

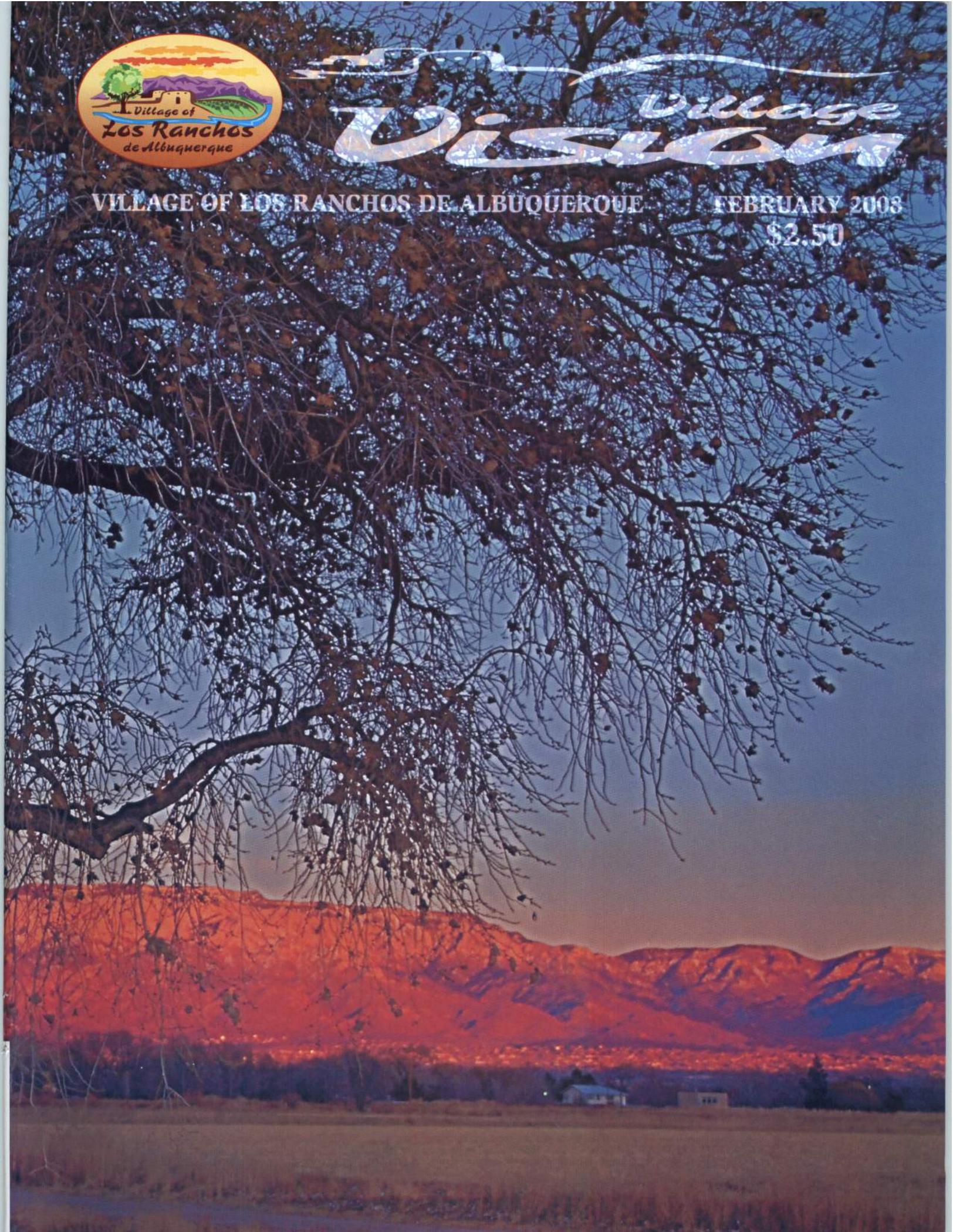


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### Election

Although the mayor and trustee positions are uncontested, there is still an election for our municipal judge. Please familiarize yourselves with the candidates and exercise your right to vote. You may vote at Village Hall starting Feb 6th through Election Day, March 4th.

### Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 20th

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> when residents will have a chance to talk with the Mayor, trustees, P & Z Commissioners, judge candidates, law enforcement, and our Fire Department. Informal discussion will start at 6:00pm, with a formal question and answer session from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

### I and J Sewer Update

Please visit at [villageoflosranchos.com](http://villageoflosranchos.com) for the most current information regarding street closures and schedules. Until completion of the project, there will be an article each month located on the last page of the *Village Vision*.

### Village Patrols Expanded

In an effort to increase the patrols by our Sheriff's Department, we have shifted one of our officers to a "split shift", which will begin at 6:00pm and run un-

til 2:00 am. This means that dedicated officers will be patrolling our streets and neighborhoods from 7:00 am until 2:00 am. With the road construction on Rio Grande, we have intensified our efforts to run radar on the side streets, as well as enforce weight limits.

### Cell Tower Update

T-Mobile and Alltel are fully operational. Verizon Wireless is in the process of obtaining a building permit, and we anticipate construction to begin within sixty days. During the construction period, they will be taking down approximately ten feet of tree branches to locate their equipment on the cell tower. We will be closely monitoring the installation to make sure the impact to the cell tree is minimal. At the present time, there are no immediate plans for AT&T, Sprint, or Cricket to co-locate on the tower.

### Minutes on Web site

Minutes of the Trustees and Planning and Zoning meetings are available on the website. Each agenda item is bookmarked, and you can listen to the actual audio from the meetings on your computer. At the present time, it appears the software is only compatible by using Internet Explorer as your browser. If you have questions, please call Rose-

mary at Village Hall.

### Growers' Market in Community Barn

Our next winter Growers' and Arts and Crafts Market takes place on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am until noon. It will be held inside the community barn, with live music. It is a festive atmosphere and great place to shop, or just visit with your neighbors.

### Photos Wanted

We are still accepting photos for the *Village Vision* and future calendars. If you have a photo of the Village that you would like to share, please email it to [RHall@villr.com](mailto:RHall@villr.com). Photos for the cover must be shot horizontally, and with at least a 5 mega pixel camera.

### Calendars on Sale

There are a few calendars left which we are selling at Village Hall for \$5.00. Some will also possibly be on sale at the Growers' Market. They still make great gifts, or they're nice just to have around the house.

### Good News!

Due to demand, Vernon's Hidden Valley Steaks is now open on Sunday evenings from 5 to 8 pm.

## Important!!

To all Neighborhood Associations, Home Owners, and Architectural Control Committees:

The Planning and Zoning Department needs to update neighborhood, home owners association and/ or architectural control committee listings. This information is utilized for early notification for all public hearings held by the Village Planning and Zoning Commission. Early notification will alert neighborhoods to upcoming applications, and allow residents to either attend the meeting or submit written comments.

Please have your neighborhood association representative submit the **Neighborhood Association Form** to the Planning and Zoning Department of the Village. The form is available on the website: [Villageoflosranchos.com](http://Villageoflosranchos.com). Click on *Village Hall - Planning and Zoning* - and at the bottom *Neighborhood Association, Home Owners Associations, Architectural Control Committees*.

## Noteworthy Villagers

**Martha Palmer-Blevins**, long time faculty member at the Albuquerque Academy, has been chosen for the newly created post of Dean of the Academy's 6/7

Division. The Dean handles student affairs and disciplinary issues, and, most importantly, student advocacy. In her new position, Martha will work with the

deans of the higher divisions. She will also carry a full course load of teaching: four Spanish language classes. Congratulations to Martha!

If you read the January issue of *New Mexico Magazine*, you should have been pleased to see the special mention of the Village's **Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center!** The Inn was featured in an article entitled "Cozy Conscious-

ness", and featured Los Poblanos as one of a few 'earth-friendly' inns in the state. The article especially mentioned Los Poblanos' lavender and organic crops, and its use of even natural and biodegradable cleaning products, in keeping

with its organic certification. Congratulations to the **Rembe Family** for bringing the joys of Los Ranchos to the traveling public. (The photographs with the article were pretty gorgeous, too!)

## In Memoriam

Long time Village resident, **Neil Edward Weaver**, passed away at his home here in mid-January. Mr. Weaver was a native of Oklahoma, and grew up in Mountainair. He was a graduate of UNM, and was for forty years a member of the Lobo Club. He was commis-

sioned in the U. S. Marine Corp, and following his discharge, he returned to Albuquerque and founded Weaver Construction Company, General Contractors. His company built many commercial buildings in New Mexico, and Mr. Weaver was a president the NM Build-

ing Branch of the Associated General Contractors. He is survived by his wife of more than fifty-two years, Helen, and by their four daughters and a number of grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

## Village History

In honor of the Village's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we would like to compile an archive, with photographs, of families

and businesses which make up the history of Los Ranchos. If you have such material, or have information which

we can add to our files, please call **Judy Griego at 898-0673**, or email her at [judylobo@unm.edu](mailto:judylobo@unm.edu)

## ANNOUNCING THE FOURTH STREET SCENIC BYWAY ART CONTEST

The Village of Los Ranchos has been awarded two grants to have Scenic Gateways built and installed on Fourth Street, marking the north and the south entrances to the Village. These Gateways will be situated on two historic byways: Route 66 and the El Camino Real. These grants were made possible by the Scenic Byways Committee of New Mexico.

There is no required theme for either Gateway; however, the southern Gateway must use a piece of asphalt from old Highway 85 in the design. The grant for this Gateway is \$50,000. The north entrance does not have any stipulations, and has also been awarded \$50,000.

Here's where the design contest comes in! We will accept any type of sculpture. An example of your proposed design will be required. The final project **must** be completed and installed by September 1, 2008. We hope to see lots of really great entries!!!

We will start accepting entries for the contest on Friday, March 30th at Village Hall. Each project submitted will be evaluated for appropriateness and creativity by the Village Art Selection Committee. The announcement of the winning design will be made on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Here's your chance to let your creative juices flow! Let's see some great ideas!



by Michael Sanchez

## Y... que paso con los hijos de Salomon y Aurelia Sanchez

*In honor of Valentine's Day, and because it all happened in 1958, the year of the incorporation of the Village of Los Ranchos, I'm taking the liberty of printing this very touching love story in its entirety. It was sent to me by Michael Sanchez, one of the children in the story, who lives in Albuquerque, and who happens to be a grandson of the Village's Mrs. Anita Dimas. On February 12, 1958, the sad but beautiful story of Salomon and Aurelia Sanchez was aired on an Albuquerque radio station by a broadcaster named Ben Caine, a few days after the deaths of Salomon and Aurelia. It was called, "City Heartbeat: The Little People of the World".*

Our parents love story, you could say, is a modern Romeo and Juliet. Our parents passing will now be fifty years, and we thought we would commemorate their memory with this story. Our parents were born of humble parentage. Our father's ancestors were original settlers in Los Ranchos. Our father was born to Pedro and Amalia Sanchez. Our mother Aurelia was born to Belarmino and Isabel Torrez Romero from Truchas, New Mexico.

Father was a World War II Veteran, and while serving with the 267<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Maintenance Company, anti-aircraft, was grievously wounded and suffered the loss of a kidney. After his operation, he had a long recovery at the Santa Fe Veterans Hospital where he met our mother Aurelia; she was working as a nurse assistant there. After our father's recovery, they married in 1945 and returned to Los Ranchos. The medics warned our father he'd have to take it easy, and he took their advice seriously. Over the years, when he wasn't occupying a bed at the Veterans Hospital, he took it as easy as a man reasonably could, working the small farm in Los Ranchos and holding a full-time job as a hospital employee.

