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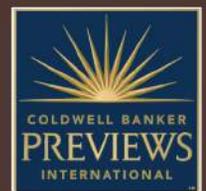
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The New Los Ranchos Fire Department

September merger between the Village Fire Department with Bernalillo County's means only good things for Los Ranchos and our valued firefighters.

by Larry Abraham



At the September Board of Trustees meeting, we gave our endorsement of a plan to merge the Village Fire Department with the Bernalillo County Fire Department.

This decision did not come easy nor did we rush into it. This has been an active discussion with Bernalillo County for approximately a year.

Our, now former, Fire Department was an excellent department; a fact that made this decision that much harder. We built our department from an all volunteer department into a very professional and highly respected department blending both paid and volunteer staff. Our success and desire to get better ultimately led to our consolidation with Bernalillo County. In other words, we were victims of our own success.

When I meet with mayors from our region each month, we all share the same stories of dwindling income and rising costs. As chairman of the Mid Region Council of Governments, my main initiative over the last couple of years has been focused on regionalism and looking at our towns and municipalities in a more global sense. There are many issues that we must resolve on a regional basis such as transportation, and air quality. I would also place public safety in this category as well. In looking at our area as a region, it is very hard to justify why within a 5 mile radius of Village Hall we have 7 Fire

Chiefs, 7 Fire Marshals and so much duplication of equipment.

In an effort to understand the ins and outs of our Fire Department before I was elected mayor, I spent a considerable time with our firefighters and even slept over at the station. Evident from the first moment was the pride and professionalism in our department and their desire to make themselves better. In asking them how I could make the department better, their answer was always to add more personnel. Over the years we have grown the department to have a licensed paramedic on every shift and the goal had always been to have 4 man crews. We made a valiant effort this last year to fund four man crews. This took our annual Fire Department budget to nearly \$1,000,000 per year and we were using volunteers to make four men on each crew. Fully funded we were on track to spend over \$6,500,000 dollars in the next five years when you add in replacing equipment.

To put this into perspective, the Village's total tax revenue for operations is approximately \$2.3 million per year. With Los Ranchos not being immune from the country's financial crisis, we were not on a sustainable course. Our Board had to be more creative and look for solutions outside of the box while balancing the health and safety needs of our community. Because we work so closely with Bernalillo County, consolidating our departments was the next logical step. We will be paying Bernalillo County \$440,000 per year on a 15 year contract.

Ultimately, this was a win, win, win situation for all involved. Our residents will be getting more fire protection and EMS services from the strength of a much larger fire department. Our

firefighters will be joining a department that has many opportunities for advancement and upward mobility. Bernalillo County will be getting a soon to be built state of the art fire station as well as 10 highly trained firefighters. Our Village will be on sound financial footing.

Part of the agreement also calls for the station and equipment to keep the name Los Ranchos and the firefighters will remain involved in community activities. In actuality, we expect the residents to notice very little, if any, difference.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with our Fire Department, Chief Perez and the fine men and women of the department. This was a complicated and demanding transition as change is sometimes emotion filled and difficult.

Additionally, I would like to thank everyone at Bernalillo County who was involved with this consolidation. This would not have been possible without the dedication of Commissioner Armijo, the entire County Commission, Chief Garcia and County manager Thaddeus Lucero were all invaluable. I look forward to a strong working relationship with our regional partner Bernalillo County.

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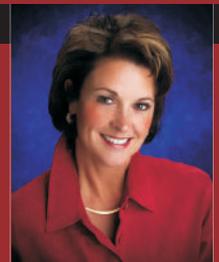
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Calendar

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m.
This meeting may be re-scheduled due to holiday.
 Wednesday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

October 3rd, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Balloon Fiesta: Local Favorites with guest chefs
 October 10th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Balloon Fiesta Local Favorites with guest chef Aaron's Sandwich Time
 October 17th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 October 24th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Costume Day and Canine Celebration
 October 31st, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 November 7th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 November 14th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 December 12th, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.
Winter Market Begins (2nd Saturday of month)

4-H Club Meetings

Monday, October 19th, 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, November 16th, 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Deadline: Holiday Village Vision

Friday, October 16th

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Friday, December 4th

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Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11th
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Village at a Glance





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Around at the Roundhouse

Bill O'Neill looks back to highlights and lessons learned during his first foray as State Representative.



by Representative Bill O'Neill
New Mexico House of Representatives

In the spirit of disclosure, let me first emphasize that it was my rookie session as State Representative for House District 15, which covers nearly the entirety of Los Ranchos. After the election, my sister, who lives in Austin, gave me the following advice: "Follow through on what you promised to do during the campaign."

Simple enough, and I certainly did my best in that regard. The areas of public safety, ethics reform and improving our public schools were the main priorities of my campaign, and I was fortunate enough to be able to sponsor or advocate for legislation in all three of these areas.

Equally as important, I promised to be accessible and visible throughout the neighborhoods comprising my district, which extends from Los Ranchos to Alameda to the West Side and on up into the Northeast Heights. To this end, I have been walking the

district over the past several months, going door-to-door with my contact information and the willingness to listen to voter's concerns. I suppose that I have acquired a bit of a reputation for this—my legislative colleagues tease me on occasion—but I truly believe that people should know who their state representative is, and as a person entrusted to do the people's work, it is only fitting that I make that effort. It is not really campaigning to do so, but represents that dimension of being a state legislator that IS public service.

Back to the session: I have to confess that I had a lot to learn. It is still amazing to me that we conduct the entire state's business in a "long" session of two months, and of course the upcoming "short" session of one month. By definition it is an immersion experience (very long hours, hundreds of bills to read, committee meetings, caucuses, tracking your own sponsored legislation, etc.).

My highpoints were sponsoring or co-sponsoring 6 bills that were signed by the Governor—from increasing the penalties and broadening the definition of cyberstalking, to disallowing the Railrunner blasting their whistles at every North Valley crossing. Also, passing House Bill 161 (which provides

oversight for guardians of adults) with literally two minutes left in the legislative session will forever live in my memory.

Furthermore, in a session where there was simply no money for new capital outlay, I was still able to secure \$100,000 for the purchase of the Anderson Field Open Space through a reauthorization mechanism. It was certainly not a whole lot of money relative to the final price tag of the purchase, but such a worthy project absolutely needed to be supported.

My lowpoints had to do with the disappointment in having several bills of mine die unheard on the Senate Floor during those hectic last few days, as well as a couple of votes that I made in a hurried manner after having raced back from the Senate Floor where I was tracking my legislation. Legislators cast hundreds of votes both in committee and on the

House Floor and sometimes we make mistakes—again, I'm still learning how the whole process comes together.

In summary, I am honored to be your state legislator. It's been my pleasure getting to meet many of you while I've been walking around our district.

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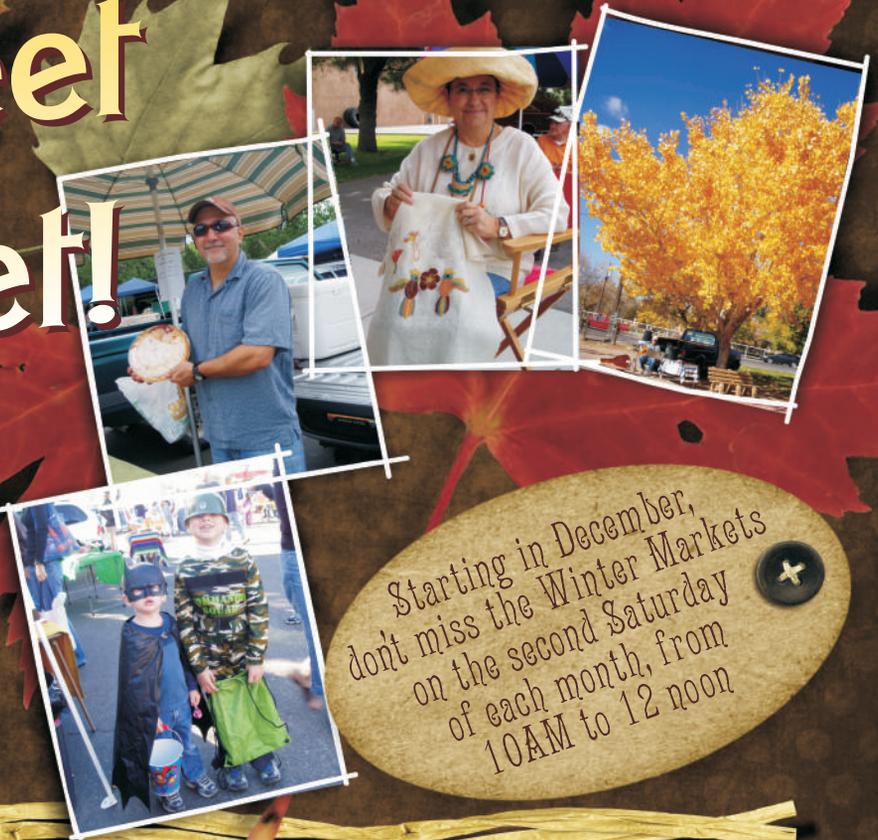
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Balloons Above and Pumpkins Below

Crisper mornings at the Growers' Market heralds an auspicious autumn.

by Sue Brawley



Growers' Market

Winter squash is bountiful in October when you can select from butternut, acorn, spaghetti, lakota, delicata, churshaw, turks turbin, pie-pumpkin, jack-o-lantern pumpkins, and many more. They range in color from beige to orange to green to striped. Flesh colors range from pale yellow to deep orange. Many are good keepers and will last all winter - so stock up now!

Decorative gourds, dried flowers, corn stalks, and dried grasses are also available. Pick up some pansies, deco-

orative kales and other cool-weather bedding plants.

We have three great special events this month, as well as music every Saturday. In addition this month, artisan Jacquie Walters will demonstrate clay cross making on October 17.

October 3 & 10: Balloon Fiesta Local Favorites I and II

For all the balloon fiesta goers and others, join us on Saturday, October 3rd, when Kenny, the "Fish Hugger" will be guest chef for "Local Favorites I," and then on Saturday, October 10th, for Aaron's Sandwich Time featured in Local Favorites II. Come learn some tips for picnics, or tailgating, sample some goodies, and listen to fun music.

