium for your pet.

Holistic pet foods are going to be your best and safest bet when it comes to feeding your pet. Healthier, high quality ingredients guarantee a happier and healthier pet. Nestled in the North Valley, and just south of the Village, you will find Bow Wow Blues, a pet store committed to helping you find healthy food for your pet. We carry the top holistic pet foods and also

offer free delivery. The knowledgeable staff can help you figure out what food is best for your pet.

Bow Wow Blues will be at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market's Canine Celebration, on Saturday, May 30th, from 7 to 11 AM, passing out FREE healthy holistic pet food samples. There are all sorts of fun events planned for the day! So drop by the Growers' Market with your dog and have some fun. Bow Wow Blues is located at 3854 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, 505-341-4484.

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Ditch Etiquette: What You Should Know About Irrigation

by Jim Roberts
Board Member for Bernalillo County

The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's irrigation season has begun, and our 1,200 miles of ditches on either side of the Rio Grande are running with water throughout Sandoval, Bernalillo, Valencia, and Socorro counties. The irrigation season lasts from March 1st through October 30th.

We irrigate about 70,000 acres of farmland and pasture in this 150-mile long strip of open space, and because of the water we convey and constantly re-use, the valley turns green in the spring and summer, and explodes with wild-life and recreational opportunities. We expect a full irrigation season this year, despite the drought. But in order to get that full season, the MRGCD needs the cooperation of every irrigator within its boundaries. That cooperation between irrigators and the District and between irrigators with each other is essential to having a full, successful irrigation season. As MRGCD Hydrologist David Gensler says, "Everybody needs to understand what everybody else is doing!"

So here are some ditch and water-use rules, ditch etiquette, if you will, that can help us all have a great season:

FIRST and foremost, every irrigator in the district is entitled to 36 inches, or three acre-feet of water per year per acre. No one should be using more. If you do use more, you wind up shorting your neighbor. Our ditch riders are able to accurately measure water flow. Ask them if you're unsure about how much water you're using.

TWO: Irrigation is now being done on a scheduling and rotation basis. It means that you will have a scheduled time when you can take water out of the ditches. That means you must stay in contact with your ditch riders, who are available on their cell phones from 7 AM to 8 PM throughout the irrigation season. If you can't get hold of your ditch rider, call the Albuquerque Division office. The ditch rider will set up the schedules. The scheduling system is necessary to conserve water. Not all ditches will be full of water at all times. There is a finite value to the water. You will not be able to get as much as you



want, whenever you want. You must adhere to your watering schedule.

THREE: Remember that water is delivered when it is available and that Indian lands under cultivation at the present time are considered to have the first right to water.

FOUR: There shall be no partiality shown in distribution of water regardless of personal feeling, race, creed, relationship, political, or social standing or previous grievances.

FIVE: Pay your water service fees and your MRGCD taxes. No water will be delivered to water users who are delinquent in the payment of Conservancy District assessments.

SIX: Make sure that your ditches are clear and weed free. This is because ditch riders are not required to deliver water to silt-laden and weed-clogged community ditches, field ditches, or laterals.

SEVEN: Understand how our system works. It was built in the 1930s to drain marshland, irrigate reclaimed farmland, and prevent flooding. It is a gravity fed system that does not require the use of pumps. There are four divisions in the District: Cochiti, Albuquerque, Belen, and Socorro. You are in the Albuquerque Division. Water is delivered to ditches at the upper end of each division and will be supplied progressively toward the lower end of the division. Irrigation will be completed in each area before transferring the water to another area. Irrigation

deliveries will be started at the upper end of each ditch, and each tract served by that ditch will be irrigated progressively downstream upon request from the water users. No deliveries will be made without the express permission of the ditch rider.

EIGHT: Don't build fences across MRGCD rights of way. Generally, the land on either side of our ditches is used for maintenance roads. That means you can't build fences across them. Fences, of course, would restrict our access to the ditches.

NINE: If you see anybody dumping trash near the ditches, try to get a license plate number. Dumping trash is illegal. If we can find out who the dumpers are, we can report them to the proper authorities and they can be ticketed and made to clean up their mess.

Remember, cooperate with each other, use only the amount of water to which you are entitled, and respect your neighbors and fellow irrigators.

The names and phone numbers of the Village ditch riders are:

Lawrence Otero: (505) 249.5205 (cell)
Mike Gonzalez: (505) 249.2654 (cell)

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Lending Hope to Small Businesses in Our Own Backyard



Lynn Trojahn grew up in the Village and moved back with her family 11 years ago. Lynn is the Vice President of Advancement for ACCION and is in charge of fundraising and public affairs for this nonprofit organization. Her daughter, Rachel, contributes articles to the Village Vision, writing about her family's ranch, the Salman Raspberry Ranch, and Village teenagers who are making a difference.

by Lynn and Rachel Trojahn

Founded in 1994, ACCION New Mexico • Arizona • Colorado (ACCION) is an award-winning nonprofit organization that has financed the start-up and/or growth of 2,430 businesses through 4,030 loans totaling more than \$24.9 million. ACCION serves entrepreneurs in 161 urban and rural New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado communities, in part through partnerships with local banks and organizations.

These are difficult times for many

small business owners. The economic future seems uncertain and entrepreneurs grapple with tough questions like whether now is the time to launch the business they have dreamed of owning, or to invest more in the small business they already own. As entrepreneurs face questions like these, one thing is certain; our communities have never had a greater need for the economic vitality generated by business ownership.

Small business owners, like Chef Aaron Worrell of the Village restaura-

rant, The Corner Café, are the backbone of our economy. Their efforts create income, jobs, assets, and innovation that enhance the vitality of our neighborhoods and create hope of a more secure economic future. When local small businesses succeed, our economy improves and our community thrives.

