

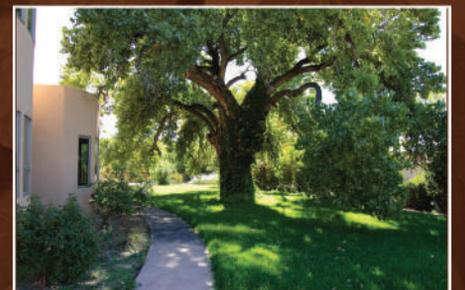
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Taking the Los Ranchos Identity Online

As Facebook and Twitter make quickly grow and mature, the Village is embracing these new medias to facilitate communication within Los Ranchos.

by Larry Abraham



Seven years ago, our Village's toughest challenge was simply encouraging residents to embrace its name. I remember well a common retort: How can we be a separate municip-

pality without our own Post Office? Or without a dedicated zip code? Yet time has shown that our community is blossoming without either convention.

The truth is that communities are no longer defined by a Post Office. Your computer now executes many responsibilities of the Post Office of old. Newsletters and brief correspondence all run through your email inbox. Indeed, the web has turned our computers into virtual super malls. Storefronts pop up on your browser, and inventory – reviews and all – are merely a click away.

Yet the Internet isn't simply about e-mail and e-commerce. It empowers all communities to interact in new ways. Residents can now connect with their local government and their business community as never before. Just imagine having regular access to road closures, Growers' Market updates, upcoming community events, local business affairs – or even something as simple as a lost pet!

Well, if you are a member of "What's Happening in Los Ranchos" on Facebook, you have just that.

Like it or not, Facebook and the social networks are here to stay. They will be increasingly present in our lives these coming years. Social networks

are no longer merely how the younger generation is communicating. Today networks like Facebook are tools for political campaigns, businesses, trade markets, and any other group that chooses to use them.

Just think for a moment on this: an Online Chamber of Commerce. What a terrific way for the Village of Los Ranchos to communicate with our businesses instantly. I envision each member of the online Chamber sharing special offers and events with other members of the online Chamber. Businesses can instantly exchange information to create opportunities for the development of dynamic and synergistic relationships. The Village will post weekly updates from the Chamber to all our residents, following "What's Happening in Los Ranchos."

With the 2010 business license renewals, I am challenging all businesses to create a Facebook profile and join our Online Chamber of Commerce. In addition, I will be encouraging our residents to sign up with Facebook to follow the Village of Los Ranchos on our Facebook page, "What's Happening in Los Ranchos".

My goal over the next two years is to connect our community through the tools of online social networks: connect our businesses to our residents, our businesses to our administration, and our administration to our residents. We currently have twenty members signed up for the Online Chamber and we already have over three hundred members who belong to the "What's Happening in Los Ranchos" Facebook page. My goal is to have over two thousand members belonging to these two groups by the end of 2010.

Embracing social networks costs

little or nothing. The networks are surprisingly effective. And we'll become one of the first communities to fully embrace the inevitable wave moving our way. Did you know that there are over 120,000 Facebook profiles in the Albuquerque area? And there are over 225 million users worldwide!

I believe social networking provides a perfect opportunity to become closer as a community, even as the world picks up its pace. Our residents have come to embrace the name Los Ranchos. Now we are collectively ready for the next step: expressing our community online. The power to communicate and connect our residents and businesses is at our fingertips.

And for those of you who already understand the power of social networking, you can follow Los Ranchos on Twitter at LosRanchosNM.

On another note: What a difference six years makes! It wasn't that long ago that we were embroiled in the Montana bridge four-laning controversy, when I had to serve Mayor Chavez with a restraining order. Needless to say, our relations with the city and the Albuquerque Mayor's office have been strained at times. I am looking forward to a much better relationship between Los Ranchos and the city from now on, as I have been appointed to Mayor-Elect R.J. Berry's transition team. R.J. and I have very similar thoughts on public service, with a common sense approach to government. I wish Mayor Berry the best of luck, and look forward to working with him and the city for the betterment of our region.

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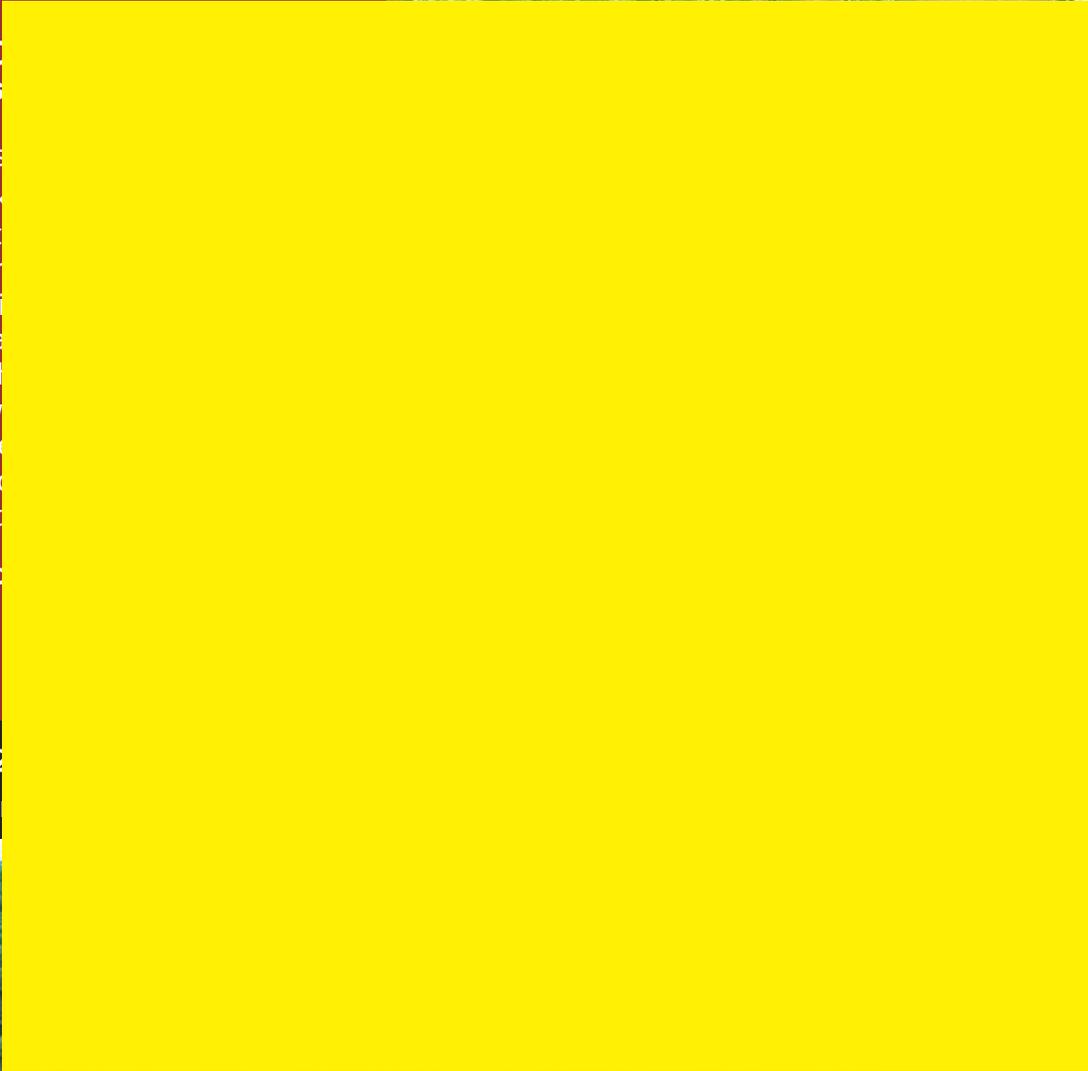
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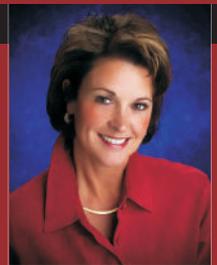
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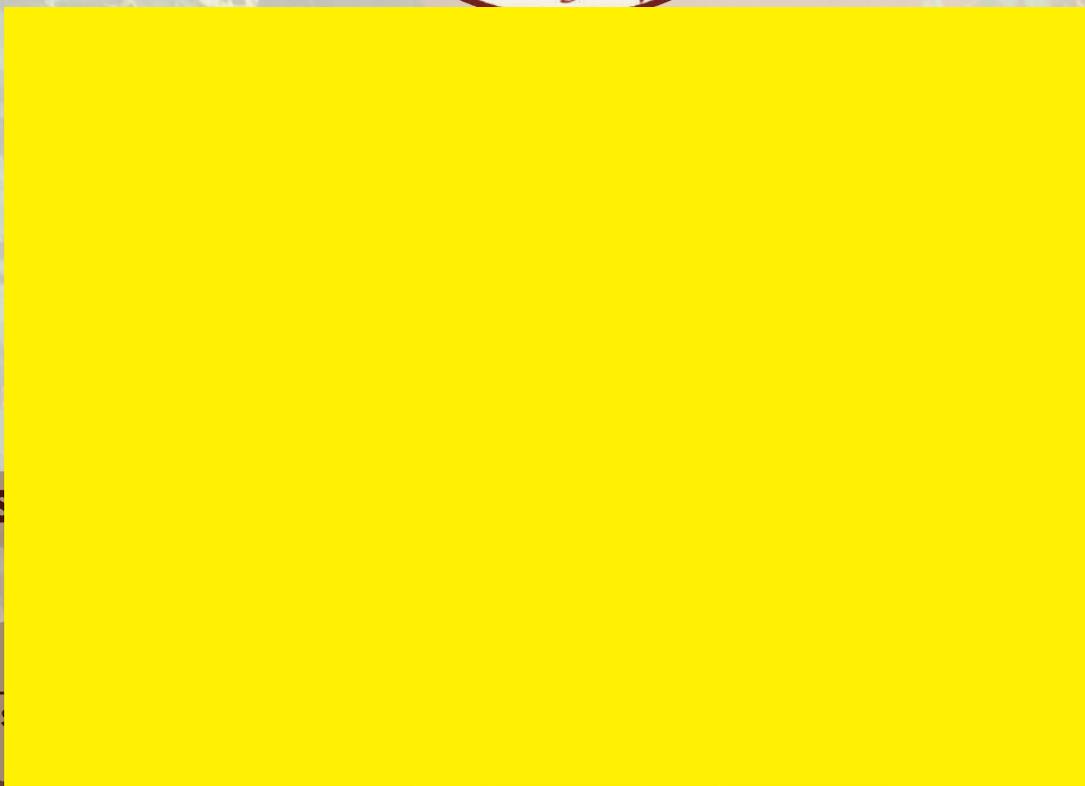
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Tuesday, November 10th, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, January 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Thursday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 9th, 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Stop and Shop on 4th Street