October 24: Costume Day and Canine Celebration

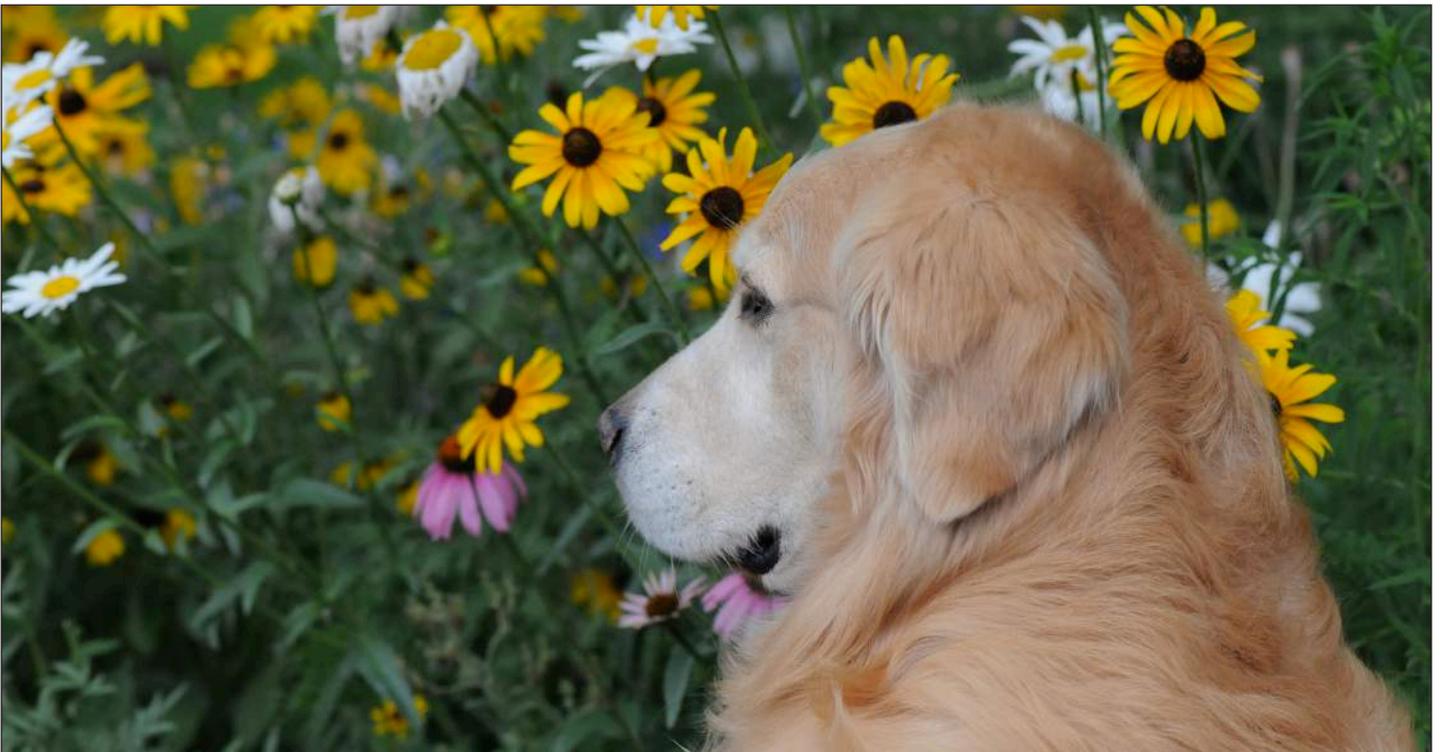
Costume Day is our annual celebration when adults, children, and dogs (or other pets) can come in costume. Children can trick or treat at vendor tables, and have their faces painted by BeeBee the Clown. Prizes for best costume for children and pets!

Based on requests, we're having another Canine Celebration that day, too, with various demonstrations. The Canine Celebration event features BowWow Blues, Canine Country Club, and Sandia Dog Obedience Club. Fun for the entire family!

Winter Markets:

The Winter Markets take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month, from December through April, from 10 am to noon.

This year, the first Winter Market is on Saturday, December 12th.



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On Patrol

Halloween, Safely

Guidelines to ensure a positive Halloween experience.

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



October already? School is back in session, the temperature is slowly dropping, leaves will soon be falling, and the always entertaining Halloween will soon be upon us. Once again,

I would like to offer some general safety tips to help make this Halloween as safe as possible.

• Younger children should always have adult supervision when trick-or-

treating.

• Always wear flame retardant costumes.

• Whenever possible, wear a costume with some type of reflective markings and bright colors. This is especially important if you plan on being out at night or in poorly lit neighborhoods.

• Avoid costumes that drag on the ground or that are made of excessively light material, as they can be easily snagged on objects.

• Make sure your children know to wait until they get home before eating any candy, so it can be inspected first.

• Remind your children to be very cautious of strangers, and to only accept candy in the doorway. NEVER go inside a strange house!

• Visit only houses where the lights are on.

• If possible, carry a cell phone with you and ensure emergency phone numbers are easily accessible.

• Carry a glow stick or flashlight.

• Try to have a planned route for your children to follow.

Additionally, be respectful of the community. Consider stopping your trick-or treating at a reasonable hour, and always remember that vandalism (such as toilet paper, eggs, smashing pumpkins) is never acceptable. Halloween is a fun day, and keeping it safe and crime free just adds to the enjoyment.

Happy haunting!



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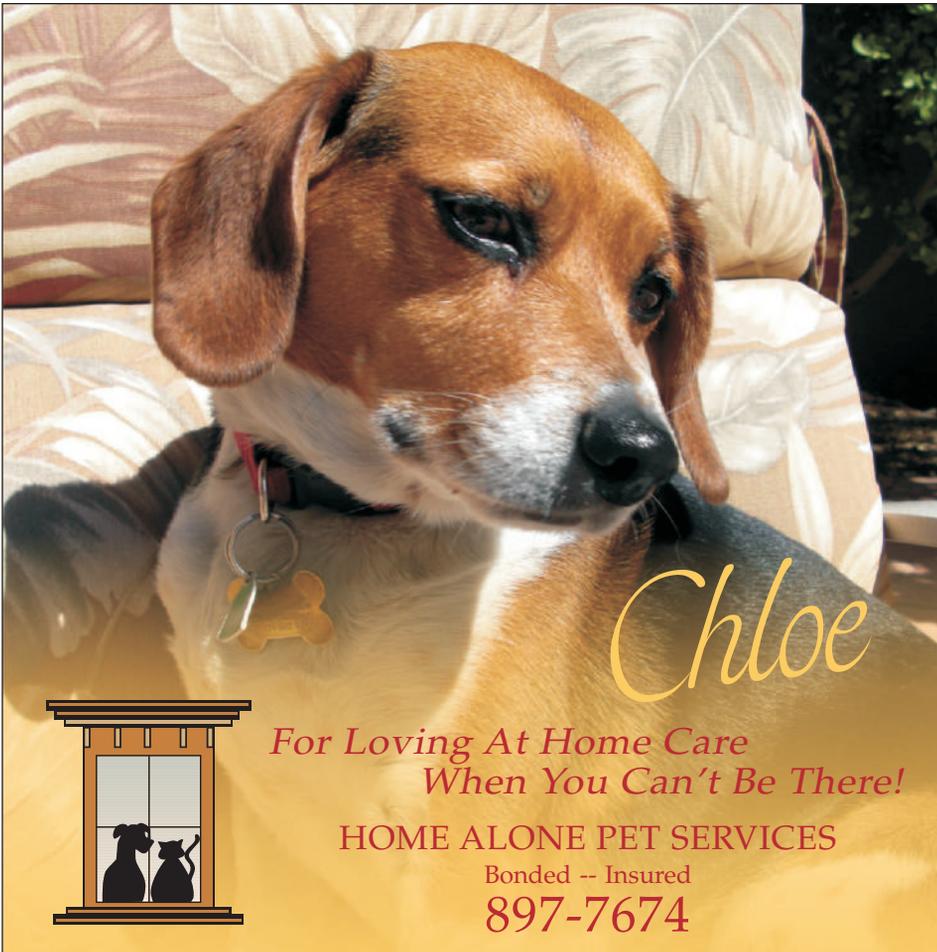
Yashoda Naidoo

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

Los Ranchos is beginning to develop the roots of sophisticated dining! With the opening this summer of Annapurna's World Vegetarian Cafe, Village diners have the option of choosing Ayurvedic dishes from a 5000 year old cuisine originating in India, or an essentially lacto-vegetarian, often gluten free, cuisine. Both are designed to support a healthy lifestyle. The heart and mind of Annapurna is Yashoda Naidoo, a whirling Dervish of a woman from South Africa, who wants to make a difference in people's lives by providing them healthy "food like nature intended."

With her halo of dark curls and a smile that lets you know that you are welcome on even the most hectic day at Annapurna's (located on Fourth Street just south of Ranchitos), Yashoda delights in explaining Ayurvedic cuisine, the foundation of her restaurant's offerings. Translation of ayurveda offers insight. Ayur means life; veda means knowledge. The word annapurna, Sanskrit for complete food, also suggests the restaurant's philosophy. Yashoda, who is a CPA but wanted to be a doctor, serves only local, seasonal food because, as she says, "The earth will

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Keeping it Familiar

Now part of Bernalillo County, the Los Ranchos Fire Department will remain the Village's.

by Chief Greg Perez



As you are reading this article some significant changes have occurred with regard to the Los Ranchos Fire Department. As of September 12th 2009 all fire and rescue operations once performed by the men and women of your fire department will now be carried out under the direction

of Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue. What does this change mean to you the residents of the Village? We hope you notice little to nothing, the same faces you have grown to know as your firefighters will remain the same, the quick response and professional care you are accustomed to will continue, the only true changes you will most likely see are those to the department uniform and additional lettering on the apparatus.

As for me well I am now a Commander with Bernalillo County and will serve as the liason between both the Village of Los Ranchos and Bernalillo County. It is with a heavy heart

that I am writing this column, we have made some great progress over the years and employed some of the best fire and rescue personnel possible, it has truly been a pleasure commanding these amazing men and women and serving this community. As I look to the future I can smile knowing that all the members of the Los Ranchos Fire department will continue to prosper and grow in their profession, and that the community I have had the pleasure of protecting will remain safe and sound as I pass my torch to John Garcia the Fire Chief of Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue.



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give us what our body needs at a given time of year. I have to go out and bring this food to the diseased people." She often serves vegetables brought to her from Villagers' backyard gardens. Everything, including all bread, is cooked fresh daily at the restaurant.