Only our beloved mother could help him with the work on the farm. Raising five kids and awaiting the sixth blessed event just about any day didn't qualify her as a "hired hand", but she did the best she could, loving and taking care



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of her husband. She cooked and she washed and kept the house clean, because serving her own little world brought her a sort of "glory". The family grew rapidly in numbers even as the bank account increased, although not quite prolifically, but a bank account there was. So what more could any woman ask for! She had the love of a devoted husband, five wonderful, active youngsters, and a bank account, and would look forward to a new arrival. Truly, her cup was full! Until that last cold week of January, 1958, when our father's last remaining kidney gave up the ghost.

Our father's incident isn't one of rare tragedy. Death comes to us all and is common as birth itself. And this is the point of our parents love for each other. In all their married life, our mother had always "done for her man". To our mother, her humble, hardworking, ailing hero was life itself. His passing would end many dreams for her, yet it would not end her service to our father. The days to follow would bring much sadness both to the Village of Los Ranchos and Truchas. Our father had been hospitalized since Christmas Day 1957 with kidney complications. Father passed on in the early morning hours of Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mother, knowing her baby to be due any day, barely able to walk and aching in every bone and muscle, hustled around the city accompanied by our Uncle Hilario and Aunt Dora, all to one purpose. Her Salomon would have a burial befitting a hero!

On Saturday morning, February 8<sup>th</sup>, mother went into labor, never to return back to our happy family home in Los Ranchos. The doctors attending advised the family she had no will to live. As the family tried to console her, she just simply said she loved her children dearly and knew they would all be taken good care of. Our baby sister was named Aurelia Shirley...after our mother. They say she died of childbirth, but honestly, she died of a broken heart and she simply decided to join him that Saturday evening. Mother was laid to rest beside her Salomon.

As family members arrived from out of town they were shocked to receive the news that mother had also passed on.

On Sunday evening, the first rosary was to be held, and as people gathered to give their respects to my father and thinking of extending their condolences to our mother, they were in utter surprise to see two caskets, and especially to see our mother resting next to our father. After the burial, the following days the family concern was what was to become of the children? We were all very young, ranging from ages eight to a newborn. With the assistance of the Veterans Administration, our Aunt Evangeline and Uncle Nick (Henry Whiting) were granted temporary custodianship. The family was to unite together to make a decision on how we were to be split apart. Our grandmother Amalia wanted us to be kept close together, yet she understood that our mother's side of the family wanted to take part in raising us. They made the difficult decision that the younger two would go up north, under the condition we would see each other as often as possible.

The farm house was sold along with all our parents' belongings to be placed in an estate account for us. My older sisters and brother recall this period to be very confusing to them. After all, we had all just been uprooted from a happy and loving family life we all knew. By the beginning of March, 1958, we had all been split apart and were trying to adjust to our new families, which was difficult at times. However we were blessed to have been taken in by our loving family members.

The oldest is our sister Yolanda, who went to live with my Aunt Evangeline and Grandma Amalia. We all had our moments and ways of grieving. Yolanda recalls crying herself to sleep every night, until one special night she dreamed of our mother. She dreamed that mother was cutting "leña" and told her, "Yolanda, this will be the last time I come to see you and everything is going to be alright". To this day Yolanda has never dreamed of our mother again. Yolanda continued to attend the local school in Los Ranchos, and graduated from Valley High in 1967. She attended the University of Albuquerque until she married in 1970 and moved to Leavenworth, Kansas. There she completed her university studies, majoring in education. She remarried to Roger Dittmore, and is a mother of two chil-

dren and a grandmother of two beautiful grandchildren. She is currently residing in Lansing, Kansas, and is employed as a teacher for the school district.

Next is our sister, Rosemary. She was taken in by her godparents, Hilario and Dora Sanchez. I remember her telling me that upon arrival at her new home, she was confused, so one day she asked my aunt, "What do I call you? Is it okay to call you mom?" My aunt's eyes filled with joyful tears. For many of us, as we joined our new families, we took into account that our cousins would now be considered our brothers and sisters. Rosemary continued to attend the local schools in Los Ranchos and graduated from Valley High in 1968. She married shortly after and moved to San Diego, California, with her husband. She was blessed with two sons, who now reside in Arizona. She remarried to Edward Wilson, and was blessed with a lovely daughter. She is now a grandmother to nine grandchildren. Rosemary now lives in Española, NM.

The next sibling would be our brother, Pete. He went on to live with Uncle Nick and Aunt Rosalie. I can recall my aunt telling us the times Pete would run off every afternoon, only to be found at the farm house, sitting on the horse corals just crying away his tears. After all, my father was his hero. And to my father, Pete was his right hand. Pete attended the Los Ranchos schools and graduated from West Mesa in 1970. He enlisted in the Armed Forces, serving the majority of his tour in Germany. After an honorable discharge, he married in 1974. He was blessed with four children. Our brother is a retired fireman, serving twenty years with the Los Alamos Fire Department. He has four grandchildren and lives next door to Rosemary in Española.

The next in line would be myself (Michael). I went to live with my uncle and aunt, Chano and Mela Garcia. I was raised in Alameda, about three miles from the original farm house. I suppose my way of grieving was the many times they would find me behind the "cochera", picking at my nose until it bled. I can remember missing my younger sister, Sandra, dearly. I was



by Sue Brawley

## Agri-Highlights

### Growers' Winter Market in the Barn

The Winter Markets are the second Saturday of each month, from November through April, from 10 am to noon. On February 9th, join us in the barn for a Valentine Celebration with music by guitarist Rob Roman. One may find lots of greens, hot-house tomatoes, goat cheese, bread, pasta, some root vegetables, dried fruit, honey, cold-weather bedding plants, forced bulbs, dried flower arrangements, and arts and crafts. We will continue our Los Ranchos business spotlights with Kelly Jo Designs, Jennifer Curtis, silversmith,

and others participating. Stop by and pick up a Valentine gift for someone special.

All across the country, growers' markets are experiencing growth in the numbers of persons who shop there on a regular basis. One of the reasons for shopping at the growers' market is that locally grown food tastes better. Food grown here was probably picked within the past day or two. Food flown or trucked in from other areas is, quite understandably, much older. In a weeklong (or more) delay from harvest to dinner

table, sugars turn to starches, plant cells shrink, and produce loses its vitality. Also, local produce is better for you. A recent study showed that fresh produce loses nutrients quickly. Food that is frozen or canned soon after harvest is actually more nutritious than some "fresh" produce that has been on the truck or supermarket shelf for a week. Locally grown food purchased soon after harvest retains its nutrients.

### Agriculture Committee

The first meeting of the Agriculture Committee for 2008 is Tuesday, March 18th. The committee will begin meeting after the elections since the voting machines are in the Village Hall. The committee would like your suggestions for topics to be covered in articles in the *Village Vision* and/or in lecture or presentation format. Send your suggestions to Sue Brawley, sue@brawleyandcompany.com, or call her at 890-2799.

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tion for 87107 and 87114 as Los Ranchos de Albuquerque or Los Rnchs Abq. I contend that if a company as big as Apple is sensitive to getting our name right, everyone should be held to that standard, especially our own residents!

Over the last couple of months, I have encountered several residents who are as passionate about our name as I am, and I thank them. My hope is that one day all of our residents will be as passionate about using Los Ranchos, and will be incensed when someone uses Albuquerque!

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by Jamie Deuel

## The Great Acequia Mystery ... or how did Fred end up in a ditch?

Just before Christmas (Dec 18th, if you think the date is significant), Village resident Jamie Deuel took three of his grandchildren climbing trees along our now dehydrated *acequias*. The grandkids, especially the two girls, proved to be fearless climbers and got up on branches in some of our huge cottonwoods, at least twenty-five feet above *terra firma*. At one time, the youngest, Cristina, cried out "Coach (Jamie's nickname by all of his fifteen grandchildren), this is more fun than Christmas (still a few days off)!" Young Koby, not yet as venturesome as his sisters, contented himself with more horizontal explorations and brought up some marvelous treasures from ditch bottoms, e.g. a ZipLoc bag full of black mud, a mud filled glass beer bottle, etc.

After over an hour of climbing (Jamie got up into the lower reaches of some of the trees to help the girls get started), they started to head for the dead end street where his car was parked, when Koby excitedly, from down in the dry ditch, cried out, "Coach, Coach, what's this?" He held a green plastic statue, about 14"-16" high, of an elderly oriental man dressed in flowing robes with a long mustache that came down below his waist. He looked like a figure of the revered holy man, Confucius, often found in books on China. Jamie hopped down into the ditch and examined Koby's curious find. Attached to the base, in a clear waterproof plastic pouch, were the words, "I am Fred the Ditch Guardian. Please feel free to move me, but to maintain my blessings keep me on the ditch between Green Valley and Chamisal Roads. May you enjoy life."

The small party of adventurers was astounded with this find! When asked by the children who and what it meant, Jamie could only respond that he thought it was a statue of Confucius, but beyond that had no idea where it came from, why it was there, or that such a talisman existed, guarding our Los Ranchos *acequias*. The motley crew took the statue to Jamie's house (between Green Valley and Chamisal) so the kids' grandmother, Carol Deuel, could also share in their mysterious, exciting pre-Christmas find. After much discus-

sion, it was decided they should honor Fred's request, and so took him back, very near to the place Koby had made his discovery. All took an oath of secrecy and vowed not to reveal where they last placed Fred — except to say that some of him is still visible to the naked (keen young?) eye. Who might have created this talisman and where he will reside during the 2008 irrigation season was a hot point of discussion as the crew drove away and the Deuel children returned to their Paradise Hills home.

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*An interesting tale! If anyone would care to come forward to explain and enlighten us about Fred, and why he sits in the ditch — and, perhaps, how long he has resided there — we'd be happy to print the follow-up. And you may, of course, remain anonymous, if you wish...*



(L to R) Two of Jamie Deuel's granddaughters, Adri, aged 10, and Cristina, aged 7. In front of them, holding the statue is the finder, grandson Koby, aged 5.



by Mayor Larry Abraham

By now, everyone has a good idea of just how invasive the I & J sewer project is going to be. I think this first section at Chavez and Rio Grande may be one of the most difficult sections, and we have hopefully gotten it behind us. However, there are still eleven more months of this project, and at times we will be digging twenty-five foot holes for several pump stations, right in the middle of Rio Grande Boulevard. The balance of Rio Grande will have a sixteen foot trench from Chavez to Paseo. I encourage everyone to stay informed by reading Lisa Manwill's article each month at the back of the *Village Vision*, as well as checking the weekly posting on our website. I assure all of our residents that we are working hard to make this project run as smoothly as possible. If you live anywhere near the project area, you will be inconvenienced. We are in daily contact with the contractor, and have weekly meetings that are attended by nearly thirty representatives from all facets of the project. We are trying very hard to anticipate and plan ahead, but each week presents new challenges. Our law enforcement officers are working diligently to control the traffic on the side streets, as well as limit the large truck traffic.

As disruptive as this project is, our residents have also commented on how nice Rio Grande is without the commuting cross traffic. Having tried to find alternate routes myself, it is very easy to see why Rio Grande is used by so many cross commuters. With that said, we are doing several studies regarding reducing the number of commuters on Rio Grande permanently. As we design the bike lanes, we are looking at narrowing the width of the traffic lanes, as well as placing wide striping on both sides. This striping will have the effect of making the road look narrower and, we hope, slowing traffic. We are also looking into installing permanent four-way stops at **VILLAGE VISION**

Chavez and Rio Grande, and Ranchitos and Rio Grande, as well as a three-way stop at El Pueblo and Rio Grande. The present plans are to put down the first 3" layer of asphalt as we go, but to hold off on the final 3" lift until the project is nearly complete. Rio Grande will therefore have no seams, and the road will look brand new, without the stress of construction traffic. I encourage everyone to have patience, and please call us if you have suggestions, questions, concerns or problems.