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Thanksgiving Holiday

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Friday, December 4th

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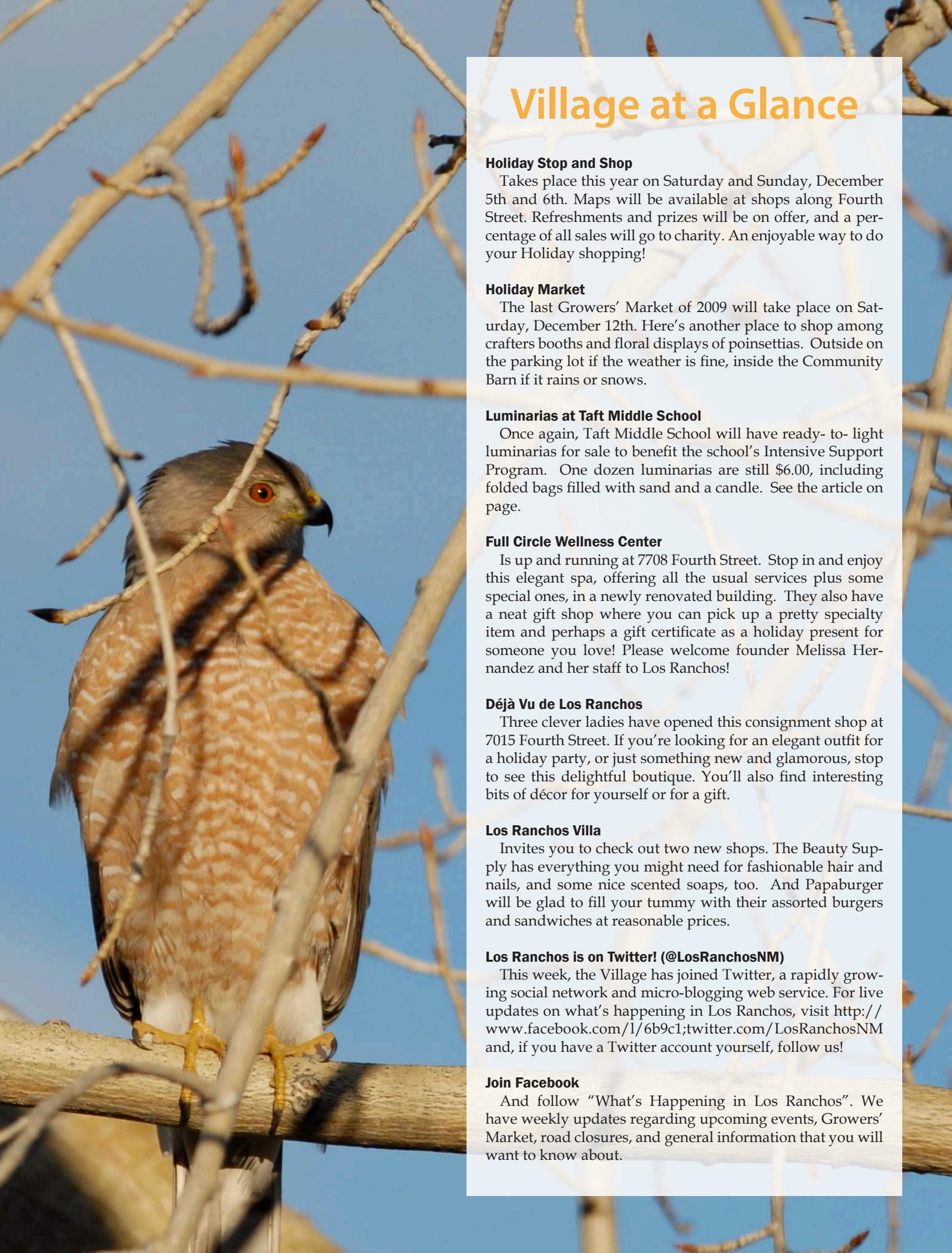
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Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

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)
 January 9th, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

4-H Club Meetings

Monday, November 16th, 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 21st, 7:00 p.m.
 Monday, January 18th, 7:00 p.m.



Village at a Glance

Holiday Stop and Shop

Takes place this year on Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th. Maps will be available at shops along Fourth Street. Refreshments and prizes will be on offer, and a percentage of all sales will go to charity. An enjoyable way to do your Holiday shopping!

Holiday Market

The last Growers' Market of 2009 will take place on Saturday, December 12th. Here's another place to shop among crafters booths and floral displays of poinsettias. Outside on the parking lot if the weather is fine, inside the Community Barn if it rains or snows.

Luminarias at Taft Middle School

Once again, Taft Middle School will have ready-to-light luminarias for sale to benefit the school's Intensive Support Program. One dozen luminarias are still \$6.00, including folded bags filled with sand and a candle. See the article on page.

Full Circle Wellness Center

Is up and running at 7708 Fourth Street. Stop in and enjoy this elegant spa, offering all the usual services plus some special ones, in a newly renovated building. They also have a neat gift shop where you can pick up a pretty specialty item and perhaps a gift certificate as a holiday present for someone you love! Please welcome founder Melissa Hernandez and her staff to Los Ranchos!

Déjà Vu de Los Ranchos

Three clever ladies have opened this consignment shop at 7015 Fourth Street. If you're looking for an elegant outfit for a holiday party, or just something new and glamorous, stop to see this delightful boutique. You'll also find interesting bits of décor for yourself or for a gift.

Los Ranchos Villa

Invites you to check out two new shops. The Beauty Supply has everything you might need for fashionable hair and nails, and some nice scented soaps, too. And Papaburger will be glad to fill your tummy with their assorted burgers and sandwiches at reasonable prices.

Los Ranchos is on Twitter! (@LosRanchosNM)

This week, the Village has joined Twitter, a rapidly growing social network and micro-blogging web service. For live updates on what's happening in Los Ranchos, visit <http://www.facebook.com/1/6b9c1;twitter.com/LosRanchosNM> and, if you have a Twitter account yourself, follow us!

Join Facebook

And follow "What's Happening in Los Ranchos". We have weekly updates regarding upcoming events, Growers' Market, road closures, and general information that you will want to know about.



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In Memoriam **Eb King** The Apple Man

Within one weekend in September, the Village lost two of its long time residents, both of whom were important to the founding and growth of our Village.



Elbert Watson (Eb) King, Jr., died at his home on September 26th. He was born in 1919 in Illinois, and was just a couple months short of his ninetieth birthday. Eb was known as The Apple Man, for his acres of apple orchards, and he sold his apples every fall at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market at this time of year. His profession was in orthodontics, and he practiced for forty years, straightening the teeth of children all over New Mexico and the Four Corners area. He served as a consultant to the Navajo Reservation Health Services in Arizona, working with children with cleft palates. He also worked part time at Los Alamos National Laboratory when it was a closed facility.

Eb served in the Navy in the Pacific theater during WWII, serving on the USS Saratoga, as well as other ships. He arrived in the Village in 1959, and bought what turned out to be more than eleven acres of land. He later added

more acreage, and after a few years, he circulated a petition among his neighbors, which he then took to Mayor Sam Hartnett and the Trustees, requesting that they annex all this additional land to the Village. That property ran from El Pueblo to Ortega and from Fourth Street to the river, making the original Village a good deal larger.

In 1980, he planted 2500 dwarf apple trees, and eventually King Orchards became one of the biggest apple producers in the state. He also made and sold wonderful cider. Eb once told me that the secret was adding a little Golden Delicious to every batch!