In times like these, entrepreneurs need the support of the community and capital to fund their businesses more than ever. Since 1994, ACCION New Mexico • Arizona • Colorado has provided small business loans and help to entrepreneurs. Without a doubt, this is the most important year in ACCION's 15-year history. The country is experiencing historic economic upheaval, and our clients are on the frontline of the economic recovery and renewal we need.

At ACCION we hear daily from small business owners who are determined to succeed despite the challenges their own personal circumstances or the greater economic climate may present. They are entrepreneurs from all walks of life, and from all corners of the state. Many of our clients, like Aaron Worrell, start out with a dream of business ownership, but without a lot of experience or training to help them through this journey. That's where ACCION comes in. Through Aaron's work with ACCION, he learned how to carefully manage his money to create a strong financial future.

For people who turn to entrepreneurship to support their dreams of financial self-sufficiency, like Aaron has done, ACCION is ready to lend hope. We have credit, training, and support to offer small businesses business owners with the heart and courage to generate new economic vitality.

During these rocky economic times, the impetus of ACCION's work has never been clearer: give committed entrepreneurs the tools to build small businesses so they can support their family/families, build assets, and create jobs.

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2009 Lavender Poster Artist Winner: Dee Sanchez

Dee Sanchez lives and works in the village of Alameda, New Mexico. She lives in the North Valley, surrounded by beautiful cottonwood trees and the Rio Grande River. She has been an artist ever since she could hold a pencil, and happily drew for her grandmother a recognizable chicken at the ripe old age of two! And if you've been enjoying the Village's Arts & Crafts Market for a few years, you might recognize Dee - she began her career there.

Dee paints in acrylic with loose, free-flowing brushwork, and uses industrial ink in her work. Her work is vibrant, and portrays a romantic image of New Mexico. Her subjects include wild chaotic masses of wildflower fields, old churches, and northern New Mexico villages. She is known for her bold paintings of sunflowers. Dee belongs to

the Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, the Rainbow Artists, and is a proud three-year member of Daily Painters, a group of over 150 artists who create and sell small 'daily' paintings, online, all over the world.

Dee Sanchez exhibits at Weems Galleries locally, and has paintings in private and corporate collections worldwide. She is currently working on a challenge for her June solo show for Weems Old Town gallery, entitled "150*": 150 paintings in 150 days for \$150.

Sanchez may be contacted, and more of her work may be viewed, at the following websites:

www.deesanchez.com
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“Let’s Meet at the Market!”: Grower’s Market 2009

“Let’s Meet at the Market!”

That’s our focus as the Los Ranchos Growers’ Market opens another season on Saturday, May 2nd. With Rio Grande finally paved and about finished (bike lanes will eventually be in place), visitors will find some upgrades and new events this season, including new bike racks, as requested by the increasing number of folks who choose to save gas and get their exercise by early morning bike rides to shop for their veggies and fruits.

If the spring weather doesn’t get in the way, there will be loads of the freshest greens to start with, and the early fruits will follow along soon. This year, Kenny the Fishhugger is back with salmon, as well as grass-fed New Mexico beef. He will be the featured chef on Saturday, May 16th. And someone new is joining the Market: Mike Minifie will be on hand with his fresh natural chicken. There’ll be honey, and goat cheese from South Mountain Dairy, and don’t forget the plants ready to go into your garden. In fact, there will be about everything you want to provide your family with healthy eating.

And we have a full schedule of special events planned. On May 16th, along with Kenny the Fishhugger as guest chef, will come the annual visit of the Poco Quatros Model As, and they’ll spread out on the grass this year, so you can

all get a good view of these fun cars. We hope to have at least one car from the Unser Racing Museum, and several cars from other antique car clubs, as well as a surprise or two. Don’t miss the pancakes by our LRFD!

On May 30th, we have something brand new for all you dog lovers! We’re calling this event our “Canine Celebration”, and it’s being coordinated by Panda, Ki, and Krista Robb (along with their owners, Jeff and Cathy). Obedience and Agility demonstrations will take place, along with lots more.

On June 20th, we’re celebrating Fathers’ Day with a Health Fair. Blood pressure readers, acupuncture and fitness demonstrations, everything for the good health of the man in your life. And the Los Ranchos Fire Department will hold another of its delicious pancake breakfasts!

July 11th and 12th brings Lavender in the Village. You’ll hear lots more about that! Remember, the Market sponsors four speakers on subjects associated with lavender, and opens on both days. Plus, on July 25th we’ll hold our annual Ice Cream and Fruit Special.

On August 15th we have Cooking in the Village, with our loyal and always remarkable Chef Jennifer James. We never know what Jen will prepare for us, but it’s always delicious, and comes with recipes and cooking tips from the Chef and

her associates. Not to be missed!

September 19th brings Beans, Corn, and Chile. We don’t know which chef will host this celebration, but there are several super professionals under consideration.

Balloon Fiesta takes up two weekends in October: Tailgating with Kenny on the 3rd, and National Herb Day on the 10th with guest chef, Mia Maes. Everyone’s favorite, Costume Day, arrives on the 24th, with face painting and clowns, when anyone, young or old or animal, can dress up as his imagination dictates.

On November 7th, we’ll show Seasonal Specialties, guest chef to be announced, to end the regular season. The winter Markets will follow on the second Saturday of each month.

Also still to be scheduled is an event starring the Village’s new 4-H Club. We hope to have these youngsters demonstrating their skills, and possibly some animals – maybe even miniature horses. Our Ask the Experts series will continue, bringing gardening tips, and, of course, we’ll have music every week.