It is election time, and I want to thank Bob Maw for having the courage and the passion for our Village to run for Mayor. Bob attended our last Trustee meeting, and I think it was apparent to him that we share many of the same concerns. After several long discussions, we both felt it would be in everyone's best interest to work together toward the betterment of the Village. Bob graciously withdrew, but agreed to stay involved as a passionate resident. One of Bob's main concerns regarded our law enforcement coverage at night. As many of you may know, the Village did not have any dedicated officers on the graveyard shift (from 11:00pm to 7:00 am). We have always relied on the North Valley substation for coverage during these hours. As a result of several ongoing discussions with the Sheriff's department, as well as the new leadership at the substation, we have changed one of our deputies to a new "split shift"; he will now work from 6:00pm to 2:00am.

Elections are a great time to have dialogue with the public, and get feedback from Village residents. As pleased as I am to be unopposed, I think that our residents should have an opportunity to interact with candidates at the time of an election. Elections provide an important opportunity for letting constituents interact with candidates. I have

discussed this with our two trustees who are also running unopposed, as well as our two incumbent trustees. We have decided to have a town hall meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Village Hall. (See the back cover of this issue.) We will be serving refreshments and have an informal gathering between 6:00 and 7:00pm. This will be followed by a more formal question and answer session from 7:00 until 9:00pm. We will be inviting all trustees, P& Z commissioners, the Fire Chief, and law enforcement officers, as well as a few of our local legislative representatives. Additionally, this gathering will provide an opportunity to meet the two municipal judge candidates. The meeting will provide a great opportunity for residents to interact with Village officials as well as our municipal judge candidates.

I still want to encourage everyone to vote! Absentee voting at Village Hall runs from February 6<sup>th</sup> through February 29<sup>th</sup>, with the election itself taking place on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.

There is good news for all of our residents who are Apple/Mac lovers. One of our residents challenged me that Apple computers would not let them use Los Ranchos as their city to set up an account. As a Mac user myself, I had not experienced that problem, but it seems that Mac software gives the option for zips 87107 and 87114 of using Albuquerque, North Valley, or Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Unfortunately, when they chose Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, they were told that there is a limit to the city field of twenty-five characters. After several correspondences with Apple, I have gotten the company to agree to drop the 'e' off of 'Albuquerque' as a short term fix. Long term, they said they will change their software to accept the USPO's designa-

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## Upcoming Events - FEB/MAR/APR 2008

VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSURES FOR Tuesday-February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm  
March 4, 2008 Election

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

### DEADLINE for March issue of the Village Vision Friday - February 8<sup>th</sup>

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday-Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - Noon  
Winter Market - **IN THE BARN**

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Tuesday- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 pm

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

ABSENTEE VOTING BY Wednesday- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>-8:00 am-5:00 pm  
VOTING MACHINE BEGINS (ENDS ON FEB. 29<sup>th</sup>)

ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSURES Friday- February 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

### ELECTION DAY!

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 - 7 am - 7 pm at Village Hall

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Winter Market - **IN THE BARN**

Oath of Office for Newly elected Officials Monday - March 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm  
Village Hall

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

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

Agriculture Committee Meeting Tuesday-March 18<sup>th</sup> -5:30-6:30 pm  
Village Hall

Easter Egg Hunt in Hartnett Park Saturday - March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 10:00 am

### EASTER SUNDAY Sunday - March 23<sup>rd</sup>

### DEADLINE for Spring Issue of the Village Vision Friday - March 28<sup>th</sup>

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

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

Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Saturday-April 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - Noon  
Winter Market

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FEBRUARY 2008



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

### Greetings!

The second month of 2008 is here, and it looks like we're in for a busy and productive year. Your Village Deputies will remain the same, but we have a new Area Commander at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street sub-station. He is **Lieutenant Ron Weller**, who some of you may remember when he was the Village Sergeant a few years back. He can relate to the concerns of our community, having dealt with them first hand.

We are also looking at quite a bit of con-

struction this year as work begins on Chavez Road and all along Rio Grande Blvd. This construction is going to result in road closures and traffic being diverted to alternate routes, and is projected to be a year - long project. We will be doing our part to keep things orderly, but patience on your part is going to be vital as well. Expect increased traffic on certain side streets such as Ranchitos and El Pueblo, as well as the potential for delays getting to and from home, work, etc. Hopefully, any

disruptions will be minimal. Please keep in mind that the outcome of these projects only benefits our community in the long run.

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by Chief Greg Perez

## On Behalf of the Dept.

Well, 2007 has come and gone. Your Fire Department had a good productive year.

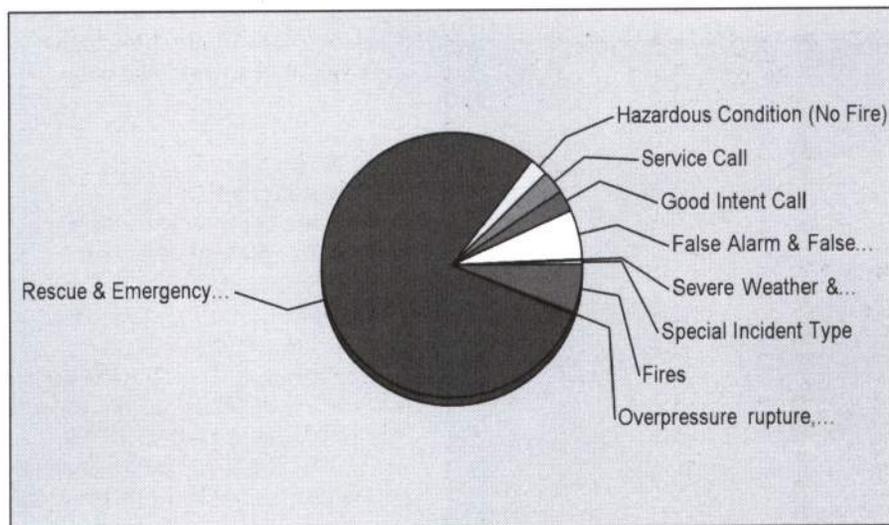
We ran a total of 979 calls, and 71% of these were medical related. We also added a fully trained swift water rescue team, along with an air boat, and ten fully equipped and certified divers, who make up our dive team.

Looking ahead to 2008, we are excited to begin construction of our new fire station! We look forward to possibly adding an additional fire fighter to each shift to bring our department up to the national standards for staffing, and, by so doing, receiving a lowered ISO rating for the Village.

We greatly appreciate all of the support the Fire Department receives from Mayor Abraham, the Board of Trustees, the Planning & Zoning Commission, and, most importantly, you the residents of the Village. We will continue to train and increase our skills in 2008, allowing us to better serve the community we love. We hope that all of you have a safe and enjoyable New Year!

REPORT GENERATED 1/14/08

### Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Year Year: 2007



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	55	5.9%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	3	0.3%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	747	79.5%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	22	2.3%
Service Call	26	2.8%
Good Intent Call	24	2.6%
False Alarm & False Call	57	6.1%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.1%
Special Incident Type	5	0.5%



## PET OF THE MONTH

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**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 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 reg-

istration (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

#### • 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.

#### • 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.

#### • 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 Hall 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).

An absentee ballot may not be taken out of the Village Clerk's Office. You may vote the ballot in the office, or have it mailed to your address.

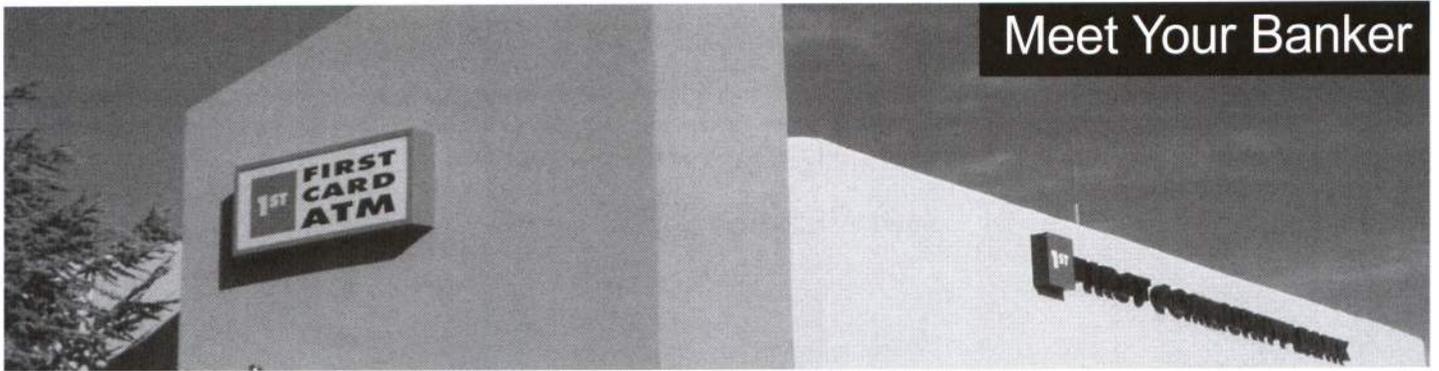


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## First Community Bank

First Community is making up its mind about who its next manager will be. By the time you read this, they may have decided, but all that didn't seem to make a bit of difference in the way I was welcomed to this bank. Acting Assistant Manager and Lead Teller, **Chris Weber** stepped forward to shake my hand and offer me a chair. In fact, I was warmly welcomed by all the bank ladies, who seem to regard their jobs as pure fun!

Remember: this bank used to be Ranchers Bank, which opened in 2000. It has been First Community since May 2006, when it joined their multi-state group, with branches all over New Mexico, many branches in Colorado, and a few in Arizona and Utah. (They should call it the Four Corners Bank!) Chris was originally in the medical field as a medical assistant and radiology tech. She's been in banking for the past ten years, six and one half of them here, and her co-workers told me that she likes elephants and coffee (!). She is also very proud of this branch, which, I was told, has been nominated by several customers as the "best branch around".

Then there's **Yvonne Sanchez**, who grew up here, and attended Los Ranchos Elementary School. Yvonne has been in banking for thirty-two years. You'll meet **Melissa Chavez**, who takes care of new accounts. Melissa is from Taos, where her mother works in the First Community branch there. **Jennifer Orellana** and **Lupe Levine** are other tellers, and all the ladies took turns offering suggestions on what I should write, and emphasizing what a good time they have working at First Community Bank, what a great atmosphere there is, and that this bank works hard to keep its employees happy. The ladies have created a very

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informal place to do business, but they all reminded me that they have all the equipment and automation at their fingertips, if the customer so desires. In fact, they made a point of mentioning that they keep dog biscuits on hand for customers' dogs, which are very welcome, and which are used to putting their paws up on the tellers' stalls to make their 'withdrawals'!

First Community Bank is truly community minded, sponsoring Lobo events,

walk-a-thons, Lavender in the Village, and especially working for the MS drives. And the Bank also offers a medical lifestyle wellness program, with weight rooms available, for all their employees. The ladies told me this program improves every year, and is much appreciated. Remember the Bank's slogan: "**Not Your Typical Bankers; Not your Typical Bank**".

