



# Village *VISION*

VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE

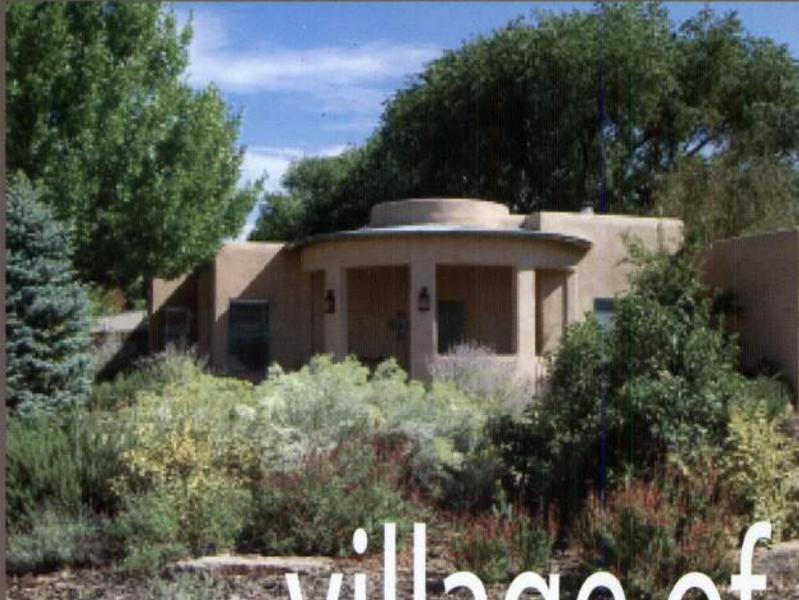
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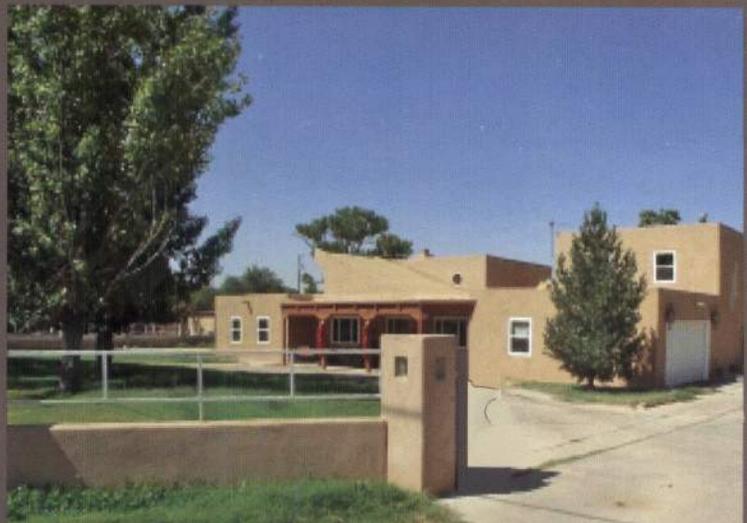
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by Mayor Larry Abraham

## Good Wishes...

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*I want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year! It is hard to believe that it has been nearly four years since I was elected Mayor. I am extremely proud of the effort that many of you have put forth to build a vibrant and unique community. I am equally proud of the results of all this hard work. Together we have made tremendous progress on a number of fronts, from open space purchases to road improvements to community events. It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the year ahead and the continuation of our success.*

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On the project list for 2008 are the I & J sewer project, bike lanes on Rio Grande, open space purchases, a new fire station on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and the Village Center at 4<sup>th</sup> and Osuna. The sewer project will extend sewer service to the balance of the Village. I would ask that all residents and businesses become familiar with the schedule detailed in the back of this issue. The construction is scheduled to be completed within 365 days, and will severely disrupt traffic flow along Rio Grande Boulevard. The good news is that when the project is complete, we will have new roads throughout the project area. We will also substantially alter the traffic along Rio Grande during and after the project.

You will see updates published monthly in the *Village Vision* until the project is completed. We know this project will be invasive, but it has been long anticipated. It will be worth the price in order to protect our groundwater for future generations. In coordination with the Area I & J sewer installation, we intend to provide dedicated bike lanes from Montañño to Paseo del Norte along Rio Grande Boulevard.

We have identified several key parcels of land which we feel must be maintained as open space in order to preserve the uniqueness of our Village. We hope in the coming years to purchase several parcels and have them deeded to the Village, and/or have permanent conservation easements in place to protect these valuable resources.

In order for our Village to prosper and maintain its unique identity, we must develop a Village Center that is economically sustainable, and yet pedestrian friendly, at the southeast corner of

4<sup>th</sup> and Osuna. We must strive to create a positive atmosphere for all our 4<sup>th</sup> Street businesses. We are working on gateway enhancements along 4<sup>th</sup> Street to slow traffic down and create a friendlier shopping atmosphere.

We are getting close to starting construction on the new fire station at 4<sup>th</sup> and Schulte. We have incorporated a park in the design that will greatly enhance the streetscape at this intersection.

Lastly, the Village is about to enter its second fifty years, and I will continue my passion to inspire all of our residents and businesses to embrace the spirit of Los Ranchos. I hope to see the day when each one of our residents and businesses is as outraged as I am when our Village is misidentified as 'Albuquerque'. I am as excited to be Mayor as I was the day I took office, and I am looking forward to the year ahead. I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and ask that in your New Year's resolutions, you include being an ambassador for the Village of Los Ranchos.

1958  
2008

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(STAFF MEETING DAY)

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## Upcoming Events - JAN - MAR 2008

New Years Day - *Village Office Closed*  
Tuesday, January 1st

**CANDIDATE FILING DAY** Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> - 8am - 5pm

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting** Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 pm

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting** Wednesday-January 9<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 pm

### FEBRUARY ISSUE DEADLINE - FRIDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>

Growers & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday- January 12<sup>th</sup>-10am - Noon  
*Winter Market - IN THE BARN*

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FILING DAY** Tuesday-January 22<sup>nd</sup> -8am - 5pm

**VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES** Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm  
*For March 4, 2008 Election*

**ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON BEGINS** Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>-8am - 5pm  
(ENDS ON FEB. 29<sup>TH</sup>)

### MARCH ISSUE DEADLINE - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

Growers & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday-February 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am - Noon  
*Winter Market - IN THE BARN*

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting** Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting** Wednesday-February 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

**ABSENTEE VOTING BY VOTING MACHINE BEGINS** Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - 8am - 5pm  
(ENDS ON FEB. 29<sup>TH</sup>)

**ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSES** Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

### ELECTION DAY!

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 - 7am - 7pm

Growers & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday-March 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am - Noon  
*Winter Market - IN THE BARN*

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting** Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>- 7:00pm

**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting** Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>- 7:00pm

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Los Ranchos, NM 87107

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#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Material of general interest about the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque is encouraged. Please submit all communications to the Coordinator. Articles should be sent by Word attachment, and photographs are best received on a disc. Please call before submitting material to confirm space and suitability.

#### VILLAGE VISION

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**PLEASE READ!**

**THE I AND J SEWER UPDATE!**

Please take the time to read the sewer update, which you will find on the next to last page of each issue of the *Village Vision*, and familiarize yourself with the details of the project. It will begin this month and will not be completed until early 2009.

**MILLER FEED RELOCATES INTO THE VILLAGE**

We are happy to announce that Miller Feed has relocated into the Village at 8747 4<sup>th</sup> Street, just north of Paseo on the west side of the road. Miller Feed has been a North Valley fixture for years

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY UPDATE**

The Village of Los Ranchos turns fifty years old in December of this year! Stay tuned for announcements of plans for the celebration, some of which will depend on the progress of the Rio Grande Blvd. construction.

**WINTER GROWERS' MARKET MOVES INSIDE**

Following the resounding success of the Holiday Winter Market in the Barn, the managers have decided to hold the next three Winter Markets there. Dates are Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, and March 8<sup>th</sup>. The location for the April Market will depend on the weather.

**ELECTION IS ON MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>**

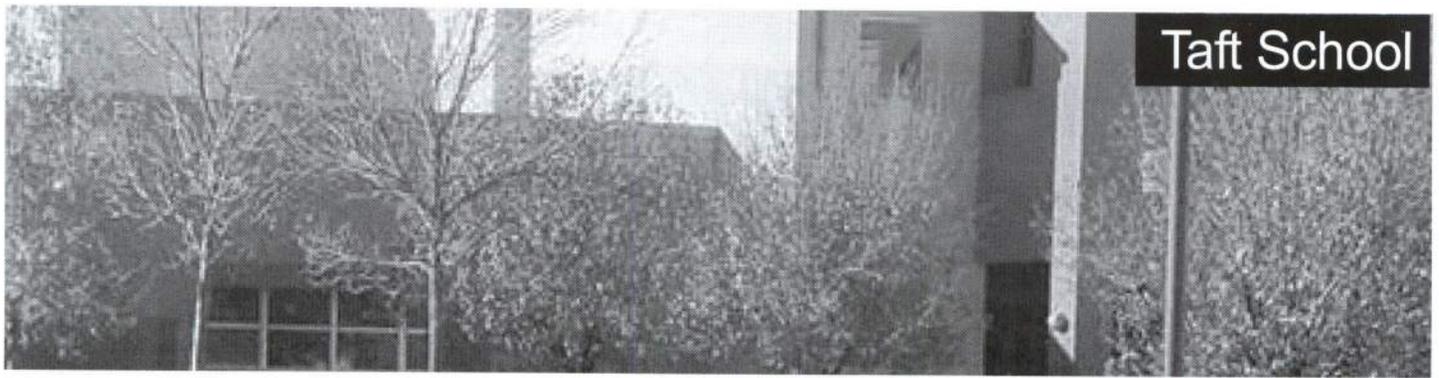
A reminder that the Village election will be held on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Early voting will commence on Wed., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> (in person) and on Wed., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> (by voting machine). Last day to register is Tues., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**REMAINING CALENDARS**

The remaining Village/Growers' Market Anniversary Calendars will be for sale at the Winter Market on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> (in the Barn!), at Village Hall, and at the locations on Fourth Street, at 50% off! Here's your chance to pick up your 2008 calendars at a bargain price.