So what exactly can we expect to find on Annapurna's menu? Delightfully seasoned dishes redolent with spices reminiscent of India, soups containing all manner of vegetables, rice, a crepe-like dish—the pancake made of gluten-free flour, chutneys, raita, and a variety of deserts, sweetened without refined sugar or honey, are all available. Salads, sandwiches, fries, wraps, and gluten-free pizza round out the lunch and dinner menu. The breakfast menu includes the protein-rich grain, quinoa, served as a cereal embellished with apricots, raisins, coconut, and spices; a tofu scramble plate with masala home fries; and cardamom pancakes smothered in mango sauce, then garnished with almonds and coconut. Even espresso drinks are offered along with chai and other teas.

There are three locations of Annapurna's. It's our good fortune to have one in the Village. Asked how she manages the bone-grinding work involved, Yashoda responds, "I'm tired.' is a foreign concept to me. If you have a plan, the body will make it possible." Perhaps eating food like nature intended is part of the picture as well.

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by Roberta Beyer



In a perfect world, only the birds we like would come to our feeders and yards. Pigeons would all stay in Venice, we'd finally get cardinals in New Mexico, and humming-

birds would gracefully share feeders with each other. And cats would never kill birds.

But here is the grim reality: cats kill millions of birds. They don't kill them for food. They kill them because they are hunters. Their hunting instinct is independent of their urge to eat.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Keep cats indoors. This is the most humane solution, but likely difficult to implement fully, given a cat's desire to be outdoors. However, indoor cats live longer and healthier lives. And while any cat can, in theory, be safely declawed, it is not recommended for outdoor cats. It is, however, perfectly safe for indoor cats.

2. Hang birdfeeders high and out in the open, far enough away from (but still relatively close to) trees, brush, and other cover so the birds can see them coming or lurking close by.

3. Surround the birdfeeding station with a circle of low-growing cactus so that a human being can still step over the cactus in order to fill the feeders, but the cat is not able to cross over.

4. Bells on cats don't work. Studies show that the bells on cat collars are



A cat bib.

ineffective in preventing cats from killing birds or other wildlife. Cats creep along stealthily and hunt without the bell ever ringing. A bell is a minor distraction for such superb hunters.

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6. If it is your neighbor's cats or feral cats doing the hunting, these suggestions may be harder to implement. The best suggestion is to consistently frighten away these cats.

These are the best ways bird-loving, cat-loving people, have devised to enjoy both their birds and the cats while, at the same time, stopping the slaughter.

Roberta Beyer is the owner of The Fat Finch, a boutique for birders located at 7528 Fourth St. NW, and on the web at www.fatfinch.com

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specials such as waffles.

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Celebrating Open Space at Maize Maze 2009

by Marika Ray

Residents of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque may be some of the luckiest people in the United States. What other communities in our country have over a 130-acre open space right in the heart of their city where they can see crops growing, stroll, walk their dogs, ride their bikes, take stunning photos, and just enjoy nature 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Very few and even fewer have the chance to attend a unique event like Maize Maze, where they can sharpen up their sleuthing skills and navigate a 7-acre maze in a cornfield.

Every year for the last twelve years, Albuquerque area people have flocked to Maize Maze and spent hours exploring the unique maze. This year the maze will be cut, using GPS technology, in the form of two Monarch butterflies and the larval stage to give maze-goers an exciting challenge. Many checkpoints and riddles throughout the labyrinth will hint at clues to help them successfully find their way out of miles of pathways. It will provide hours of fun for families, friends, and couples.



Enjoy Special Event Weekends

During special event weekends, attendees may connect with their ancient roots by exploring the maze in the light of the full moon, on Friday and Saturday evening, October 2nd and 3rd, from 7 to 10 p.m. Also on Saturday, Oct 3rd, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., participants can hear the enchanting sounds of the Kubatana Marimba Band. Visitors may discover the magnificence of the stars by gazing through telescopes with the help of The Albuquerque Astronomy Society volunteers on Friday, October 23rd, from 7 to 10 p.m.

For a special Halloween treat, you

may dress up in your Halloween costume and come to the maze for a scary good time on Friday and Saturday evening, Oct. 30th and 31st. No matter what weekend or special event visitors choose, they'll come away smiling.

Find out how to become a volunteer

Volunteers over the age of sixteen are invited to sign up to help at Maize Maze. Merchandise and tickets worth \$26 will be offered to each volunteer. It's a chance to support this neighborhood jewel and contribute to its outstanding history. Visit www.riograndefarm.org for more information.

Fall Weekends

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An Eyesore No More

David and Beth Massey take over an unfinished renovation.

It takes a brave person to buy someone else's unfinished house renovation and take it to a successful completion! The problems can be legendary, often hidden, and there are always surprises, sometimes unpleasant ones.

But that's what David Massey and his wife, Beth, have done, and the results are on display for anyone driving on Rio Grande Blvd, in the vicinity of Village Hall. One of David's friends, a contractor, saw the unfinished property, and knowing that the Masseys admired our Village, recommended that they look into buying the property. Originally, there was a small, ordinary house on the lot, and four years ago, it was bought by three investors from out of town, thinking they could do a quick renovation and resell the property at a profit. They hired an architect, and took bids, and the project was started.

All did not go smoothly, however, and the property changed hands more than once, and finally ended up in court for a couple years. And then it stood, empty and forlorn, until the Masseys decided they could take a chance on finishing it.

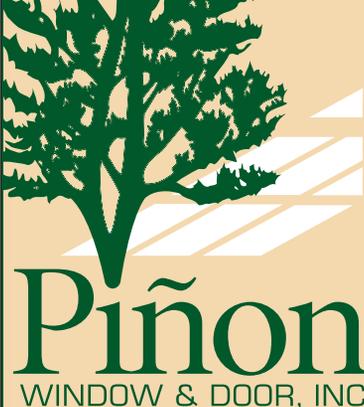
There were rumors about water and mold, but David told me that the original house had been "a perfectly good wood frame house", in solid condition structurally, with good footings under its 1700 square feet, and fine wood floors. Drains have been added, along with the second storey, and the new plumbing and electric, put in by the former owners, were acceptable. There was no mold, just a little dampness that was quickly cleaned up and dried. David said that this potential problem had been checked and rechecked, and all is well. And the Masseys have added about 2700 square feet, to create an attractive home, with David doing much of the finishing work.

When last I spoke with David, he was interviewing landscapers, and dealing with the only really odd problem: his new address. It seems the property's original address had been on El Prado, but the first investors had changed it to Rio Grande Blvd. And now it appears that everyone involved, from the Post Office, to utilities, to the Village, to the county, has a different address for the Masseys! It may come down to two mailboxes, but the new Villagers are still happy with



David Massey

their new home. And David, who owns Kiva Lighting at 1313 12th Street NW, will have a scenic drive on his way to work! Welcome to Los Ranchos, David and Beth... See you at the Market!



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It's here in Los Ranchos

**Mayor Abraham writes on
why we're fortunate to have what we have,
and why we should cherish it.
As published in Albuquerque the Magazine.**

by Mayor Larry Abraham

"Pastoral," "dynamic," "serene," — here's how I might convey the essence of the North Valley to any visitor in brief. Though many different jurisdictional governments occupy the North Valley, there exists a distinct "sense

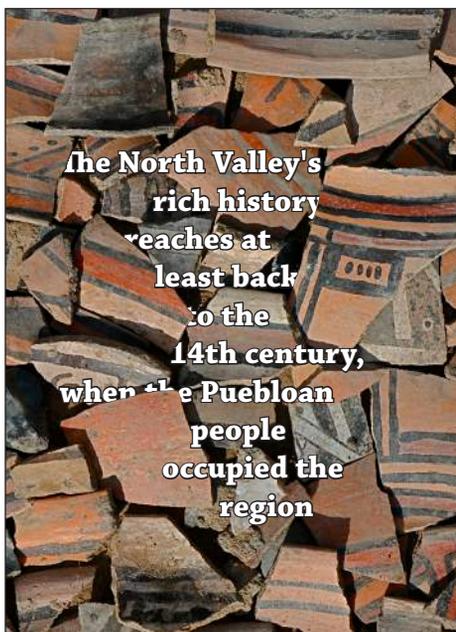
of place and community" for all residents here. This pride is shared by all, whether we live in the municipality of Los Ranchos, Albuquerque, unincorporated Bernalillo County, or the areas of Alameda or Los Duranes. Our identity remains true to the region's fertile history, yet the North Valley express a contemporary freshness in its many cultural hubs.

The North Valley's rich history reaches at least back to the 14th century, when the Puebloan people occupied the region. Their stories shadow us even today, as every year new construction unearths archaeological gems throughout the Rio Grande basin. During the building of a private Los Ranchos home just last year, an excavation crew uncovered hundreds of shards of ancient glaze wares, and even a wholly intact pot. These finds and others confirm that our area's history is one of small farming communities. We believe groups of several hundred people—perhaps some groups reaching several thousands—sustained themselves in adobe villages along the river. Most grew the same crops we grow today:

corn, beans, squash, etc. And they, too, lived with their livestock and pets just as many of today's North Valley residents do.

Later on, what is today the North Valley became an important passage on El Camino Real, what we better know today as Route 66. The route vitally linked over 400 Spanish colonies emerging from the south. Our own little section runs from the El Pinto Restaurant to the 300-year old San Felipe Church of Old Town. Even today this route, now celebrated as 4th street, remains true to its commercial heritage. Here you will find some of the finest New Mexican restaurants, feed and tack shops, antique stores, and an eclectic mix of retailers.

The mark of these peoples gone by shows in one of the North Valley's most distinguishing features: its system of acequias and ditches that deliver vital irrigating water to family farms. Any aerial photo reveals just how many of the North Valley properties developed from long, narrow parcels of land once called tripas. Generations would pass on these tripas to children and

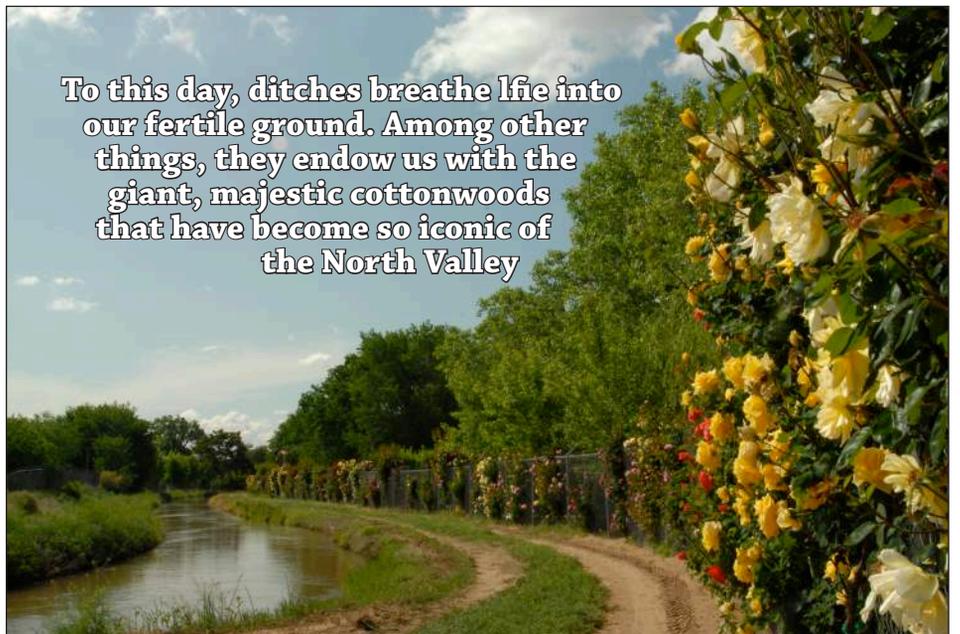




grandchildren, sometimes dividing them, but always so that ditch water access remained on one side; some parcels measured only 50 feet wide, yet stretched 1000 feet long. To this day, these waters breathe life into our fertile ground. Among other things, they endow us with the giant, majestic cottonwoods that have become so iconic of the North Valley.