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by Penny Rembe

## Lavender Success!

The Lavender in the Village Festival will be five years old this year! It has grown from a small booth at the Village Springfest to a two-day, 12,000 visitor event, the third largest attendance of a festival in the state. We could not have had this amazing success without the great support of our volunteers, sponsors, vendors, and the Village of Los Ranchos.

What started as an experiment for a new specialty crop for the Village, which could help retain open space and/or agricultural fields and require little water, has blossomed! Lavender plants are sprouting up all over the Village as well as in the valley area. Local lavender products are being sold around the world!

New Mexico is a great place to grow lavender. This herb likes lots of sun, sandy soil that drains well, and very little water. It is also a great crop to build a festival around. It is easy to grow, it is beautiful, you can cook with it, and you can use it in salves, lotions, and soaps. It can be used spiritually to raise perceptiveness; it can be used under one's pillow to aid in sleep and relaxation or to relieve headaches. After the oil is distilled, the leftover stems can be used as mulch or a bed for the chickens. Every part of the plant can be utilized.

Sending lavender to France is like "carrying coals to Newcastle". France is well known for its lavender fields and products. But imagine this: the Village of Los Ranchos' Los Poblanos Inn is sending lavender products to France (and Japan). Recent guests at the Inn fell in love with the shampoo and lotion. They said it had a better scent than the French lavender, and they would like to carry it in their shop in Paris. Voila! New Mexican lavender in the French capital!

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lavender in the Village Festival will be held on Saturday, July 12, and Sunday, July 13, 2008.** We'd love to have you join the lavender team. If you would like to be on the planning committee, or to volunteer, please call **Penny Rembe at 344-6336**. Watch for monthly updates in the *Village Vision*.



### SAVE THE DATE:

*5th Annual Lavender in the Village 2008  
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A new barber shop opened in the Village on St. Patrick's Day last year. It's called **Cruz Cutz**, and the owner is **Anthony Cruz**. I found it located next to Pharmacy Plus, when I was photographing there on Osuna Road, and stopped in. Anthony Cruz employs two other barbers: **Jesse** and **Alfonso**, and they all seem to be having a wonderful time in the busy shop.



The three young barbers told me that they offer gentlemen's haircuts, flat tops, and designs. They also like to cut little boys hair, and they will cut women's hair, too. Saturday is their busiest day, and they take appointments, as well as walk-ins. They work primarily with a younger group of clientele.

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This pharmacy was the first in the Village. It was called K-Drug then (The K is for Kemper.) That was in May, 1989. Now Pharmacy Plus is a part of the Regent Drug chain of independent pharmacies. (There are seventy-two of them in New Mexico.) George also owns a slightly larger Pharmacy Plus in Bernalillo, where he spends part of his time. He has been in his present location, on the southeast corner of Fourth and Osuna, for five years, and he owns the strip where the store is located. And yes, he's going to move into the new Village Center mall when it's constructed. Although an Albuquerque resident, George is too much a part of the Village to think of moving. He has a very loyal clientele, developed over the years, and said that, in all the time he's worked in the Village, he's never had a bad experience as a pharmacist.

The staff at Pharmacy Plus have most all been at the store for years, some since they finished high school. Several are now in pharmacy school, so they will soon be out on their own. **Andy Portillas** is now head pharmacist. He used to have his own store, and he and George have fifty to sixty years experience between them. All the staff is friendly

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and helpful, and they mean it, George said!

I mentioned that I had heard that pharmacy was a really good career for a young person starting out, and that there seemed to be a shortage of pharmacists. George told me that the shortage was due to there not being enough schools, and teachers in those schools, to handle the demand. It's apparently not easy to get into pharmacy school these days. George is a graduate of the UNM School of Pharmacy. And there is also continuing education to think about - more than thirty hours per year. He enjoys the fact that he is now dealing with second and third generations of his original customers. His store is smaller than those of the big, national chains, but he carries the products and supplies most folks

need most of the time - and he much prefers his independent status. As he said about the competition, "It's an hour there, and ten minutes here!" for a prescription to be filled. The prices are all insurance-driven these days, so it really comes down to convenience, and the fact that George and his staff know their customers well.

And in his off time? George enjoys coaching - basketball, baseball, and YAFL football. It's a busy life, but he obviously enjoys his position as the Village pharmacist!

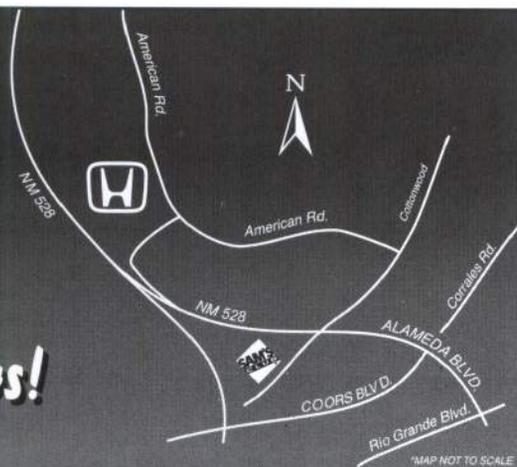
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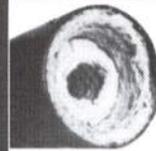
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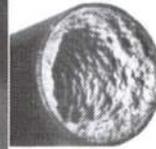
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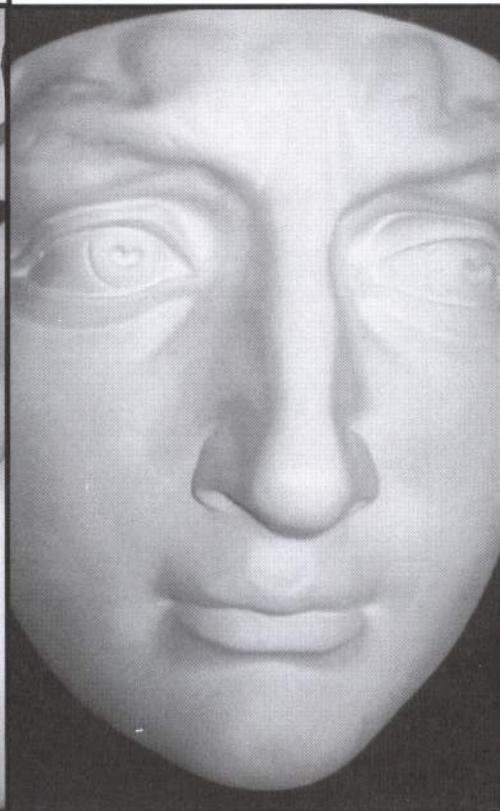
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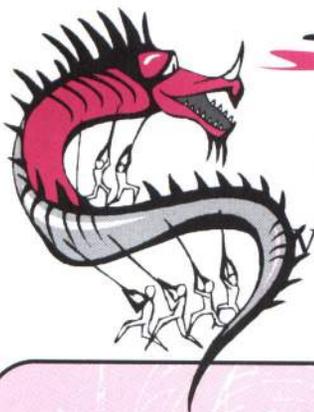
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6421	Rio Grande Blvd NW	525688	\$481,000.00	1	VACANT LAND			Jill Levin	New Frontier Realtor	798-2530	
13	Roadrunner Lane	510629	\$500,000.00	1	VACANT LAND			Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100	
6421	El Caminito de Guadalupe NW	498673	\$535,000.00	1	VACANT LAND			A Kay Beason	Reliance Realty & Inv	843-9575	
4620	Guadalupe Estates NW	494758	\$565,000.00	1	VACANT LAND			Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100	
6840	Alma Encantada Ct	507929	\$575,000.00	1	VACANT LAND			Marie Blea	Marie Enterprises Inc	991-1405	
7530	Los Poblanos Cir NW	526742	\$599,000.00	1.08	VACANT LAND			Jennifer Robertson	The Realty Dot, Inc.	856-4615	
918	Roadrunner Lane	492503	\$600,000.00	1	VACANT LAND			L. Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100	
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609	Ortega NW	522934	\$229,000.00	0.17	1500	4	1.75	0	Matt Peters	Re/Max Premiere Realtors	237-9750
332	Chavez Road NW	512971	\$238,900.00	60x130	1900	3	2	0	Richard Abel	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
228	5th St NW	601586	\$259,500.00	16988	2150	3	1.75	0	Matt Peters	Re/Max Premiere Realtors	237-9750
8905	Roehl NW	509469	\$299,900.00	0.5	2300	3	1.75	0	L. Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
1105	La Chamisal Lane NW	528763	\$319,900.00	unk	1800	3	2	2	Marcy Blunier	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
216	Nico Trail NW	522329	\$359,500.00	0.25	2460	3	2.5	2	Ronald Hensley	Global Realty Marketing, Inc.	798-2522
1118	Ortega Ct NW	514131	\$405,000.00	62x160	2200	3	2.5	2	Dee Padilla	Dee Padilla & Associates	269-8668
824	El Pueblo NW	522333	\$449,000.00	0.78	1775	3	2	0	Christina Ortega	American Realty	897-3657
1034	Nico Trail NW	529726	\$449,000.00	0.18	2268	3	2.5	2	Cindy Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
814	El Pueblo	532382	\$459,900.00	1	2094	3	1.75	1	Leanna Tafoya	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
8240	Ortega NW	518855	\$499,000.00	1	3200	6	3.75	2	Agha Shinwari	Premier GMAC Real Estate	292-6300
700	Pueblo Solano Rd NW	514458	\$595,000.00	1.1	2209	4	2.75	2	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
8240	Ranchitos Rd NW	517408	\$599,000.00	1	2388	4	2	0	Nancy Montoya	Century 21 Champions	865-3381
533	Guadalupe Trail NW	530922	\$599,900.00	1.07	2900	3	2	2	Winnie DeVore	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
5719	Ranchitos Rd NW	515992	\$629,000.00	0.26	2899	4	2	2	Kurstin Johnson	Vista Encantada Realtors LLC	884-0020
8424	Roehl Ct NW	606188	\$735,000.00	.527ac	2456	3-4	4	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
800	Rio Grande Bl NW	528367	\$750,000.00	1.44	3100	4	2.5	2	Tim Tourville	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
805	Guadalupe Tri NW	523963	\$789,000	1057x63x658x36	2366	3	1	0	John Kim	Pargin Realty ERA	296-1500
4604	El Alhambra Cir NW	526398	\$795,000.00	1	2859	3	2.5	2	Irene Williams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
1418	Ranchitos NW	529427	\$795,000.00	1.1	2700	4	3	2	Sandra Domeny	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
1035	Los Poblanos NW	525534	\$797,900	420x142x313x106	2724	3	2.5	3	Elena Goodman	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
515	El Portal NW	603035	\$840,000.00	1.15 ac	3655	5	3.75	3	Barbara L Brennan	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
7530	Green Valley Rd NW	507282	\$850,000.00	1.73	2081	3	1.75	4	Alex Baca	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
6509	Roehl Rd NW	503450	\$865,500.00	0.71	3465	5	3.75	3	Clara Encinias	Rio Grande Brokerage	877-7000
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8501	Bonito Suenos	509063	\$989,000.00	unk	5920	4	4.75	4	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	830-6001
809	Salamanca NE	518701	\$1,100,000.00	1	4884	4	4	2	Magda Stevens	Re/Max Elite	798-1000
919	Nuevo Hacienda NW	533959	\$1,150,000.00	10890	4200	4	3+	3	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
7542	Rio Grande Bl NW	518053	\$1,195,000.00	1	5182	4	3.75	3	Samuel H. Carnes	Carnes & Company, Inc.	247-8000
6771	Los Prados NW	531844	\$1,200,000.00	0.3	4625	3	2.5	2	Shireen Jacob	Vaughan Company Realtors	792-1066
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8809	Guadalupe Tri NW	525752	\$1,495,000.00	0.58	3600	4	3	6	Irene Williams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
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970	Rio Grande NW	532726	\$1,695,000.00	2.1	3815	5	4.5	3	Pat King	Real Estate Group/Pat King Co.	269-1148
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	Rio Grande Bl NW	520589	\$2,500,000.00	1.4	6048	5	5	4	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
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	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	
340	Edgewood Dr NW	512476	\$309,900.00	150x125	2918	4	1.75	2	M. Theriot & J. Szklarz	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
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6915	Acequia Trail NW	524472	\$985,000.00	3585	3	3					
	Guadalupe Tri NW	513279	\$985,000.00	54450	3540	4	3+	5	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700

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- 609 Roehl Rd: .5 Acre Lot w/house Offered as is at \$299,900

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- Guadalupe Estates: 1 Acre Lot David Waszak - Build to Suit at \$565,000
- Roadrunner Ln: 1 Acre Lot at \$600,000 or Build to Suit at \$500,000

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by Tim Tourville, CRS

## Short Sales

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### What is a short sale?