**A Los Ranchos Ambassador's New Year's Resolutions**

- I will use "Los Ranchos" in all my correspondence
- I will use Los Ranchos as my address when ordering checks
- I will change the addresses of all bills coming to my house to reflect Los Ranchos
- I will use Los Ranchos as my address when renewing my driver's license
- I will tell my neighbors to use Los Ranchos as their address
- I will tell a business in Los Ranchos to use Los Ranchos
- I will thank a business for helping to promote Los Ranchos
- I will volunteer in Los Ranchos to create a vibrant community
- I will be an ambassador and proud resident for our Village



## Taft Remembers

In celebration of Veterans' Day, Taft Middle School held a very personal and moving commemoration. The Taft Symphonic Band was on hand to play the National Anthem, which was sung by one of the Taft faculty. The Valley High School ROTC unit posted the colors, and performed a Flag Folding Ceremony.

Quite a few of the Taft faculty are former or current members of the armed forces. During the Flag Folding Ceremony, a narrator told the story of the tradition of the ceremony, and described the meaning of each fold. The flag was presented to Taft faculty and students who have family serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The ceremony concluded with Taps, played by the Taft Band Director, Dr. Rod Daniels (US Army).

*Photos and story by Kelly Ward*





## MEANING OF THE FOLDS

**The First Fold** - our flag is a symbol of life.

**The Second Fold** - a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

**The Third Fold** - made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

**The Fourth Fold** - represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

**The Fifth Fold** - a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

**The Sixth Fold** - where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**The Seventh Fold** - a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

**The Eighth Fold** - a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

**The Ninth Fold** - a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

**The Tenth Fold** - a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

**The Eleventh Fold** - in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**The Twelfth Fold** - in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "*In God we Trust.*"

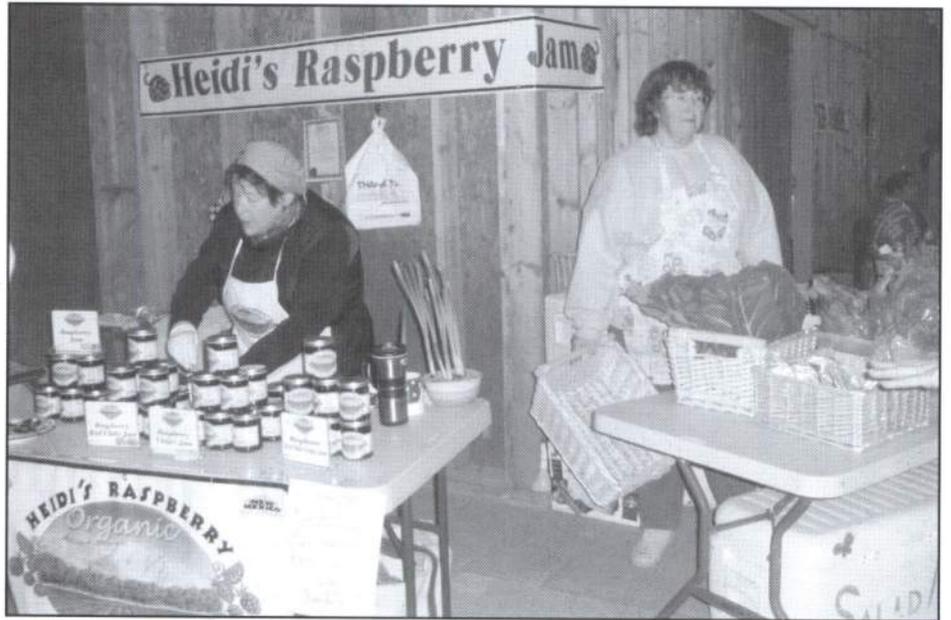




## Moves to Village Barn!

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> was not a nice New Mexico day! By 8:30 AM, gale force winds and cold rain made the morning a disaster for the Holiday Winter Market, so Market managers Sue Brawley and Cathy Lewandowski, in an emergency meeting with the Mayor, made a desperate last minute decision: *Move the Whole Market to the Village Barn!!* That's what it's for - let's use it!

Amid much scrambling and hasty packing, the vendors picked up their produce and crafts, and a procession of trucks moved down Rio Grande to the comfort of the really very snug Barn. Geri found a cozy corner and began producing hot drinks and burritos to go with her sticky buns and pumpkin cookies. The Community Center's picnic tables were put to good use. Jericho Nurseries set up their Christmas greenery under the portal. The vendors each chose a spot, hung signs, put up tables, and suddenly there was the whole Market ready for customers. And the customers came! The brick pavers enabled even wheel chairs to move easily, and visiting dogs, some wearing winter coats, sniffed and stared,



and then looked for their treats. Rob Roman's holiday music sounded fabulous in the Barn's acoustics. And as the Market went on, one after another of the vendors and visitors told the managers how much they liked it, and what a good idea it was to move inside.

So, in view of this successful last minute experiment, it has been decided that the Winter Markets for January, February,

and March will definitely take place in the Barn! The managers will wait to see what the April weather is like before making a decision for that month. And in May, of course, it's back to the normal every week location.

Thanks to those Villagers whose generous donations and hard work made the Community Center available! You are more than ever appreciated!





by Sue Brawley

## Agri-Highlights

### Winter Growers' Market in the Barn

The Winter Markets are the second Saturday of each month from November to April, from 10 am until noon. After a last minute decision, the Market moved in December into the barn (see related article). What a great Market, *without* wind, rain, and sleet! With this change to inside, more vendors have said that they will be coming to market each month.

Several of the growers have greens such as arugula, chard, spinach, and lettuce that they are growing in cold frames for the winter. Ross's Gardens will have tasty hot-house tomatoes. Fuji Lane has delicious cider. Arrowsmiths may have broccoli, fennel, and radicchio again.

On January 12th, one may find hot-house tomatoes, greens, some root vegetables, dried fruit, honey, eggs, pasta, jams/jellies, pinto beans, cider, indoor plants, herbs, cold-weather bedding

plants, forced bulbs, dried flower arrangements, hot posole and burritos, arts & crafts, and music by guitarist Rob Roman. We will also be continuing the spot-light on various Los Ranchos businesses. Jennifer Curtis, award-winning Navajo silversmith, her husband, Ray Skeets, leather craftsman, and Kelly Jo Designs may be on hand in January, as well as some local authors

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### For all Village residents who are having contractors install sewer hook-ups:

Please remember to inform your contractor that a **PARCEL PERMIT** is required by the Village of Los Ranchos to work on your property, and must be obtained before the work begins.

This is very important, so that Los Ranchos can receive the gross receipts on your project. Too many contractors file their gross receipts tax under Albuquerque, when it rightfully belongs to the Village. *See article on page 35.*

Thank you for your help and assistance!

- The Planning Department Staff



## A Slice of Apple Pie: A Memoir to be Savored

reviewed by Barbe Awalt

Published in 2007 by  
Infinity Publishing, \$13.95, paperback,  
209 pages, ISBN 0-7414-4385-6.

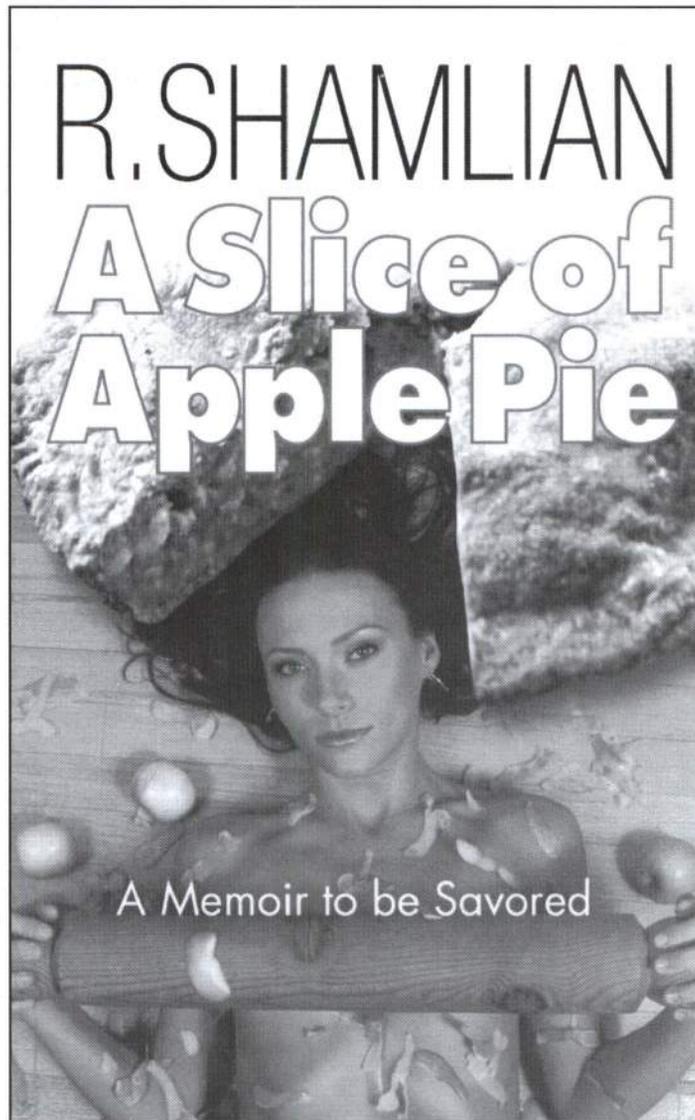
This is the kind of book to read at an airport or on a flight. Not heavy and not great literature, but fun and light escapism in a book. Certainly don't read this book if you are hungry because the food will drive you crazy!

This is a combination romance, memoir, a how-to book, and book on food and pastry. The author, Randy Shamlan, was in the food business for thirty years, and for the last ten as a pastry chef. Do not pick up this book if frank language offends you because the book has it, and if you have ever been in any food business, you know they don't mince their words. There is the ultimate apple pie recipe at the end of the book.

The story is fast and for some maybe too fast. It is very self involved, and if you don't like that sort of thing don't read it. It also shows people for what they really are and for some that might be hard to take.

There were a few things I just didn't understand. On page 116, the author notes three lessons - but I only saw two. It confused me no end. Also, as a book person, someone in publishing should know that after January 1, 2007, a 13 digit ISBN was supposed to be used. A little thing, but people in this business are used to it. It is like forgetting to put sugar in a pie.

This is good reading, but don't take time away from something else to do it. A fun stocking stuffer for a foodie. If you check on YouTube, there is a short video on the book.