And did I mention that the Arts and Crafts Market will be up and running for the whole season, and the Crafters are going to try something new with demonstrations of some of their various arts. You’ll see the old faces, and probably some new ones, showing needlework, spinning, origami, clay and pottery, paper cuts, and maybe more, so come on over for gifts, clothing, birdhouses, pottery, and all their great merchandise.

Any of these grab your interest? We’ve tried to find something for each and every one of you, and all set to music of different sorts. Remember, all this fun is just background for some of the very best and freshest produce you can buy anywhere, and that’s the whole purpose for the Market. “To Market, to Market, to buy a fat...” – well, you fill in the blank! Corn, salmon, peaches, greens... it’ll all be here waiting for you starting on Saturday, May 2nd, at 7:00 AM. Meet your friends, get a cup of coffee and a burrito or cinnamon roll from Geri, sit at a table (more this year!) under our new umbrellas (new this year!), and enjoy the wonderful New Mexico weather. We’ll all be here waiting with a cheery “Good morning!”



Roberts: A Good Year for the Conservancy District

by Jim Roberts
MRGCD

It has been an honor to serve all of you these past eight years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, and it has been a privilege to talk with you through the columns of this magazine.

As I look back over the past four years as an MRGCD board member, I take pride in some of the things that we have accomplished together. During that time, we reduced the property tax rate throughout the Conservancy District by nearly twenty-five percent. We've continued to improve our water conservation efforts, so that now the Conservancy District is the agency that other irrigation and flood control districts look to when they need to take up water-saving measures. We've strengthened our protection of the Bosque, so it remains the jewel of the Southwest and a haven for those looking to escape the hectic pace of urban life; continued work on saving endangered species; supported sustainable agriculture so that the Middle Rio Grande Valley remains true to its agricultural heritage; and we've worked to ensure that the Conservancy District itself is financially strong, stable, fiscally conservative, and capable of carrying out its mission of drainage, flood



Roberts

control, and irrigation.

What I'm proud of most, though, is the opportunity I've had to meet and chat with so many of you, either when you've had problems, or when you've had nice things to say about the Conservancy District. I have tried to return each phone call, email and letter I've received from you. If in the crush of daily business I've not returned a message, I'm sorry. Public service is about listening to the people who elected you to public office, and I have done my utmost to listen to all of you. I hope you know that you have always had an ear when it comes to me.

This past year has been good for the Conservancy District. We kept the tax rate at last year's level, even though we had an unexpected \$4 million expense that came from the need to rebuild a 3.2-mile-long section of levee in the South Valley.

We've had a very dry winter this year, so the need to conserve and schedule water delivery becomes more important than ever. There will be no shortage of water this year; however, the need to be responsible and eliminate waste ensures availability for 2010 as well.

The Conservancy Board has made a commitment to hire a liaison to work with individual neighborhoods on small projects to meet their specific needs and requests. Recreation is a wonderful by-product of our system and the Conservancy Board of Directors has made a commitment to work with all neighborhoods on a case by case basis.

Our audit this year might have been

the best the Conservancy has ever had. Problems from past year's audits were cleaned up and corrected, and there were no major problems in this year's analysis of our financial, management and operational structure.

We've started working with other governmental agencies to develop a plan to rebuild fifty miles of levees in the Albuquerque area. Those levees will not meet the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' new standards (upgraded after Hurricane Katrina), and they must be rebuilt so property owners in the Valley won't be forced to buy expensive flood insurance. In Albuquerque, we're working with the Corps on the Route 66 Bosque Revitalization project, which will create wetlands and other recreational enhancements in central Albuquerque. The Conservancy's board just dedicated a portion of the Bosque as the Aldo Leopold Forest, in honor of one of our nation's greatest conservationists, and the man who helped found the Conservancy District.

The Conservancy's elections will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd. Absentee and early voting will also be available beginning April 24th. Please visit our website at www.mrgcd.com for more information. Four board seats are up—two in Bernalillo County, and one each in Sandoval and Socorro counties.

I will be running again, and I hope for your support.

Thank you.

Jim Roberts has been a member of the MRGCD's Board of Directors for the past eight years.

North Valley Academy Strives for Broad Success

by Susan McConnell

North Valley Academy (NVA) is a free, public school with an enrollment of 430 students in grades Kindergarten through 8, with an additional 40 students in our PreK-4 year old program. NVA is a state authorized charter school that has been in existence since 2003. We are a year 'round school, operating on a trimester calendar.

Our school is centered around four areas of student development: Academics, Wellness, Nutrition, and Environment.

Academics are at the core of what we do. NVA offers all four core disciplines as well as Drama (music and dance), Physical Education, and Art. We have a 1st/2nd multi-age classroom and a 4th/5th multi-age classroom. Our middle level (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) students are grouped by gender in the four core classes. Roadrunner After-School Program operates as our extended care program. We also offer a Chess Club, several basketball teams, Spirit Squad, and tutorial services after school.

Wellness is promoted at NVA through a variety of means - faculty, administration, and students walk daily. Some students keep a personal health journal in which they record food, exercise, and growth, as well as fitness goals. We have a 100 and 200 mile club with tokens given to students for miles walked. NVA offers an indoor rock climbing wall, the Joy Jumpers jump-rope club, and 14 exercise stations located inside our walking track and playing field. We will soon have an outside climbing wall that is to be installed this summer.

Nutrition is a strong factor in our school environment. NVA serves lunch to approximately 300 students each day. We offer one entrée plus a 6 selection salad bar with fresh fruits and vegetables. Food is freshly prepared on site to include whole grain breads and cold milk. Students have access to three outdoor eating locations as well as the main cafeteria.