A short sale

especially in a market already overstressed with excess inventory.

The first step is to contact the Loan Service Department of your lender *immediately*. Use the phone and the mail. Keep copies of everything. The process is not easy; it consists of many steps, and is very stressful. It is best if you have a real estate agent, attorney, or someone knowledgeable in the field, to help guide you through the process.

The lender will ask you to submit a lot of information in order to consider the short sale. They want to know that you really don't have the financial assets to repay the loan after you sell the home. They will require:

Your real estate agent will put the home on the market, find a buyer, and get a bona fide offer.

After all this is complete, submit all contracts and paperwork to your lender for a decision. This takes a while because there can be several decision makers involved. If your short sale is approved, you can sell your home. If it is not approved, they will proceed with the foreclosure.

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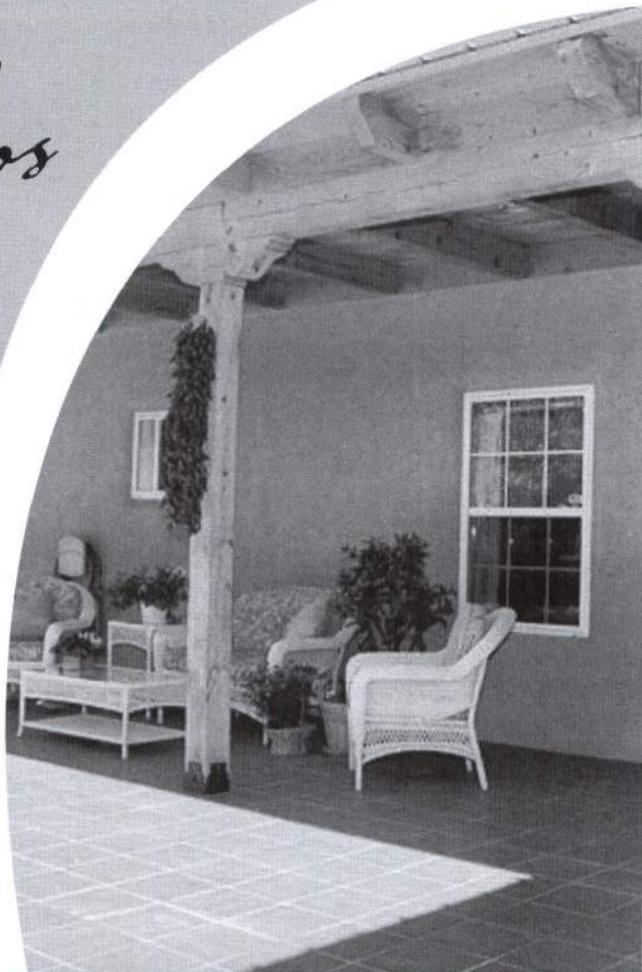
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by David Welch

## David Welch Paintings at Harwood

*Field and Garden*, an exhibition of David Welch's recent paintings, will be on display during February at the Harwood Art Center. David's oil landscapes and plein air watercolors celebrate the rhythmic nature of tending the land. David has lived in Los Ranchos for ten years, and much of his subject matter is local. He is particularly drawn to the Los Poblanos Organic Farm, where he can document the labors of gardeners within a beautiful natural setting. Recognizing that the work of the gardener is both taxing and repetitive, David's paintings honor the work of drawing nourishment from the land. Sowing, weeding, pruning, and harvesting are cyclical and come to take on a meditative quality. David presents moments in the field and garden that are both typical and timeless, and one can sense, in the care and constancy of the gardeners, a reverence for the land that they tend.

In addition to paintings of the farmers of Los Poblanos, the exhibition also includes paintings from some of the great gardens of France. Last summer David traveled with his wife, artist Cindy Wister Welch, to Monet's garden at Giverny, as well as the spectacular formal vegetable gardens at the Chateau de Villandry. He sketches and paints in watercolor on site, and then develops his larger oil paintings in the studio that he

and Cindy share on Don Diego Circle. Nature has long been the inspiration for David's work, and in these images he

uses strong light and rich color to celebrate the glory of the garden.

### EXHIBITION INFORMATION:

*Field and Garden*

February 4<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>

### HARWOOD ART CENTER

1114 Seventh Street

Reception: Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 5 - 8:30 PM

In conjunction with Artscrawl

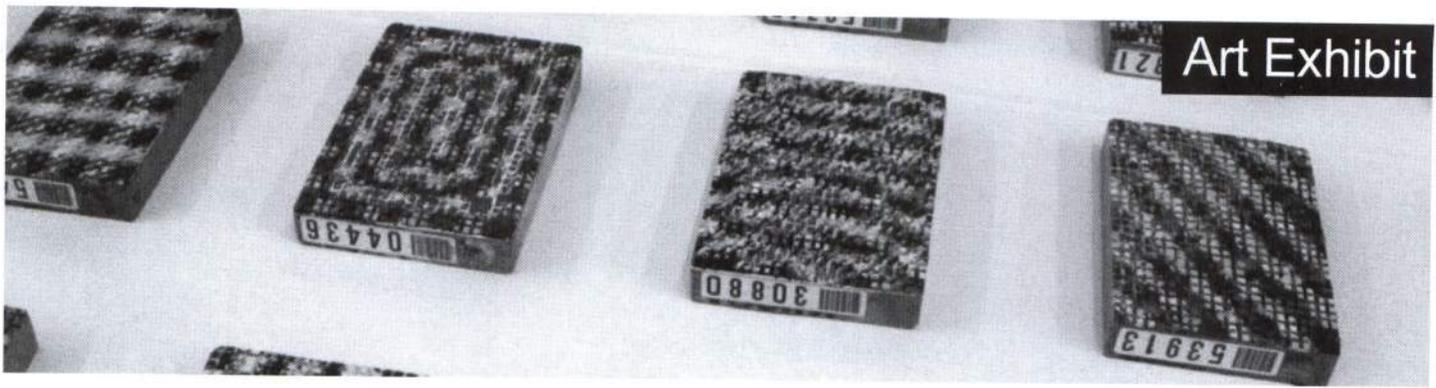
### GALLERY HOURS:

Monday-Friday 10-4 PM

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 11-2 PM

David Welch may be contacted at [welchabq@comcast.net](mailto:welchabq@comcast.net), or 792-8974





## Aaron Karp's show

Well known Village artist, *Aaron Karp* sent me the following notice of the upcoming exhibition of his work at *The Albuquerque Museum*. Opening on *February 10<sup>th</sup>*, Aaron's paintings will be on display at the Museum until *April 20<sup>th</sup>*. I wish we could show you the wonderful colors in the photograph of the painting he sent us. I guess you'll just have to go to the Museum to see his work!



# Bemis Grids

New work by Aaron Karp

**February 10-April 20, 2008**

Image on front: *Bemis Grids*, 2007. Acrylic on wooden lens boxes. 9"x6"x1 1/2" each. Completed as a visiting artist at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, Nebraska.

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## Book News

by Barbe Awalt

The New Mexico Book Co-op has announced the second New Mexico Book Awards for 2008. Rules and categories along with sponsors are on the website at [nmbookaward.com](http://nmbookaward.com).

This year, the awards program is being underwritten by *Albuquerque The Magazine*, New Mexico Humanities Council, Border's Books, and the New Mexico Book Co-op. Category Sponsors include: Sunbelt Shows/Fiery Foods, Wordharvest Writers Conference, Southwest Writers, and Page One.

With thirty four categories, many books from 2007 will be entering; this year all books entered must have a New Mexico connection. The awards last year celebrated Finalists and Winners

in each category, which included adults and children's books. Last year, Tony Hillerman of Los Ranchos and Rudolfo Anaya of Albuquerque were recognized as the first Friends of New Mexico Books. This year, David Morrell of Santa Fe, writer of thirty books including the Rambo series, and Denise Chavez of Las Cruces, founder of the Border Book Festival and author of many books, will be honored.

Last year's Best Book Winner was *The Death At Awahi* by Harold Burton Meyers from Texas Tech University Press. The book was about a New Mexico pueblo. 350 entries from all over the world were entered. Books were judged by teachers, librarians, booksellers, and book consultants and were do-

nated to literacy programs and libraries when the competition ended.

The Book Awards Banquet will be in November at the MCM Elegante Hotel.

For information on the program, visit the website or call 344-9382.

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by Rod Daniel, *Band Director*

## Nacho Night at Taft

On Friday, February 15th, at 6:00pm, Taft Middle School will be abuzz with excitement as the annual **Nacho Night and Silent Auction** gets underway! Nacho Night will take place in the Taft Middle School cafeteria at 620 Schulte Road NW in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Students in the award winning Taft Middle School Bands, under the direction of Dr. Rod Daniel, will be the beneficiaries of the proceeds for the evening's events. These young musicians will delight and amaze you, and you will be able to enjoy a plate of hearty build-your-own nachos from **Sadie's Restaurant**. Then you will be able to cruise the spread of auction baskets available for bid, generously donated by local Los Ranchos businesses. The evening should be fun for the entire family!

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

Research clearly supports what many have observed about music education: that music enhances all the learning senses of students, and ultimately improves academic performance in all areas. In a recent study sponsored by the Journal for Music Research and released in June, 2007, the results indicated that students in high-quality school music education programs score higher on standardized tests, compared to students in schools with deficient music education programs. This is the first study ever to examine the quality of school music programs as a factor affecting test scores, independent of the socio-

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economic level of the school or school district. Here are a few of their findings: *Students in top-quality instrumental music programs scored 19% higher in English than students in schools without a music program. Students in top-quality instrumental music programs scored 17% higher in mathematics than children in schools without a music program. For more information on this study, visit [nammfoundation.org](http://nammfoundation.org).*

Taft Band Boosters thanks these Los Ranchos businesses for donations to our Silent Auction last year: Calico Cafe; Casa Rondeña Winery; Don Venn's Mr. Electric; El Camino Dining Room; G & T Auto Services; JB's; Kelly Jo; Lisa Newberry Salon; Los Ranchos Growers' Market; Pete's Carpet Cleaning; Plants of the Southwest; Sadie's; Steve Shelly Landscape; Walgreen's. (We apologize

if we accidentally left your business off the list.)