*Randy Shamlan's new food column  
begins this month in the Village Vision!*



## On Patrol

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

## Happy New Year!

I can't believe it's the start of a new year already, but here we are. It's January, it's winter, and the mornings are very cold. That said, I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that this is the time of year when we tend to see a lot of auto theft. Nobody likes getting into a cold car/truck, so we tend to go outside, start our vehicle, and leave it unattended as it warms up and the windows defrost. The problem with this is that your vehicle now becomes an easy target for those who would like to steal it from you, as you have already done most of the hard work for them.

All that's left is to break a window (assuming you **LOCKED** your vehicle prior to leaving it!), jump in, and drive away. I realize sitting in a cold vehicle is no fun, but having to take the time to call the Police, file a report, deal with Insurance companies, and work out alternate transportation is even less fun.

Statistically, between 4,000 and 6,000 vehicles are stolen in the metropolitan area each year. That's a lot of vehicles! Fortunately, we don't see nearly that many thefts in our beautiful community, but even one theft is too many if it

could have been prevented. If you like your vehicle(s) as much as I like mine, enduring a little cold until the heater kicks in is well worth it. Lets all do our part to make criminal activity in the Village as difficult as possible for would-be criminals. This applies to all crime, not just auto theft.

Planning, thinking ahead, being aware of unusual or suspicious people/activity, and of course working together as a community, we **CAN** keep crime out of our neighborhoods. Be safe and let's have the safest year yet in 2008.

## Los Ranchos Publishers Speak at January 25th Book Co-op Lunch

The Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, lunch of the New Mexico Book Co-op features **Barbe Awalt** and **Paul Rhettts** of Los Ranchos, speaking about the recent New Mexico Book Awards. Over 35 awards for winning books were presented and over 125 finalists were also mentioned. Every winner had stickers for their books and winners received a trophy. Village author **Tony Hillerman** and **Rudolfo**

**Anaya** were given Lifetime Achievement Awards. 350 books were entered in the 2007 competition

The lunch talk will stress why certain books were award winners. It will also give out the rules for the 2008 contest and announce the Lifetime Award Winning New Mexico authors. Already sponsors have signed up and increased

## Art & Book News

by Paul Rhettts

their participation with the awards. The New Mexico Book Co-op is made up of authors, publishers, booksellers, illustrators, and reviewers, and has almost one thousand members.

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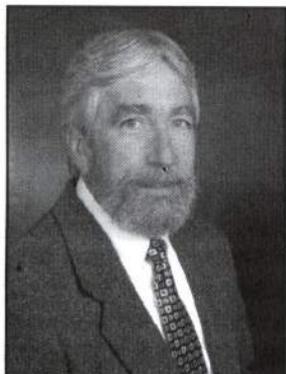
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# Re-Elect Trustee **MARY HOMAN**

*to the*  
Los Ranchos de Albuquerque **Board of Trustees**



# **RE-ELECT** **TIM** **McDONOUGH**

**EXPERIENCED**

Municipal Management, Engineering Consultant Village Trustee; Husband & Parent

**INVOLVED**

Village Comprehensive Plan; Neighborhood Association Officer;  
Soccer League President Active in Village since 1990



by Chief Greg Perez

## Rumble on the Rio

**Volunteer Firefighter Jeremy Aragon** recently participated in the Rumble at the Rio, held at the Santa Ana Event Center in Rio Rancho. The Rumble is an annual fundraiser in which members of the fire departments are matched against members of the police departments in the time-honored, noble sport of pugi-

lism. All proceeds from the matches go to "Bikes for Tikes". The Village is happy to announce that Jeremy, who has been a volunteer with our department for about three years, won his match by unanimous decision! *Heartiest congratulations to Jeremy!*

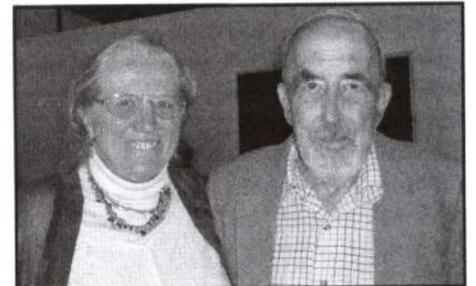
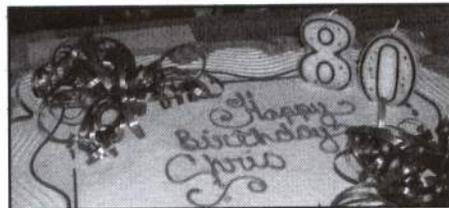
**Fire Chief Perez** will present another **CPR class on January 21<sup>st</sup>**. The previous classes were very well attended, so if you are interested, please call **Rosemary at 344 - 6582** for the time and place, and to reserve your space!

## A Special Occasion

The Village is just entering its Fiftieth Anniversary Year, so it seemed appropriate that I should begin the year helping to celebrate the birthday of a resident who met his wife to be in 1958 (when he was living on Guadalupe Trail), the year that the Village was founded. They were married the following year, and, except for one year in Placitas, have lived in the Village ever since: first on Schulte road, and finally in the house they now occupy on Green Valley. And so, on Sunday afternoon, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, I found myself sitting in the big back room of El Camino Dining Room with some twenty-five friends and family of **Chris Leavitt**, enjoying his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday party.

entertained with music, and all sang to honor Chris. It seems that 1958 was a good year all around!

### Congratulations, Chris!



And what a happy group of people were there, visiting with Chris and his wife, **Joyce**, and renewing acquaintances with friends who gathered for the celebration, some from far away. Of the Leavitts' five children, one son had come all the way from Maine. Chris Leavitt was for thirty-seven years a professor of physics at UNM, and one of his special guests was Fred Begay, a protégé of Professor Leavitt, and the first Navajo to receive a PhD in physics; Fred came with his wife, two daughters, and a great grandchild. There was much good El Camino food, and a wonderful cake. Two friends en-



# VOTE

by Annabelle Silvas, Village Clerk

## Voter Information

### VOTER REGISTRATION

**Tuesday, February 5th is the deadline to register to vote for the March 4, 2008 Village of Los Ranchos Regular Municipal Election**

In order to vote in the Tues., March 4, 2008 Village of Los Ranchos Election, you must be registered, and your registration must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2008. This date is when the Bernalillo County Clerk closes the voter registration for the March 4, 2008 Village Election.

To register to vote, update your voter

registration (name, and/or address changes) or if you have moved into another area in the Village, please call Bernalillo County Clerk at 768-4085, or Village Clerk at 344-6582, to request a voter registration form.

### ABSENTEE VOTING

**WED., FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

First day you can cast an absentee ballot in person (3-9-4 (k)) Any voter entitled to vote in the election may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee Voting for the March 4, 2008 Regular Municipal Election will begin on February 6, 2008 and will end February 29, 2008.

**WED., FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

First day you can cast your absentee ballots on the M-100 Voting Tabulator Machines (3-9-4(k))

Absentee by Machine (Electronic Vote Tabulator) voting begins on February 13, 2008 and ends February 29, 2008. Voters wishing to vote prior to Election Day may come to the Village Clerk's Office during regular business hours of (8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday), file an application, and cast their vote by voting machine.

**FRI., FEBRUARY 29, 2008**

Last day to Vote Absentee in the Clerk's office, request an absentee ballot, or the clerk can mail an absentee ballot

### ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Voters wishing to vote by Absentee may request an application to vote by absentee by calling the Village Clerk at 344-6582. The earliest the Village Clerk may mail a ballot is January 29, 2008.

If you wish to come to the Village Clerk's office to request the application, the office is located at Village Hall, 6718 Rio Grande Blvd NW. The office hours are 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

The Absentee Application must be filled out and received by the Village Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m., Friday, February 29, 2008. Absentee Ballots may be mailed in or delivered in person to the Village Clerk's Office. **All ballots, whether mailed or delivered in person, must be received by the Village Clerk's Office by 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, 2008 (Election Day).**

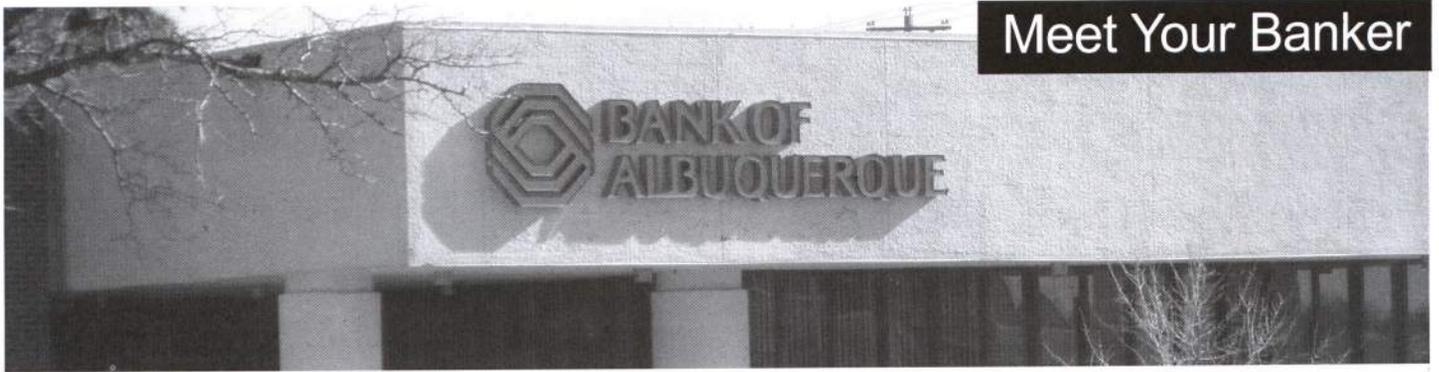
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This branch of the Bank of Albuquerque opened in 1966. Dianna has been in banking since 1973; twenty-two years with this bank, and eight years at the North Fourth Branch. To say that she knows just about everyone in the Village is putting it mildly. While I sat waiting for a moment with her, Dianna or members of her staff greeted every customer warmly and almost all by name, and sometimes with questions about that customer's family and/or health. Dianna's philosophy is that everyone who comes to her bank is equal and special; it is an impressive atmosphere.

Dianna Sanchez also feels close to this community. Her attitude is that it's important to do business with your customers and local businesses. Giving back to the community is the watchword. Dianna was an enthusiastic supporter of the Fourth Street Business Association, and now of the Los Ranchos Chamber of Commerce. She has also been involved in Lavender in the Village. This Bank encourages its staff to become involved with their communities on their own time. The CEO of the Bank of Albuquerque visits all branches on a regular basis, and often sends staff to local businesses to work with employees who need assistance.