Environment includes good stewardship. NVA has 21 small (6'x 6') gardens that are maintained by individual classrooms. Students can grow



anything from flowers to vegetables to historically indigenous plants for spices, dyes, and other creative uses.

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as across Albuquerque and Rio Rancho.

Please visit our website at www.nvanm.org or stop by for a visit. Watch our calendar for community events - we'd love to have you as part of our North Valley Academy family.

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	Nuevo Hacienda NW	641357	\$199,000.00	0.218	VACANT LAND							Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
512	Green Valley Ct NW	643111	\$250,000.00	0.48	VACANT LAND							Kurstin Johnson	Vista Cantabria Realtors	897-1100
507	Marys Way NW	625184	\$270,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND							Rebecca Langton	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	344-4336
511	Marys Way NW	625182	\$280,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND							Rebecca Langton	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	344-4336
601	Tascosa NE	644880	\$298,000.00	0.808	VACANT LAND							Marty E Leatherberry	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
506	Roehl	625919	\$299,000.00	0.688	VACANT LAND							Gerri-Kay Sanchez	Infinity Real Estate	281-2596
8422	Rio Grande Blvd C & D	646238	\$360,000.00	0.49	VACANT LAND							Lauren Austin	The Ingles/Company Realtors	828-1366
6767	Guadalupe Trl NW	633919	\$425,000.00	1	VACANT LAND							Jim W Shull Jr	Shull & Associates	344-1141
8422	Rio Grande Blvd A & B	646252	\$445,000.00	0.49	VACANT LAND							Lauren Austin	The Ingles/Company Realtors	828-1366
803	El Pueblo Rd NW	636525	\$450,000.00	1	VACANT LAND							Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
900	Devon Ln NW	644969	\$505,000.00	1.399	VACANT LAND							Jill Levin	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
4642	Los Poblanos Cir NW	640740	\$550,000.00	1.02	VACANT LAND							Jim W Shull Jr	Shull & Associates	344-1141
13	Guadalupe Estates	494758	\$565,000.00	1	VACANT LAND							Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
7530	Rio Grande Bl NW	642022	\$1,800,000.00	4.28	VACANT LAND							Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
913	El Pueblo NW	642002	\$289,000.00	0.245	1650	3	1/0/0	0				Corrin Martinelli	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
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
345	La Chamisal Ln NW	646350	\$370,000.00	0.69	1674	3	1/0/0	2				Jackie Sierra	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
623	Roehl Rd NW	641676	\$380,000.00	0.069	1674	3	1/0/0	2				Janie Gilmore-Daniels	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
334	Pueblo Solano Rd NW	646162	\$389,000.00	0.5	1712	3-4	1/0/0	0				Rebecca Langton	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	344-4336
8424	Guadalupe Trl NW	644876	\$450,000.00	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
5720	El Prado NW	635896	\$549,900.00	0.44	4064	5-6	3/0/1	6				Mike Novak	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
2301	Dietz Pl NW	642910	\$575,000.00	0.473	3901	4-5	3/0/1	2				Carol Sauder	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
816	Mullen NW	634274	\$599,500.00	0.43	2743	3-4	2/0/0	0				Simon Garrick	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
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
8808	Rio Grande Bl NW	621529	\$699,000.00	0.933ac	4392	4	3/0/1	4				Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
6509	Caballero Pkwy NW	642820	\$714,325.00	0.728	4590	4	3/0/0	3				Doni Lazar	Ida Kelly Realtors	888-1000
528	Roehl NW	626767	\$725,000.00	1.25ac	2752	4	2/0/1	3				Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
533	Roehl Ct NW	647536	\$735,000.00	0.527	2456	3-4	3/0/1	2				Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
6404	Zapateco St NW	639586	\$780,000.00	0.883	3828	4	2/0/1	2				Judith A Givens	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
1016	Acequia Trl NW	639405	\$824,900.00	17424sf	3613	4	2/1/0	2				Sandra S Dawson	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
1013	Salamanca Cir NW	619854	\$899,000.00	0741ac	4098	3-4	2/0/1	2				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
8020	Rio Grande NW	639942	\$899,900.00	1.89	6414	5	4/1/1	4				Jesus Esparza	Sellstate Asset Solutions Real	896-3694
1418	Bonito Suenos Ct NW	611258	\$950,000.00	1ac	5920	4	4/1/0	3				Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
609	Roehl Rd NW	643861	\$985,000.00	17729sf	3531	4	2/1/1	3				Wolfgang Rempen	R&R Real Estate Partners LLC	321-9564
8633	Rio Grande Blvd NW	641996	\$995,000.00	1.54	3000	4	2/0/1	3				Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
1024	Acequia Trl NW	614728	\$999,000.00	0.52ac	3641	3	3/0/1	0				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1116	Salamanca NW	641257	\$999,950.00	1	15-May	4-5	3/1/1	2				Cheryll McDade	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
208	Nico Trl NW	635756	\$999,999.00	0.77	3970	4	2/0/1	4				William Wieser	Wieser Realty	306-1002
8501	Rio Grande Blvd	642959	\$999,999.00	1	5182	4-5	3/1/0	8				Susan m Daniels	Coldwell Banker Legacy	865-5500
331	Nuevo Hacienda NW	641348	\$1,050,000.00	10890sf	4200	4	2/1/1	3				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
1004	Acequia Trail	636861	\$1,069,000.00	0.5	3800	4	2/1/1	3				Alicia Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	878-0001
919	Salamanca NW	631321	\$1,099,000.00	36590	5600	4-5	2/1/1	3				Michael Brothers	Investors Trust Realty Svcs.	292-8192
4316	Rio Grande Bl NW	627614	\$1,100,000.00	1.690ac	4414	4	2/1/1	2				Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
6508	Meoqui Ct NW	634608	\$1,150,000.00	0.9	5359	4-5	3/1/1	3				Susie Fairchild	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
6767	Guadalupe Trail NW	622294	\$1,250,000.00	1.5	4900	5	3/0/1	3				Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8415	Rio Grande Blvd NW	630851	\$1,289,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3				Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
700	Mullen Rd NW	642875	\$1,290,000.00	1	4200	3-4	4/0/0	3				Mike D Haley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015	El Pueblo NW	641147	\$1,299,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3				Marion Newman-Wylie	Regal Properties	856-3500
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
8714	Rio Grande Blvd NW	642506	\$1,350,000.00	2	3815	5-6	4/0/0	3				Pat King	Real Estate Group/Pat King Co.	269-1148
5715	Tinnin	644168	\$1,400,000.00	1.15	6210	5	3/1/1	3				Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1004	Acequia Trl NW	619407	\$1,419,000.00	0.50ac	3800	4	2/1/1	3				Alicia Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	878-0001
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
8206	Rio Grande NW	642704	\$1,495,000.00	1.2	3601	3-4	2/1/1	3				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
323-331	Nuevo Hacienda NW	641353	\$1,590,000.00	0.6	6900	8	5/1/1	5				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
971	Bonita Rosa NW	644369	\$1,698,000.00	1.127	6584	5	3/2/2	4				Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
970	Bonita Rosas NW	632173	\$1,950,000.00	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
5405	Eakes NW	635825	\$1,999,500.00	43560sf	4800	4	3/1/1	3				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
910	Devon Ln NW	646748	\$2,000,000.00	2.412	4501	4	2/1/1	4				Jill S Levin	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
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
5557	Eakes Rd NW	642662	\$2,225,000.00	2.4	6459	5-6	4/1/1	0				Susan Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1039	Cottonwood Trl NW	642881	\$2,250,000.00	43560	5753	4	3/1/0	3				Alicia Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
5431	Eakes NW	642368	\$2,575,000.00	2	4723	5	4/0/1	3				Alicia Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
4610	Rio Grande Ln NW	630824	\$2,600,000.00	3.119	10978	6	7/0/1	9				Lynn M Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
5201	Eakes Rd NW	633909	\$3,100,000.00	2.78	5800	5	4/0/1	3				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600