This long agricultural history bestows the North Valley with a “wide-open” feel. Indeed, the region has long been one of the least dense in the growing Albuquerque area. One community, now known as the Village of Los Ranchos, was so set on preserving their agricultural heritage amidst city sprawl that the residents decided to forge their own municipality. Through zoning ordinances and building limitations, Los Ranchos governed itself to remain true to its roots. A short drive down Rio Grande will make this effort apparent to any guest. Along some areas of the boulevard, no home is built less than 280 feet away from the road’s center. Regulations like this, along with breathtaking natural vistas, have made Rio Grande Blvd. one of the most alluring scenic byways in all of New Mexico.

Los Ranchos also celebrates its rich history with one voice at an annual Lavender Festival. The festival takes place on the second weekend of each July, and it draws nearly 20,000 visitors from the world over. Residents and guests alike can walk the lavender fields and even handpick their own



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lavender bunches, while Village businesses and local artisans showcase their handiwork. In the growing season, the Village hosts weekly outbursts of local pride in the form of the Los Ranchos Growers' Market.

There you can find some of the North Valley's freshest local produce. The Village still fights to honor its rural roots today; most recently, the community secured open space that will soon become an "agricultural sustainability center" and serve as a forum for the future of farming.

One must understand this agricultural heritage to understand the North Valley; it intimately informs the landscape and the people. Nowhere else in Albuquerque will you find a

space that speaks so loudly of such a fertile, rural past; it is the North Valley's definitive character. But the North Valley is not merely a place of the past. The place bubbles with a young, interested

energy, much like the greater whole of Albuquerque. The people here don't merely live in history; they want to learn and grow and celebrate. You sense this vitality in the many regional cultural gathering places found in the North Valley.

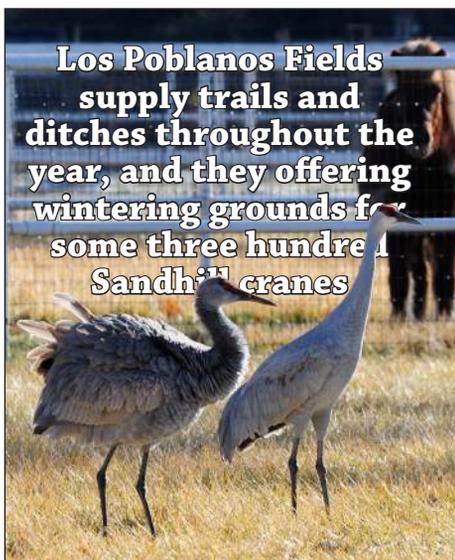
The North Valley is a veritable wildlife sanctuary. The intricate ditch system supplies homes for

birds, coyotes, pheasants, raccoons, and the open space wintering ground for Sandhill cranes, Canada geese, and many ducks. The North Valley em-

braces this natural habitat, and shares it with others, via the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park. Located on the central Rio Grande flyway, the park offers world-renowned bird watching throughout the year. Visitors can observe 250 species from Road Runners to geese. The park's trail system along the river, demonstration gardens, and viewing areas make it one of Albuquerque's invaluable public resources. You can find the park entrance one half mile west of Rio Grande on Candelaria Blvd. If you visit in winter, you might even catch a glimpse of one of the most colorful ducks of our world, the male Wood Duck.

But the park isn't the only place to observe the North Valley wildlife. Los Poblanos Fields is another ideal stage. You might know this place by its corn maze, which the Rio Grande Community Center sponsors each September and October. These fields supply trails and ditches throughout the year, and they offer wintering grounds for some three hundred Sandhill cranes.

Another landmark—both modern and historic—is the La Quinta Cultural



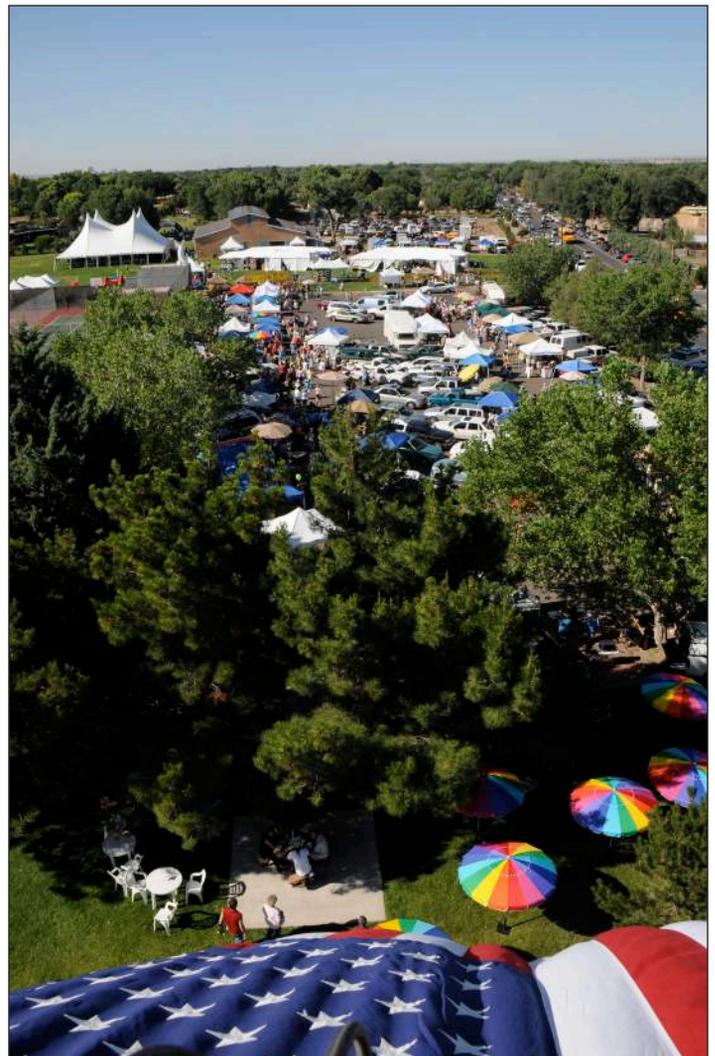
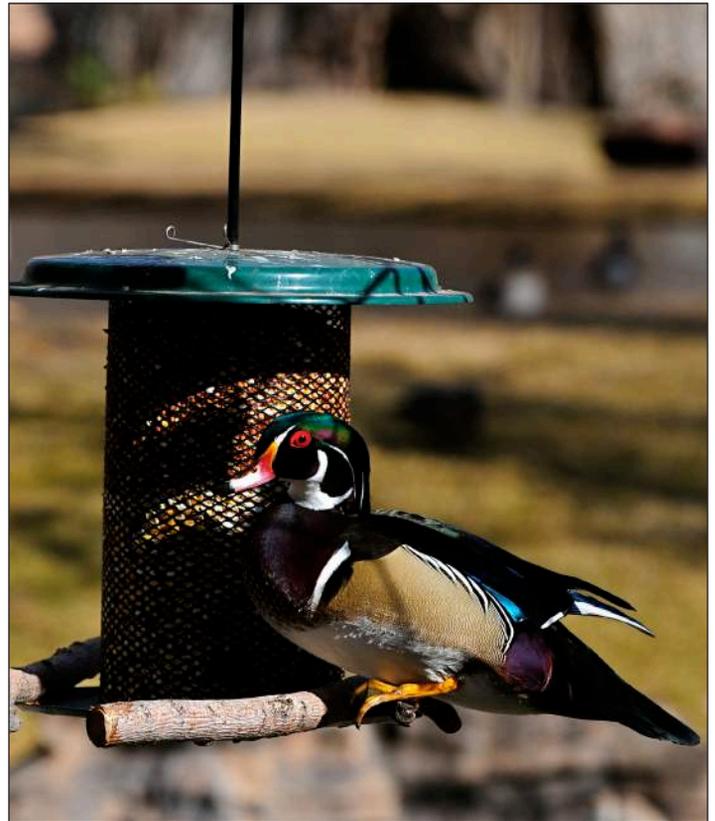
Center, now alongside Los Poblanos Organics. La Quinta, designed by New Mexico's famed John Gaw Meem in 1934, is a prime example of the distinct Santa Fe style architecture. Holstein cattle once grazed on the surrounding ranch—the original site of the Creamland Dairies. For many years, La Quinta served as a hub of political and cultural social events. Music events first hosted in its courtyard blossomed over the years into the Albuquerque's well-loved June Music Festival. La Quinta is also a center of Los Ranchos' aforementioned Lavender Festival.

The North Valley is also home to one of the most famous racing museums in the country, the Unser Racing Museum on Montaña, just east of Rio Grande. This month, Al and Susan Unser announced the groundbreaking of the Challenger Learning Center, which will serve as one more educational component to the Unser Complex. Slated to open in the spring of 2010, the center will allow school children from across New Mexico to 'play' mission control and 'fly' a space shuttle simulator. The addition of the "race for space" is a perfect, cutting-edge compliment for the Unser's museum.

The North Valley even boasts a nationally acclaimed winery, Casa Rondeña Winery on Chavez Road. John Calvin's winery, which wins local and national awards for delectable wines each year, offers a tasting room as a prime spot to visit and enjoy the peaceful North Valley.