The Bank's newest endeavor is a Spanish-language (with English subtitles) educational drama on television, called **VILLAGE VISION**

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The Bank of Albuquerque is fortunate to have **Dianna Sanchez** as one of its Vice Presidents. Drop in and meet her - in rain or in sunshine.

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## The Navajo Rug

*Picture this:* Last summer, you were walking home from the Growers' Market with your dog, when you passed a yard sale, and decided to stop in. There was the usual mix of well-used furnishings on offer, but in a corner, over the back of a chair, was a weaving which looked like a small Navajo-type rug. It had lovely, bright colors and a handsome design, but it looked as though a dog had chewed on one corner, the edges were ragged, and someone had probably spilled coffee, or something worse, in the middle. However, the sellers weren't asking much for it, so you paid and took it home. And your wife said, "What's that old rag for?"

But somewhere you had seen the name of some folks in the Village who could help "old Navajo rags", and you looked them up. There it was: **The Navajo Rug**. You called and made an appointment, and when you arrived, cradling your prize in your arms, you were welcomed, first by Nugget, Golden Retriever and social director, and then you met **Wayne** and **Kerry Kinnick**, Navajo rug experts. They didn't turn up their noses at your "rag", but looked at it carefully, and told you what type of weaving it was and where on the Reservation it had been made, and gave you an estimate of its age. Like you, they admired the bright colors and design, and, after examining the damage, told you that you did indeed have a nice weaving, and yes, it could be helped. They could mend the edges and restore the chewed corner, and most, or perhaps all, of the stain could be removed. They advised you to leave the weaving with them so they could prepare a detailed, written evaluation and estimate of the cost to restore it, with an approximate date for completion. This no-charge evaluation would

be mailed to you within a few days for your approval.

And, several months later, you received a call from Wayne to say that your rug was ready. When you saw it, you were amazed. Not the same "rag" lay on their table, but a lovely, soft weaving, restored to its original condition, and ready to hang in a place of honor in your home!

So who are these miracle workers? Well, if you're not into Indian art, you may be surprised to hear that this quiet couple, who live in a cozy home in a comfortable Village neighborhood, are internationally known as leading experts in the field of Navajo rug restoration and appraising, and, in fact, are knowledgeable in all fields of Ameri-

can Indian art. The Kinnicks originally lived in Tucson, where they worked at their separate skills. Fifteen years ago, they decided that New Mexico was where they wanted to live, and they moved to the Village and combined their talents into The Navajo Rug. Wayne's expertise is in cleaning the rugs, and Kerry's is in restoration. They collaborate on appraisals.

The initial cleaning, which assists Kerry in determining the proper wool and color match, is a sometimes long, involved hand process, using only organic solvents and smoothly burnished bone tools to remove stains. The newly cleaned rug then goes inside to the restoration table in the neat, spacious studio, where it is laid out among shelves of carefully folded textiles, each tagged



## DESTINATION, from page 15

with dates and specifications. Kerry begins by matching the wools from her large supply, and the colors from her jars of natural and aniline dyes, stored in a spice rack. Depending on the condition of the weaving, the restoration can take weeks, and even with the areas to be restored clearly marked on the estimate, once the job is completed, even Kerry and Wayne often find it difficult to point out the areas of restoration without referring to their document. Wayne and Kerry have no helpers in these processes, preferring to do every bit of the work themselves. Not surprisingly, they have a backlog of over a year. You just can't hurry this sort of precise and specialized work!

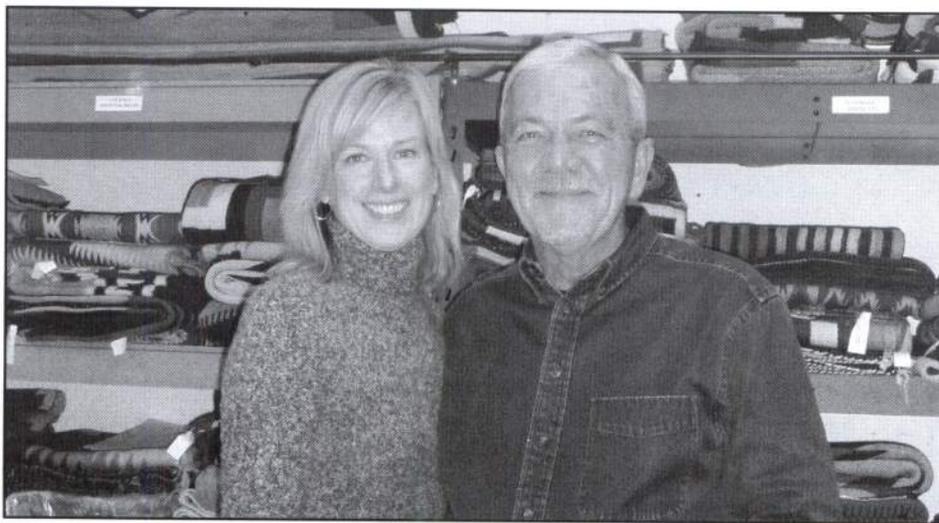
The Kinnicks also acquire Navajo rugs for sale, and are happy to advise on the use of a particular weaving. Wayne has, on occasion, told us, "This is not a floor rug!" Meaning, of course, hang it on the wall where you can admire it; it's too old, and/or fragile to be walked on.

The restoration of these sometimes very old and valuable works of art is not inexpensive, but by caring for and properly preserving these rugs, one only adds to their value. So if you happen to find an "old Navajo rag" at the next yard sale, now you know that there is someone in the Village who can help!

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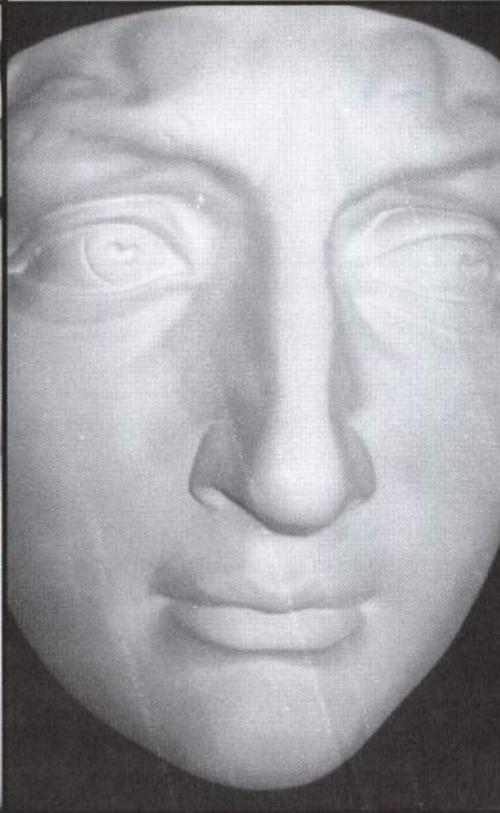
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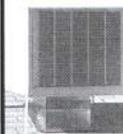
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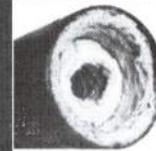
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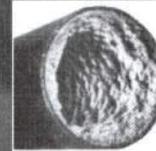
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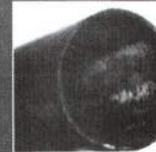
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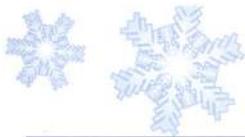
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746	Chamisal NW	503986	\$1,250,000.00	1.13	3442	3	3	3	Marie Blea	Marie Enterprises, Inc.	991-1405
1116	Salamanca NE	518701	\$1,250,000.00	1	4884	4	4	2	Magda Stevens	Re/Max Elite	798-1000
7542	Rio Grande Bl NW	602053	\$1,299,000.00	43560	4170	4	3.5	4	Jill S Levin	New Frontier Realtors	798-2530
6771	Guadalupe Trl NW	525752	\$1,495,000.00	0.58	3600	4	3	6	Irene Williams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
7015	Rio Grande Bl NW	528086	\$1,500,000.00	1	4647	4	3.5	0	Judith Settle	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
8714	Rio Grande NW	532726	\$1,695,000.00	2.1	3815	5	4.5	3	Pat King	Real Estate Group/Pat King Co.	293-1148
8809	Rio Grande Bl #3 NW	521410	\$1,800,000.00	1	4131	3	3.25	5	Fred & Sandra Creek	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
641	Chavez NW	507534	\$1,800,000.00	3	6950	7	9	3	Michelle Selby	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
970	Bonita Rosas NW	520959	\$1,900,000.00	1	4800	4	4	4	Bill Chreist	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-7377
1039	Cottonwood Trail NW	518747	\$2,499,000.00	1	5753	4	4.5	3	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
6844	Rio Grande Bl NW	520589	\$2,500,000.00	1.4	6048	5	5	4	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
9001	Rio Grande Bl NW	517691	\$3,200,000.00	1.43	10756	9	7.25	7	Jeremiah Collins	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
4609	Rio Grande Lane NW	532326	\$4,500,000.00	3.96	10,307	5	4.75	4	Max Sklower	Broadcast Realty LLC	884-5519
<b>PENDING</b>											
4629	Los Poblanos Cir NW	528087	\$429,000.00	0.56	VACANT LAND			A.J. Yarbrough	AJ Yarbrough Realty	858-1800	
6716	Edgewood Dr NW	512476	\$309,900.00	150x125	2918	4	1.75	2	M. Theriot & J. Szklarz	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
334	Vineyard Rd NW	528226	\$469,000.00	0.65	2660	3	2	2	Nadia Jirk	Vaughan Company Realtors	899-4077
4139	Dietz Farm Circle NW	514975	\$797,800.00	0.68	3203	3	2.5	2.5	Lynn Martinez	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
806	Salamanca	509494	\$890,000.00	0.76	4809	4	2.25	2	Nancy Banas	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1002	Acequia Trail NW	524472	\$985,000.00	3585	3	3					
6915	Guadalupe Trl NW	513279	\$985,000.00	54450	3540	4	3+	5	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8020	Rio Grande NW	476379	\$2,750,000.00	2	10500	5	5.25	4	D.Scott	Pargin Realty ERA	296-1500

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## Mortgage Meltdown

Change is the one constant we can all rationalize, and change is certainly what we have seen over the past year within the mortgage industry. Every paper in this country and others has given the nightmare overview of the current credit issues facing all of America and its home buyers and sellers. Some have gotten it right and some, frankly, quite wrong. Here is some information that will now and in the immediate future affect the home purchasing efforts for us all:

### What is the "meltdown" that I'm reading about in the headlines?

This refers to a culmination of factors that has led to massive tightening in credit standards among lenders. This tightening is due to an excessive number of mortgages that are both delinquent and in default. As a result of tighter credit standards and the devaluation of mortgage-backed securities, global investors are shying away from purchasing additional pools of loans, causing over 100 lenders to close, and leaving many homebuyers and homeowners unable to locate financing alternatives.

