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Mayor's Report



Cooperation Between Governments Key to Regional Prosperity

by Larry Abraham

This month I take over as Chairman of the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG). Five years ago, I never envisioned that I would be involved in a regional leadership role, but I am honored to be asked to serve. I take on this challenge with great enthusiasm and look forward to helping create solutions that will benefit not only the residents of Los Ranchos but those of our entire region.

MRCOG is a multi-county governmental agency that is helping our region plan responsibly for the future. Representing the counties of Bernalillo, Valencia, Tarrant, and Sandoval, we provide planning services in the areas of transportation, agriculture, workforce development, employment growth, land-use, water, and economic development. The Board of Directors consists of forty-eight elected and appointed officials. MRCOG is best known today as the managing entity of the popular New Mexico Rail Runner Express service.

One of the first challenges the Governor has presented us with is to fund the operating budget of the Rail Runner, as well as the additional transportation needs to connect the Rail Runner to the commuting public.

I firmly believe that the entire region must make a financial commitment to the Rail Runner. The Rapid Transit District (RTD), of which Los Ranchos is a member, voted to clear the way to put a 1/8 cent gross receipts tax increase on the November ballots. This increase will raise approximately \$26 million dollars per year, half of which will go to fund the operating budget of the Rail Runner and the other half to regional transit systems connecting to

the Rail Runner.

In light of the current economic conditions, I think this is a necessary step to ensure the viability of the Rail Runner and mass transit for generations to come. I have heard many say that the Rail Runner cost of \$400 million dollars is excessive. When you compare this cost with the Paseo del Norte and Jefferson/I-25 interchange, currently projected at nearly \$350 million and going up \$42 million each year we put it off, the Rail Runner doesn't look so bad. As past chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Board, I can tell you that Federal resources for transportation are scarce. Coupled with the fact that local governments are struggling financially and the population is growing, the region is under increasing pressure on a number of fronts.

MRCOG is committed to improving the sustainability and profitability of small and medium-scale agriculture in New Mexico's mid-region. This includes local produce, meat, dairy, and value-added products. Buying locally-grown foods helps support the farmers, the land, and the vitality and vibrancy of our area.

My number one goal is to ensure that all of the member governments work together in a collaborative effort. The often used term is 'regionalism'. More than ever, we need to work together and help each other. Our challenge is to combine our resources so projects can be completed efficiently and in a cost-effective manner.

We are also very lucky to have one of the most capable leaders in our Executive Director, Lawrence Rael. Lawrence is a Village resident, and through his leadership and vision, MRCOG has grown from a \$3 million budget in 2003 to its present \$150 million budget.

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Five years ago, I was a bit skeptical that regionalism would ever be a reality. With the Rail Runner connecting Belen and Santa Fe by the year's end, and the impact of the current energy crisis being felt by all, regionalism is not just a reality. It is a necessity.

Our current population of approximately 750,000 is expected to reach one million by 2021. That's only twelve years from now. In the fall, four counties will vote on a proposed 1/8-cent sales tax increase which will generate \$26 million annually for the Rail Runner and regional transit to help connect to the train. I encourage all of our residents to support and vote for the 1/8-cent gross receipt tax increase in the fall election.

My favorite saying is, "Life is what happens to you while you're making other plans". I moved to Los Ranchos to retire and enjoy the rural lifestyle. I ran for Mayor to protect the integrity of our Village, and now I find myself working with the Governor and fellow elected officials, trying to protect the entire region. I guess that's "Life".

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Deadline: October Village Vision

Friday, September 5th

Deadline: Holiday Village Vision

Friday, October 24th

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

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

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

8th Annual Beans, Chile & Corn Celebration with Joe Sausage and the Chile King, Bruce

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

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

October 4th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Balloon Fiesta Local Favorites with Guest Chefs including the Fishhugger and Flying Star's Executive Chef

October 11th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

October 18th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

October 25th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Costume Day for Kids and Pets!

November 1st, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

(Regular Season Extended) Guest Chef Randy Shamlian

November 8th, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

(Regular Season Extended)

Labor Day

Monday, September 1st

Village Office Closed

Columbus Day

Monday, October 13th

Village Office Closed

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Historic Guadalupe Trail Art Studio Tour

Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, September 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14th, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, September 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Sign 'N Run for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Week

Sunday, September 28th

8:00 a.m.: 5k and 10k

9:00 a.m.: Kids K

Halloween

Friday, October 31st

General Election

Tuesday, November 4th

Veterans' Day

Tuesday, November 11th

Village Office Closed

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th

Village Office Closed

Village At-a-Glance

AT&T Wireless Services

Leases were executed between the Village and AT&T in early August. AT&T began construction August 11th, with an anticipated completion date of mid-September. AT&T has given us a date of September 17th to go live. When there is a signal from our tower, it is recommended you power down your AT&T phone every couple of days and then turn it back on so it can register with the tower and receive the latest software updates.