PENDING

914	Ortega Rd NW	622809	\$180,000.00	0.5	1369	2-3	2	3				Karen A Gauze	Desert West Proerpties	994-8075
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7909	Rio Grande Blvd NW	640283	\$380,000.00	0.771	3704	4	3/0/0	2				Keith W MacRae	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
724	Ranchitos Dr NW	637342	\$493,000.00	0.467	3362	4-5	2/0/1	3				Cindy A Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
2420	Arbor NW	620792	\$499,000.00	0.380ac	2796	3-4	2/0/1	2				Sandy Garrick	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
6915	Guadalupe Trl NW	513279	\$985,000.00	54450	3540	4	3+	5				Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700

Making Sense of the New Modification Initiative

by Tim Tourville, CRS

I thought I would take this opportunity to talk about one of the programs in the stimulus package. The Obama Administration unveiled the final details of its "Making Home Affordable Program," which is designed to help up to nine million American families refinance or modify their loans to a payment that is affordable now and into the future.

One of the initiatives in this program is aimed at helping struggling homeowners "modify" their loans to avoid foreclosure. Here are just a few common Questions and Answers about the Modification Initiative in the program.

Who is eligible?

To apply for a Home Affordable Modification, you must:

- Own and currently occupy a one-to four-unit home.
- Have an unpaid principal balance that is equal to or less than \$729,750 (for one unit properties).
- Have a loan that was originated before January 1, 2009.
- Have a mortgage payment (including taxes, insurance, and home owners' association dues) that is more than 31% of your gross (pre-tax) monthly income.
- And, have a mortgage payment that is no longer affordable, perhaps because of a significant change in income or expenses.

If you answered "yes" to all of these questions, you may be eligible for the Modification Initiative.

Am I eligible if I missed some mortgage payments?

Yes. If you missed two or more mortgage payments and answered "yes"

to the Modification Initiative requirements above, you may be eligible for a loan modification.

Do I need to be behind on my mortgage payments to be eligible for a Home Affordable Modification?

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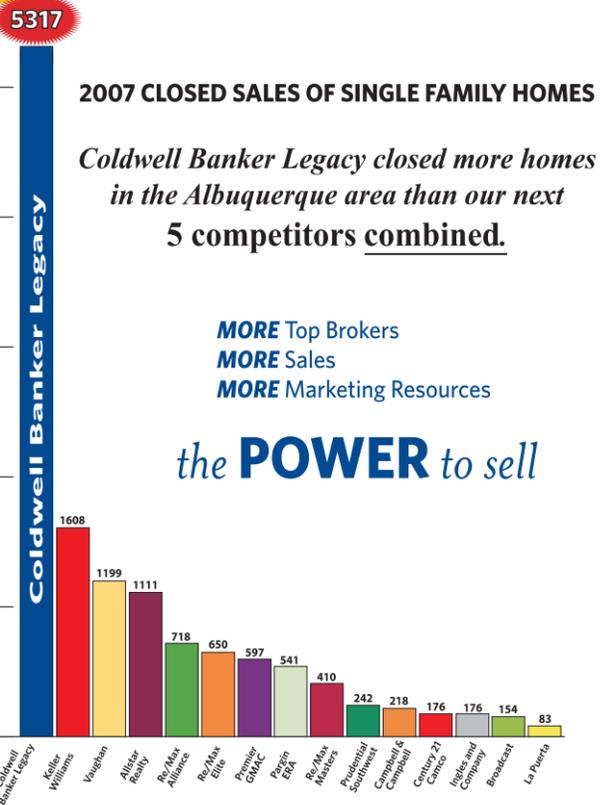
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School Events



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Albuquerque, NM 87107
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April 20 - 23: Science Fair
May 26: Last Day of School

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

April 10th: no classes - Spring Holiday
April 13th: Rivers & Birds Wildlife Festival. Call for info.