### Why should a home SELLER be concerned about this?

The pool of potential buyers will shrink as many find it difficult, if not impossible, to obtain mortgage financing. Experts have speculated that the number of potential buyers will contract anywhere from 15% to 30%. Sellers should also be aware that increased foreclosures can depress community values and result in a glut of local inventories, which could further drive down home prices. Fortunately, I have not seen a significant increase in the Village compared to the greater Metro area.

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### Why should a home BUYER be concerned about this?

As always, buyers need to get pre-approved before entering the market. While there are a lot of great deals out there, getting credit is becoming tougher and tougher, and it's taking longer and longer to complete a transaction. What you qualify for today could change tomorrow in this volatile market.



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### What are RATES doing?

We couldn't have asked for a better Thanksgiving treat than the one we got at the end of November. The lowest 30-year fixed-rate in over two years! And, it looks to be a very favorable interest rate environment for the coming year. The silver lining around this mortgage cloud is loans are being made and at low interest rates. If you plan on buying or refinancing a home, call a mortgage professional to find out exactly what your options are.

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by Susan Rosprim

## A New Eagle Scout

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, fifteen-year-old **James Rosprim** will become an Eagle Scout! As a member of the Village's Troop 9, he will receive the hard-earned honor from his father, David Rosprim, who happens to be the troop's Scoutmaster. This remarkable young man, a sophomore at Albuquerque Academy, has created, for his Eagle project, a **child's reading garden at 4725 Candelaria NE**. The garden is surrounded by a fence, and James put it together on land which had been empty and unused for years. Using a grant from PNM and donations of plants and bushes and rocks, James, with the assistance of his fellow Scouts, has created a quiet spot where the teachers and children of Bel-Air School may go to read and study in pleasant surroundings.

James' mother, **Susan Rosprim**, sent me a thoughtfully written biography of her son, and I thought you all might like to read it.

"**James Rosprim** began his trail to Eagle Scout as a Tiger Cub Scout in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque's BSA Pack 8. He moved forward on the trail, earning the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and the Arrow of Light awards in the cub scouts. In 2000, he became a member of BSA Troop 9. An active participant in Troop 9 activities, James passed his Board of Review for Tenderfoot, Second Class in 2003, and First Class Scout in 2004. He continued on to become a Star and Life Scout in 2005; and reached his goal on October 22, 2007, when he passed his Eagle Board of Review. Along the way to Eagle, James has earned thirty-eight merit badges. He has been a member of the troop leadership, serving as Librarian, Scribe, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and is currently a Troop Guide. He was in-

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ducted into the Order of the Arrow, a brotherhood of honor campers, as an Ordeal member.

James's Eagle project was completed through the difficult and challenging task of taking a neglected piece of land and turning it into a beautiful and usable Reading Garden at Bel-Air Elementary School. James developed the garden for the children and teachers to use as an inspirational, quiet environment, as well as an outdoor teaching classroom. Through his efforts, the scouts of Troop 9, and many community members, he created six gardens with envi-

ronmentally drought-resistant plants, and planted six shade trees throughout the playground area.

James is an outstanding member of the sophomore class at Albuquerque Academy, where he is a member of the baseball and varsity swim teams. He plans to attend an Ivy League college after his senior year at Albuquerque Academy, and will continue his achievements by earning palms and becoming a troop leader in the Boy Scouts of America."

Warmest congratulations to James, and to his parents!





## PET OF THE MONTH

A one-year old spayed female calico domestic shorthair.

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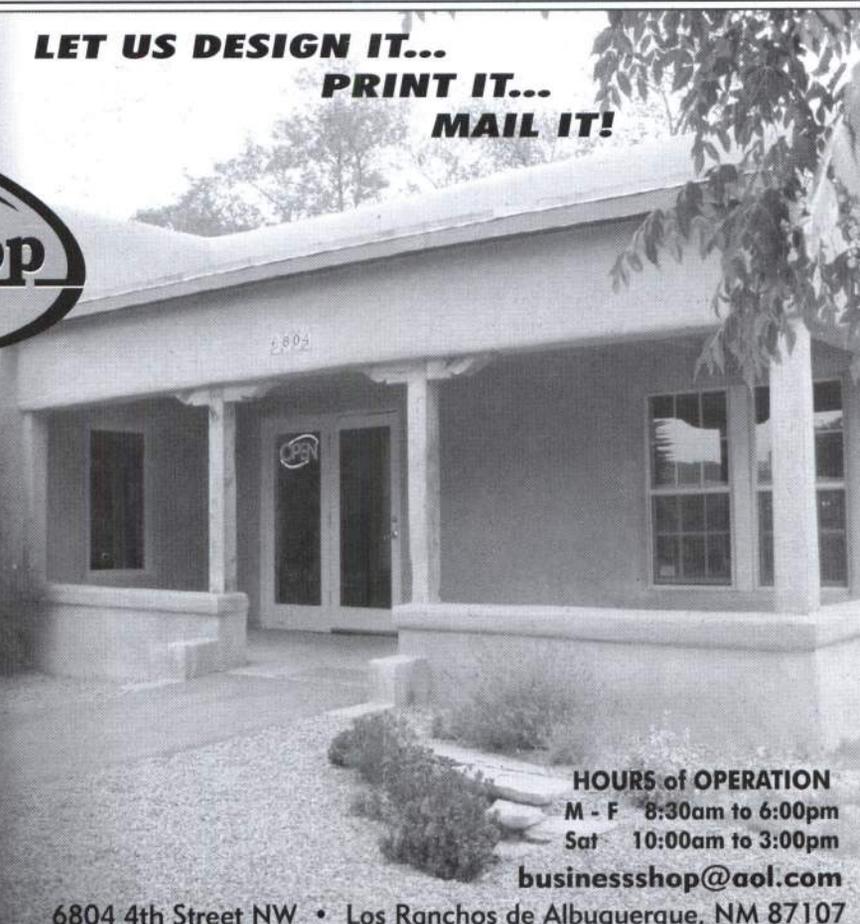
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## December 12, 2007 - Action Report

### 1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:02 p.m.

- A. Roll call - A quorum was present for the meeting. Commissioner Radnovich excused.
- B. Approval of Agenda - Approved as presented.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Regular Meeting - **November 13, 2007** - Approved as presented.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Home Occupation renewals 2008.  
Approved 5-0.

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

- A. **CU-07-04** A remand from the Board of Trustees for an appeal by Joshua J. Skarsgard, Esq., Agent for Doug Peterson, property owner, of Planning and Zoning Commission denial of CU-07-04 a Conditional Use Permit for a Drive Through Coffee Shop in the Village Center Zone and Fourth Street Commercial Corridor on October 9, 2007, Agenda Item 5G. The property is located at 6561 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW and is legally known as Tract 41G, M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 29, Elena Gallegos Grant in projected Sections 28 and 29, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, May 31, 1962. The property contains .9317 acres more or less.

Approved 4-1.

- B. **SDP-07-07** A remand from the Board of Trustees for an appeal by Joshua J. Skarsgard, Esq. Agent for Doug Peterson, property owner, of Planning and Zoning Commission denial of SPD-07-07 for Preliminary approval for a Site Development Plan for new Commercial construction in the Village Center Zone and Fourth Street Commercial Corridor on October 9, 2007, Agenda Item 5H. The property is located at 6561 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW and is legally known as Tract 41G, M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 29, Elena Gallegos Grant in projected Sections 28 and 29, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, May 31, 1962. The property contains .9317 acres more or less.

Recommendation of approval forwarded to the Board of Trustees, passed 4-1.

- C. **V-07-29** A request by Brian Matteucci, Agent for Greg and Shana Levenson for a Variance request from Ordinance 209(I)(2)(a) Single story buildings shall not exceed seventeen (17) feet in height. The property is located at 6008 Tomas Court NW and is legally known as Lot 3, Subdivision Map of Tracts 2a and 2c of M.R.G.C.D. Maps

26 and 30 and Lots 8 & 9, Thomas Herrera Addition Tinnin Farms, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, June 1988. The property contains 1.0012 acres more or less.

Approved 4-0. (Commissioner Simon had to leave early).

**D. V-07-28** A request by Leroy Pacheco for a Variance from the required six (6) foot wall height to allow for a ten (10) foot barbecue fireplace chimney at rear property line. The property is located at 704 Tyler and is legally known as Lot 7, Block 3 of Green Valley Addition to the City of Albuquerque, NM as the same is shown in the record book of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, September 2, 1949. The property contains .3247 acres more or less.

Approved 4-0

**E. V-07-31** A request by Robert and Christine Muehlenweg for a Variance from Ordinance 209 20% Floor Area Ratio to allow for 25% Floor Area Ratio in order to build a garage on the property in the A-1 Zone of the Rio Grande Character Area C. The property is located at 5645 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as A tract of land in School District 4, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, within the Elena Gallegos Grant and said tract is also shown and designated as a portion of Tract No. 1-A-2 of Map No. 30 of the Survey of the M.R.G.C.D. on file in the office of said District. The tract contains .53 acres more or less.

By request of the applicant, this item deferred until January 8, 2008.

**F. V-07-32** A request by Robert and Christine Muehlenweg for a Variance from the required fifteen foot side setback to allow for a zero lot line setback in order to build a garage on the property in the A-1 Zone of the Rio Grande Character Area C. The property is located at 5645 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as A tract of land in School District 4, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, within the Elena Gallegos Grant and said tract is also shown and designated as a portion of Tract No. 1-A-2 of Map No. 30 of the Survey of the M.R.G.C.D. on file in the office of said District. The tract contains .53 acres more or less.

By request of the applicant, this item deferred until January 8, 2008.