Verizon Wireless Update

Verizon is still in the process of fine tuning its antennae, and expect to have improved service by September 1st. Every couple of weeks, it is recommended that you press *228 SEND, then the number 1, to receive the latest software updates.

Historic Guadalupe Trail Art Tour

The Art Studio Tour will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm each day. The centerfold of this issue presents a map of the Tour, as well as information on each of the fourteen artists. The starting point of the Tour will be the Sky Dog Gallery at 7103 Fourth Street, where maps and information, as well as parking, will be available.

Comcast

We are working with Comcast to ensure that all of your Comcast bills reflect 'Los Ranchos' as the correct mailing address.

PNM

PNM is in the process of changing all of its bills once again to reflect 'Los Ranchos,' and not Albuquerque, as its mailing address.

Junk Mail

As bulk mailing companies upgrade their software, you will start to see your junk mail and magazines automatically reflecting 'Los Ranchos, NM'.

Vernon's Steak House Wine Pairing

Vernon's Steak House has begun a monthly dinner featuring wine pairings with various entrees. This month's dinner will take place on Wednesday, September 24th, and will feature reserve wines from California's Trinchero Winery. The five course dinner, with accompanying wines, is priced at \$65 per person (plus tax and tip). Call 341 - 0831 for reservations, and call early, because there are only eighteen tables in the restaurant!

Balloon Landings in Los Ranchos

If you would like to alert balloon pilots that they can land on your property, please refer to this month's article explaining how to mark your property so the pilots will know they can land.

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On the cover: A weaving by Susan Neal, one of the featured artists on the Historic Guadalupe Trail Art Studio Tour this month.
On the back: The lilly pond at Los Poblanos.



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Mayor Abraham, chairman of MRCOG, and Village resident Lawrence Rael, executive director of MRCOG, present Governor Richardson with a bolo tie at the annual awards banquet for the Mid-Region Council of Governments

In Memoriam: Ed Pennybacker

Village resident and trustee passes away at the age of 80, leaving behind a rich legacy of broadcast and televised journalism

The Village of Los Ranchos has lost one of its important residents. **Ed Pennybacker**, former Trustee of the Village, and long-time resident, passed away on Wednesday, July 23rd, following a brief illness. He was eighty years old.

Ed was a well-known radio and television newscaster from the 1960s (KQEO radio) to the 1980s (KOAT-TV). He was the host of "On Your Behalf" from the late 1970s to the mid-1980s. The show appeared on television several times a week as a 2 1/2

- minute report spotlighting consumer advocacy and problem-solving.

KRQE-TV investigative reporter, Larry Barker, who worked with Ed said, "He was a consumer crusader fighting for the little guy". Ed served in the military in World War II, and

worked for the armed forces networks in Tokyo and Germany, before arriving in Albuquerque and joining KQUE. His career with radio and television continued until 1985. Ed was a horse enthusiast and golfer, and worked

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with Horseman's Voice Magazine, published by his wife.

Ed Pennybacker is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Sallie Pennybacker, and by daughters, Susan Kuliasha and husband, Michael Priestap, of Knoxville, TN; Deborah Tissot and husband,

Ralph, of Albuquerque; grandsons, Ian Kuliasha, his wife, Jasmine, and Cary Kuliasha, all of Knoxville, TN. A service was held in Mr. Pennybacker's honor on Tuesday, July 29th, and a private interment took place at Santa Fe National Cemetery.

X Marks the Spot

How a simple sheet can help balloon pilots land safely

As Albuquerque has grown, landing sites have become scarce, and the "X Marks the Spot" initiative has proven to be a perfect opportunity to "find the hidden treasure."

Last year, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta asked the citizens of the Albuquerque area who have at least one acre of vacant land free of power lines and other obstructions, to share the space with hot air balloon pilots in October. The response was overwhelming! One week after the word went out, generous landowners had volunteered more than 150 acres of land suitable for landing!

With the additional help and support of the Village of Los Ranchos, the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Public Schools, the business community, and private citizens providing temporary use of their property, the number of available landing sites during Balloon Fiesta has grown substantially. These additional sites will improve the flying experience for all pilots, and increase the opportunity for spectators to assist pilots and crew in landing and packing up their balloons.

This year, Balloon Fiesta is again asking for public and private landowners to notify us if they have land that can be used for a landing site from October 4th to 12th, 2008.

Interested parties are asked to notify Balloon Fiesta of the size and location of the property, and, on days of flying events, to place a large white sheet in the middle of the property, alerting pilots that they are welcome to land.