Our most recent addition here sets the North Valley as a major player in an exciting statewide initiative, the RailRunner. Trains, tracks, and horns have always been a part of our community, but their presence has reemerged in force, as one of the RailRunner's busiest stations sits in the middle of the North Valley. The Los Ranchos/Journal Center Rail Station on El Pueblo Road between Edith and Second Street, serves all of the North Valley. The rail station has proved so vital to the RailRunner that a second station is planned to open in the North Valley at Second Street and Montaña.

As Albuquerque's metropolitan area grows, the North Valley grows too. Still, our area remains somewhat insulated from fast-paced city life. I might even offer the region as the heart and soul of the Albuquerque area—like the quiet room you retreat to when you're looking to renew certain energy. If you're feeling drained, just spend an afternoon walking a North Valley trail. And yet our community enjoys a modern edge in the likes of the Unser Museum, the Lavender Festival, and Los Ranchos' proposed sustainability center. You might say the North Valley pleasantly mixes fashionable celebration with the tranquility of older times. It is a heritage we in the North Valley rejoice in, and we invite all our neighbors to do the same.



Village Memories

Village resident Cordelia Sanchez reminisces on an earlier Los Ranchos.

by Cordelia Sanchez
as told to Judy Griego



In the early days of the Village of Los Ranchos, there was no Growers' Market, but there were plenty of roadside fruit stands. Village residents who had orchards and vegetable gardens would build portable stands in front of their homes. The traffic on North Fourth Street between Denver and Albuquerque would bring many neighbors and tourists to these fruit stands. Some teen-agers could earn money for their school clothes by running these stands in front of their parents' homes every summer.

Another popular activity for teen-agers in the 1940's was bicycle riding and horseback riding on the many trails that people had developed by walking to their neighbor's homes. Guadalupe Trail became the longest and most traveled trail. Guadalupe Trail extended all the way from the community of Alameda to the Griegos community. Many smaller trails are today's east-west streets in Los Ranchos.

Rio Grande Blvd. and Fourth Street were the two main through streets bringing traffic from Corrales Village and from the greater metropolitan area of Albuquerque. Fourth Street was an interstate highway, so many people from other states and even other countries would come to the little fruit stands. Some people would bring their own buckets or baskets to pick fruit from the orchards.

There was a group of people whom local residents used to call "gypsies" or "Turks", who came every summer to gather fruit. Just as we see people in straw hats and bonnets gathering lavender in the Los Poblanos fields today, we used to see people in straw hats and bonnets gathering fruits, and perhaps they even gathered lavender then. There were many alfalfa fields along Fourth Street and lavender grew along

these fields, so perhaps these "gypsies" were the original "lavender pickers".

Along the ditch banks and along Guadalupe Trail and even on the east-west trails, there was wild vegetation that Village residents would gather for delicious summer meals. There was wild spinach and "verdolagas". Because the ditches would carry seeds from some of the orchards, you would sometimes find "wild" pear trees and other trees growing along the ditch banks.

Los Ranchos has always been a very diverse community. Some parts of the Village of Los Ranchos were like a gathering of the United Nations. There were Greek, Italian, Lebanese, German, Spanish, and other families. Sometimes at funerals of local residents you could hear people speaking in various languages.

Another source of income for Village residents, besides their fruits and vegetables, were family run dairies. There were several of these small dairies in various parts of the Village, but once the larger dairies, such as Creamland Dairies, moved into the Village, the smaller dairy farmers could not compete, and they had to sell their dairies. There were some small grocery stores on Fourth Street. Two of those grocery stores were on either side of Los Ranchos School. One was Mr. McMin's store, where students went at recess to buy candy, soft drinks, and muffins. There was a bench outside of Mr. McMin's store, where children would sit during recess to discuss the day's events. Mr. C de Baca's store was on the north side of the school. Students would go there for a special kind of caramel candy dipped in chocolate.

On the west side of the school there was a problem. A pipe was sticking out

of the wall. This pipe must have been near an electric wire, because when you touched the pipe you would feel an electric shock. The Ranchos students loved that shock, and they would form a circle holding hands and let the shock waves travel from person to person along the circle. Nobody reported the situation to the school staff. That would have spoiled the fun! Eventually some adult discovered the problem, and the "fun pipe" was removed.

Ranchos School was the center for community activities. All kinds of activities were held at the school. One

event that was especially enjoyable was family fun night or Box Supper Night. Another well attended event was the operetta held on the stage of one of the large classrooms.

At Christmas time there were plays by the younger students. There were basketball tourneys, and there were marble tournaments. All of these activities were well attended

by the community, and many parents helped with the activities. There were Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. Parents and teachers served as troop leaders. It would be fun to revive some of those activities, i.e., box suppers, tournaments, and yes, even the spelling bee that was held each year.

There is something about the population of Los Ranchos that is conducive toward a variety of activities, and it has always been that way. It is a population composed of a variety of backgrounds ethnically, economically, and occupationally. There are doctors, farmers, lawyers, secretaries, welders, mechanics, and teachers, all living next door to each other, and participating in our various community activities.

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Ooh La La Christmas Home Tour

Event to benefit the Wounded Warriors Project to help returning veterans.

It all began when Terri Krueger, mother of two Naval Academy sons, was attending the Army/Navy football game in Philadelphia last year. During halftime, a major defense contractor presented a check for \$25,000 to the Wounded Warriors Project, and the significance of the gesture somehow hit a nerve. Terri is an interior designer of note, who has had award-winning homes in the Parade of Homes. It occurred to her that some cities have raised large amounts of money using a holiday home tour as a vehicle, and Terri felt that she could do the same in the Albuquerque area to gather funds to help returning veterans.

This is some enthusiastic and determined lady! She began by stating her objective: to provide tangible support for the severely wounded and help them on the road to healing, both physically and mentally. She joined the Wounded Warrior Project, which works to improve all phases of care and rehabilitation for returning veter-

ans, from legislation for the injured to career guidance, treatment for combat stress, education, to assistance for caregivers. The WWP provides backpacks full of comfort items for all severely wounded service members who arrive at trauma centers. Over 34,000 troops have returned physically injured, and over 300,000 have returned home injured in mind, body, or spirit. WWP uses \$.83 of every dollar raised to provide services to these veterans and their families.

Terri's goal is to raise \$250,000 in 2009, and to that end, she and her volunteers have come up with the Ooh La La Christmas Home Tour. The event starts out on Friday, November 6th, with a kickoff dinner and entertainment at the Atlantic Aviation Hanger. There will be a live auction with Steve Stucker as emcee. The ticket price for this event is \$100.00 per person. On Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th, the Christmas Home Tour will take place. There are eight fabulous

homes on show, three of them in Los Ranchos, and all will be totally decked out in holiday dress. The ticket price for the tour is \$20.00 per person.

Ooh La La Christmas Home Tour in New Mexico, Inc., is a 501(c) (3) event, so supporters may receive tax benefits. Volunteers are encouraged to join and help raise funds for this worthiest of causes. Terri told me that the goal is to send all proceeds from the kickoff night and the home tour to WWP, and to take this idea nationally and challenge others throughout the US to help these wounded service men and women. She urges everyone who can to join her in her cause. And a splendid cause it is!

For information on the program or on volunteering, you may call Terri Krueger at 269.2708, or email her: info@oohlalachristmas.org Also: www.oohlalachristmas.org or www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Brochures are also available at the Growers' Market.



Noteworthy Villager

Jennifer Curtis

Villager silversmith's bolo wins first place at Indian Market 2009

Indian Market 2009 has just concluded in Santa Fe, and once again, Village resident Jennifer Curtis (Dine), has distinguished herself by winning an important award. This year, Jennifer has won first place in the bolo category! Her husband, Ray Skeets, plaited the elegant bolo cord. And on September 20th, the Wheelwright Museum in Santa Fe presented "Partners in Design: Native Chic", featuring clothing by designer Penny Singer and silver jewelry by Jennifer Curtis. Jennifer is a busy lady, and in December, she has been invited to show her jewelry at the

NAMI/Smithsonian exhibit and sale in New York City. And she has recently been named to the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, of the Department of the Interior. This board receives and screens complaints of possible violations of The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, which is a truth-in-advertising law. (The law states that it is illegal to market an art or craft item using the name of a tribe if a member, or certified Indian artisan, of that tribe did not actually create the art or craft item.)

So if you're looking for a one-of-a-kind gift for that special person, keep it in the Village, and consider one of Jennifer's exquisite designs.