Eb King is survived by his wife, Rowena, son Brian, daughter Lesley, and two grandchildren.

His funeral took place on October 3rd, in the height of the apple season. Every person who attended was given an Eb King apple in memory of The Apple Man.

In Memoriam

Jane Cahalane Woodard

Jane Cahalane Woodard passed away on September 27th, at her home. A native of New Hampshire, she grew



up and was educated in New England. She and her husband, Bill, lived in California, Washington, and Hawaii while he served in the Navy. In 1954, they moved to Albuquerque, and in 1957, they settled in what would become the Village of Los Ranchos. Jane's son, Reg, told me that the Village of Los Ranchos was born at Jane's kitchen table! She and her neighbors had become alarmed at the prospect of zoning changes in the area, which would have forced them to give up their chickens and horses and other livestock, and decided to create their own Village. The meetings took place in Jane's kitchen, where she provided endless coffee and plates of chocolate chip cookies! That was in 1958, so now you know how our fifty-year-old Village came to be.

Quoting from the wonderful remembrance written for the paper by her son, Reg: "(Jane) enjoyed knitting, needle-

point, and was a voracious reader. She loved to play big band and ragtime tunes on the organ and piano. She loved autumn and the holidays that followed. She was a card-carrying member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of Howden Guild of St. John's Cathedral in the 1960's. She loved snowy days and would make a batch of her "secret recipe" donuts on those days.....She was active in the Sandia Dog Obedience Club and showed her corgis in obedience for many years. She served as secretary of innumerable horseshows....and wrote and researched articles for the national Morgan Horse Magazine. She will be sorely missed."

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by Sue Brawley



Growers' Market

The Winter Markets take place on the second Saturday of each month, from December to April, from 10 a.m. to noon. On December 12th, one

will find winter squash, greens, apples, carrots and other root vegetables, hot house tomatoes, dried fruit, herb blends, cold-weather bedding plants, dried flower arrangements, paper-whites, house plants and cacti, and great gift ideas from the growers (honey, jams and jellies, mustard) as well as the arts & crafts vendors. Weather permitting, the Arts and Crafts Market will be open 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday until Christmas. Depending on the weather, the Market

will either be held in the regular place on the parking lot, or in the barn.

Thanks to Community Partners:

The Growers' Market Board (a volunteer-run organization: Sue Brawley, Cathy Lewandowski, Tom Fay, Phil Herlan, Lorilee McDowell, and Mary Moses) would like to express its appreciation for all the support that has been received from the various Community Partners. The support makes a difference! A special thanks to Lori Barrett, Lakota Consulting, for assisting us with our advertising campaign.

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Safe Holidays are Happy Holidays

Eleven tips to ensure your holiday season is all joy.

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



Hard to believe, but 2009 is nearly over. It's time for the holiday season and all the chaos and joy that comes along with it. Unfortunately, it's also a time when potential thieves are looking to acquire your property, gifts, and valuables. Here are some basic safety tips to help keep you and your possessions safe this holiday season:

1. Remember the three A's of crime prevention: Be Aware of your surroundings, Be Alert to suspicious people and vehicles, and Avoid dangerous situations.

2. Is it absolutely necessary to carry

a purse or bag at all times? A wallet or credit card in a pocket would be less tempting.

3. Try to carry only the amount of cash or credit cards you really need.

4. Keep your bag(s) closed and carry it in front of you and close to your body.

5. Avoid carrying many packages at once, as it can make you look vulnerable. Place all packages and gifts in the locked trunk of your vehicle.

6. Avoid follow-home robberies. As you drive home with your trunk full of packages, look for potential danger before you enter your driveway. Do not enter your driveway if a suspicious vehicle has followed you home! Go to the nearest safe location and call the police (798-7000 or 911).

7. If you are confronted in your driveway, remain in your locked car with the windows up, and blow your horn. The distance from your vehicle to your front door is "no man's land".

Also, make sure walkways, doorways, and driveways are well lit.

8. If someone attacks you, just give up the property and be a good witness. There is nothing in your purse, wallet, or shopping bags worth serious injury or death!

9. When using an ATM, make sure that it is not in a secluded place and that it is well lit. Never count money outside of your vehicle.

10. At home, do not display gifts where they can be easily seen from a window or doorway.

11. Going away for the holidays? Have a friend or neighbor keep tabs on your home, and leave emergency contact information with them and the police.

Be safe this holiday season and take time to truly enjoy everything the holidays stand for, to include family, friends, and community. Happy Holidays to all!





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Health Column

Dr. Oz and the New Year Ahead

by Rachel Mittleman



This article is dedicated to all those Dr. Oz groupies, and people prepping for their New Year resolutions.

For those of you who don't know Dr. Oz, he is the physician who gives health advice on the Oprah show.

One of the things he frequently talks about is waist circumference. Turns out that how much weight you are carrying around your middle is directly correlated to your risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and even cancer.

The ideal waistline (not hips) for women is 32 1/2 inches or less, and 35 inches or less for a man—a goal that is achievable by everyone, no matter your age. If you have a waist size bigger than this, you are carrying a lot of belly fat.

To get started on a plan to slim your waist, and improve your health, Dr. Oz suggests that you:

- 1) know your numbers (weight, waist circumference, blood pressure and cholesterol);
- 2) work on changing bad eating habits;
- 3) try new snacks - if you need a snack, try healthy foods such as fruit or popcorn; and
- 4) exercise for thirty minutes almost every day, no excuses.

If you are ready, try one of these ideas and see if it works for you. If so, try another suggestion listed above. You may just thank Dr. Oz and see a difference this New Year!

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An Interview with Chief John Garcia

The Bernalillo County Fire Chief talks shop and the merger's benefits.

by Commander Greg Perez



With the merger of the Los Ranchos Fire Department and Bernalillo County Fire Department complete, the Village Vision sat down with BCFRD Chief John Garcia to learn

more about him, the department, and its future with the Village.

Tell us about yourself.

Garcia: My name is John A. Garcia. I spent 16 years as a career firefighter with the City of Albuquerque Fire Department, two years as Chief of Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue Department, and five years as a volunteer with Bernalillo County Fire and Rescue Department. I have experience as a Confined Space Rescue Technician, Swift Water Rescue Technician, Communications Specialist (USAR), Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Geographic Information System Specialist, Emergency Medical Dispatcher, Emergency Medical Technician, Business Administration, Personnel Interaction, Labor Management Relations, and Collective Bargaining and Arbitration.

What basic information can you give us about the Bernalillo County Fire Department?

Garcia: Our firehouses consist of 11 staffed stations, 4 unstaffed substations, an Administrative Building, Fleet Maintenance Facility, Supply Warehouse, and Training Academy. Overall, our locations are staffed with 225 administrative and field person-

nel.

In our field service operations is Deputy Chief Ron Keyworth overseeing training, EMS and Field Operations (200 Personnel: Battalion Commanders, Lieutenants, Engineers, and Firefighters).

In support services, Deputy Chief Frank Barka oversees Fire Prevention/ Inspection, Logistics, Special Projects and all Administrative functions and staff (28 Personnel: Division Commanders, Lieutenants and Civilian staff).

In Fire Station Staffing, we have three minimum on engine companies, two minimum on rescues with a paramedic on duty at all 11 stations 24-7, 365 days a year.

Our equipment consists of nine frontline engines/pumpers, two ladders, eight rescues, five tankers, nine brush trucks, two airboats, two air trucks, eleven battalions, Emergency Services Unit, three reserve engines/pumpers, one reserve ladder, 1 squad, miscellaneous staff vehicles, and a fire safety trailer.

Will the new department affect emergency response times?

Garcia: Yes, we will continually improve our overall response times within the Village and our jurisdiction. Safety is our number one priority!

How will the merger affect insurance rates?

Garcia: The merger of the two fire departments gives the BCFRD the ability to suppress fires more efficiently and effectively; because of this we have the opportunity to reduce our overall Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating. Currently BCFRD is a 4/9 and the Village is a 5. Our goal would be to have

ISO reevaluate our Fire Department in an attempt to bring our rating down to a 3 (with 10 being the highest insurance rate and being 1 being the lowest). This will also benefit the Bernalillo County communities with their taxes.

Specifically, how will the newly merged fire department augment the prior abilities of the Los Ranchos Fire Department?

Garcia: In terms of training, BCFRD has a fully functional Training Academy Facility that allows us to rotate all of our crews in for EMS and Fire Training. The benefits of this type of training allow us to work as a team, to ensure consistency of operations, and also ensure that employees do not have to pay or worry about obtaining the necessary certifications or licensures on their own.

Regarding equipment, BCFRD has additional purchasing power to ensure that we get the best price for all equipment/apparatus needed for the department. The department has dedicated staff assigned to our Logistics Division to ensure the staff always has the required equipment on their apparatus and personal safety equipment is up to date and in proper operation. A safe firefighter delivers good customer service to the community.

In terms of staffing, the entire Fire Department's staff and equipment are readily available to the Village citizens for all types of emergencies.

How does the newly merged fire department affect the development of the new firehouse on Fourth and Schulte?