The Balloon Fiesta expresses a very special 'thank you' to the people, companies, and agencies listed below for their contribution of landing sites for Balloon Fiesta pilots and balloons:

Mayor Martin Chavez,

City of Albuquerque
Albuquerque City Council
Park and Recreation,

Jay Hart, Director
Albuquerque Public Schools
The Village of Los Ranchos
Private landowners and businesses

Maize Maze at the Rio Grande Community Farm

The Rio Grande Community Farm (RGCF) will be holding its 2008 Maize Maze, "Made in the Shade," this year from August 30 - November 2. This annual tradition is fun for the whole family. This year's Maze will feature new attractions and special events, along with all of the other activities normally available. RGCF is located on the Los Poblanos Fields Open Space in Albuquerque on Montano, one mile west of Fourth St. in the North Valley. This location has been used agriculturally by New Mexico's indigenous people and Spanish Colonists for over 1,700 years.

The Maize Maze is open to the public on Friday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 PM, Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM, and Sundays from Noon - 6:00 PM.

Weekday visit appointments for school groups, clubs, scout groups, family reunions, birthdays, company outings, and team-building activities can be arranged by calling 505-345-4580.

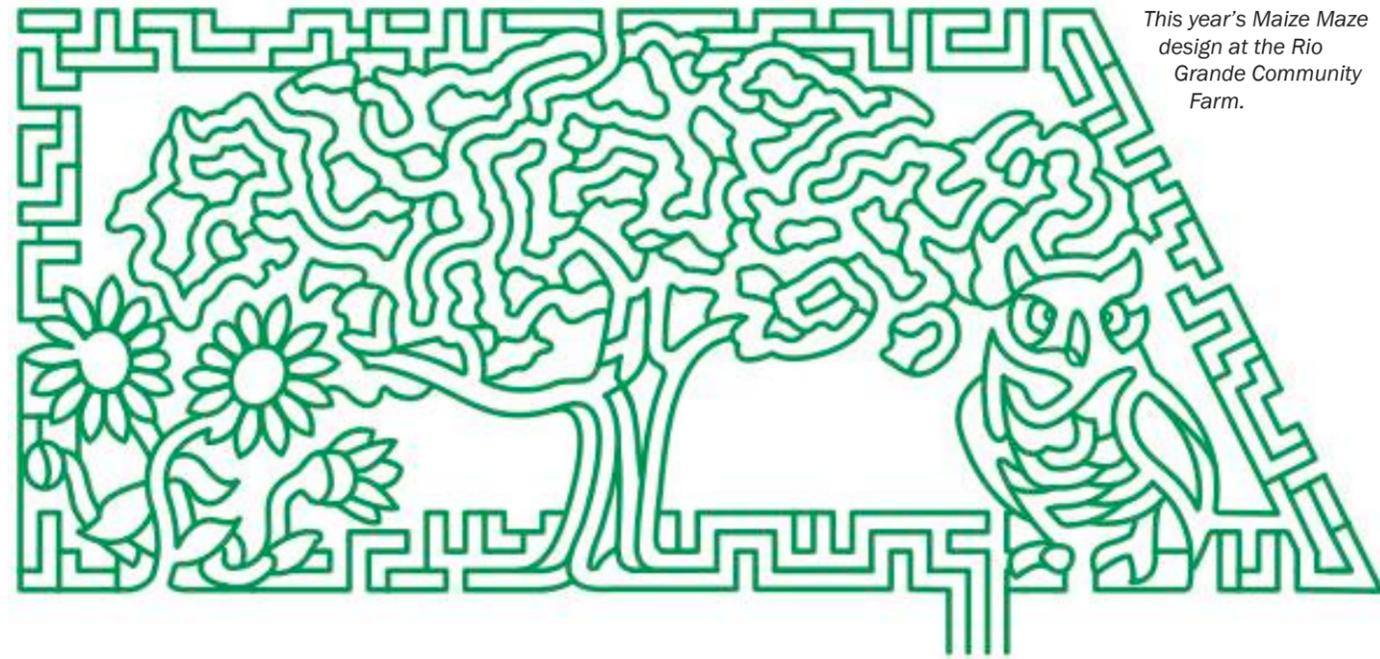
This year's design features a giant cottonwood tree, with an owl in the shade and sunflowers growing beneath the tree. The Maize Maze will feature several weekend special events. On September 6, we will host a Grand Opening celebration featuring presenters and speakers, including a representative of RGCF, community leaders, and other dignitaries. On September 27, RGCF will host Farm and Wildlife Day, a special event featuring animals, organic farming information, sustainability groups, community booths, wildlife groups and other vendors.