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

**Tickets are \$7.00 each and are limited to the first 400 requests.** To purchase tickets, or for more information, please contact the band director, **Rod Daniel**, at: [rdaniel@his.com](mailto:rdaniel@his.com) or by telephone at: **344-4389**, or **Cirrelda Snider-Bryan** with the Taft Band Boosters at [cirrelda@laalamedapress.com](mailto:cirrelda@laalamedapress.com) or by telephone at: **897-0285**.

### APS: Taft Middle School Band Program

## Taft Band's Annual Fund Raiser Nacho Night and Benefit Auction

*Featuring the Taft Jazz and Symphonic Bands*

Friday, February 15, 2008 at 6:00 - 7:30 pm, in the Taft Cafetorium

Enjoy a plate of hearty build-your-own nachos from Sadie's Restaurant... then cruise the spread of auction baskets available for bid.

\$7.00 per person, children and adults - Advance Ticket Sales Only  
(checks payable to Taft Middle School Band Boosters)

Limited number of tickets available - orders filled as received.

*Help support the arts in public education in your community!*

For more info, or tickets, contact:

Band Director: **Rod Daniel**: [rdaniel@his.com](mailto:rdaniel@his.com), or **344-4389**

Taft Principal: **Jimmie Leuder**: **344-4389**  
or **Cirrelda Snider-Bryan**, Taft Band boosters  
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grapes exploded pepper and blackberry tones, and the Chardonnay exhibited flavors of apricot and earthy minerals. For more about the Market, go to [www.villageoflosranchos.com/market.htm](http://www.villageoflosranchos.com/market.htm)

A couple of years ago, the "Perfect Storm" occurred when the von Schuetzes' wine crop was virtually decimated. As well as having lost almost all of their 400 plus vines due to a massive water shortage, a pernicious hailstorm wreaked havoc, and left them with some 350 vines. Replanting takes time, with the nurturing of seedlings, and a tender touch to re-propagate new growth. It's the patience and earnest dedication that Erich and Pat have that has sustained their little vineyard - it is here that numerous wine makers have had the pleasure of creating their own vintages over the years with the von Schuetzes' yields. \*Reference attributed to Wikipedia and Appellation.com.

Erich and Pat von Schuetze can be reached

at 898-6323, or at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market. I recommend that you get on their list for wine grapes ASAP, since their yields are limited.

Villager Randy Shamlian is the author of *A Slice of Apple Pie* and a contributor to *Edible Santa Fe*. You can contact him through his book website: [www.asliceofapplepie.com](http://www.asliceofapplepie.com)



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## January 8, 2008 - Action Report

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll call – *Present Commissioners Crawford, Radnovich, McDowell, Simon, Hunter. Commissioners Gollis and Martinez excused. There was a quorum present for the meeting.*
- B. Approval of Agenda – *Unanimously 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 – **December 11, 2007** – *Unanimously approved as corrected.*

### 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.  
*Unanimously approved.*

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

- A. Discussion and motion to forward to the Board of Trustees an ordinance implementing a Village wide floor area ratio.

*Several commissioners had questions and requested clarification on certain items. The questions will be addressed and the Ordinance will be re-presented on February 12, 2008.*

**B. SUP-07-06** A request by M<sup>2</sup> Builders, LLC for a Special Use Permit for a Planned Residential Development for a major thirteen (13) lot subdivision in the R-3 Zone of the Paseo Character Area. The property is located at 8312 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW and legally known as Tract lettered "B" of Lands of John and Agnes McDonnell, 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 October 30, 2006, in Volume 2006C, folio 327. The property contains 3.4449 acres more or less. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*Unanimously approved.*

**C. S-07-14** A request by M<sup>2</sup> Builders, LLC for Preliminary Plat approval for a major thirteen (13) lot subdivision in the R-3 Zone of the Paseo Character Area. The property is located at 8312 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW and legally known as Tract lettered "B" of Lands of John and Agnes McDonnell, 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 October 30, 2006, in Volume 2006C, folio 327. The property contains 3.4449 acres more or less. The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*Unanimously approved.*

**D. SDP-07-08** A request by Betty Blea for Preliminary approval for Site Development Plan for commercial construction in the C-1 zone of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Commercial Character Area. The property is located at 7222 4<sup>th</sup> Street and is legally known as Tract 153-B M.R.G.C.D. Map 27, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The property contains 1.458 acres more or less.

*see P&Z, page 30*

*Unanimously approved.*

**E. HO-276** A request by Tom Donelan for a Home Occupation Permit for a Bed and Breakfast of less than four bedrooms in the R-3 Zone of the Chamisal Character Area. The property is located at 6668 Edgewood Drive and is legally known as Lot numbered one hundred forty (140) and the southerly ten and two-tenths feet (S'ly 10.20') of lot numbered one hundred and forty one (141) of Zia Gardens, a subdivision in school district 4, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat file in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on June 28, 1941 in Volume D. Folio 22. The property contains .44 acres more or less.

*Unanimously approved.*

**F. 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. **DEFERRED FROM DECEMBER 11, 2007.**

*This item was administratively approved under Ordinance 213.*

**G. 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. **DEFERRED FROM DECEMBER 11, 2007.**

*Variance denied by a 3-2 vote with Acting Chair McDowell breaking the tie.*

**H. V-08-01** A request by Groff Lumber, Agent for Elaine Goldgale, for a Variance from the required ten (10) foot side setback to allow for a carport in the R-3 zone of the Chamisal Character Area. The property is located at 341 Pueblo Solano Road and is legally known as Lot number six (6) of Valrica Addition, an Addition to the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on January 19, 1946. The property contains .257 acres more or less.

*Unanimously approved.*

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Discussion of meeting schedule for 2008 and November 11 - holiday

*The meeting was changed to November 18, 2008.*

**B.** Adoption of Resolution 2008-1-P&Z (Open Meetings Act)

*Approved unanimously.*

**C.** Adoption of Resolution 2008-2-P&Z (Rules for the Transaction of Business)

*Approved unanimously.*

**8. REPORTS**

**A.** 2007 Yearly Report

*Due to the length of the meeting, this item was postponed until February.*

**9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 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,  
FEB., 12, 2008 at 7pm

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## January 9, 2008

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING–DECEMBER 12, 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 that:

There are 362 days to go for the Area I & J Sewer Project; he met with legislators and was informed that funding will be tight this session and we will need to prioritize our projects; the appraisal process on the Anderson property has begun; the Growers' Market will be held in the Barn this Saturday, January 12; Rio Grande Blvd. will be fully shut down for about 10 days and updates will be posted on the Village website; the speed boards have been updated and now display "slow down"; and Miller's Feed has assumed the lease of the building by the Paseo property and has already completed a lot of renovation.

#### B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ward reported that:

He will be meeting with AMAFCA regarding the Garduño Road drainage problem; Verizon Wireless has presented a lease agreement with the Village; the Village needs to begin planning to connect to the sewer all Village of Los Ranchos property on Rio Grande; the Mid-Year budget review will be presented tonight; appraisers for the VC Zone have been selected; and the fire station conceptual drawings are nearly complete.

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**C. PLANNER'S REPORT**

*Planner Nighbert reported that:*

*The planning staff presented the FAR Ordinance covering all zones in the Village of Los Ranchos, including the C-1 Zone, to the Planning & Zoning Commission; the second meeting will be held in February and it will be presented to the Board of Trustees in March; presented the Department's Annual Report; and that an amendment has been presented to the Council of Government's Transportation Improvement Plan for additional funding for the bike path.*

**D. LEGAL REPORT**

*Attorney King reported that:*

*She worked on an employee and personnel matter; the Retail One litigation; with the Planning & Zoning staff on editing ordinances; and served as legal counsel for the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.*

**E. FIRE DEPT. REPORT**

*Fire Chief Perez reported that:*

*The Fire Dept. had a busy year with a total of 979 calls and 95 calls for the month of December; the Dept. had their first ISO audit; Ladder 12 is 16 years old and will have a complete pump repair; a training session on how to ladder buildings and multi-story rescues is being held.*

**5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2007**

*Odessa Hamilton, Auditor with Hinkle & Martinez, presented the audited financial statements and stated that there were no findings. The financial statements were approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**B. CASH REPORT - DECEMBER**

*The Cash Report was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-1-1- REVISING THE 2007/2008 FISCAL MID YEAR BUDGET**

*Resolution No. 2008-1-1 was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

**A. A REQUEST BY JOSHUA J. SKARSGARD, ESQ. AGENT FOR DOUG PETERSON, PROPERTY OWNER, FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL FOR NEW COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE VILLAGE CENTER ZONE AND FOURTH STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR. 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.**

*This item was deferred to the February 13, 2008 Board Meeting.*

**B. AN APPEAL BY ALLISON AND FISHER, ATTORNEYS FOR DENNIS NEFF, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ACTION TO DENY APPLICATION V-07-01 BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON NOVEMBER 13, 2007 AGENDA ITEM 5A, FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY FEET (280') SETBACK IN THE NORTH RIO GRANDE CHARACTER AREA A TO ALLOW FOR ONE HUNDRED NINETY FEET (190') FOR PARTIAL LOT WIDTH. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 6847 RIO GRANDE BLVD. AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACT NO. TWO (2) OF THE LANDS OF**

AL UNSER, JR. (BEING A REPLAT OF TRACTS A-1 AND A-2, LANDS OF WAYNE LOVELADY), VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED IN THE PLAT THEREOF ON FEBRUARY 21, 1997, V. 97C, FOLIO 57. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 1.6353 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

*The Variance appeal by Allison & Fisher for Dennis Neff was denied. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

*There was no old business.*

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-1-2 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE NM DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR THE HIRING OF A CONSULTANT TO PREPARE THE 2020 MASTER PLAN**

*Resolution No. 2008-1-2 was approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO INSTALL TWO STOP SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PUEBLO SOLANO AND DEL AKER IN ORDER TO CREATE A THREE-WAY STOP**

*The installation of two stop signs at the intersection of Pueblo Solano and Del Aker Road was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS AND COMPENSATION FOR THE MARCH 4, 2008 REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

*The appointment of precinct Board Members and their compensation was approved. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.*

**9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

*Trustee Rael asked about the progress of the VC Center contracts with property owners. Trustee McDonough suggested the need for codifying the Village ordinances.*

*Mayor Abraham said there has been discussion on moving the old Schulte home to somewhere on Village property to house some of Kit Sargeant's archeological items. Mayor Abraham stated that Rio Grande Blvd. at Chavez Road will be closed to through traffic beginning on Monday, January 14, for 14 days.*

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*Trustee Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.*

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The next meeting of the **Board of Trustees**  
will take place on **Wed., February 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

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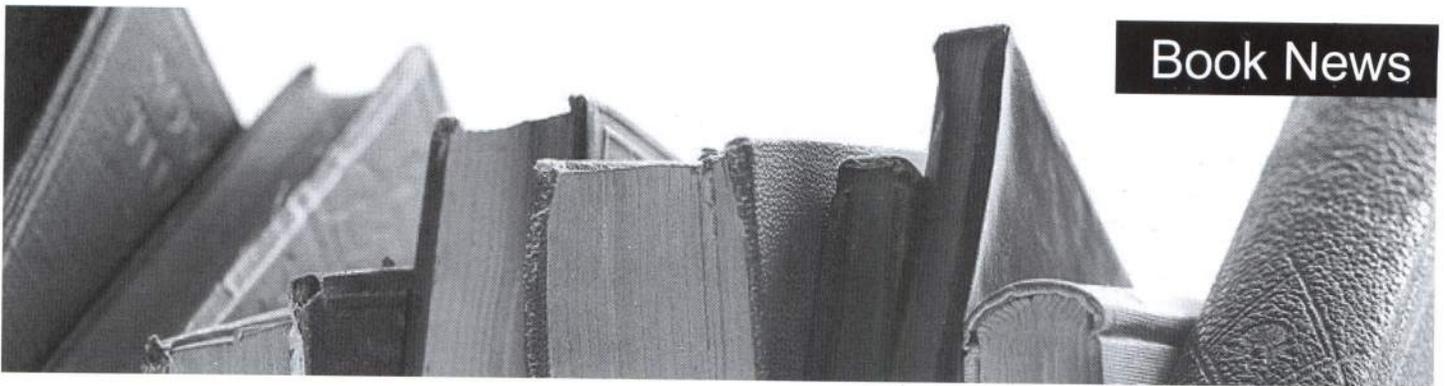
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by Barbe Awalt & Paul Rhett

## LPD Press/Rio Grande Books Publishes Two New Books For 2008

LPD Press/ Rio Grande Books of Los Ranchos has started off the New Year with two new books!