Garcia: BCFRD will assign additional staff to oversee the project to ensure

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that the facility is constructed as designed to specs.

How will the newly merged fire department continue old traditions of the Los Ranchos Fire Department (for instance, the Egg Hunt, July 4th fireworks, and pancake breakfasts)?

Garcia: BCFRD is a community based Fire Department; we believe in interaction with the Community Groups, Neighborhood Associations, Schools and Misc. Venues. This helps us to educate the public concerning the roles and responsibilities of the Fire Department and to assist in Fire Prevention and EMS Intervention education.

What do you consider the biggest short-term challenges for the new fire department?

Garcia: The biggest short term challenge will be to ensure that our firefighters are adequately trained to meet the ever growing demands of our community.

The biggest long-term challenges?

Garcia: The biggest challenge that faces the fire service in general is budgetary constraints. As jurisdictions continue to grow, the needs of the Fire Department must grow equivalently in order to provide the best and safest customer service possible.

What have you enjoyed most about being chief so far?

Garcia: There is very little that I don't enjoy about being Chief, but what I enjoy the most is interacting with the Firefighters in the field. I use this opportunity to gather their thoughts and ideas to continue to move this department in a positive direction.

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Welcoming Our Sandhill Guests

Every winter, the Village's open spaces become invaluable homes to yearly migrations of Sandhill Cranes.

by Roberta Beyer



Aldo Leopold called them the "trumpets of evolution." Peter Matthiessen calls them "the birds of heaven." In Latin, they are *Grus Americana*, and we in the Village are privileged to

live directly under one of their migratory flyways where we can listen to their trumpeting as they fly over on their way to the Bosque del Apache and their other wintering grounds along the bosques of the Rio Grande.

They are the Sandhill Cranes, and their migration is an annual rite of passage that makes up for the absence of hummingbirds and heralds the coming of winter. Some cranes spend their winters here in the Village, and can be found in many of the open fields in the North Valley. By mid-November, the time of the Festival of the Cranes at the Bosque del Apache and in Socorro, they will have made themselves at home for another winter with us.

Sandhills mate for life, and both parents are involved in rearing their young. Living for twenty years and more, they form in flocks at migratory staging areas and live together during the winter months in wetlands to which they return year after year, decade after decade, as they have done for millennia. Among the oldest living species on earth, cranes are particularly susceptible to the loss of wetlands habitats. Many thousands more probably wintered here before our population exploded after WWII. They need our



wetlands much more than they need more housing or more people in the Valley.

The cranes are joined by large numbers of Canada Geese and other avian winter residents. The winter months are a great time for birdwatching locally. You'll see White-crowned Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, Bushtits, Lesser Goldfinches, and numerous varieties of ducks. Brightly colored Wood Ducks share the main irrigation channel with Mallards. At the diversion channel at the north end of Fourth Street, you'll see many shorebirds. In recent winters, at least one Bald Eagle has been sighted along the river, and Peregrine Falcons, the world's fastest animals, are occa-

sionally sighted.

And don't forget the annual Christmas Bird Count, which involves all of us in real science. All you have to do is commit to spending a little time counting birds for a few hours. If you are interested in joining the annual Christmas Bird Count, which takes place from December 14, 2009, through January 4, 2010, call The Fat Finch at 898-8900 for details. It's a great family activity, much loved by children.

Roberta Beyer is owner of The Fat Finch, a Boutique for Birders, located at 7528 - 4th St NW, Los Ranchos, and on the web at www.fatfinch.com. Store hours are Mon-Sat, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Noteworthy Villager

Marilyn Carpenter

Physical Education Teacher of the Year

In this issue, we'd like to recognize a teacher at Los Ranchos Elementary School who is doing wonderful things for her students. Marilyn Carpenter was recently named the New Mexico Elementary School PE Teacher of the Year by the New Mexico Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

Ms. Carpenter has taught at Los Ranchos Elementary for sixteen years, and she is famous for her innovative style of teaching, and her very unusual classes. With the object of making her program varied and interesting for her students, Ms. Carpenter challenges them with skills like dribbling or throwing or movement to music, plus endurance and conditioning.

But the highlight of her classes is jungle day, which involves a tumbling unit, with the gym decorated like a jungle. The students wear jungle clothes and explore the jungle moving like animals. Elephants, for example, or George of the Jungle, swinging on ropes. And her students also have the fun of challenging the firefighters of Los Ranchos to an annual basketball game.

Principal Letha Oman mentioned that Ms. Carpenter doesn't only concern herself with the students. One month, she spearheaded having a healthy lunch for the staff! Well, why not - it does set a good example!



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Restaurant of the Month: Sadie's Cocinita

Sadie's is located on the east side of 4th Street in the Village. This restaurant has been a Village family-run landmark for over thirty years, with roots that run deep here in Los Ranchos. It's one of those places where you always seem to run into friends and family. As you sit, the aroma of chile simmering away fills the air, and you are enveloped in the

feeling that you will be well fed. The food here is substantial and satisfying; it's no wonder that Sadie's is a bastion for Northern New Mexican fare. Sadie's is larger than most restaurants, and has something for everyone. So, as you are planning those holiday parties, don't forget Sadie's. If you haven't stopped in for a while, don't worry! You are

always welcome at Sadie's!

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Holiday Stop and Shop, December 5-6

The premier seasonal shopping event of the Village returns.

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

The holiday season is about joyous anticipation. We wait to celebrate this happy season, each in his own way. We wait for time to devote to family and friends. In the Village, we wait for the glow of luminarias, the fragrance of biscochitos, and crisp, sun-filled days of life in our glorious rural setting.

No matter how we feel about shop-

ping, it's a part of our anticipation of the holidays. Business owners in the Village have provided us with the most hassle-free shopping for the season via their Holiday Stop and Shop.

This year the event will be held on the first weekend of December. Maps will be available at shops along Fourth Street to guide shoppers. We can "stop and shop" as we stroll through the Village. Shops will offer refreshments

and prizes. Some will even offer small gifts.

Moreover, an important part of the event, in keeping with the spirit of the season, is that a percentage of all sales will go to a charity. Last year's beneficiary was the Roadrunner Food Bank.

Anticipation of the holiday season, ease of shopping, and the pleasure of seeing friends along the way—all reasons to join the Village Stop and Shop!

Black Orchid Couture Vintage, Alternative, Eclectic Clothing & Accessories 8831 4th St	The Blue Door Salon \$5.00 Off Haircuts with Angel! 7222 4th St	Chez Nous A Place You Discover 9304 4th St	DeBenedetto's Women's Shoes Timeless Footwear for Sophisticated Women 6855 #E-1 4th St	Employers Pro Advantage, Inc Free Refreshments and Gift. 7103 4th St	The Fat Finch Boutique for Birdwatchers. Free Gift! 7528 #A 4th St	The Green Printmaker Gallery Come in for Free Gift 6501 #E-1 4th St
<p>Get an early start this holiday with the fourth annual STOP & SHOP!</p> <p>Take a drive down North Fourth Street and look for turquoise flags</p>						
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2. Antique Co-op Relaxed shopping atmosphere - Great variety	8. Dan's Boots & Saddles Quality for over 56 years!	14. Kelly Jo Designs Best prices of the year	19. Sky Dog The Art Space Ethnographic and contemporary fine art	23. Village Trading Post Great priced gifts for everyone		
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Destination Los Ranchos

Full Circle Wellness Center Now Open

The Village's newest business focuses on wholesome treatments for total well-being.

The Full Circle Wellness Center opened in Los Ranchos on November first, following an extensive renovation of the property at 7708 Fourth Street NW. When I visited, the paint was still wet, and the crew was busy making the place into an elegant spa, which will surely bring some new and interesting therapies to the Village location.

Melissa Hernandez, owner of the new spa, is moving her five-year-old business here from Albuquerque, because she needed more space for her expanding business, and loved the rural atmosphere of the Village. A workout with a view – how nice is that?! Melissa came to New Mexico from Michigan. Her father is Dr. Dale Alverson who used to be on Channel 4 with a program called “For Your Family’s Health”. Dr. Alverson was a neonatologist at UNM, and now works in the field of tele-medicine, so Melissa has had a medical connection in her

life. She is herself a massage therapist and aesthetician, and has experience with personal training and in trigger therapy. Melissa has explored the field of products available for use in spas, and has chosen the ones she uses because they are organic, formaldehyde-free, and eco-friendly treatments.

Clients can look forward to working individually with a trainer, and the focus of all treatments is on the complete person from emotional, physical, environmental, spiritual, mental, and social aspects of life. Total well-being is the key. There will be hair and nail services, yoga, and perhaps eventually acupuncture and chiropractic. And if you have a special event planned, perhaps a wedding, Melissa will offer a very exciting program that will prepare you for the big day, including massage to calm your nerves, a facial and bridal make-up application. There are also stress-relief and detox packages

available. Take a look at the extensive program of services!

And there is a gift shop with ideas for holiday gifts, and free gift wrapping; even a gift shopping service. Free wi-fi is offered, along with organic coffee and chocolate, and the spa welcomes its clients to come and spend a day relaxing and being pampered away from that ‘madding crowd’.