The event will be from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. On October 18, we will host Art Day, featuring local artists and crafts people. They will have many different types of work for display and for sale. The event will be from 1:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Both events are free with admission to the maze.

Additional event attractions include a hay bale labyrinth, night sky telescopes, tractor hay bale shuttle, moonlight mazes, discount days, farm products (hay bales, corn shocks, & sunflower seed heads), hot air balloons, Haunted Maze Oct. 31 & Nov. 2, and more.

Please visit www.riograndefarm.org or call 505-345-4580 for more information and for group reservations.

We'll see you at the 2008 Maize Maze!



This year's Maize Maze design at the Rio Grande Community Farm.



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Ditch Writer

Chiles, Apples, and Tomatoes at September's Market

by Sue Brawley

Growers' Market

Chile is a great treat! The wonderful smell of chiles roasting always indicates fall is coming. In addition to mild to hot chiles, there are many colorful sweet peppers which are great in salads and stir-fry dishes, as well as grilled with Italian sausage, beef or salmon, also available at the market. Apples and pears are plentiful, which means it

is a great time to make chutney or pies for those cold winter months ahead! One can also find a variety of tomatoes, various types of summer squash (patty-pan, zucs, zephyr, roly-polly), and basil. Don't forget to pick-up a beautiful fresh bouquet!

Beans, chile and corn, the magnificent trio, will be celebrated on Sat. September 13th. Guest Chefs, Joe Sausage, and Bruce, the Chile King, will show their grilling talents. Music by Dave

Palsce.

Regular Market Season Extended

The regular market season will be extended to the first two weeks in November (Nov. 1st and 8th) with 8 am - 11 am hours. On November 1st, Randy Shamlian will be the guest chef.

Winter Markets will start in December and occur the 2nd Saturday of each month through April, from 10 am - noon.

Noteworthy Villager: Larry Lujan, CEO of Manuel Lujan Agencies

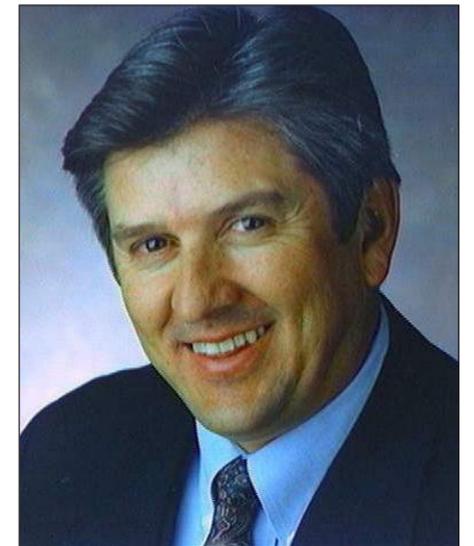
"No never means no. *Never* never means never. *Can't* isn't a word that's in the English language, and won't is a choice we don't accept."

These are the words of E. Larry Lujan, local businessman and Village resident, and they describe perfectly his attitude toward the business of which he is president and CEO, the Manuel Lujan Agencies, a firm which helps individuals and businesses secure the insurance they need. Larry Lujan loves to help people and businesses grow and thrive.

A graduate of New Mexico State University with a degree in management and marketing, Lujan actually started out wanting to go into the consulting business. A conversation with his dad, then CEO of the company, convinced him that he was not ready for his own business, and so he went to work selling insurance with Massachusetts Mutual. Eventually, he joined the Lujan Agencies as a full time employee, and he's been there for thirty-two years. It turned out that the insurance business was the right choice for him. In the twelve years that he has been CEO

of the Lujan Agencies, the firm has had an annual growth rate of fifteen percent. What began eighty years ago as a one-man operation in Santa Fe, now has one hundred ten employees, annual revenues of \$134.5 million, and seven thousand clients, which include eighteen hundred businesses and fifty-two hundred individuals. In June of this year, the Lujan Agencies was named one of the five hundred largest Hispanic-owned companies by Hispanic Business Magazine, and the largest Hispanic-owned firm in New Mexico.

Lujan will tell you that all this success has come about because his firm cares deeply about its customers. He says, "The best job we can do is protect them against catastrophes or unplanned events." And there's more that he cares about. For the past five years, Larry Lujan has served on the board of the Youth Development Inc. Foundation, a nonprofit organization offering more than fifty programs for underprivileged youths in this state. YDI President and CEO, Chris Baca, says of Lujan, "Larry is a rare and exceptional person."