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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	\$375,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Jim W Shull Jr	Shull & Associates	344-1141
Lot 4 Alma Encantada Ct NW	658403	\$425,000.00	1.121	VACANT LAND				Eric B Harris	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
Roadrunner Ln	636312	\$425,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
Lot 2-C	659076	\$430,000.00	0.6	VACANT LAND				A Kay Beason	Reliance Realty & Investment	84309575
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
795 Ranchitos Rd NW	661348	\$450,000.00	1.12	VACANT LAND				Mary M Quintana	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
1020 Roadrunner Ln NW	652225	\$450,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
709 El Alhambra NW	652889	\$460,000.00	0.95	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
4620 Los Poblanos Cir NW	651054	\$499,900.00	1.08	VACANT LAND				Katie A Strosnider	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
Roadrunner Ln NW	652226	\$550,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
709 El Alhambra NW	652891	\$560,000.00	0.95	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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
8305-13 Rio Grande Blvd NW	659441	\$1,200,000.00	3.27	VACANT LAND				Sandy L Domeny	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
Rio Grande Blvd	649928	\$1,300,000.00	2.009	VACANT LAND				Susie Fairchild	Vaughan Company REALTORS	823-6677
7530 Rio Grande Bl NW	642022	\$1,800,000.00	4.28	VACANT LAND				Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
307 Del Aker Rd NW	626804	\$249,900.00	0.27	1700	3	2	2	Dan J Cash III	Pinnacle Real Estate Group	897-7300
342 Los Ranchos Rd NW	649904	\$299,900.00	0.12	2000	3	2/0/1	2	Vince Tomardy	The Rhino Group, Inc.	891-0900
372 La Chamisal Ln NW	659344	\$304,900.00	8000	1570	2	2/0/0	2	Ben Levine	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
345 La Chamisal Ln NW	646350	\$315,000.00	0.69	1674	3	1/0/0	2	Janie Gilmore-Daniels	Keller Williams Realty	291-8200
504 El Pueblo Rd NW	660438	\$350,000.00	0.47	1875	3	2/0/1	2	Lynn Porter	Pargin Realty ERA	296-1500
8301 Don Diego Cir NW #8	657663	\$399,900.00	8189	2468	4	2/0/0	2	Lynn M Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
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	661453	\$475,000.00	1	1363	2	1/0/0	2	Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
8240 Guadalupe Trl NW	650236	\$479,000.00	46609	2900	3-4	2/1/0	2	Winnie DeVore	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
924 Pueblo Solano Pl NW	657200	\$499,000.00	0.75	1990	3	2/0/0	2	Linda & Kim Wilson	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
604 Ortega Rd NW	657115	\$624,000.00	1.02	3977	4-5	2/3/0	3	Sutter Sugar	Century 21 Unica Real Estate	293-8400
2420 Dietz Farm Rd NW	658818	\$639,000.00	0.7	3200	4-5	1/1/1	2	Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
412 Ramsey Ln NW	658659	\$699,000.00	0.35	3840	4	3/0/1	0	Steven M Radolinski	Allstar Realty	888-1700
515 Roehl Rd NW	653238	\$699,000.00	30927	3465	4-5	4/0/0	3	Clara Encinas	Rio Grande Brokerage	877-7000
4109 Dietz Farm Cir NW	659492	\$699,000.00	0.57	2724	3	2/0/1	3	Mark A Carlisle	SummitONE Real Estate Services	343-9157
6509 Caballero Pkwy NW	642820	\$699,000.00	0.728	4590	4	3/0/0	3	Doni Lazar	Ida Kelly Realtors	888-1000
8625 Rio Grande Blvd NW	661530	\$699,000.00	1.33	3465	3	2/0/1	2	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
323 Nuevo Hacienda NW	657672	\$699,900.00	0.27	2756	4	2/1/0	4	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
6404 Zapateco St NW	639586	\$700,000.00	0.883	3828	4	2/0/1	2	Judith A Givens	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
6821 Rio Grande Blvd NW	650574	\$715,000.00	1.97	3333	4	2/1/1	1	Cheryl Marlow	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
528 Roehl NW	626767	\$725,000.00	1.25ac	2752	4	2/0/1	3	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1016 Acequia Trl NW	652856	\$725,000.00	17424sf	3613	4	2/1/0	2	Lettie L Carpenter	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
515 Roehl NW	636238	\$729,000.00	30927	3465	4-5	4/0/0	3	Clara Encinas	Rio Grande Brokerage	877-7000
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
706 Los Prados de G. Trl NW	648503	\$735,000.00	0.315	2575	3-4	3/0/0	2	Tom M Cardenas	TC Building & Realty Inc.	823-4543
6611 Guadalupe Trl NW	661138	\$777,150.00	3.2	5357	4-5	2/1/0	2	Emery Maez	Coldwell Banker Legacy	892-1000
1013 Salamanca Cir NW	651927	\$795,000.00	0.741	21-Mar	3-4	2/0/1	2	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8421 Guadalupe Trl NW	659013	\$799,000.00	1	4352	4	2/1/0	3	Alicia Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
919 Salamanca NW	631321	\$799,900.00	36590	5600	4-5	2/1/1	3	Michael Brothers	Investors Trust Realty Svcs.	292-8192
6915 Guadalupe Trl NW	620201	\$855,000.00	1.253	3540	4	2/0/2	5	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
5712 Tinnin Rd NW	650006	\$860,000.00	1.03	3560	4	2/0/1	3	Susie Fairchild	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
208 Nico Trl NW	650659	\$895,000.00	0.77	3970	4	2/0/1	4	William D Wieser	Wieser Realty	306-1002
1004 Acequia Trail	636861	\$899,000.00	0.5	3800	4	2/1/1	3	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
609 Roehl Rd NW	643861	\$899,900.00	17729sf	3531	4	2/1/1	3	Wolfgang Rempen	R&R Real Estate Partners LLC	321-9564
819 El Alhambra Cir NW	660064	\$949,000.00	1	5322	5	4/0/0	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015 Bonito Suenos Ct NW	654934	\$950,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3	Susie Fairchild	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
6505 Avenida La Cuchilla NW	661419	\$950,000.00	0.84	4161	4	3/0/1	3	Connie Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
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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
806 Salamanca St NW	655159	\$1,199,000.00	0.777	5000	4	1/1/1	2	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
700 Mullen Rd NW	642875	\$1,200,000.00	1	4200	3-4	4/0/0	3	Mike D Haley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
331 Nuevo Hacienda NW	641348	\$1,250,000.00	10890sf	4200	4	2/1/1	3	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
6767 Guadalupe Trail NW	622294	\$1,250,000.00	1.5	4900	5	3/0/1	3	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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
8205 Guadalupe Trl NW	650494	\$1,399,000.00	1.88	4506	4	3/0/2	4	Joan L Wagner	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
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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
910 Devon Ln NW	644968	\$1,495,000.00	43560	4501	4	2/1/1	4	Jill S Levin	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
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Effortless Efficiency for Home Energy

by Tim Tourville, CRS



It's that time of year again: the smell of chile roasting is in the air and fall is upon us. It's also the perfect time to think about making your home more energy efficient. And, with so many incentives from local and federal government, why wait? These incentives won't last forever.

Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Tax Credits

For one, consumers who purchase and install specific products, such as energy-efficient windows, insulation, doors, roofs, and heating and cooling equipment, in existing homes can receive a tax credit for 30% of the cost, up to \$1,500, for improvements "placed in service" starting January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2010. Check out www.EnergyStar.gov for a complete summary of energy efficiency tax credits available to consumers.

Residential Renewable Energy Tax Credits

Consumers who install solar energy systems (including solar water heating and solar electric systems), small wind

systems, geothermal heat pumps, and residential fuel cell and micro-turbine systems can receive a 30% tax credit for systems placed in service before December 31, 2016; the previous tax credit cap no longer applies. Get details at www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm.

The types of improvements mentioned above will certainly increase the value of your home, neighborhood, and the Village, all while making a positive impact on the environment. Yes, these types of improvements have many benefits. But, it's not just the big ones that make a difference. Little improvements and repairs do as well.

Conduct a home energy analysis. You can hire a professional or you can easily conduct your own. The following guidelines are from the U.S. Department of Energy. Keep a checklist of areas you inspect and problems you find:

Air leaks

You may be able to save 5 to 30 percent a year on your energy bills by finding and fixing leaks. Start by checking for obvious leaks. Inspect windows and doors. If you can rattle them, chances are there's an air leak. Caulking or weather stripping is an easy fix. Also, check to see if air flows through less-obvious places such as baseboards and electrical outlets. Then head outside the house to inspect all areas where two different building materials meet.

Patch any holes or cracks.

Heating and cooling equipment

Check to see if your equipment is more than fifteen years old. If so, you might want to consider switching to a newer model. Also check your ductwork for dirt streaks, which an air leak and will need to be properly sealed.

Lighting

Check the wattage of your light bulbs. You might be using a 100-watt bulb when you could be using a 60-watt. Consider switching to compact fluorescent lamps for lights that are on for hours at a time. See www.energysavers.gov for more detailed information.

I, for one, am not going to participate in a recession, but alternatively, stimulate the economy. By replacing the windows in my home I will get a \$150 rebate for each one, thereby increasing the value of my property, the properties in my neighborhood, and the properties in the Village as a whole. Just think what an impact it would have if everyone in the Village did something like this at this time!



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4320 Rio Grande Blvd NW	659206	\$1,595,000.00	1.78	4751	5-6	1/2/1	2	Lynn M Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
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	\$1,795,000.00	43560sf	4800	4	3/1/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
5557 Eakes Rd NW	651362	\$1,799,000.00	2.4	6459	5-6	4/1/1	0	Susan Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
323-331 Nuevo Hacienda NW	641353	\$1,799,000.00	0.6	6900	8	5/1/1	5	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
7530 Rio Grande Blvd NW	648869	\$1,800,000.00	186436	3236	4	1/1/0	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
970 Bonita Rosas NW	632173	\$1,890,000.00	43560	4937	4-5	2/2/1	4	Bill Chreist	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-0044
4646 Los Poblanos Cir NW	655831	\$1,980,000.00	44431	5689	4-5	2/2/0	7	Marie E Blea	Marie Enterprises Inc.	342-1532
910 Devon Ln NW	646748	\$1,995,000.00	2.412	4501	4	2/1/1	4	Jill S Levin	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
1039 Cottonwood Trl NW	642881	\$1,995,000.00	43560	5753	4	3/1/0	3	Alicia Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
971 Bonita Rosa NW	644369	\$2,200,000.00	1.5	6584	5	3/2/2	4	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
1623 Francisca NW	652881	\$2,299,000.00	1.11	7470	5-6	4/1/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
5201 Eakes Rd NW	633909	\$2,795,000.00	2.78	5800	5	4/0/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8809 Pending: Rio Grande Bl #3 NW	628311	\$1,300,000.00	1	4131	3	3.25	5	Fred & Sandra Creek	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900

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The Computer Corner: Safeguarding Systems from Viruses

Question: How do I know if my system is secure from viruses and attacks? How would an ordinary person know these things?

Answer: Good question! I am always getting customers wanting to know how to check their systems without being a computer geek. I have looked at many different programs and web sites, and there are two that stand out above the rest, which are easy to understand. The first is Belarc Advisor. This program is free and can be downloaded from www.majorgeeks.com. It will tell you what hardware and software you have in your computer. At the top of the report, a security rating is given, which explains how to update your system. The second is an online test at <http://www.auditmypc.com>. This web site is a favorite of mine. It runs several tests from firewall to pop-up blocking, at the user level, and at a professional level. Making use of simple, common sense steps like these will help to keep your computer running fast, and out of the repair shop. We offer this check up, free, at 6700 4th Street NW!

Keep those questions coming in! Email me at computermedic64@hotmail.com

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We're Sorry!

To all who were looking forward to the 2009 Historic Guadalupe Trail Art Studio Tour this fall, it appears that previous plans and demanding deadlines have caused this year's tour to be cancelled.

However, plans are already taking root for a much more exciting Village Art Tour which will take place in the fall of 2010!

We'll keep you posted on the developments!