So come and speak with Melissa or manager Andrea Gillean, and see what magic they can work to make your life more beautiful and comfortable. And all just up the street in the Village!

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Rita and Vic Benedict stand in front of collected donations.

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DeBenedetto's Women's Shoes, an upscale women's shoe boutique in the North Valley, has made its first large delivery of donations collected for Our Sister's Closet. Our Sister's Closet is a program of the YWCA Middle Rio Grande, providing gently used professional clothing to underserved women, who are either entering the workforce for the first time or re-entering the workforce.

Rita Benedict and Vic Benedict, mother and daughter co-owners of DeBenedetto's Women's Shoes, believe this initial donation to be a huge success, and look forward to the continued partnership with Our Sister's Closet and the Community. Together we can help make a difference.

Please keep the donations coming to DeBenedetto's Women's Shoes at 6855 4th Street NW, Ste. E-1, Los Ranchos, in The Village Shops at Los Ranchos, ½ mile north of Osuna. DeBenedetto's hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11am-6pm and Saturday, 11am-5pm. You can contact Rita or Vic at #345-9948 or at shoes@debenedettos.com.

Vic Benedict

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Deja Vu de Los Ranchos

Consignment shop, simplified.

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

Even before you enter Deja Vu de Los Ranchos, you know you'll find something magical behind the boutique's red front door! Roses, hollyhocks, salvia, and cannas add a cacophony of color to the building's facade. Inside awaits a myriad of visual delights for the discerning shopper who would like to have a bit of fashion fun.

The walls, celadon, with a hint of yellow added, plus the wood floors, fine furniture display cases, and elegantly appointed fitting rooms all testify to the attention to detail that defines every aspect of Deja Vu. Owners, Deanne Lopez Creel, Luana Mansfield, and Marion Wylie select each item in the shop with an eye to quality as well as style. Dior, Fendi, Ungaro, Gucci, Chanel, Anne Klein, and Ellen Tracy are all represented. Treasures abound in every room of the fine old Valley home resurrected as a boutique for fine clothing, jewelry, shoes, and designer items for the home. "The universe put us here," explains Wylie of their adventure into the world of fashion from other careers.

It all came together in only a month once they had decided on the exact location, 7015 Fourth Street—almost as if the whole undertaking had been set up in another life and then brought to their consciousness two years ago. It was then they began to dream of starting a business which would "indulge our love of clothes, allow us to have fun, and let us be a part of a nice community," they explain as they list the factors which brought them to the Village.

"We're here to stay," insists Wylie. The "two butterflies and a focus," as the friends think of themselves, each has a special role to play in the success of their venture. There are displays to arrange, steaming to be done, records to keep, bills to pay, choices of items to accept for sale, and prices to be decided upon. So far, what they're doing is working far beyond their expectations. In sales, they exceeded in the first week



Left to right: Luana Mansfield, Deanne Lopez Creel, and Marion Wylie.

and a day what they thought they might manage in a month. "Everyone from the neighborhood has come in to say hello," they say in recognition of the excitement the shop has generated.

Deja Vu is a consignment shop. Consignors will receive a percentage of the sale price of items they bring in, and will have the option of picking up pieces which don't sell in ninety days, or having them donated to Barrett House and other charities. The shop is open during weekdays 10 to 6, and 12 to 5 on Sunday.

A sign on the wall behind the check-out counter says "Simplify." The word speaks to the owners' fashion sense as well as their belief that being well-dressed doesn't have to mean over-the-top spending. One item that came in recently would have carried a \$1500.00 price tag, new. Deja Vu's price--under \$200.00. "Everything I have on is used," Mansfield told a recent customer of her high-fashion outfit.

Concerned that they indulge their love of clothes responsibly, all three women feel that if they include used pieces in their own wardrobes, they'll be making a visual statement that

dressing well doesn't have to be an extravagance. Even Lucy, the mannequin that stands outside the shop, fits the philosophy of high-fashion recycling. She came from an estate sale to her new home in the Village.

One of the most interesting things to do during a shopping trip to DejaVu is play with combining classic pieces, that would be out of style in their original incarnation, into new outfits with up-to-date flair. The owners' sense of style will allow them to make suggestions. But trying out the black and white checked skirt of a Chanel suit with a beaded sweater and just the right scarf, topped off with a black wool beret, can turn into just plain fun for a budget-conscious shopper who wants no part of the all-too-ordinary mall fashion experience.

"It's like therapy being here," says Mansfield after a long Saturday at the boutique. Anyone entering Deja Vu's red door is sure to feel the same.

Deja Vu de Los Ranchos
7015 Fourth Street NW,
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North Valley Academy Promotes Recycling

Roadrunner After School Program teaches sustainability.

by Jeret Snider

The Roadrunner After School Program is in our second year at NVA. We have approximately fifty students daily. Our hours are 3 to 6pm Monday -Thursday, and 1 to 6 on Fridays. We cater to the families and students of NVA. Roadrunner believes that it is important for our future leaders to understand the importance of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Between March 2 and June 26, 2009, we collected over 3,000 pounds of recyclables from our school and Village Subs! From September 8 to the present, we have collected an additional 1,000 pounds! A large majority of the

recycled product is paper, cardboard, and plastic bottles. All our students participate in the program, from the collection to the weighing and loading of recyclables, and they learn to use teamwork and math in order to make the program work.

We teach our students about our carbon footprint and how we can lighten the print. Roadrunner has ordered 100% organic cotton T-shirts for all of the kids, as well as staff polos which are made from 50% recycled post-consumer materials. We use recycled paper for all projects and activities. These are some real life examples we use to show the kids that even a little action can make a difference. Our goal

is to exceed last year's mark of 3,000 lbs.

After the students collect the recyclables from the rooms, they weigh themselves, then pick up a bag or two and get back on the scale. The new weight is then subtracted from their original weight and the total of the bags is found. They repeat the process until finished. Next, they add their new totals, and then add that result to the running grand total.

FYI: we are also working on starting a community service project that involves our students who could volunteer within the Village to earn "credits". For more information on this project, please call me at 306.2950.

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Michael Maccini is a Village resident. He's been in the molding and millwork business for thirty years, and in 1994, he opened his own business on El Pueblo. His main line is Eagle Windows and Doors; his firm also carries Milgard vinyl windows, as well as Velux skylights, and he's just picked up a new line of stylish entry doors. These manufacturers can provide all the latest types and grades of windows, and Piñon works with builders and independent homeowners on windows and all

Mike will work with the homeowner to find the best product for the job, and can order any custom size window. "Quality and customer service is the motto, and whatever is required, we can produce."

types of exterior doors, including sliding and French designs. All the windows are Energy Star rated, and I saw a variety of decorative stained, as well as clear glass in windows and doors, available to create a desired effect. And remodeling is also a good part of the Piñon business. Mike will work with the homeowner to find the best product for the job, and can order any custom size window. "Quality and customer service is the motto, and whatever is required, we can produce," he says.

Mike also takes a great interest in the restoration of historic properties, and has worked on a number of these projects: his company redid the windows in three historic dorms for NMSU, copying the old style windows with a wood clad product. And Piñon produced 8' by 4' operable windows for the historically registered elementary school in Las Vegas, NM. Not every company will go to these lengths for special orders.

Mike Maccini constantly emphasized that Piñon is a "green" company, recycling everything possible, including cardboard packing. His manager, Jacqueline Davis, has been with the company for almost five years, and she describes Piñon as, "not only green but very family oriented." She makes a specialty of educating customers on their options, in her typically low key style, and she is usually accompanied by her three-year-old dog, Daisy, even in photos!



Mike Maccini, Jackie Davis, and Daisy

It's interesting to note that, in addition to his expertise with windows and doors, Mike also regards himself as a tomato expert. He has a large garden at home, where he grows the usual veggies, plus forty varieties of tomatoes, all grown from seed! He used to be involved with our Growers' Market, and now gives much of his produce away to charities. But he doesn't only grow things at home. As part of my tour of the business, Mike proudly showed me the company garden, right there beside his warehouse. The employees – he has five – are happy to enjoy the veggies and flowers; it's part of the comfortable work environment.

If you're planning to replace a window or two, go ask to see what Mike calls his "bone pile" – half of the warehouse full of over supplies. You are invited to come and pick through it – "The price will be right!" And you'll enjoy doing business with these nice folks.