Bosque school summer camps
For more information, go to www.bosqueschool.org, and follow links to SUMMER CAMPS, or call 505-898-6388.
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Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School
1776 Montaña Road NW, Building 3
Los Ranchos, NM 87107
314-9042

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School will hold open enrollment periods during the months of March and April, during which eligible students may file an application packet for admission for the following school year.

March 21st-April 15th: The second enrollment period for new enrollees

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April 17th: The second lottery draw for the new student wait list

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Los Ranchos Elementary School

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

April 10: Vernal Holiday - no school
April 20-24 - Pre registration for 09-10 school year (all grades) and Kindergarten Registration
April 22: Earth Day
April 24: Districtwide Inservice Day - no school
May 13 - 15: Barnes & Noble Bookfair. When you make a purchase at B & N, tell the cashier to credit Los Ranchos School, or pick up a voucher at the school office. The school will receive a percentage of sales on these three days. Thank you! And stop by to visit.
May 14: Honors Assembly
May 20: Fifth Grade Celebration

North Valley Academy

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

April 10th-13th: No School, Vernal Holiday
May 5th: 6:30pm-8pm, Astronomy Night
May 11th - 15th: 9am-3pm, Book Fair
May 13th - 15th: 1pm, Early Dismissal, Parent Teacher Conferences
May 13th: 6pm-8pm, Literacy Night and Published Book Distribution
May 22nd - May 25th: No School, Memorial Day

Sandia Preparatory School

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

SummerPrep Registration

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April 17: Faculty In-Service - no school
April 18: Junior Senior Prom - 6:00 - 11:00 PM Hyatt Regency Downtown
April 23 - 24: Spring Play: SPS Theatre. Email: tickets@sandiaprep.org
April 25: 8th Grade Dinner Dance 6:30 - 10:00 PM
May 1: May Break - no school

May 8 - 9: Middle School Theatre Presents: The House at Pooh Corner. SPS Theatre. tickets@sandiaprep.org
May 25: Memorial Day - no school
May 30: Graduation SPS East Quadrangle

Taft Middle School

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

April 10th: Vernal Holiday - No School / Jazz Festival
April 24th: Inservice Day - No School / State Band Festival
April 30th: Talent Show
May 7th & 8th: Band Festival in Amarillo
May 14th: Band Concert on Gym: 6:30 PM
May 15th: 8th Grade to Cliff's, and 8th Grade Dance
May 18th - 20th: Finals
May 22nd: Honors Assembly
May 25th: Memorial Day - No School
May 26th: Last day of school - early out

Taylor Middle School

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

April 14-15 and 16-21: SBA testing
May 1: 6:00 - 9:00 pm Spring Art Fest
May 7: 7:00 PM Spring band concert
May 15: Yearbook celebration, field trip to Cliff's
May 21: Honors assembly and Celebrate 8

Victory Christian School

220 El Pueblo Road NW
Los Ranchos, NM 87114
898.3060
www.vcsabq.org

April 19: 2:00 PM - Music Recital
April 23 - 25: 7:00 PM - Eighteen Nervous Gumshoes
May 2: 7:00 PM - Spring Choir Concert
May 5: 5:30 PM - Sports Banquet
May 7: 8:30 AM - Annual Middle School Bike Trip through the Bosque
May 14: 7:00 PM - Kindergarten Graduation
May 15: 7:00 PM - High School Graduation
May 19: 7:00 PM - Academic Awards Night
May 21: - Summer Vacation begins



Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

March 10, 2009 - Action Report

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

TUE., MAY 12, 2008

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Roll call

Commissioner Radnovich, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Brawley, Commissioner Hunter, Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Simon

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda as presented was approved unanimously (5-0)

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.**

A. **Oath of Office, Commissioner Brown - Attorney King administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Brown. Commissioner Brown was then recognized as present.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting - February 10, 2009

The minutes were unanimously approved as presented (6-0).

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-09-07** A request by Linda Cronk for a Variance from the required six (6) foot side fence height as required by Ordinance 209(6)(H)(b) to allow for a 67 foot long section of seven (7) feet six inch high wall in the A-1 Zone of the Rio Grande Character Area C. The property is located at 6726 Rio Grande Blvd. NW and is legally known as Lot A Plat for Lots A and B Caballo Del Sol within the Elena Gallegos Grant Projected Section 29, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, October, 2007. The property

contains 1.000 acre more or less.

The Variance was unanimously approved (6-0).

B. SDP-09-01 A request by Mark Baczek, Agent for Victory Christian School for a Sketch Plat Review for Site Development Plan for commercial construction of a school gymnasium in the C-1 Zone of the 4th Street Commercial Corridor. The property is located at 220 El Pueblo NW and is legally known as A portion of Tract A, Alameda Bible Church, Home of Victory Christian School, Situated within the Boundaries of M.R.G.C.D. Property Map 24 Projected Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The property contains 3.5664 acres more or less.

For the Sketch Plat Review, no official findings or actions are required to be taken at this meeting, only discussion and guidance from the Commission members. This advice is not binding on the Commission to subsequent consideration of applications for Subdivision, Site Development Plans, variances or other zoning actions required by the Zone Code.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers for 2009

*Matt Hunter – Chair
Hap Crawford – Vice-Chairman
Carisa Martinez – Secretary*

8. REPORTS

A. Planner's Report

Planner Seebach gave 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.