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Celebrating 107 Years with Anita Dimas

Friends and family take venerable Village elder Anita Dimas on an old-fashioned bike ride.

by George Greer

After the June Chapter F meeting, a group of eleven bikes followed George Greer and Cindy over to the home of Cindy's 107 year old great-grandmother, Anita Dimas. Anita came out to welcome us and informed us that she was 107 years old and emphasized that she was approaching 108. She was eager to ride in JoeO's sidecar and with a bit of help was buckled in and ready to go. One of her daughters,

Melba, rode with George behind JoeO and Anita for her first ride at 79 years old. From there we all did a short ride to another daughter's house (Cindy's Grandmother, Dora) and shared some laughs, took photos, and headed back. (Dora is 84 and George took her on her first ride a few months ago.)

When we got back to Anita's, there were cookies, brownies and muffins awaiting us all. Anita provided a blessing in Spanish for us. A good time was had by all and certainly a unique op-

portunity to converse with a 107 year old person who still has all her faculties! There are four family generations in the below photos, with another three alive and well.

Participating in the event were: George and Cindy, JoeO, Dave and Lisa Ross, Phil Kelley, Neal Baker, Turner and Dawn Brazell, Deane Crawforth, Bill and Carmen Holder, Bill and Luanne Slough, Richard Mummey, Dave Stewart, and newcomers Bud and Cheryle Walter.



Anita Dimas with friends and relatives.

Photos by George Greer



On Patrol

Better Policing Through an Active Community

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

Greetings,

As I am always advocating community involvement, I thought I might go over some important tips to help us serve you better:

1. Find out what's going on in your neighborhood - be alert to developing issues.
2. Establish some form of neighborhood watch. Keep an eye on everything. The best security system available is a concerned and watchful neighbor.
3. Get to know the people who live on your street. By doing so, you are

better informed to know who should or should not be hanging out in your neighborhood.

4. If you see something that just doesn't seem right, call the police. While it may turn out to be nothing, there is no harm in having us come check it out, just to be on the safe side. Often times, it's these types of calls that lead to bigger crimes being solved.

5. Discover your power as a concerned citizen. Change happens one person at a time!

To quote Herman Goldstein (Problem Oriented Policing), "Because the police - as the 'hired hands' - are available to

deal with the unsavory aspects of life in the community, the citizenry tends to define substantive problems as police problems. But it would be more accurate to define substantive problems as community problems. This means looking to the community to define the problems that should be of concern to the police, rather than succumbing to the tendency of the police on their own to define the problems of concern."

Only through teamwork and working together can we maintain the level of safety, security, and serenity we have come to enjoy living in the Village. Help us to help you, and let's keep the Village among the best places to live.



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Escibiente for SEPTEMBER, 2008

Escibiente, Albuquerque's Calligraphic Society, will meet on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center, 501 Elizabeth SE, located south of Central and east of Eubank. DIANE SOUDER, Director of Education and Outreach at Petroglyph National Monument, will present "Petroglyph Images". The public is invited. There is no charge. For further information, call Betsy at 877-4029 or Alma at 265-0015, or email ytalma@hotmail.com



Chief's Corner

Fire Department Hosts Village Olympic Games

by Chief Greg Perez

In the spirit of this summer's Olympic Games, the Los Ranchos Fire Department decided it would be fitting to host our own Olympic Games. All of the department members, along with the Village Administrator, Kelly Ward,

were split up into two-person teams. The events kicked off with the lighting of a torch. The games took place on each Saturday throughout the month of August. Events ranged from weight lifting, basketball, and soccer, to tug of war.

The games were a great way to build

on the department unity, while honoring the hard work and dedication of our Olympic athletes competing in Beijing, China.

A special' thank you' to Marci Bissell and her husband for the great event photos!





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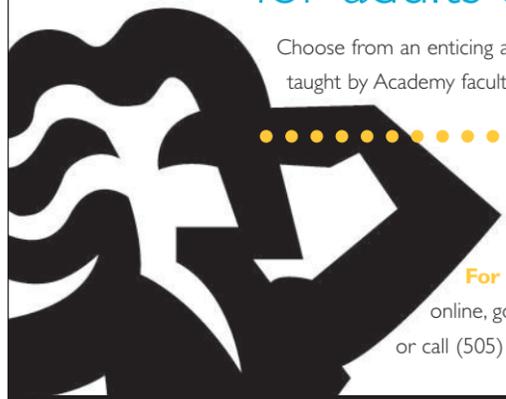
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by Nancy Enns

Sanctuary is back! We are new and improved with the addition of our full service Flower Shop, and a delightful array of wonderful antiques from old world European to rustic pieces with character in our showroom. We also feature antique artwork. Floral Designer Nancy Enns has come to the Village to bring her custom designs and unique style to our neighborhood.