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 196 10-12-2005

ADDRESS	ML#	LIST PRICE	LOT	SF	BR	BA	G	AGENT	COMPANY	PHONE
ACTIVE										
201 Nuevo Hacienda Ln NW	662600	\$149,000.00	0.21	VACANT LAND				Vince Tomardy	The Rhino Group, Inc.	891-0900
322 El Pueblo NW	664885	\$175,000.00	0.48	VACANT LAND				Jim W Shull Jr	Shull & Associates	344-1141
218-220 Nico Trl NW	644830	\$189,000.00	0.398ac	VACANT LAND				Cindy A Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	344-4336
506 Rohl	659859	\$199,000.00	0.688	VACANT LAND				Gerri-Kay Sanchez	Infinity Real Estate	281-2596
Nuevo Hacienda NW	664179	\$199,000.00	0.218	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
Nuevo Hacienda NW	664184	\$199,000.00	0.218	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
Nuevo Hacienda NW	641364	\$205,000.00	0.31	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
Nuevo Hacienda NW	660799	\$205,000.00	0.25	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
Nuevo Hacienda NW	641538	\$210,000.00	0.219	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
Nuevo Hacienda NW	641700	\$215,000.00	0.218	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
512 Green Valley Ct NW	643111	\$219,000.00	0.48	VACANT LAND				Lynn M Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
507 Marys Way NW	625184	\$240,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND				Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
511 Marys Way NW	625182	\$250,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND				Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
Rancho Rd Lot C-1A	649823	\$300,000.00	1.005	VACANT LAND				A. Peter Veres	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
Rancho Rd Lot C-1B	652019	\$300,000.00	0.804	VACANT LAND				A. Peter Veres	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
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
900 Devon Ln NW	662914	\$450,000.00	1.399	VACANT LAND				Jill S Levin	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	998-5800
803 El Pueblo Rd NW	636525	\$450,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
Ranchitos Rd NW	661348	\$450,000.00	1.12	VACANT LAND				Mary M Quintana	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
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				Susue 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
378 Losa Ranchos Rd.	663489	\$295,000.00		2068	3	2/0/1	2	Leslie Schumann	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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	\$310,000.00	0.69	1674	3	1/0/0	2	Janie Gilmore-Daniels	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
504 El Pueblo Rd NW	660438	\$349,000.00	0.47	1875	3	2/0/1	2	Lynn Porter	Pargin Realty ERA	296-1500
8301 Don Diego Cir NW #8	657663	\$379,900.00	8189	2468	4	2/0/2	0	Lynn M Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
8424 Guadalupe Trl NW	644876	\$400,000.00	2.04	2366	3	2/0/0	0	Cheryl Marlow	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
8240 Guadalupe Trl NW	650236	\$449,500.00	46609	2900	3-4	2/1/0	2	Winnie DeVore	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
924 Pueblo Solano Pl NW	657200	\$469,000.00	0.75	1990	3	2/0/0	2	Linda & Kim Wilson	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
4132 Dietz Farm Rd NW	664197	\$525,000.00	0.5	3537	4	2/1/1	2	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
519 Bledsoe Rd NW	630662	\$545,000.00	1.142	2680	3	2/0/1	4	Thomas J Mestas	Casa Latino RE of ALBQ	247-0507
604 Ortega Rd NW	657115	\$549,000.00	1.02	3977	4-5	2/3/0	3	Sutter Sugar	Century 21 Unica Real Estate	293-8400
8808 Rio Grande Bl NW	621529	\$650,000.00	0.933ac	4392	4	3/0/1	4	Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
515 Roehl Rd NW	653238	\$650,000.00	30927	3465	4-5	4/0/0	3	Clara Encinias	Rio Grande Brokerage	877-7000
6509 Caballero Pkwy NW	642820	\$655,000.00	0.728	4590	4	3/0/0	3	Doni Lazar	Iida Kelly Realtors	888-1000
323 Nuevo Hacienda NW	657672	\$659,900.00	0.27	2756	4	2/1/0	4	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
412 Ramsey Ln NW	658659	\$679,900.00	0.35	3840	4	3/0/1	0	Steven M Radolinski	Allstar Realty	888-1700
6404 Zapateco St NW	639586	\$695,000.00	0.883	3828	4	2/0/1	2	Judith A Givens	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
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
8625 Rio Grande Blvd NW	661530	\$699,000.00	1.33	3465	3	2/0/1	2	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1016 Acequia Trl NW	652856	\$699,900.00	17424sf	3613	4	2/1/0	2	Lettie L Carpenter	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
6821 Rio Grande Blvd NW	650574	\$715,000.00	1.97	3333	4	2/1/1	1	Cheryl Marlow	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
515 Roehl NW	636238	\$729,000.00	30927	3465	4-5	4/0/0	3	Clara Encinias	Rio Grande Brokerage	877-7000
827 El Alhambra Cir NW	661621	\$735,000.00	0.955	3444	4	2/0/1	2	Kate M Southard	Kate Southard Real Estate	344-4734
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
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
912 Los Prados de G. Trl NW	663510	\$899,000.00	0.35	4645	4-5	4/0/1	2	Mary Lou Lyden	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
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
1004 Acequia Trail	636861	\$910,000.00	0.5	3800	4	2/1/1	3	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
819 El Alhambra Cir NW	660064	\$949,000.00	1	5322	5	4/0/0	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015 El Pueblo NW	654934	\$950,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3	Susie Fairchild	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
1418 Bonito Suenos Ct NW	658449	\$950,000.00	1	5920	4	4/1/0	4	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
6505 Avenida La Cuchilla NW	661419	\$950,000.00	0.84	4161	4	3/0/1	3	Connie Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
331 Nuevo Hacienda NW	641348	\$975,000.00	10890sf	4200	4	2/1/1	3	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
8633 Rio Grande Blvd NW	641996	\$995,000.00	1.54	3000	4	2/0/1	3	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
912 Salamanca NW	663857	\$998,400.00	0.6	4070	5	3/0/1	2	Judith B Settle	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1024 Acequia Trl NW	614728	\$999,000.00	0.52ac	3641	3	3/0/1	0	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8415 Rio Grande Blvd NW	630851	\$999,500.00	1.54	4800	3	3/1/0	4	Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
8501 Rio Grande Blvd	642959	\$999,999.00	1	5182	4-5	3/1/0	8	Susan m Daniels	Coldwell Banker Legacy	865-5500
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
6769 Guadalupe Trl NW	663733	\$1,195,000.00	1.75	3178	5	3/1/0	5	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
1015 Cottonwood NW	663859	\$1,199,000.00	0.777	5000	4	1/1/1	2	Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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

Keys are Key

Five lock and key tips to ensure your home's security.

by Tim Tourville, CRS



Although the Village is generally a safe place to live, a few extra security precautions wouldn't hurt, especially in these tough economic times.

While many homeowners say home security is a priority, they may not be taking the necessary precautions with their keys and locks. A recent survey by Kwikset, which manufactures locks and hardware for residential homes, finds that 47% of homeowners did not change or re-key their locks when they first moved in to their home, and nearly one-third have never changed or rekeyed their locks at all.

More than half of homeowners surveyed also say they routinely loan house keys to friends or contractors,

increasing the chance that the keys could fall into the wrong hands and be copied.

Home security experts at American Lock and Key offer several tips to help you secure access to your home.

- Don't hide keys in obvious places, such as under an exterior floor mat or a planter. Most burglars know the most common places to hide keys. If you must hide them, keep keys stored in a secured key box.

- Keep keys separate from your address, so if they are ever lost or stolen, no one can identify where they belong.

- Immediately change or re-key the locks when you move to a new home. A locksmith may charge \$40 to \$100 or more to re-key locks or, if you prefer to do it yourself, re-key kits are available at hardware stores for less than \$20. I recommend using a locksmith so you can get an expert's opinion as to how secure your home is, and how you can make it more secure.

- Keep garage doors secure, especially those that connect to the house from inside the garage, as well as doors leading to the garage from outside. Use a padlock to secure the inside of the garage door.

- Keep windows locked, especially on the home's lower level, where they can be an attractive target for criminals.

If you do come home and it looks as though there has been a break-in, do not go inside! Call 911 immediately! The police will come out and go through your home to make sure it is safe for you to enter. Keep your home and your family safe this Holiday season, and always.



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ADDRESS	ML#	LIST PRICE	LOT	SF	BR	BA	G	AGENT	COMPANY	PHONE
2-C El Caminito de Guad. NW	664939	\$1,230,000.00	0.5	4723	4	4/0/1	3	A Kay Beason	Reliance Realty & Investment	379-3877
6767 Guadalupe Trail NW	622294	\$1,250,000.00	1.5	4900	5	3/0/1	3	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
4320 Rio Grande Blvd NW	659206	\$1,395,000.00	1.78	4751	5-6	1/2/1	2	Lynn M Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
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
837 El Alhambra Cir NW	650779	\$1,400,000.00	1.75	6600	6	6/0/0	4	Holly V Adams	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
1004 Acequia Trl NW	619407	\$1,419,000.00	0.50ac	3800	4	2/1/1	3	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
9001 Rio Grande Bl NW	662973	\$1,465,900.00	62290	10756	9	4/3/2	7	Tim Tourville	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
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
8206 Rio Grande NW	642704	\$1,495,000.00	1.2	3601	3-4	2/1/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
331-323 Nuevo Hacienda NW	650245	\$1,600,000.00	0.65	7000	8	5/1/1	5	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc., LLC	299-8343
970 Bonita Rosas NW	632173	\$1,690,000.00	43560	4937	4-5	2/2/1	4	Bill Chreist	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-0044
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	\$1,695,000.00	43560sf	4800	4	3/1/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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
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
6842 Rio Grande Blvd NW	663284	\$2,400,000.00	1.46	6584	5	3/2/2	4	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
5201 Eakes Rd NW	633909	\$2,795,000.00	2.78	5800	5	4/0/1	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
528 Pending Roehl NW	626767	\$725,000.00	1.25ac	2752	4	2/0/1	3	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700

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Computer Help: The Ubuntu Alternative

I keep hearing about it, but what the heck is 'Ubuntu'?