School Events

Alvarado Elementary School

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

October 9th: Fall Break, No School
October 24th: Fall Carnival 2-5p.m.
November 11th: Veterans Day, No School
November 23rd-24th: Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School
November 25th-27th: Thanksgiving Break, No School

Bosque School

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

October 8th - 11th: Fall Break - No classes
October 18th: "A View of Bosque"
An information session for students (and their parents) interested in applying to Bosque School for the 2010-2011 School Year. Please contact the Admissions Office at 898-6388 for details.
November 6th: "Sparkle, Sizzle & Salsa" 7-10pm
Budagher Hall on the Bosque School Campus
A Gala and Silent Auction designed to raise money for need based financial aid.
Bosque School will also be hosting the 2nd Annual Online Auction from Wednesday, October 21 - Wednesday, November 4, 2009, featuring hundreds of gifts to bid on... just in time for holiday giving! For more information on these events, please call Pam Schaefer at pscha@bosqueschool.org or 898-6388.
November 20th - 22nd: The Tempest Call 898-6388 for show times and tickets

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School

1776 Montano Road NW, Building 3
Los Ranchos, NM 87107
314-9042
www.cottonwoodclassical.org

Los Ranchos Elementary School

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

October 7th: PTA 6:00 PM - Library
October 9th: FALL BREAK
October 12th: Office Announcements - 7:40 am Channel 4
October 22nd: Picture Retakes - Library - 8:00 AM

FALL FESTIVAL - To Be Announced
November 11th: Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL
November 25th - 27th: THANKSGIVING BREAK - No School

North Valley Academy

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

October 8th -9th: Fall Break - No School
October 28th - 30th: Parent Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal 1 PM
October 29th: picture retakes
November 25th - 27th: Thanksgiving Recess - No School

Sandia Preparatory School

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

October 6th: Fall Choral Concert • 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
• Sandia Prep Theater
October 7th: Fall Jazz Band Concert • 7:00 p.m. • Sandia Prep Theater
October 11th: New Mexico College Fair • 2:00 p.m. • ABQ Convention Center
October 12th: Tri-School College Symposium • Sandia Prep Russell Student Center
October 19th: 1st Annual Sandia Prep Golf Tournament
• Tanoan Country Club Golf Course • Visit www.sandiaprep.org for information
October 25th: Meet Prep • 2:00 p.m. • Sandia Preparatory School
October 22nd - 25th: "Fiddler on the Roof" • Email tickets@sandiaprep.org for information
November 6th: Fall Break - No School
November 25th: Grandparents Day

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A Marriage Made in Los Ranchos

But not the kind of 'marriage' you might imagine! It seems that Roger and Doreen Erker, owners of the two JB's restaurants, and the Stafford family, which has owned and operated Sadie's for more than thirty-four years, have decided to join forces. By the time you read this, the Erkers' JB's at Eubank and I-40 will have been transformed into a second Sadie's.

The Erkers and the Staffords have been friends for many years, and while Sadie's has always done a huge volume of business, the second JB's has been struggling since the recession hit. Roger and Doreen were looking for a solution to improve their dinner business at the Heights' restaurant. Brian Stafford, general manager of Sadie's, had always liked the Heights location, surrounded, as it is, with hotels, and close to the interstate.

The extensive transformation has been underway for a while. The new Sadie's will be run by the Erker employees, but the menu will be Sadie's, although the restaurant will open early and serve a breakfast buffet, similar to JB's.

So if you're in the area of 15 Hotel circle, and can't wait for your Sadie's fix, stop in at the new Sadie's in the Heights. It's open every day, 6:00 am to 11:00 pm, Sunday through Thursday, and until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

Arnold and the Sourdough Starter

by Tina Griego

The following tale is condensed from a story by Tina Griego, who is a columnist with the Denver Post. Ms. Griego gave me permission to reprint her column here, in considerably shorter form, and she has my thanks! - Lorilee

There lives near Albuquerque a man named Arnold Sargeant who every year for the last 25 has held a birthday party for his sourdough starter.

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November 25th-27th: Thanksgiving Break - No School

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October 9th: FALL BREAK
October 15th: PTO meeting - 6:30 pm
October 26th - 27th: Parent teacher conferences - no school for students
October 30th: Advanced band
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November 11th: VETERANS' DAY - No School
November 25th - 27th: THANKSGIVING BREAK - No School

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October 18th: 6:30 PM - Choir Concert at Alameda Bible Church
October 21st: Senior Picture Day
October 24th: ACT Test for seniors
October 28th: PLAN Test for sophomores
November 10th: Picture Retake Day
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November 24th: Annual Thanksgiving Lunch
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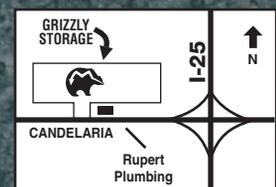
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Board of Trustees Summary

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

WED., OCTOBER 14, 2009

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved. Item 8.C. was deferred to the October 14th Meeting.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Doug Gillis stated the concerns of the Chamisal Homeowners Association regarding the music and violations of the noise ordinance by Calico Café & Cantina. He presented a petition from the residents.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes -JULY 8, 2009-Regular Meeting

B. Department and Committee Reports

1. Law Enforcement/BCSD
2. Fire
3. Animal Control

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

4. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Abraham reported that:

- The Growers' Market is continuing to exceed record numbers.
- According to Ms. Rembe, the Lavender Festival was a success making close to \$50,000 this year.
- He would like everyone, including the Board of Trustees and businesses, to join FaceBook.
- He attended the Mayors' Caucus luncheon which was held in Rio Rancho.

B. Administrator's Report

Administrator Ward reported that:

- Annabelle has returned from shoulder surgery and Arturo is out with the same. He has hired two on-call Animal Control Officers to cover during Arturo's absence.
- Revenue for July is up and revenue for August is down.
- The Village building is now hooked up to the sewer and the park will be connected next Monday.
- The Village, along with Waste Management, will have a Green Waste pick up the week of October 12th.
- Two road projects will begin soon. Funds are available for the repairs on Green Valley and Ranchitos Roads.

C. Planner's Report

Planner Seebach reported that:

- They opened two new building abatement cases. One in which the tenants had to be evacuated due to a high health hazard and the other one was a homeowner who did not need to be evacuated, just asked to clean up the property.
- Letters were sent to homeowners who had requested waivers for connection to sanitary sewers by the 200 foot rule. She worked with the NM Environmental Department to determine which were eligible for the waiver.
- She is working with Chris Shen on drafting the first version of the 2020 Master Plan. This will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and then will hold an open forum for public input.
- A few small building permits were received this month.

D. Legal Report

Attorney King reported that:

- She worked on some leases and a second response to a Petition to the Supreme Court.
- She drafted a complaint regarding an A-1 Zone violation.
- She worked on the Quantum contractor case.

E. Fire Department Report

Chief Perez reported that:

- This will be his last report as Fire Chief for the Village due to the Fire/EMS merge with Bernalillo County, but he will continue to support the Village.
- They had 93 calls for the month of August.
- Participated in the New Mexico Marathon providing emergency care.
- The bid documents for the new fire station continue to move forward and hopefully will be sent out in October.
- They hosted the first EMT Class for the Village of Los Ranchos and it was a huge accomplishment.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Cash Report – July and August

The July and August Cash Reports were approved as presented.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. A Request by Los Poblanos Limited Partnership for a Restaurant Beer and Wine License for Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center in the SU-1 Zone of South Rio Grande Character Area B. The Property is Located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd and is Legally known as Tract A1, Lands of Albert Simms III, Filed 7/6/67 Vol. B4 Folio 97 and Warranty Deed Filed 9/16/78 Vol. D14A Folio 811-813 and Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a Replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The Property Contains 25.6371 Acres, More or Less.

The Los Poblanos Inn & Cultural Center's Restaurant Beer and Wine License was approved with findings and conditions.

B. A Request by D. McCall, Agent for Patty and Michael Anderson for Final Site Development Plan for a Major (5 Lot) Subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the South Rio Grande Character Area B. The Property is Legally known as Tract 6-A-2 of Tracts 6A-2 and 6A-4 of Tracts 6A-1 through 6A-6 Los Poblanos Ranch (being a Replat of a Portion of Tract 6, Los Poblanos Ranch) Situated within the Elena Gallegos Grant, Projected Sections 30, 31 and 32, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico as the Same is Shown and Designated on the Plat thereof, Filed October 30, 1995, in Volume 95C, Folio 893, of the Records of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The Property Contains 11.9607 Acres More or Less. SDP-09-04

The Patty and Michael Anderson final site development plan for a major five lot subdivision was approved with conditions and findings.

C. A Request by D. McCall Agent for Patty and Michael Anderson for a Final Preliminary Plat for a Major (5 Lot Subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the South Rio Grande Character Area B. The Property is Legally known as Tract 6-A-2 of Tracts 6A-2 and 6A-4 of Tracts 6A-1 through 6A-6 Los Poblanos Ranch (being a Replat of a Portion of Tract 6, Los Poblanos Ranch) Situated within Elena Gallegos Grant, Projected Sections 30, 31 and 32, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico as the Same is Shown and Designated on the Plat Thereof, Filed October 30, 1995, in Volume 95C, Folio 893, of the Records of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The Property Contains 11.9607 Acres More or Less. S-09-02

The Patty and Michael Anderson final preliminary plat for a major five lot subdivision was approved with conditions and findings.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Approval to Adopt an Ordinance Revising Chapter 4, Building Codes, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Amending Sections 1, 2, 3 and Adding Sections 4 and 5; Providing for Adoption of the International and New Mexico Codes, Administration, Enforcement, Permitting And Inspections, Technical Code Amendments and Repeal of Ordinance 154

This item was deferred to the October meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Bernalillo and the Village of Los Ranchos to Merge Fire and EMS Functions of the Village

of Los Ranchos with Bernalillo County Fire Department

The Intergovernmental Agreement to merge the Village of Los Ranchos Fire and EMS functions with Bernalillo County was approved.

B. Discussion and Approval of Joint Powers Agreement with Bernalillo County for the Provision of Regulation Services of Residential and Commercial Construction within the Village

The Joint Powers Agreement with Bernalillo County for Building and Inspection Services was approved.

C. Discussion and Approval of a Lease between the Village of Los Ranchos and David Montoya

This item was deferred to the October meeting.

D. Discussion and Approval to Issue a Request for Proposal for the Sale of Certain Village Owned Property, within the Village Center Area, and Development of the Village Project Area

This item was approved with direction to staff to issue the Request for Proposal.

E. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2009-9-1-in Support of a Small Acreage Conservation Easement

Resolution No. 2009-9-1 was approved.

F. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2009-9-2-Adopting an Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP)

Resolution No. 2009-9-2 was approved.

G. Discussion and Approval to Advertise in Summary an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 178 Section 2. A (2) Increasing the Judicial Education Fee to \$3.00 Due to the 2008 Legislature Amended Section 35-14-11 Relating to the Imposition of Fees by Municipal Court

This item was approved to advertise in summary.

H. Discussion and Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Legislative Project Grant Agreement No. 05-L-G-1676 Extending the Project Deadline through Fiscal Year 2011

The Grant Amendment was approved.

I. Discussion and Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the 2008 Severance Tax Bond Grant Agreement No. 08-L-G-5251 Extending the Project Deadline through Fiscal Year 2011

The Grant Amendment was approved.