**G. V-07-30** A request by Peter and Margaret Lukes for a variance from the required twenty-five (25) foot rear yard setback to allow for a ten (10) foot rear yard setback for an addition 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 A certain tract of Land, being and comprising Tract 66B1, as shown on M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 27, situated within Section 20, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Bernalillo County New Mexico. The property consists of .9670 acres more or less.

Approved 4-0

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Discussion and recommendation to the Board of Trustees for an Ordinance implementing a Village Wide Floor Area Ratio.

Discussion was postponed until the January 8, 2008 meeting.

**8. REPORTS**

**A.** Planner's Report - Planner Nighbert gave the planner's report.

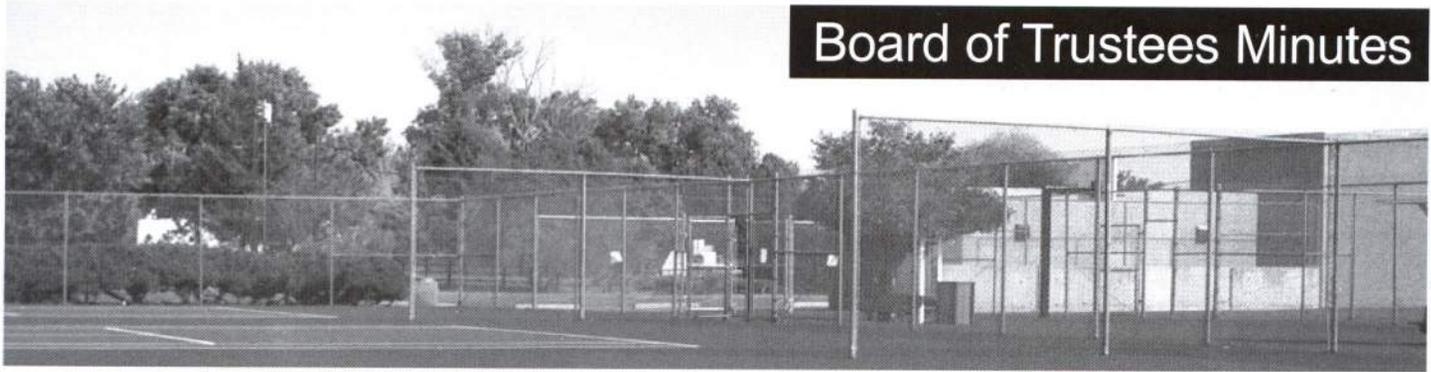
**9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

**10. ADJOURNMENT** - meeting was adjourned at 10:00 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.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JAN., 8, 2008 at 7pm

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## December 12, 2007

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

John McDowell, 7201 Guadalupe Trail, said the conditional use for a drive-through should be reconsidered and suggested going back to what they had before.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING–NOVEMBER 14, 2007

There were no additions or corrections to the Minutes.

#### B. DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/BCSD
2. FIRE
3. ANIMAL CONTROL
4. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

### 4. REPORTS

#### A. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abraham reported on the following: that he will be meeting with the legislators regarding the legislative priorities for 2008; calendars are being sold for \$10.00 each or buy four and get one free; the Ditches With Trails has misinformation about the Village's position on surfacing for the trails – the Village likes the ditches as they are and doesn't want to change their nature; the Boyle Engineering contract for the bike trails has been re-negotiated; the Area I & J sewer project will cause Rio Grande to be torn up from Chavez to Paseo del Norte, resulting in one lane being closed for most of next year; received calls from Mr. Davis on Garduño Road regarding rain water; and that the tree was lit, honoring Mrs. Dimas.

#### B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ward reported on the following: Animal Control Officer, Arturo Andujo, has returned from an on-the-job injury and is on restricted duty; the mid-year budget process has begun; there are many roof leaks on the Village Hall building and the roof will need to be replaced; met with AMAFCA on Garduño Road drainage; regarding a possible Paseo del Norte truck traffic proposal, the Village is not amenable to that; a meeting will be held on Friday with Village Center property owners to select their appraiser; the Village is also letting a contract for title and survey work on the Village Center area.

**C. PLANNER'S REPORT**

*Planner Nighbert reported on the following: there were two public information meetings on the Floor Area Ratio; met with Bernalillo County on Area I & J Sewer Project which will begin on January 7, 2008, starting with Tinnin Farms.*

**D. LEGAL REPORT**

*Attorney Martha King reported on the following: she served as legal counsel for the Planning & Zoning Commission; assisted Ms. Seebach and Planner Nighbert on Planning & Zoning matters; also got a permanent order of entry on Gasman.*

**E. FIRE DEPT. REPORT**

*Fire Chief Perez reported on the following: he attended incident command training with Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, and Rio Rancho Fire Departments; they were invited by Albuquerque Fire Department to take part in advanced high rise building training; recently taught CPR training for an international nanny group; thanked Smith's Food Store for the donation of cookies and apple cider for tonight's event; had 81 calls for the month of November; working with Mr. Nighbert on Pueblo Solano traffic calming and considering installing 3-way stop signs; and that the new fire station final design of the outside layout will be ready for review at the January Board meeting.*

**5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**A. CASH REPORT - NOVEMBER**

*Treasurer Nancy Haines gave the November cash report which was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

**A. A REQUEST BY MATTHEW REMBE FOR AN AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE LOS POBLANOS INN AND CULTURAL CENTER SU-1 ZONE. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 4803 RIO GRANDE BLVD. AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS PLAT OF TRACTS A2A AND A3A, A REPLAT OF TRACTS A2 AND A3, LANDS OF ALBERT SIMMS II, VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, DECEMBER, 1998. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 20.5874 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. ACA-07-01**

*The Los Poblanos Inn & Cultural Center's request for amendments to conditions was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**B. AN APPEAL BY RICK SAYLOR FOR ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES MALL, OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DENIAL OF V-07-25 A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 21 SIGNS § D(8) ALLOWABLE 20 SQUARE FEET FOR BUILDING MOUNTED SIGN WHEN A FREE STANDING SIGN OF MAXIMUM DIMENSIONS EXISTS IN THE FOURTH STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR ON OCTOBER 9, 2007 AGENDA ITEM 5D. THE PROPERTY IS THE ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES MALL, 7901 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT B LAND OF WINTER AND TRACT B LAND OF RANCHITOS SHOPPING CENTER, BEING A REPLAT OF TRACTS 25A1, 25B2A, 26A3A2, 26A4A, 26A3B3, 1, 4B, 25BEB, 26A4B, 26B AND 25A2 M.R.G.C.D. MAP 27, VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 4.4140 ACRES MORE OR LESS. V-07-25**

*The appeal of Rick Saylor for an Antiques and Collectibles Mall sign variance was approved with the Board of Trustees overruling the decision of the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**C. REMAND OF CV-2006-02350, AN APPLICATION BY AMY LANDAU FOR A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT FROM A-1 TO R-2 IN THE GUADALUPE TRAIL CHARACTER AREA FOR CONSIDERATION AND ARGUMENT CONCERNING THE IMPACT OF TRACT C'S C-1 ZONING. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8221 4TH STREET NW AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT B, PLAT OF LANDS OF CAPO WITHIN SECTIONS 16 8 17, T11N, R3E. N.M.P.M. BEING TRACT 184 B A PORTION OF TRACT 161 M.R.G.C.D. MAP NO. 24 BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 1.5785 ACRES AND TRACT C OF PLAT OF LANDS OF CAPO, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1978, IN PLAT BOOK C14, FOLIO 1. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS .0330 ACRES MORE OR LESS**

The remand of CV-2006-02350 and the application for Zone Map Amendment from A-1 to R-2 in the Guadalupe Character Area was discussed, and the Zone Map Amendment was denied by the Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE IN SUMMARY AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY INTO THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8409 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN ALAMEDA, WITHIN SECTION 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING KNOWN AS TRACT 149-B, AND A PORTION OF TRACT 146-A2, M.R.G.C.D. MAP 24, THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 1.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS**

The Board of Trustees gave approval to advertise the Annexation Ordinance in summary. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS AND THE New Mexico ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT SOLID WASTE BUREAU RECYCLING AND ILLEGAL DUMPING FUND (PROJECT #07NT-16)**

The Grant Agreement for the Illegal Dumping Fund was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

**B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXTEND THE GRANT FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LOS RANCHOS AND FOURTH STREET**

The Second Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement to extend the grant for the traffic signal improvements at Los Ranchos & Fourth Street was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

**C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT ONE TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO AND THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS**

Amendment One to the Professional Services Agreement with the Regents of the University of New Mexico was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

**9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Trustee Rael asked about the progress on the commemorative bronze plaque from the foundry that Leo Bartolucci had requested. He also reported concerns from Bernie Sanchez regarding the Albuquerque Bank safety issues.

Trustee Homan reported a sink hole on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between JB's and Walgreens when you are traveling southbound.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

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The next meeting of the **Board of Trustees**  
will take place on **Wed., January 9, 2008** at 7:00 p.m.

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by Janet Long Ford

## LifeLong Learning Great for Village

"We found the Sheriff's substation on North Fourth Street an excellent place to hold classes," says Bob Kopp, treasurer of the Institute of LifeLong Learning for New Mexicans, adding with a huge grin, "And the chairs are very posh."

Through inexpensive, daytime classes, lectures and field trips, LifeLong Learning has provided continuing liberal arts education for adults aged 50+ since 1990. The non-profit organization first came to the Village last fall and now plans to hold two of its spring offerings at the substation. Both classes, meeting one morning a week for five weeks, have a music orientation.