**Tradition & Heritage: A History of the Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Peña Blanca, New Mexico** was published in time for the Guadalupe Feast Day, December 12th. Parish members and friends have already bought more than 250 copies! The book documents the history of the parish with archival photos, lists, and pictures of the Fray Angelico Chavez murals.

**Novena Dedicated to the Most Miraculous Child of Atocha** was the little book that could. Barbe Awalt noted, "The novena book walked into the office on December 14<sup>th</sup>, and by January 2, 2008, it had sold more than 700 copies!" The book surprised everyone involved. The novena was a five-year effort by Father Tom Steele, Charlie Carrillo, and Felipe Mirabal. It is the first time the novena has been translated into English and Spanish.

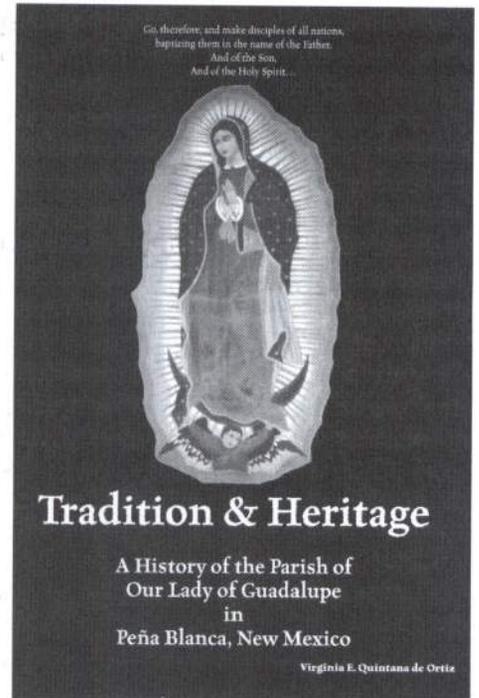
For the New Year, **LPD Press/Rio Grande Books** also is gearing up for the second volume of the Biographical Dictionary by Don Bullis, a book on Parkinson's disease, and several other books. 2008 will also be year two of the New Mexico Book Awards. The February 22<sup>nd</sup> New Mexico Book Co-op lunch meeting features local libraries. In 2008, the Co-op also plans to participate in the Los Ranchos Lavender Festival again, with expanded representation by the authors in Los Ranchos.

For more information on the New Mexico Book Co-op see the website at [NMBOOKCOOP.com](http://NMBOOKCOOP.com)

### Novena Dedicada al Milagrosísimo Niño de Atocha/ Novena Dedicated to the Most Miraculous Child of Atocha



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## February New Mexico Book Co-op Lunch Features Libraries

There is nothing more important to authors than libraries. The Friday, February 22nd, lunch meeting at the Hometown Buffet located at 9261 Coors Blvd. NW (just north of Paseo del Norte), features representatives from the Albuquerque/Bernalillo Library System, Rio Rancho Library, Santa Fe Libraries, and the New Mexico State Library. They will talk about each library, upcoming events, and how books are bought for the library.

Attendees are responsible for their own lunch cost, tax, and tip. The meeting starts at 11:30. For more information on the Book Co-op or to make a reservation, call **344-9382**.

Paul Rhett

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enrolled at Alameda Elementary and attended Taylor Middle School. I graduated from West Mesa in 1972. I attended the College of Santa Fe, majoring in Social Work, and graduated in 1978. I moved to California in 1979 where I met my wife (Rossy) and we were blessed with a son and daughter. Rossy wanted me to have a taste of her culture, and so we moved to Santiago, Chile (South America). I was employed with Continental Airlines and received a transfer to Denver in 1999. I currently reside with my family here in Albuquerque

My younger sister Sandra is next in line. She went on to live with our maternal grandparents. I honestly feel Sandra had the hardest time adjusting. She had been taken 120 miles north to Truchas. And for a two year old child, it was hard to comprehend why she had been uprooted from her familiar surroundings. On the day Sandra was taken away, traveling north to her new home, all of her personal belonging (toys, clothing) flew out of the vehicle, leaving nothing of her remembrances. We would visit with our sister three or four times every

year, and she was able to see our baby sister often. She attended school in the Española Valley and graduated from Española High School in 1975. She was married to Sammy Cordova soon after high school graduation. Our sister is a mother to three daughters and a grandmother to four. She happily remains living in Truchas.

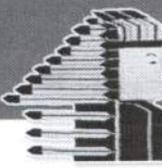
The final one would be our baby sister, Aurelia. Even though she is now fifty years old, she is still called our baby sister. My mother's last desire was to have her sister raise the baby. Aurelia was raised by John and Sally Salas in Santa Fe. She was raised in a happy environment, and when we visited with her, she was always told we were her sisters and brothers, although she could not understand why we did not live together. Much later, she realized the true story. Aurelia attended school in Santa Fe, and graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1978. She continued her education at the College of Santa Fe, majoring in education. She is happily married to Andy Hernandez and is a mother to four children: Jessie, her oldest, and Eric Aaron, who died at childbirth, and a mother to twins Aaron

and Ashley. Our baby sister now has two grandchildren. She resides in Santa Fe with her family and teaches for the Santa Fe School District.

For the most part, we all had a normal life integrating with our new families. We always carried a closeness for each other. However, we all stop to wonder and dream how different our lives would have been if not for this tragic incident, and always ask "WHY?" Occasionally, I will drive past the farm house located on Guadalupe Trail in the Village of Los Ranchos and try to envision what might have been. To this day our parents would have been blessed with eighteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren!

For all of us through out these passing years, when we encounter people who knew our parents, they say, "We often wondered what became of los hijos de Salomon y Aurelia". The answer to this question is, "We all as adults still try to stay close and keep the family together through the memories of our parents.

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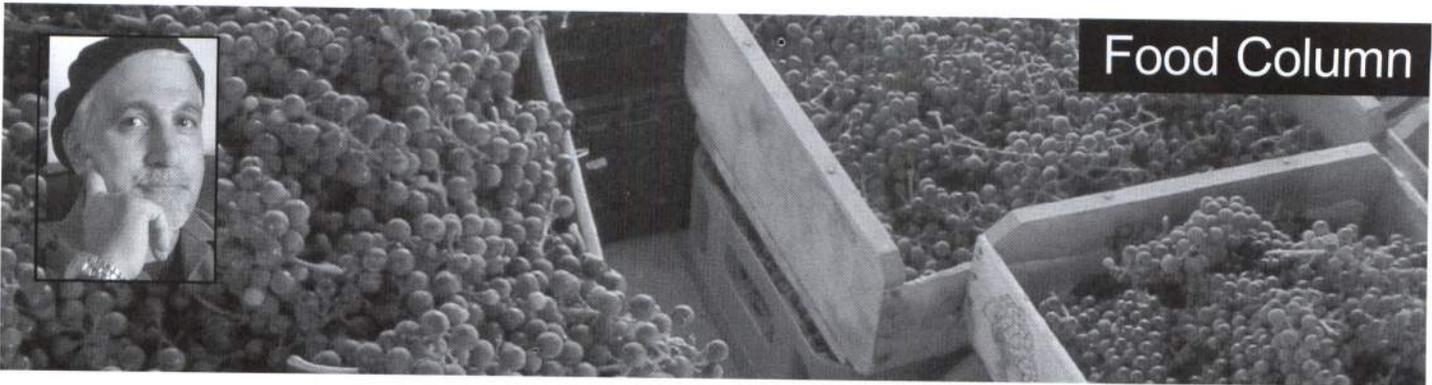
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by Randy Shamlian

## Salt of the Earth and Sweet off the Vine

(Excerpted from an article to be published in *Edible Santa Fe*)

Imagine if you will, and go back several centuries to 1598 where Don Juan de Oñate and a band of Spanish colonists traversed El Camino Real (The Royal Road) along the Rio Grande in search of a new settlement. It was a semi-parched land where Franciscan monks would soon follow and where they performed daily masses of the Holy Communion for the native peoples. Wine, the representational "Blood of Christ" was consumed as part of the ceremonial Sacrament. The monks inevitably needed a supply of wine, and waiting months to be re-fortified from the Old World would not suffice.

So, in 1630, at the Piro Pueblo (South of Socorro), Frays Garcia de Zuniga and Antonio de Arteaga had planted the first vines of the *vitis vinifera* grape, known appropriately as the Mission grape, which were brought back by missionaries from Spain. Although, Spanish colonists were prohibited by law from importing plantings, religious devotion took precedence in the New World. Thus, the monks spurred on a prolific wine industry in New Mexico that lasted well into Prohibition – a Prohibition that ultimately brought about the demise of the region's wine production. \*

Centuries later, only yards from The Royal Road in the northern part of Albuquerque, is a plot of land owned by the von Schuetzes, who have toiled away producing a variety of wine grapes for decades. Perhaps in another era they would have labored for sacramental purposes, but today they provide numerous winemaking hobbyists and an occasional local winery with

their wine grapes - *vitis vinifera* being one of their select varieties.

Like the Franciscan monks of the early New Mexican settlements, Erich von Shuetze is of hardy stock. He is salt of the earth. His facial exterior has been roughened some by the numerous years he's spent in his vineyards, toiling away at what he declares is "a labor of love." He is a genuine sort who boasts not, but speaks eloquently and precisely about their (Pat, his wife included) wine grapes. His hands, those of a well-seasoned grower – sturdy and worn – have picked many a grape. Although maybe older than his late fifties, his smile lessens the years brought on by Father Time. He even hand-built their adobe home, back in the 60's; it is cavernous-like upon entering and gives you a feel of the early New Mexico days of old.

Pat, Erich's counterpart, gleams a distinct sweetness from her heart through her warm and friendly eyes. She is an inviting soul and to envision Pat, one only needs to hear her speak about the vineyards when their grapes are in bloom. She so tenderly speaks, "It's fresh and clean...a beautiful outdoor aroma." Pat passionately continues, "They impart a perfumey scent." Educated in Latin, *vitis vinifera* romantically rolls off her lips as she describes the grape.

The von Schuetzes are real viticulturists! Erich's mother was a farmer's daughter in her homeland of Germany, which has fertilized his dedication to the vine. Well into their third decade of growing, their varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Gamay Beaujolais, Riesling, and Gewurztraminer. They also grow Concord and Thompson

grapes for the table. Most all of their vines come from the vineyards of California - Napa, Sonoma, and Mendocino. Their fields are segregated into the lower and upper vineyards and are nutrient rich, specifically the one and half acre lower yard where it is at the flood plain of an ancient arroyo.