"I have enjoyed working with many of the residents in Los Ranchos, enhancing special events in your homes for the past several years. It's great to be here on Fourth Street to serve you better!" says Enns. Kelli Cooper of the Albuquerque Community Foundation writes, "Nancy Enns makes an event planner's job easy. I just give her a budget and a theme, and she delivers fabulous flowers every time".

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The Apple Man

Save That Old Apple Tree! Caring for Vintage Varieties

The Apple Man returns with pruning advice for timeworn trees that may be bearers of rare and special fruit

by Eb King

Save that old apple tree! You may have an heirloom on your property. Many of the classic old varieties of apples have disappeared, but you may have one such as the Wealthy, Pippin, Seek No Farther, Snow, Northern Spy, Rhode Island Greening, or an older cultivar of Red Delicious (often better tasting than those of today). All have disappeared from the nursery catalogs and from commercial production. Now apples must meet three criteria: they must ship well, keep well and have eye appeal. Flavor seems secondary, although there are a few exceptions such as the Gala and tree-matured Fuji, and Golden Delicious. Commercial apples are not harvested fully mature, which may affect flavor and sweetness, before they go into controlled atmosphere storage.

One example of the old time apple that I remember from childhood was the old fashioned Snow apple. It was yellowish-white with a pink blush. It was sweet, flavorful, and full of juice, and that was the problem. It had very little pulp and thus bruised easily, which would lead to spoilage quickly. But it was my favorite.

That Old Apple Tree

Many years ago, growers trained apple trees to an open center. This resulted in multiple trunks, or scaffold branches, emanating from the base trunk, two to three feet above the ground. Laterals from the scaffold branches and the branched terminal growth of the scaffold branches provided the fruiting areas of the tree.

However, most of the fruiting occurred in the upper part of the canopy.

In neglect, the scaffold branches produced multiple shoots and the terminal ends grew many shoots. In a few places where trees have been dehorned or crew cut, the resulting growth leaves the tops brambly with many shoots. Such a tree requires a two to three year plan to achieve renovation and restoration. Bear in mind that too much surgery in one year will shock the tree, whereas minor surgery over two or three years will permit the tree to recover.

Start by removing most but not all of the clutter of branches that emanate from the scaffold branches. This will permit an assessment of the number of branches that constitute the basic structure of the tree. Identify the strongest and healthiest five to seven of the scaffold structure, and mark the rest for removal. Only one third to one half of those marked for removal should be removed in the first year, and this includes low spreading branches. A chain saw is a must for this type of pruning. Professional help is an option.

Last spring we had a number of

dwarf and semi-dwarf apple trees that needed renovation.

I called a professional for help. I identified the problems and in general what I wanted removed. The professional and crew accomplished the job very well, and relieved me of the need to remove the prunings.

Another factor is tree height. Eight to ten feet at the most is a personal preference for both pruning and harvesting the fruit. Less height minimizes ladder work, which is slow and hazardous. Generally it works out well to remove about one third of the crown in one year. The cuts should be made just above a weak



lateral growing outward toward the perimeter of the tree, as a means to control tree height. The weak lateral minimizes strong terminal growth. Succulent water shoots may emerge wherever cuts have been made, and these need removal when they appear throughout the growing season.

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Sky Dog the Art Space Opens Antiquities Section

by Lori Barrett

Sky Dog the Art Space announces the opening of a fascinating antiquities gallery within the Space. In addition to the contemporary gallery featuring new artists, there is now a room filled with history and preservation. The space is stocked with artifacts and antiquities from around the world. The impressive compilation comes from the collection of one man, Carmine De Vivi. The pieces originate from many places around the globe, including Mexico, Africa, India, Thailand, China, Burma, and more.

The collection holds beautiful antiquities that are full of captivating histories. For example, there are extremely rare Luluwa masks from Zaire, now known as the Democratic Republic of Congo. These Luluwa masks were made by a small group of artists in the south central region of Zaire and are especially rare in western collections. They were primarily used for mukanda

puberty rituals, which initiated boys into village life.

In addition to these incredible masks, there are beautiful monastery gates from Thailand that were saved from a fire. These amazing gates adorned the garden of the monastery until it burned down. Now they are hanging in the gallery along with many other interesting antiques.

While these pieces offer a glimpse into what this antique gallery has to offer, there are many more artifacts and antiques that would add to any art collection. For more information, please visit Sky Dog's website at www.skydogart.com or call toll free 866.639.6392, 505.899.2046, or 505.385.8056. Sky Dog is located at 7103 4th Street, Building M, Los Ranchos, New Mexico, 87107.