Larry Anderson, a Ph.D. engineering manager, retired from Lucent Bell Laboratories, will teach "Musical Sounds: How They're Made, Reproduced, Heard by Our Ears, and Interpreted by Our Brains." The life and works of Jean Sibelius is the topic of David Oberg's class. The recipient of the Arts Alliance's 2005 Bravo Award for Musical Excellence, and the founding director and conductor of the Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque from 1975-2004, David has been a guest conductor with a number of national and international orchestras, including the National Polish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

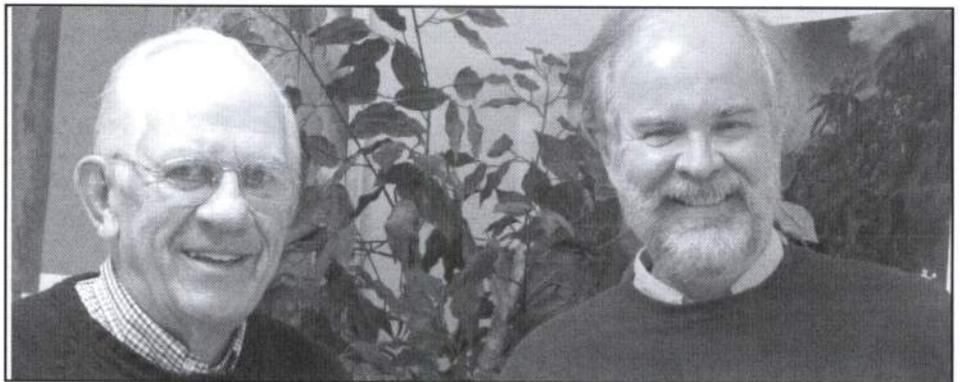
One of the fall's most popular classes was an exclusive tour and wine tasting at Casa Rondeña. Dick Berg, a winemaker with about fifty vines in his backyard, says he and his wife, Ruth, enjoyed the lecture and tour. Over the years, the Bergs have taken a number of LifeLong Learning classes together, from a lecture on water conservation to a tour of Albuquerque artist Betty

Sabo's studio. They take the classes "to keep up with things," he says. "We like to find interesting things to do and hear about."

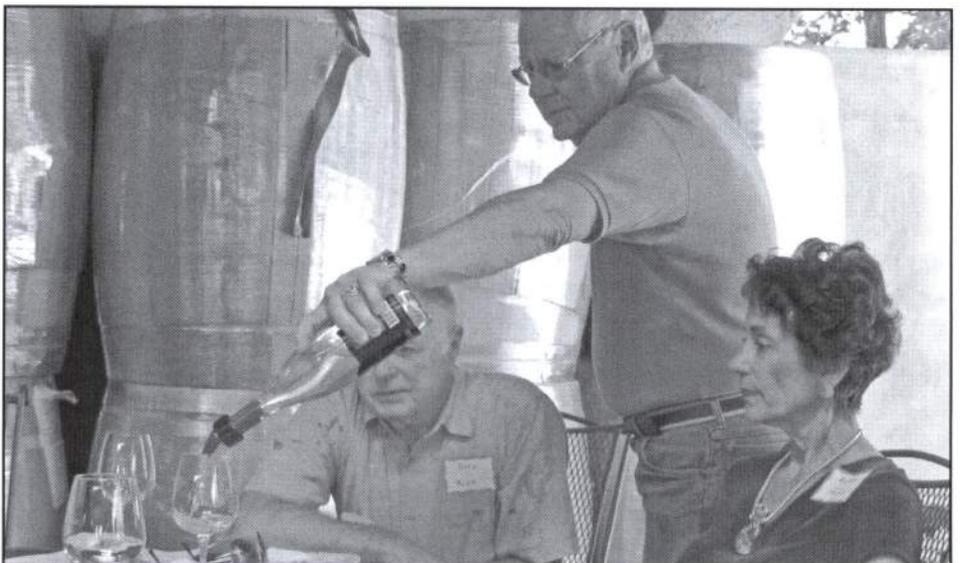
Spring classes begin in early March. The more than thirty planned offerings include opportunities to study great literature or movies, learn about Islam, or Mimbres pottery, and tour some of

Albuquerque's historic areas.

To preview all courses, lectures and field trips, and read more about LifeLong Learning, go to [www.LifeLongLearningNM.org](http://www.LifeLongLearningNM.org). Catalogs will be mailed the week of January 21. You can also download one from the Web site or request a mailed copy by calling 888-7370.



Bill Lowell (left) discusses details of Mahler's life with LifeLong Learning instructor, David Oberg, during last fall's class "Mahler: His Music, His Personal Development and His Times." Oberg will lead a class on Sibelius this spring.



Howard Fox of Casa Rondeña pours wine for Jerry and Barbara Marx to taste during last fall's LifeLong Learning tour of the winery.



by Phil Bock

## Big Changes at the Adobe Theatre

If you have driven by the ADOBE on Fourth Street, just north of Alameda, you may have noticed the exterior improvements: the fresh stucco, the metal portal over the improved sidewalk, and the landscaping. This is only the beginning! In January the theater will be "dark" as new carpeting and seats are installed and, shortly, the parking lot will be paved and restriped, while a new marquee with names of shows and dates will be erected. All this is possible due to the careful management of ticket income from faithful patrons and to generous donations of materials, labor and money

by friends of the theater. Most of the new seats have been sponsored by individuals (at \$150 each); the Board has worked hard and is grateful to the ninety sponsors who have shown their support and pleasure in the previous years' programming.

If you have never been to the ADOBE, watch this space for announcements of current productions. When the theater reopens on **February 8th**, the show will be "**Eleemosynary**," a play about three generations of women, directed by Joann Danella, who has brought us out-

standing productions of such prize-winners as "Proof" and "Scotland Road." In **March/April** the show will be the wonderful comedy, "**Harvey**," followed by a musical about the shootout at the OK Corral; then, in June, comes a premiere about the adventures of a man driving a "Yellow Cab" at night in Albuquerque.

For further information, call 898-9222 or go to [www.adobetheater.com](http://www.adobetheater.com) you can also watch for announcements in Venue. You can also sign up for the bi-monthly newsletter.

## In Memoriam



Sadly, we must tell you that the Village has lost a furry friend. **Buffy**, the cat whose urgent search for a home became familiar through the *Village Vision*, as well as the *ABQ Journal*, passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving weekend. For those of you who haven't heard about Buffy, he was the beloved companion of the late Mrs. Mabel Dawe, a Village resident, who, at age one hundred years, had to move to a nursing home and leave her cat behind. Articles here and in the *Journal* helped to find him a happy 'retirement' home near the Village, and there he has passed on to join Mrs. Dawe. Buffy was almost twenty-two years old at his death. And I guess that's the end of this story...



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by Randy Shamlian

## Tempt the Senses

As a newcomer to this neck of the woods, I suppose I could make excuses. Yet, I do hope all you fine folk in Los Ranchos will eventually get to know me in one way or another, most specifically through this new food column. The opportunity to write for the *Village Vision* was graciously tendered to me by Lorilee, which was an offer I couldn't refuse.

"Tempt the Senses..." comes from a basic philosophy of mine which is very much akin to what the Modern Culinaricians are calling "Slow Food." This concept is gaining momentum as the desire for more locally grown and produced organic foods continuously grows. But for many of you, growers and market goers alike, "Slow Food" has been a part of daily and seasonal practices for generations. I play not the Devil's Advocate, but only shed a certain awareness of these "Old School" and "New Schools" of thought. May we enjoy each other's company?

As a youth growing up in Northern New Jersey, I can recollect the string beans that grew sparsely in our side yard. I knew little about growing, and I still don't. We had this peach tree that was occasionally full of ripe fruit during the summer months, until Shanook, our Old English Sheep dog, took a keen fondness to it. Yet I did get my hands soiled during the summer time at the shore ("Down the Shore," as it is referred to in New Jersey) at my grandparents' house. My grandfather liked to grow his tomatoes, and they blew up like balloons in the slightly sandy loam, in which I played farmer by picking the weeds.

The "Shore" was a gift from nature, caused by glacial movement years ago,

and has helped produce some fantastic blueberries, blackberries and strawberries, as well as some incredibly tasty vegetables like cucumbers, zucchini, squash, eggplant, and of course, corn and tomatoes. There was an abundance of nature's finest which was made available to my grandmother by a number of fruit and vegetable stands just outside of the beach town where they lived. She prepared some beautiful meals in the tradition of "Slow Food," which I still savor to this day in my sense memory.

The bevy of vendors at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market is intriguing, as is the opportunity to write about them. It will be an exploration for which my taste buds cannot wait. I hope you will come and join in the celebration and "Tempt the Senses..." your senses, by the various aesthetics, the aromas, the textures and tastes of the abundant fruits, vegetables and prepared foods that these dedicated growers and producers so prodigiously provide!

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*Villager Randy Shamlian is the author of A Slice of Apple Pie and a freelance writer. You can contact him through his book's online website: [www.asliceofapplepie.com](http://www.asliceofapplepie.com). He will be writing a monthly article, keyed to whatever our local growers are bringing to the Market.*

*Happy eating!*



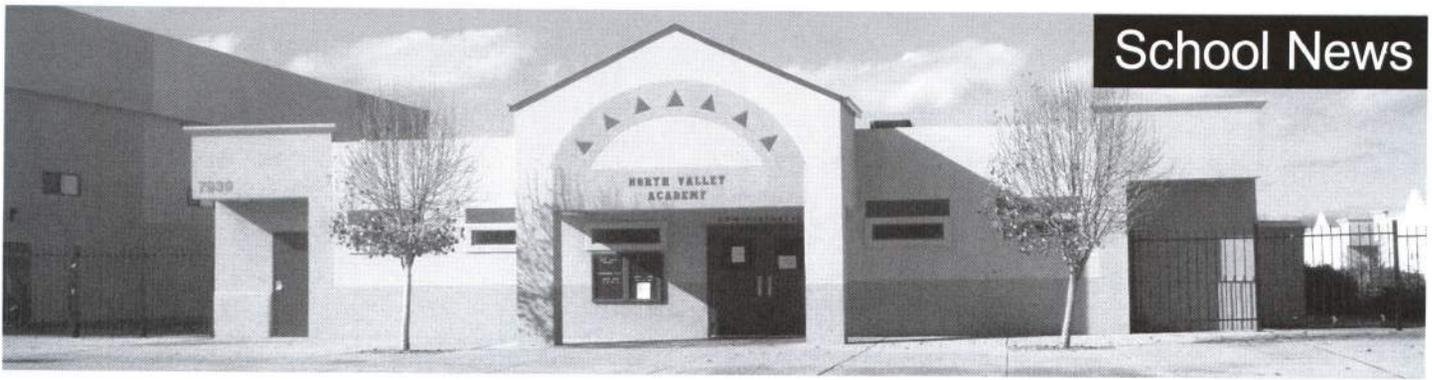
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## January Events

### Alvarado Elementary School

Solar Road  
344-4412

- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008: Inservice, no school
- January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008: First day back to school after Winter Holiday Break
- January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008: ASA (Alvarado School Association) meeting, 1:30 pm
- January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, no school
- January 30-Feb 1<sup>st</sup>: Science Expo
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008: ASA (Alvarado School Association) meeting, 1:30pm



### Bosque School

4000 Learning Road NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120  
(505) 898-6388  
[www.bosqueschool.org](http://www.bosqueschool.org)



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**January 26, 2008: Admission Testing at Bosque School 9:00-11:00 a.m.** please call the admission office in advance to reserve your space: 898-6388

**February 8, 2008: Admission Application Deadline for the 2008-2009 school year.** Students entering grades 6-12 are encouraged to apply. Contact the admission office at Bosque School: 898-6388 for more information.