Ubuntu 9.10 (Linux) is an emerging operating system in the computer world. Let's go to the beginning of Linux: it has been around since 1991, and is a free operating system. It was mainly used on servers systems, and by programmers, and was not for the general public. Linux users decided to create a more user friendly system, and on October 20, 2004, Ubuntu was released. Ubuntu was originally difficult to use and the owner had to create drivers manually. In the last two years, Ubuntu has become compatible with 94% of all software that has been designed for Windows. The popularity of Ubuntu came about because of the difficulties MS had with Vista. MS now has to take an active role and advertise against not only Mac, but Ubuntu.

The main features of Ubuntu are that it is virus and malware free. It currently cannot get these ugly little pests, but there already is an anti-virus (Clam) if it ever happens. Software for Ubuntu is free! Yes, that's right - FREE! Its office suite, known as Open Office, is cross compatible with MS Office. Ubuntu itself is also free, and can be downloaded from the internet at www.ubuntu.com. It also requires less from your computer to run; therefore, it runs much faster than Windows or Mac.

If you would like a free look and a class on Ubuntu, please email me to set up an appointment. I have been using Ubuntu myself for the last two years, and never looked back. I enjoy using my computer without the maintenance and worries of Windows. Check Ubuntu and see if it's for you!

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

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School Events

Alvarado Elementary School

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

Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day - No school
Nov. 23rd-24th: Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School
Nov. 25th-27th: Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec. 1st -15th: Holiday food drive
Dec. 11th: 9:30 - Spelling Bee
Dec. 16th: Deliver Holiday Baskets
Dec. 21st - Jan. 1st: Winter Break - No School
Jan. 4th: Inservice - No School

Bosque School

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

November 20th - 22nd: The Tempest Call 898-6388 for show times and tickets
November 24th: Bosque School Grandparent Day - come spend the morning with your Bosque grandchild. Call 898-6388 for more information.
November 25th - November 29th: Thanksgiving Break - No classes
December 5th: Admission Test Date. For information on Bosque School admissions, contact Suzie Castilleja at 898-6388.
December 21st - January 1st: Winter Break - no classes

Los Ranchos Elementary School

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

Nov. 11th: Veterans' Day - No School
Nov. 12th: Turkey Trot
Nov. 13th: Turkey Trot
Nov. 16th: Turkey Trot
Nov. 25th - 27th: Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec. 3 - 4th: Family Conferences
Dec. 11th,12th,13th: Barnes and Noble Book Fair Fundraiser (Pick up a form in the school office; for any shopping done at Barnes and Noble during these three days, Los Ranchos receives a percentage!! Thanks for your support!)

Dec. 21st - Jan. 3rd: Winter Break
Jan. 4th: Inservice Day - No School
Jan. 5th: First Day of Second Semester
Jan. 18th: Martin Luther King Day - No School

North Valley Academy

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

November 19th: Thanksgiving Lunch
November 25th-27th: No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 8th: Art Bake Sale
December 9th: Coffee with the Principal at 3:15 pm
December 10th: Governance Board at 5:30
December 14th-January 3rd: Winter Break
January 4th: First Day of classes
January 14th: Governance Board at 5:30:
January 18th: Martin Luther King Jr. No School
January 19th: Coffee with the Principal at 3:15
January 21st: Science Night 6-8 pm

Sandia Preparatory School

532 Osuna Blvd Rd NE
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December 10th - 12th: Boys Basketball Invitational Tournament
December 11th: Last Day Middle School Classes
December 18th - January 1st: Winter Break • No school
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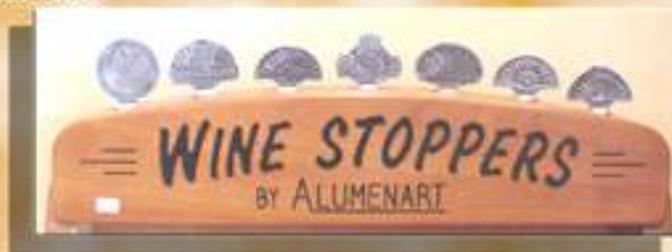
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Nov. 11th: Veterans Day - No School
 Nov. 16th: Progress Reports sent home this week
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 Nov. 25th -27th: Thanksgiving Holiday
 Dec. 18th: End of First semester
 Dec. 21st-Jan.1st: 2010 Winter Break
 Jan. 4th: Inservice Day - No School
 Jan. 5th: Students return to school - Start of Second Semester
 Jan. 18th: MLK Holiday

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 8200 Guadalupe Trail NW
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 December 5th: Solo and Ensemble Festival - Band
 December 19th - January 3rd: Winter Break.
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 January 5th: School Begins

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November 18th: Math Olympic Testing
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 November 25th: Half Day of School - Thanksgiving Vacation
 December 2nd-4th: Holiday Shop
 December 4th: Choir Christmas Concert
 December 11th: Elementary Christmas Program
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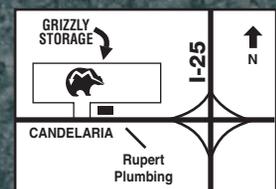
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Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

October 13 - Action Report

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

TUE., DECEMBER 8, 2009

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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, Commissioner Brown.

Chairman Hunter stated a quorum was present.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented (6-0).

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.**

Jesse Garza, 618 Ranchitos Rd. NW, complained about the manhole on Ranchitos Rd. and how it makes a heavy thump in the house.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – August 11, 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-09-19** A request by Jesse Garza for a Variance from the twenty-five (25) foot rear setback required by Ordinance 183 as amended, Section 6(E) to allow for a thirteen (13) foot rear setback for a pool in the A-1 zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property

is located at 618 Ranchitos Road and is legally known as Lot B, Plat of Lots A & B, Lands of Flora Garcia, M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 27, Village of Los Ranchos, Bernalillo County, New Mexico September 1995. The property contains .2758 acres more or less.

The Variance request was unanimously denied (6-0).

B. V-09-20 A request by Peter and Margaret Lukes for a Variance from the twenty-five (25) foot rear yard setback required by Ordinance 183 as amended, Section 6(E) to allow for a twelve (12) foot rear setback for a pool in the A-1 Zone of the North Rio Grande Character Area. The property is located at 7630 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Lot B, Plat of Lots A & B, Lands of Alfredo Garcia, situate within projected Section 20, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Bernalillo County New Mexico, July 1995. The property consists of .9670 acres more or less.

The Variance request was unanimously denied (6-0).

C. S-09-02 A request by D. McCall, agent for Patty and Michael Anderson for Final 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) situate 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.

The Final Plat was unanimously approved with conditions (6-0).

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. The 2020 Master Plan update

Set date for Open Forum – Open Forum to be held Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of appointment of volunteers to serve on Task Force for filming in the Village. *The list of Task Force Members was passed out.*

B. Appointment of Commissioners to serve on Planning and Zoning Sub-Committee for Family Transfer of Subdivision study.

Appointment of three Commissioners to serve – *Commissioners Hunter, Brawley and Martinez were appointed*

Meeting date– *Meeting date set for November 5, 2009, 7:00 p.m.*

8. REPORTS

A. Planner's Report

Administrator Ward added to the written report on the merger of the Fire Station with Bernalillo County and they were working on the last details for completion on how to have fire inspections and sprinkler inspections done.

9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 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

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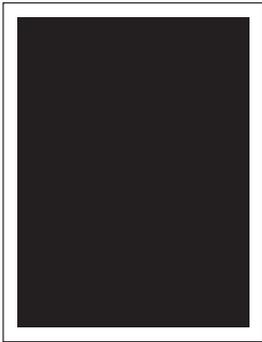
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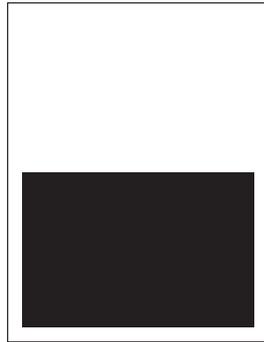
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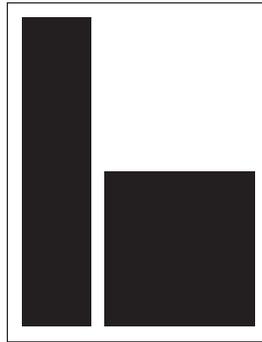
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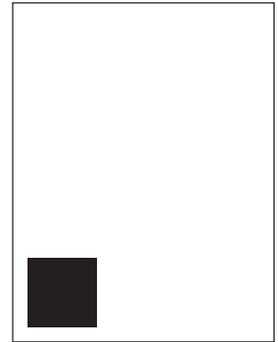
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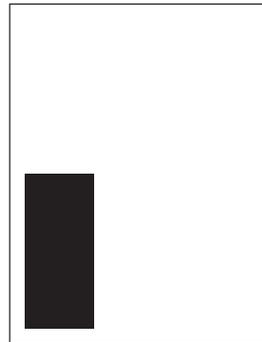