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Featured Business

Kelly Jo Designs: The Pottery Powerhouse

by Christopher Shen

Stepping into the front gallery of Kelly Jo Designs was not a good way to begin research on the notable village ceramics business and its owner, Kelly Jo Kuchar. Warm, immaculate, and inviting, it is a wonderful showcase for residents and visitors alike to see Kuchar's wares, but from an investigatory perspective, it is disappointingly sedate. Ceramics of all kinds sit prettily, betraying none of the stories of their creations; labor and crafting are nowhere to be found. Even Kuchar, working in an adjoining office, flits through paperwork with ease and cheerfulness, as though the daily demands of a small business were immaterial. She and her gallery make it all seem so effortless, and there was no story in that.

When she commenced a tour of her warehouse, however, the sheer enormity of her operation became staggeringly evident. Far from being a modest workshop, the 4th Street facility at Kelly Jo Designs—once occupied by the Albuquerque Tortilla Company—houses a full-fledged, bustling enterprise currently employing 16 people. Whirring equipment stretch out wall-to-wall. Countless bins brim with a medley of pots and plates still in the rough. Kilns,

a dozen in all, fiercely churn out a burgeoning output of earthenware that, by Kuchar's estimates, can approach a million units annually.

It's an astonishing number for a business that had its start as a small side interest for Kuchar while she was a pre-med student at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. While she started by making jewelry, it was ceramics that seized her enthusiasm and brought her to New Mexico, a state she notes is "very receptive to vessel art." She opened Kelly Jo Designs in 1986 and incorporated it in 1994, the same year that her husband, Matt Kuchar, became her business partner. Since those years, the Kuchars have made a name for themselves marketing their goods not only to the Village of Los Ranchos, but the entire country.

"These are for a client in San Francisco" she says while motioning to hundreds of vases stacked as high as a man stands tall, each painted with a picture of a gleaming Golden Gate bridge. It's a big order, but nothing unusual for a company that has fulfilled single commissions consisting of tens of thousands of individual pieces. Drawn to her vivid, painterly style, large retailers engage in a brisk wholesale business with Kelly Jo Designs

that account for nearly half of her sales volume. Currently, Kuchar is working with Nordstrom to develop an Old World, Italian-influenced collection that will go on sale next year.

But whatever national success she attains, Kuchar maintains a steady focus on Los Ranchos. Economic downturn notwithstanding, she continues to work on her retail collections for local consumption, aiming to appeal to a wide range of patrons. "There's always a certain clientele that buys more than ever" she comments when queried about an increasingly volatile consumer market, "but we still want to have something for those looking to spend \$20 on a girlfriend." Gifting, both personal and corporate, drives a substantial portion of the sales at Kelly Jo Designs, making bright, distinctive ceramic presents a common sight in Village homes and businesses. Kuchar is particularly enthusiastic about her offerings of personalized wedding and anniversary gifts. She will also be offering a ceramics collection celebrating the Village's 50th anniversary.

In addition to operating a notable Los Ranchos company, Kuchar also played a critical role in this year's Lavender in the Village, co-chairing the event alongside Penny Rembe. Discussing

the future of the Los Ranchos community and identity, she is effervescent; she cannot say enough about the possibilities of more events like Lavender and the importance of continued promotion of local businesses. Of particular importance to her is the hope of a new Chamber of Commerce, an institution she feels is imperative to the continued maturation of the Los Ranchos community. "It would represent us," she explains, "it would represent the authentic lifestyle of the Village: that we grow things here, that we make things here."

Continuing the tour, she glides over to one of the many machines lined up along the west wall. It's the business's new hydraulic press, she notes, capable of making certain ceramic items quickly and efficiently. More interesting, however, were the tables opposite of all the apparatuses where two women sat, diligently painting fired pieces in familiar, radiant strokes. Kuchar explains that every item that leaves her warehouse is painted by hand, and that style will vary a bit from artist to artist.

And so there it was, at the finishing end of Kuchar's pottery powerhouse: the human touch. Familiar, local sights emerged in the bold sweeps of New Mexico color. Sandia red, sunset orange, chile green. Cobalt, sunflower, vermilion. It is at these tables where innumerable ceramics truly take form, expertly fashioned by the hands and the experience of Kuchar and her artists. They are wares made here, in the tradition of Los Ranchos, and that is a story worth telling.



Above: A sample of the Kelly Jo Kuchar's special collection celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Village of Los Ranchos



Above: Kelly Jo Kuchar



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The Historic Guadalupe Trail Artists' Studio Tour in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque



The Historic Guadalupe Trail Artists' Tour Studio Tour

About the Featured Artists

Before discovering the studios along the Guadalupe Trail, first explore the backgrounds of the fourteen artists that own them.

Cindy Welch



Cindy Welch (location 2) is joining the Guadalupe Trail tour for the first time this year. She has a BFA in painting from the Rhode Island School of design. She specializes in large oil landscapes of the North Valley, the Sandias and the Bosque along the Rio Grande.