**Bosque School's Spring Musical, Oklahoma, is just around the corner:**

Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm • Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm • Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

Friday February 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm • Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm • Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm

Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$8 for seniors and students. Performances will take place in the Peggie Ann Findlay Arts Center at Bosque School. Tickets can be purchased by calling 898-6388.

### Los Ranchos Elementary School

7609 4th St. NW  
Los Ranchos, New Mexico 87107  
898-3611

January-2008

7th Inservice Day-no school for children

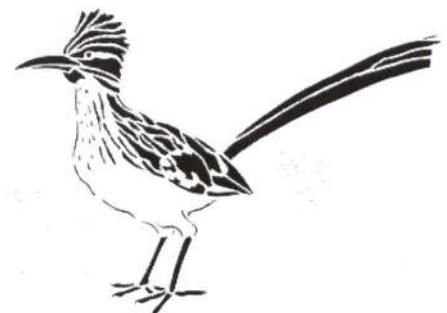
21st Martin Luther King's Birthday-no school

24th PTO Family Literacy Night-6:00 PM in the library "MAKE A BOOK"

February-2008

1-22 Pennies for Patients-run through the nurse's office

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**North Valley Academy**  
7939 Fourth Street NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87114  
505-998-0501

Back to School: January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am  
Governance Council Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm



**Sandia Preparatory School**  
532 Osuna Rd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113  
505.338.3000 (phone)  
505.338.3099 (fax)

Thurs.- Sat., January 10-12

Varsity Girls Basketball Sundevil Invitational, Sandia Prep Gyms

Saturday, January 12

9:00 - 11:00 AM: Admission Test for Fall 2008 (pre-registration required; call Jan Vanderburg, Admission Assistant at 338.3007, Sandia Prep

Monday, January 14

7:00 PM: "The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School Life" presentation for parents by Michael G. Thompson, Ph.D. (author of *New York Times* bestseller *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*), free event, Sandia Prep Theater



**Taft Middle School**  
620 Schulte Rd. NW  
344-4389

**January**

January 7<sup>th</sup>: first day of second Semester/Inservice *No School*

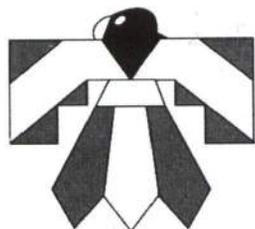
January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Taft Band Nacho Night & Silent Auction (on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>): Ticket Sales Begin  
Contact Dr. Daniel for Tickets, 366-4184

January 30<sup>th</sup>: Parent Night for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders 6:00pm Cafeteria

January 31<sup>st</sup>: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday *No School*

**February**

February 15<sup>th</sup>: Taft Band Nacho Night, Silent Auction & Concert Fundraiser 6:00pm - Cafeteria



**Taylor Middle School**  
8200 Guadalupe Tr. NW  
898-3666

Winter Break continues through 1/4/08

January 7 Staff In-service; No School for Students

8 Start 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

9 Geography Bee 9:00AM in Cafeteria

21 Martin Luther King Day (No School)

February 1 Late Start (classes begin at 9:50)



by Lisa Manwill, P.E.

## Area I & J Sewer Construction Update

The Area I&J project was awarded to New Mexico Underground Contractors (NMUI) and will begin on January 7, 2008. It is anticipated that the project will be complete in January 2009. NMUI will start installing sewer at the south end of the project, near Rio Grande and Chavez. The intent is to have multiple crews working at different locations and generally heading north until the project is complete.

The first phase of Tinnin Farms construction will begin at Chavez and Rio Grande. Construction will continue on Tinnin Road to Francisca Road, then Padre Roberto, and end at Tomas Ct. As soon as this phase of Tinnin Farms is complete and paved, the contractor will begin installing sewer on El Portal, and complete the remainder of Tinnin Farms. This phasing is being done in order to keep one paved entrance to Tinnin Farms throughout the duration of the project.

NMUI will be handing out flyers announcing the anticipated date that construction will begin on your road. You can expect these flyers to be handed out 4 to 7 days prior to the start of construction on your road.

The system being installed is a gravity sewer system, run by a series of lift stations. Because of this, we have some flexibility when it comes to the placement of your sewer stubs. Please review the information below, and contact the County prior to sewer installation on your road. If you do not contact us, we will install the stub 6 feet deep somewhere along your front property line.

### SEWER STUBS

Below are some steps you may want to consider when trying to determine the best location for your sewer stub. If you are not planning on installing your sewer yard line, contact a plumber to assist you with the steps below. Please consider hiring a licensed and bonded plumber.

#### 1. Depth of Sewer Line at House:

- a. Locate your sewer clean outs and determine the depth to the bottom of your sewer line. Generally, the clean out is located between the house and the septic tank.
- b. If you can not find, or do not have a sewer clean out, you must determine the depth of the sewer line exiting your house by digging it up.

#### 2. Length of Yard Line

- a. Measure the length required for the new sewer yard line (from the house to the street)

#### 3. Horizontal Location of Service Stub (at street)

- a. The location of your yard line at the street (2a) will tell us the horizontal location of your sewer stub.
- b. Once the County's contractor is getting close to your residence, you will receive a flyer requesting you to provide the desired horizontal placement of your sewer service stub. Please be on the look-out for the flyer.

#### 4. Vertical Location of Service Stub (at street)

- a. Call or email the County Project Manager to confirm that we have your stub deep enough. We can determine proper depth, providing you are able to give us measurements described in 1 and 2 above. PLEASE make certain to mention if your property is above, below, or about the same elevation as the street.

- b. Unless you've been contacted previously, all sewer stubs will be a minimum of 6 feet below the street. This depth is usually deep enough to maintain proper yard line slope and keep yard trenches as shallow (less expensive) as possible. If needed, in many cases we are able to provide a deeper stub. A deeper stub may be required for:

- A home that sits far back from the street
- A home that has cleanout depths (1a /1b above) deeper than 2 feet
- A home that sits below the street

*(see article on page 7)*

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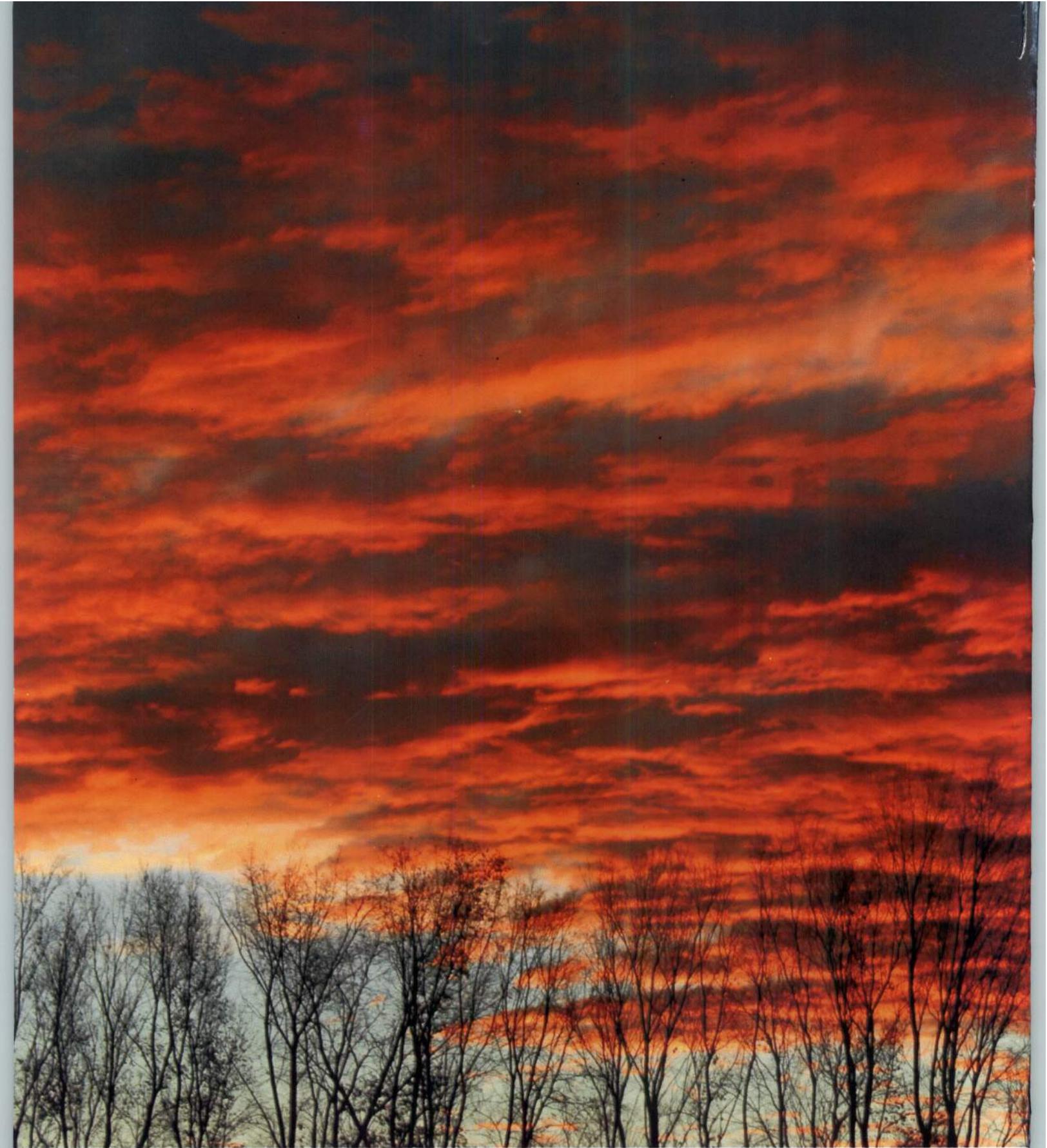
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