The von Schuetzes' land is organic. "We use grasses and compost as fertilizers...no chemicals," Erich assuredly states. They've also used the mother (the solids from wine making) after the fallbright (when the solids fall to the bottom of the barrel) has occurred as compost. Their vineyard is a classic example of sustainability in a pure form. Even their mulberries are planted by the birds. "That's the way nature works," Erich quips.

Erich and Pat have also worked the earth producing flower bulbs, and they are particularly enthusiastic about their fragrant *Lillium*. They also raise a host of herbs, which include chervil, chives and thyme, as well as rosemary, basil and garlic for the Los Ranchos Grower's Market, where they have regularly sold their wares over the past dozen years. Pat cleverly puts together a variety of compound butter blends with a combination of the herbs. She reflects on her earlier years while working at a French restaurant in Vermont, where she learned of the culinary trick of herb blending with butter from the Chef.

They do offer some of their grapes at the Growers' Market during the harvests. I've had the pleasure of indulging in their Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varieties, and some I tossed in with some salad greens. A bite of the Pinot

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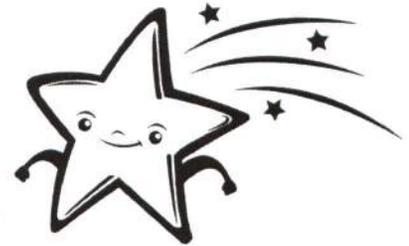


## February Events

**Alvarado Elementary School**  
 Solar Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107  
 344-4412

Feb. 2nd Last day to sign up for North Valley Little League at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Griegos

- Feb. 6th ASA (Alvarado School Association meeting)
- Feb. 14th Talent Show Performance for Students
- Feb. 15th Talent Show Performance for families: 6:30pm
- Feb. 18th No School: Presidents' Day



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



**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

February-2008

- 1-22 Pennies for Patients-run through the nurse's office
- 18<sup>th</sup> Presidents Day-no school in session
- 21<sup>st</sup> PTO Family Literacy Night-6:00 PM in the library "Story Teller"
- 27<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences-release at 12:15 PM
- 28<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences-no school for children, conferences all day
- 29<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences-no school for children, conferences all day



March-2008

- 3-13 Standards Based Assessment for grades 3-5 (State Test)

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### **North Valley Academy**

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

Science Fair, February 12<sup>th</sup>, TBA  
Governance Council Meeting, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm  
No School: President's Day, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Book Fair, February 25-29, 9am-3pm  
Parent Teacher Conferences, February 27-29: 1:00 pm  
Early Dismissal



### **Sandia Preparatory School**

**532 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113**

**505.338.3000 (phone)**

**505.338.3099 (fax)**

Sat., February 2 Admission Test for Fall 2008: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Sandia Prep (pre-registration required; call Jan Vanderburg, Admission Assistant at 338.3007)  
Thurs.-Sun., Feb 28-Mar 2 - Sandia Prep Drama Department presents "High School Musical," 7:00 p.m. (Thursday, Friday, Saturday), 2:00 p.m. (Sunday), Sandia Prep Theater  
Ticket reservations available starting February 1; Sandia Prep box office will open Friday, February 18; for tickets call 338.3031 or email tickets@sandiaprep.org

Please note that the date for the annual Noche de Arte is Friday, April 25, 2008. This fine art auction to raise funds for the school will be bigger than ever next year. For information, contact Roxanna Caird at 338-3029 or rcaird@sandiaprep.org



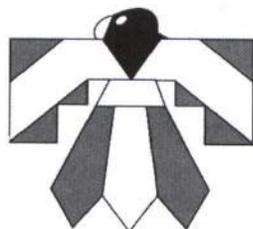
### **Taft Middle School**

**620 Schulte Rd. NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87107**

**344-4389**

February 15th, Nacho Night, Silent Auction & Concert - Band Fundraiser  
6:00 PM - Cafeteria  
February 18th, President's Day Holiday - No School  
February 20th, Spring Pictures  
February 23rd, Math Placement Test for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
February 23rd, School to World Day

For info. call 855-5261



### **Taylor Middle School**

**8200 Guadalupe Tr. NW, Los Ranchos, NM 87114**

**898-3666**

Valentine Dance: February 15<sup>th</sup>



by Lisa Manwill, P.E.

## Area I & J Sewer Construction Update

The Area I&J project was awarded to New Mexico Underground Contractors (NMUI). The project began on January 7, 2008, and 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.

Please be prepared for delays and shut downs on Rio Grande over the duration of the project. The Village website, [www.villageoflosranchos.com](http://www.villageoflosranchos.com), is a good way to stay abreast of road impacts.

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. The 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 four to seven 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 **VILLAGE VISION**

County prior to sewer installation on your road. If you do not contact us, we will install the stub six 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:

- 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.
- 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

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

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

- The location of your yard line at the street (2a) will tell us the horizontal location of your sewer stub.
- 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)

- 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 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.

- 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:

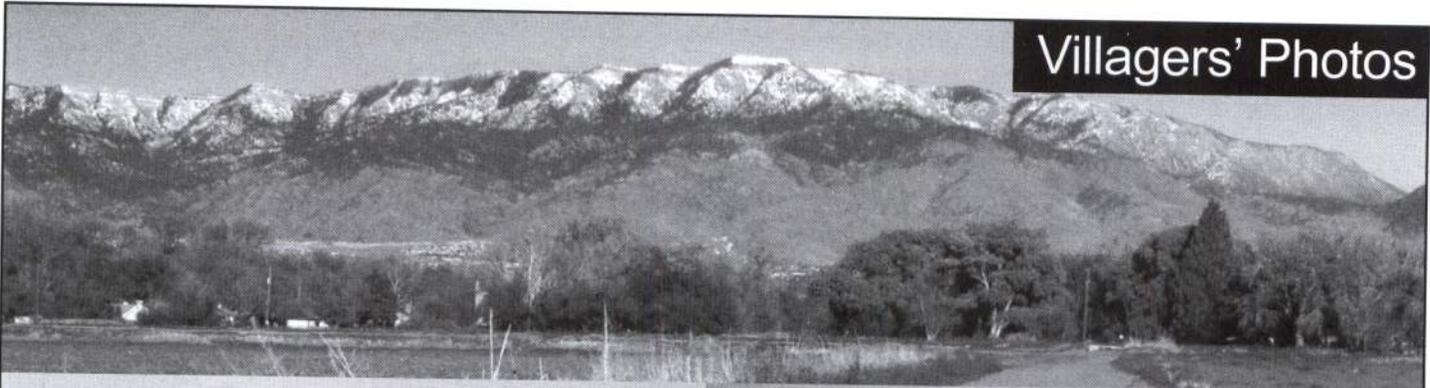
- A home that sits far back from the street
- A home that has cleanout depths (1a /1b above) deeper than 2 feet
- A home that sits below the street

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VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING CALENDAR  
 RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP CURBSIDE, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> FULL WEEK EACH MONTH,  
 ON THE SAME DAY AS YOUR TRASH, AS INDICATED BELOW

 - RECYCLING DAYS

APRIL, 2008

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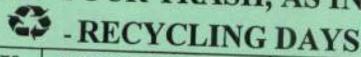
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# TOWN HALL MEETING!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008

6:00 PM

Come by and visit with your Elected Officials  
and Candidates for Municipal Judge



**BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS**

THE MAYOR, TRUSTEES, PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSIONERS,  
FIRE CHIEF, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS,  
AND CANDIDATES FOR JUDGE WILL BE ON HAND

INFORMAL DISCUSSION AND REFRESHMENTS

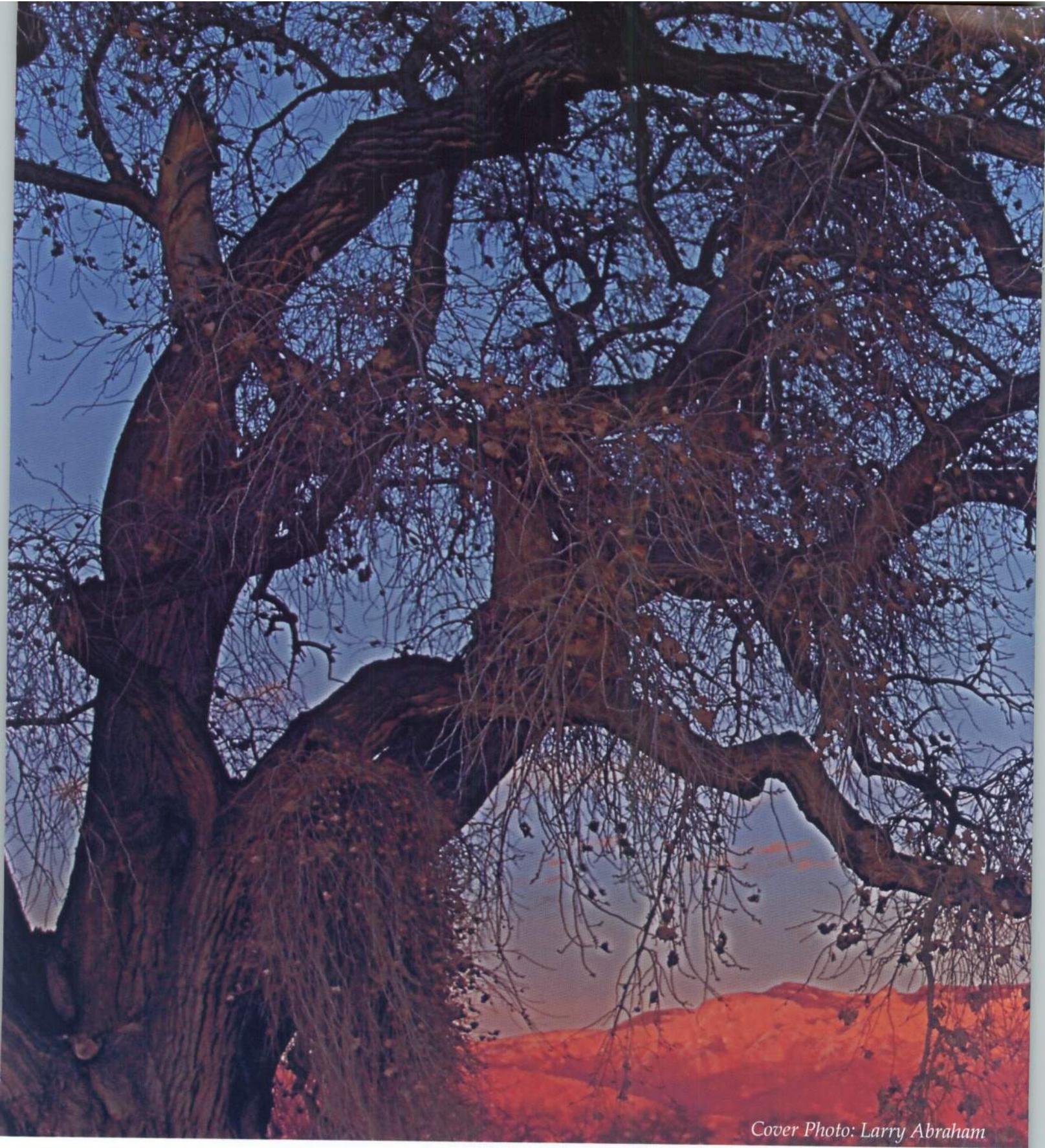
— 6:00 TO 7:00pm

FORMAL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

— 7:00 TO 9:00pm

**ONLY**

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