J. Discussion and Approval to Change the November 11, 2009 Board Meeting Due to Veterans' Day Holiday

The Board of Trustees Meeting was changed to Thursday, November 12th.

K. Discussion and Approval of Grant Agreement Amendment No. 3 Reauthorizing the Amount of \$1,859.75 of the Legislative Projects Affected by the Laws of 2009

The Grant Agreement Amendment # 3 reauthorizing funds was approved.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Rael expressed his concerns regarding possible violations of parked vehicles on Green Valley Place; a large pot hole as you turn in to Chase Hardware; and he received a call from a resident on Garduño complaining of weeds on a property next to hers between 542 and 600 Garduño.

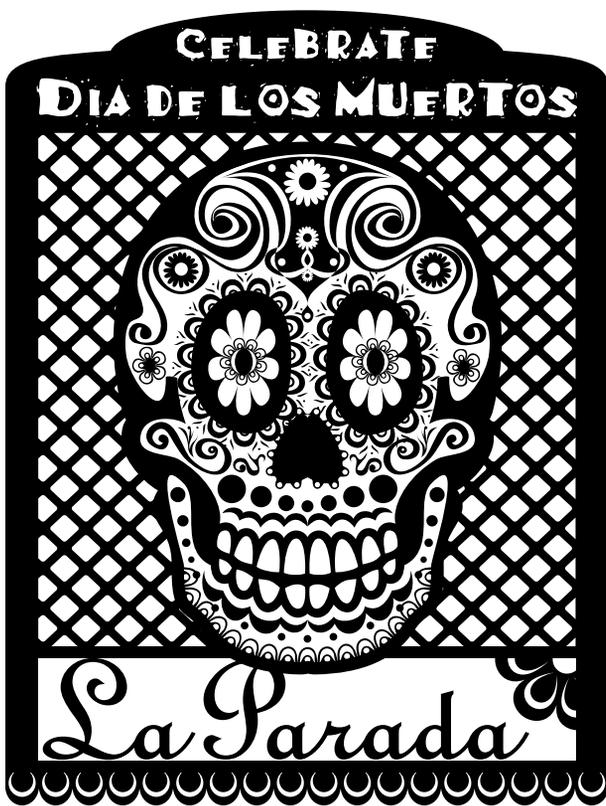
Trustee Lopez asked if funds would now be available for the 4th Street striping.

Mayor Abraham stated his concerns on the need to update the Village Noise Ordinance.

Trustee McDonough asked for the name of the group that is to look at all of the Village's open space and he would like this to come before the Board to discuss how it will be managed. He also asked if the Lavender Festival will be giving a report on what will be done with the \$50,000.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



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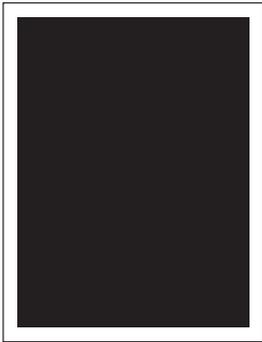
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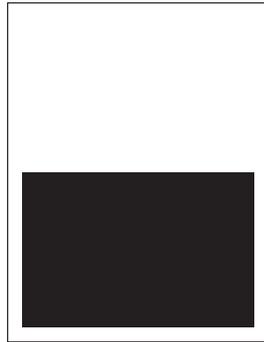
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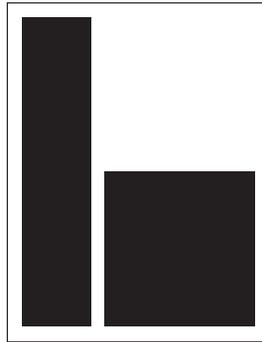
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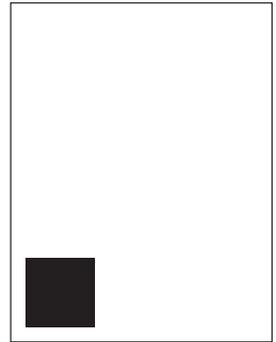
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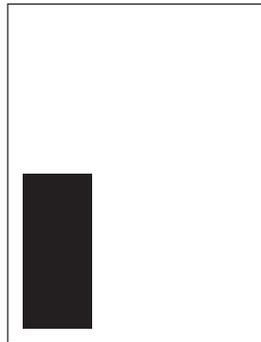


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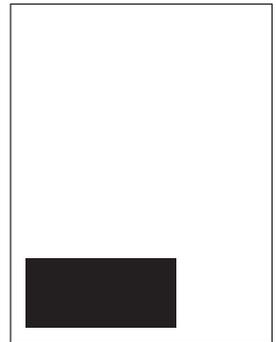
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by Phil Bock



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Opening two weeks later is Horton Foote's charming play, "The Trip to Bountiful," in which Carrie (outstanding actress Jean Effron) returns for a last visit to the small town in which she was raised, despite the concerns of her son and his wife.

"The Trip to Bountiful" is directed by Brian Hansen, former professor of theater at UNM, and a fine Equity actor in his own right. (Brian's last ADOBE production was the delightful "Morn-

ing's At Seven.") "Bountiful" is a trip you won't want to miss, opening on October 23rd, and playing through November 15th. As usual, performances take place on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 PM, and on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$14.00, students and seniors are \$12.00. Call 898.9222 weekdays only.

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He invites about eight people, and most are guests in his bed-and-breakfast in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, so getting to the party is a matter of walking down the hall. He has advised them that if they wish to attend the party, they should bring a birthday card. The card is the third of the four requirements that he asks be met by anyone wishing to take home some of his sourdough starter, which has become prized over the years.

Sargeant is a good-natured 83-year-old, and he begins his sourdough story

with this:

"One of my Army assignments was I was a professor of military science at Idaho State University. A chemistry professor at the university had this starter kit, and he had traced its history to a Basque sheepherder in northern Idaho in the late 1800s. I have declared 1 July to be its birthday. It was born in 1880.

"I share the starter at the party, but I have four requirements. No. 1, you have to convince me you're a bread-maker because it deserves that. No. 2,"

and here he shoots me a mischievous look, "well, No. 2 is negotiable, but if you let me prick your finger, you can sign for it in your own blood. Third is the birthday card, and fourth, you have to send me a picture of what you made. Proof you didn't lie to me."

He laughs then. He sees his starter all over the world now, passed from hand to hand, tended to in hundreds of kitchens turned warm and fragrant.

I tell Sargeant I like his story because it speaks to longevity and connectivity and tradition, because it makes clear their maintenance demands humility and hard work. Each has requirements, spoken and unspoken, and even carefully followed, the outcome is never guaranteed.

I can see his guests and friends sitting around his kitchen table, a bowl of his starter in the middle, bubbling and pungent. They drink champagne and eat coffee cake and sing. He parcels the starter among them. The long-ago Basque sheepherder could not have imagined this scene, these people carrying away bits of his past and, therefore, his story forward, an unbroken line.

Sargeant shares the starter with me too. He goes to his refrigerator and pulls out a big canning jar labeled "Mother lode." He spoons some into a smaller jar and gives me instructions for its care and feeding.

You sure you want to give this to me? I ask him. My knowledge of bread is limited to eating it. Preferably warm and with butter.

But I have met some other unspoken requirement. I figure it has to do with love of a story. He hands me the jar. Tells me to be sure and send him a picture. He wants to know what I do with it.

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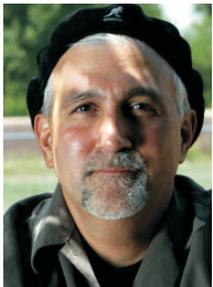
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Thoreau, Apples, and the Fall Revisted

Bring in the fall with an Apple Pecan Brown Betty.

by Randy Shamlian



The scent of fall can only mean two things in my mind, and they are apples and cinnamon, which mean a pie, a cobbler, a brown betty, buckle, or grunt. These nomenclatures

strongly represent the flavor of American culinary history, which evokes thoughts of Henry David Thoreau. You say, huh? Yet Thoreau, who is most notably known for authoring *Walden*, wrote an essay entitled *Wild Apples*. It certainly goes hand-in-hand with the essence of *Walden* itself, for he brings you right into his naturalist thinking with the opening sentence: "It is remarkable how closely the history of the apple tree is connected with that of man."

Albeit Thoreau's true domain was the outdoors, I can only imagine after a brisk walk on a gray day through the woods of *Walden*, he would have welcomed a warm slice of apple pie, freshly baked in an earthen stove. The following are a few passages from *Wild Apples*, that in another time and place, perhaps, Thoreau would have become a Chef or Baker.

"There is thus about all natural products a certain volatile and ethereal quality which represents their highest value, and which cannot be vulgarized, or bought and sold. No mortal has ever enjoyed the perfect flavor of any fruit, and only the godlike among men begin to taste its ambrosial qualities. For nectar and ambrosia are only those

fine flavors of every earthly fruit which our coarse palates fail to perceive; just as we occupy the heaven of the gods without knowing it.

"According to the Greeks, the apple-tree may be considered a symbol of peace no less than the olive. The apple was early so important, and so generally distributed, that its name traced to its root in many languages signifies fruit in general. Maelon (Melon), in Greek, means an apple, also the fruit of other tree [...]

"The apple tree is also mentioned by Homer. Ulysses saw in the glorious garden of Alcinous, "pears and pomegranates and apple-trees bearing beautiful fruit." And according to Homer, "apples, the wind ever blowing their boughs away from him."

To honor the advent of fall and Henry David Thoreau, an apple pecan brown betty recipe for your pleasure:

Apple Pecan Brown Betty

Streusel Topping:

- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 4 Tbl cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/4 inch pieces
- 1/3 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans

Filling:

- 6 cups total combination of Granny Smith, McIntosh, Winesap, and Golden Delicious apples (peeled, cored, and cut into 1/2 inch pieces)
- 1 cup Apple Sauce (made from peels and cores, or jarred)
- Juice of 1/2 lemon

- 1 tsp lemon zest
- 3 Tbl granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit and place rack in the center of the oven. Butter a 9-inch deep dish pie plate.

For Streusel:

Place all the ingredients (flour, sugars, spices, butter, oats and pecans) in a food processor and process until the mixture is crumbly, like a coarse meal.

For Filling:

Toss apple pieces with lemon zest, lemon juice, apple sauce and sugar. Transfer to your prepared baking dish. Spread streusel evenly over the apples.

Bake for approximately 30-40 minutes until golden brown. Let cool on a wire rack. Serve warm with Tahitian vanilla ice cream.

Enjoy!

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

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