I certify that notice of the Public Meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978 and the Open Meetings Resolution 2009-1-P&Z.

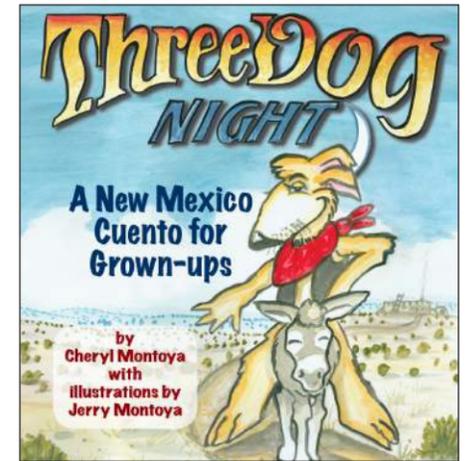
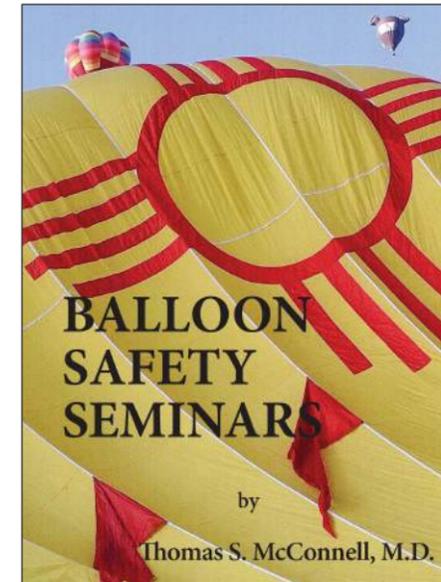
Linda Seebach
Director, Planning and Zoning

New Books from LPD Press and Rio Grande Books

LPD Press/Rio Grande Books of Los Ranchos has released two new books, one from Dr. Tom McConnell of Los Ranchos on hot air balloon safety.

Balloon Safety Seminars, by McConnell, sells for \$20.00, and is a collection of safety materials that author Tom McConnell has used in safety seminars since 1979. Topics include weather, first aid, crews, wind, and many more topics. Although this would be a book that pilots and crews who fly in the Albuquerque area or the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta would find useful, the tips and strategies would be good for anyone flying a hot air balloon. The book will be available through Albuquerque Aerostat Ascension Association (AAAA).

Three Dog Night is an adult cuento written by Cheryl Montoya and illustrated by Jerry Montoya, both of Grants, New Mexico. Jerry Montoya is an artist at the Contemporary Spanish Market in Santa Fe, and is the founder



of the Fiesta de Colores Cinco de Mayo event which takes place in Grants every May. The book will be debuted there at St. Theresa's Community Center in Grants. The book sells for \$14.99, and

is in full color. It is the story of Juan the Coyote and his quest with a funny New Mexican tale.

Both books will be available at the LPD Press/Rio Grande Books & New Mexico Book Co-op booth in the Barn at Lavender in the Village. For more information contact Paul Rhettts at 505/344-9382.

Upcoming Events at Casa Rondeña Winery

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Second Annual Artists 4 Autism Fundraising Event

April 18, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Pasta Making Class

April 22, April 29, – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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Stu MacAskie Trio Jazz Concert

April 26, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

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May 10, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Casa Rondeña Winery welcomes the RB Jazz Trio for a concert at the win-

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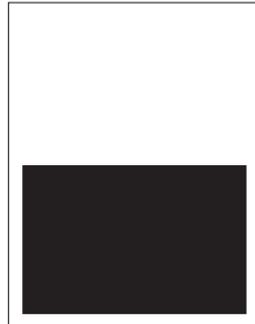
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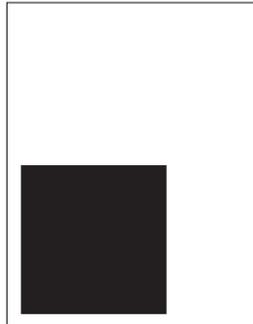
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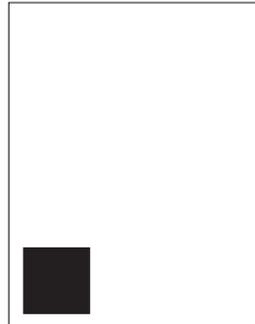
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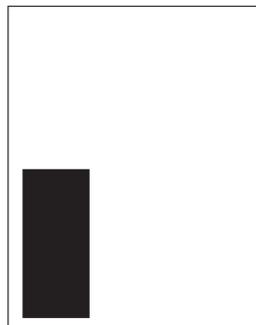
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Theatre News

Faithful: Dark Comedy about a Couple and a Killer

by Phil Bock

If you hurry, you may be able to get reservations for the final performances of *Sullivan & Gilbert* at the ADOBE Theatre! This delightful play, by Ken Ludwig, incorporates many hit songs of the famous Savoyards into a clever comedy, set during a wild rehearsal for a command performance before the Queen. You can see it through April 19th, but do call 898-9222 right away!

And not to worry. There is time to reserve for the upcoming comedy-mystery, *Faithful*, at the ADOBE Theatre in

May. Robb Sisneros directs this dark comedy about a man, his wife, and a hit man hired to whack someone... but who?

There are so many twists, you will be kept guessing until the end, especially with the outstanding cast of Lorri Oliver as the wife, J. Mark Danley as the husband, and Michael Matthew Finnegan as the hit man, a role played on Broadway and in the film by the author, Chazz Palminteri. (You'll remember him as the creepy gangster in *The Usual Suspects* and *Mulholland Falls*, if not from *Dallas* or *Hill Street Blues*).