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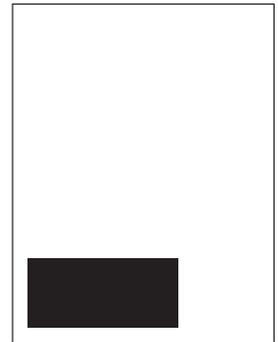
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by Phil Bock



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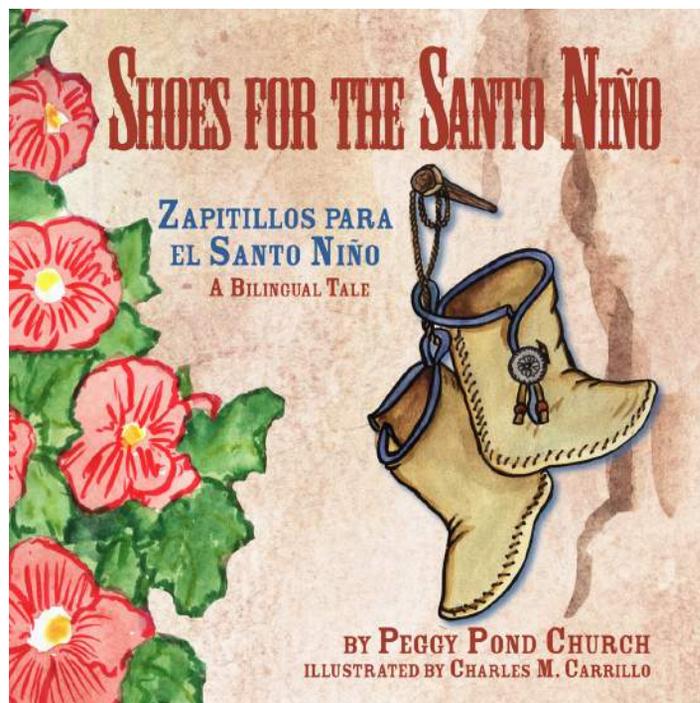
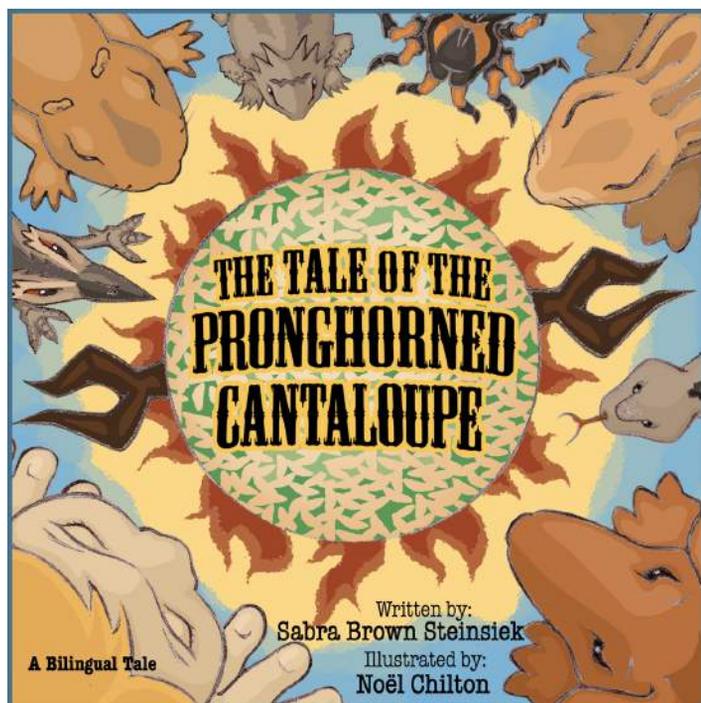


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LPD Press/Rio Grande Books Makes the New Mexico Book Awards

And two suggestions to make a child's holiday.



LPD Press/Rio Grande Books of Los Ranchos has eight finalists for the New Mexico Book Awards. The announced finalists are: Visions Underground; Old West Trivia Book; A Century of Masters; Senator Pete Domenici's Legacy; Sacred Feminine; The Whole Damned World; New Mexico & Politicians of the Past; and Three Dog Night. Winners and The Best of Show Book will be announced at the New Mexico Book Awards Banquet on Friday, November 20, at the MCM Elegante Hotel.

LPDPRESS/Rio Grande Books has also announced new books for the holidays. Shoes For The Santo Niño and The Pronghorned Cantaloupe will be released on November 7, at the Holiday Fair at the Inn at Rio Rancho. They are not only books for children (though adults will like them, too!) but bilingual. This is a new departure for the Los Ranchos book publisher specializing in New Mexico art and culture.

Shoes For The Santo Niño is a story by the late New Mexican, Peggy Pond Church, with illustrations by noted santero, Charlie Carrillo of Santa Fe. The Church family gave the story to LPD Press/Rio Grande Books, and it was given the bilingual translation as well making it great for gifts, schools, and libraries. The addition of the illustrations by Carrillo makes this a truly New Mexican book. Charlie Carrillo will sign Shoes for the Santo Niño at the Heard Museum in Phoenix on November 14, at their Spanish Market. The book will also be signed at Borders Cottonwood on November 28, and at Spanish Market in Santa Fe on December 12.

The Pronghorned Cantaloupe is a funny tale by westsider, Sabra Brown Steinsiek, and illustrated by North Valley native, Noel Chilton, who now lives in Mexico. She also did the Spanish translation. The story is cute, quirky, and the kind of story you read at bedtime to children. The illustrations are unique and the original panels of the book will be sold at the

book's release on Saturday, November 7, at the Holiday Fair at the Inn at Rio Rancho. Admission to the Holiday Fair is free and open to the public. The book will also be signed at Borders Cottonwood on November 27.

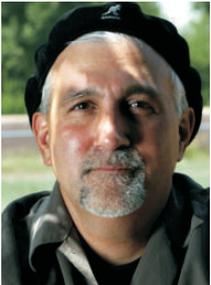
LPD Press/Rio Grand Books also has Duels, Gunfights, and Shootouts by Rio Rancho author Don Bullis, which has just been released, and the new book by Nasario Garcia, Fe y Tragedias/Faith and Tragedies, coming out after January 1, 2010.

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The Fruit of the Gods

This holiday, dine like a deity on persimmon bread pudding.

by Randy Shamlian



The Greek name for the persimmon is diaspyros, which also means "the fruit of the gods." I wouldn't have thought so after biting into my first slice of the unripe fruit. I was perplexed by the sour taste...unsure what to do with this orange-colored piece of obscurity, so I let these large looking chestnut shaped tomatoes fully ripen. I sensed a beauty to the flesh, once pureed, would induce a richly moist cake or cookies, or even a fruit bar of some sort.

There are basically two types of persimmon: the Japanese, and the North American variety named diaspyros virginiana that the Algonquin Indians called "putchamin, pasimian, or pesamin," depending on the dialect of the tribe. Hence, the name persimmon! The diaspyros virginiana was pretty much the size of a grape and often dried and made into a bread. The early pioneers, specifically those of Jamestown, would also roast the persimmons and use them as a coffee substitute. (I'd be curious what that would taste like, since I have a new infatuation with roasted pumpkin. It's such a gorgeous thing! It just harkens back to an earlier time and place being so indigenous. It's something that shouldn't be denied.)

The Jamestown settlers and other pioneers also enjoyed some spirits made from the fermented persimmon, which was distilled and was made into a liquor; this had a flavor similar to an apricot brandy. They also made beer from the fruit. Persimmon breads,

pies, and preserves were very common amongst the settlers.

There are virtually hundreds of varieties of persimmons that are available today. What we mostly see in the commercial markets is a Japanese variety called Hachiya that originated in China many years ago. When Commodore Matthew Perry returned home from Japan in 1855, he brought back with him persimmon trees that were re-planted in Washington, D.C. The diaspyros virginiana forever became shadowed by this event.

The following recipe for persimmon bread pudding is worthy of a special event during this Holiday Season, whether it is Thanksgiving, Christmas, or even New Year's.

Persimmon Bread Pudding

1 ¼ cups granulated sugar
5 oz. melted butter
1 ¼ cup all-purpose flour
3/8 tsp salt
1 ¼ tsp cinnamon
2 cups persimmon puree
2 ½ Tbl baking soda
2 ½ Tbl brandy
½ Tbl vanilla
2 extra large eggs
½ cup chopped dried fruit (white raisins, apricots, prunes)
3/8 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Sift together flour, baking soda, and cinnamon. Cream together sugar, salt, eggs, brandy and vanilla. Add persimmon puree, dried fruit, and walnuts. Gradually blend with sifted ingredients. Pour entire batter into a well-greased bundt loaf pan and let set for 20 minutes. Cover with aluminum foil. Place in a 3-inch baking pan. Fill baking pan with boiling water to create

a water bath. Bake for 2 hours or until done.

Serve warm with a brandy spiked crème anglaise and sweetened whipped cream and a nicely chilled bottle or two of Michele Chiarlo Moscato d'Asti Nivole.

Enjoy!

(Note: Best made several days in advance before serving.)

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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