Faithful

opens May 1st at the ADOBE Theatre, with performances Friday and Saturday at 8:00 PM, and Sunday at 2:00 PM, through May 24th.

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Food Column



Spring Lamb with Rosemary Basil Pesto and New Potatoes Au Gratin

by Randy Shamlan

On a personal note: I had recently taken a new position a couple of months ago as a chef for a local assisted living facility. I truly had never anticipated my career in the culinary arts to meander in ways that it has, but that is the beauty of life. And one never knows what the 'rites of spring' have to offer with life anew, like a river flow after the winter thaw. Yet, to be in the service of others who are in their twilight years, I must say, has been a deeply humbling and rewarding experience.

And without question, there is excitement in the air with warmer days and nights, and the start of a new season at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market! Many of the veteran growers and ware producers will return with a bevy of wonderful crops, jams, jellies, cheeses, and condiments. The Growers' Market, as I have experienced over the past year, is a fine gathering place - a social meeting of all sorts of local townfolk, an eclectic blend of marketeers, long-time New Mexicans, and the occasional first time out-of-towners.

With the onset of springtime, I have developed a Sunday Dinner menu that I hope you will enjoy.

(Serves 8 or more)

Leg of Lamb

- 1 (5 pound) leg of lamb (boned)
- 5 Tbl chopped garlic
- 2 Tbl finely chopped rosemary
- 4 Tbl finely chopped basil
- 2 Tbl finely chopped Italian parsley
- 5 Tbl extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/3 cup shelled roasted pine nuts
- 1 lemon
- 1 Tbl Kosher salt
- 1 Tbl cracked black pepper
- 1/2 Tbl crushed green chili flakes

In a food processor, combine the garlic, basil, rosemary, parsley and pine nuts; drizzle with 3 Tbl olive oil and pulse several times to make a pesto.

Spread half of the pesto evenly over the inside of the lamb and season with half the salt and pepper.

Roll up lamb and tie securely with kitchen twine.

Squeeze lemon over the lamb and rub the juice into the meat.

Rub the remaining pesto on the outside of the lamb leg. Drizzle remaining olive oil over lamb and season with the remaining salt and pepper and crushed green chili flakes. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place lamb in roasting pan and roast for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, to an internal temperature of 130 degrees.

Remove from oven and let rest for 15 minutes before carving.

New Potatoes Au Gratin

- 2 pounds red-skinned potatoes, in 1/8" slices
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup chopped Muenster cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesano Reggiano cheese
- 1 cup half and half
- 2 tsp finely chopped rosemary
- 1 Tbl finely chopped Italian parsley
- 1 Tbl chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp cracked black pepper

Wash and slice potatoes.

Rub a 9" x 13" Pyrex baking dish with butter.

Toss potatoes with rosemary, parsley and garlic.

Layer sliced potatoes in dish.

Season with salt and pepper.

Sprinkle Muenster cheese on top of potatoes.

Drizzle half and half on top of potatoes.

Sprinkle with Parmesano Reggiano.

Bake in 350 degree oven for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown and bubbling.

Spring Salad (suggested)

Watercress, spinach, steamed asparagus, fava beans, baby peas, sliced radishes and scallions with a lemon-basil dressing.

And for dessert: a strawberry Tres Leches!

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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and "Emergency Preparedness," taught by Rochelle Ortelano of the Los Ranchos Fire Department and her husband, Lt. Bryan Pacheco, of the Albuquerque Fire Department. We have also offered "Coin Collecting", "Hiking", "Personal Fitness", "Salesmanship", "Metal Works", "Swimming",

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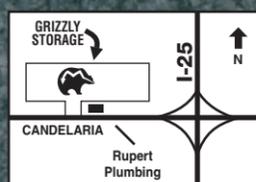
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Area I&J Construction

Area I&J Electrical Systems Coming Online

by Lisa Manwill

The March Vision update indicated that we were expecting that the new sewer system would be operational by early March. We ran into a small problem that, while simple to solve, has taken some time to get fixed. At issue are the electrical meters and the meter boxes. The original meter boxes were the wrong size for the meters provided by PNM. Resolving the problem took most of March. By the time this issue of the Vision is in your hands, PNM will be installing the meters and delivering

power to the stations.

From that point we can schedule the start up and final inspection of each station. This is a process that takes two days per station. Barring any additional problems, we are anticipating that we can have the system operational by the end of April.

As we have previously stated, the County will notify all residents that the system is ready for individual properties to be connected once the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority has accepted the system for operation and maintenance. Addition-

ally, update information will be posted on the Village of Los Ranchos website (www.losranchosnm.gov/public-notices.htm) as it becomes available.

If you have questions or require further information, please contact:

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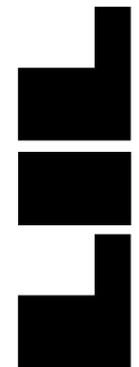
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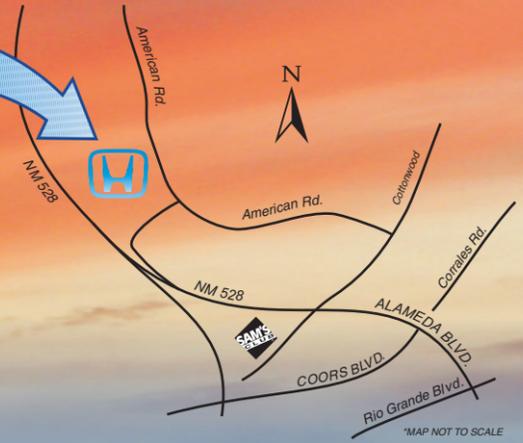
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