Todd Tibbals



Todd Tibbals (location 5) has been painting Latin American and New Mexico realities in watercolor for nearly forty years. His numerous, sometimes award-winning, subjects and styles reflect the constant search for a personal artistic vision.

Maude Andrade



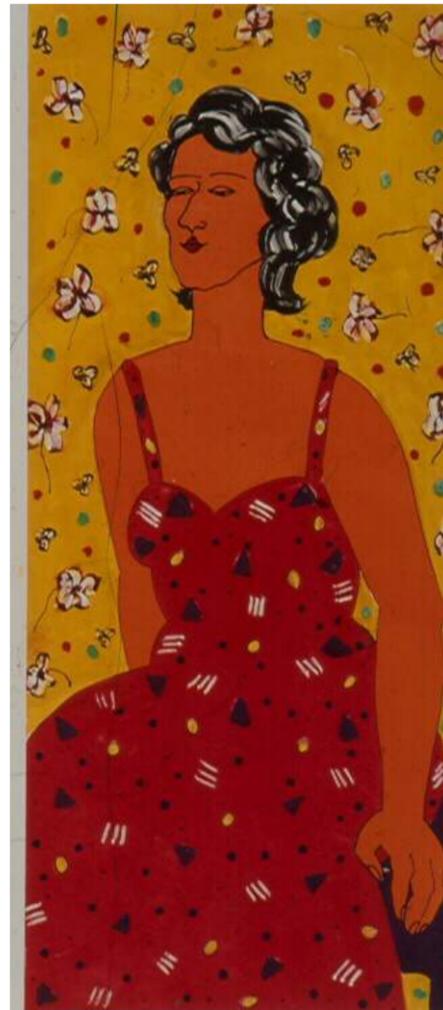
Maude Andrade (location 3) is an emerging artist of abstract, mixed media paintings, which have been exhibited in group shows at the Albuquerque Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, and internationally at the Aspen Gallery in Kuwait City, Kuwait. She is represented in Albuquerque by the Mariposa Gallery, and in Boulder, Colorado, by Blink Gallery.

Sarah Anderson



Sarah Anderson (location 5) attended the University of New Mexico where she received a BFA in studio art and art history. After a career in advertising, she returned to her art and has been a professional artist for twenty years. Her monotypes and watercolors can be seen in galleries in Albuquerque and Scottsdale.

Alison Hudson



Alison Hudson (location 4) joins the Historic Guadalupe Trail Art Studio Tour for a second time. Her works on paper, Organic Abstracts, watercolors and acrylics illuminates the artist's bold use of color and vigorous composition. Her strong command of these often fugitive mediums has developed steadily over her fourteen year career as a painter.

Hudson's complex visual geometry and distinct palette are joined with an individual visual style that gives these new works energy and wide-ranging scope.

Susan Neal



Susan Neal (location 3) uses three AVL looms to weave her fine silks, cottons, and merino wools for wraps, jackets, and scarves. The beautifully colored clothing is sold in galleries around the country.

Martha Rajkay



Martha Rajkay (location 2) has been a professional artist since she received her graduate degree from MICA, painting in oils, acrylics, and pastels. She paints primarily landscapes, and was awarded a permanent place in MICA artists' collection.

Lincoln Draper



Lincoln Draper (location 2) has been a fine art, free-lance photographer since high school, concentrating on a variety of subjects, with landscape and architectural photography among his favorites. His work is displayed in the galleries of the Albuquerque Museum, and the Harwood Museum in Taos.

Karl Koenig



Karl Koenig's (location 6) interest has fixed on many subjects. Some years ago he invented Gumoil Photography and has more recently done much work with photo gravure etchings. His subject matter covers treescapes, memorial architecture, fish markets, the Holocaust, older New Mexico structures, grain elevators of the Canadian and American prairies, flowers, and he also specializes in small object photography (silver/gold/enamelled antique boxes). Examples of all will be shown in the Guadalupe Trail Tour.

Bob Keers



Bob Keers (location 1) has been a wood worker and construction person since the 1940s. In 1987, he discovered the blacksmiths at the State Fair, and learned about heating metal and changing its shape. In 1989, he took a blacksmithing course, and now does architectural and artistic pieces on a low-key scale.

Betsy Greenlee



Betsy Greenlee (location 6 on the map), formerly a printmaker, now works primarily in pastels, though recently she has been distracted by the challenges of mosaics and the delights of grandmotherhood. Both her prints and her pastels have won many awards, locally and nationally. Two of Betsy's pastel landscapes were selected for inclusion in a recent book, "Best of America: Pastel Artists and Artisans."

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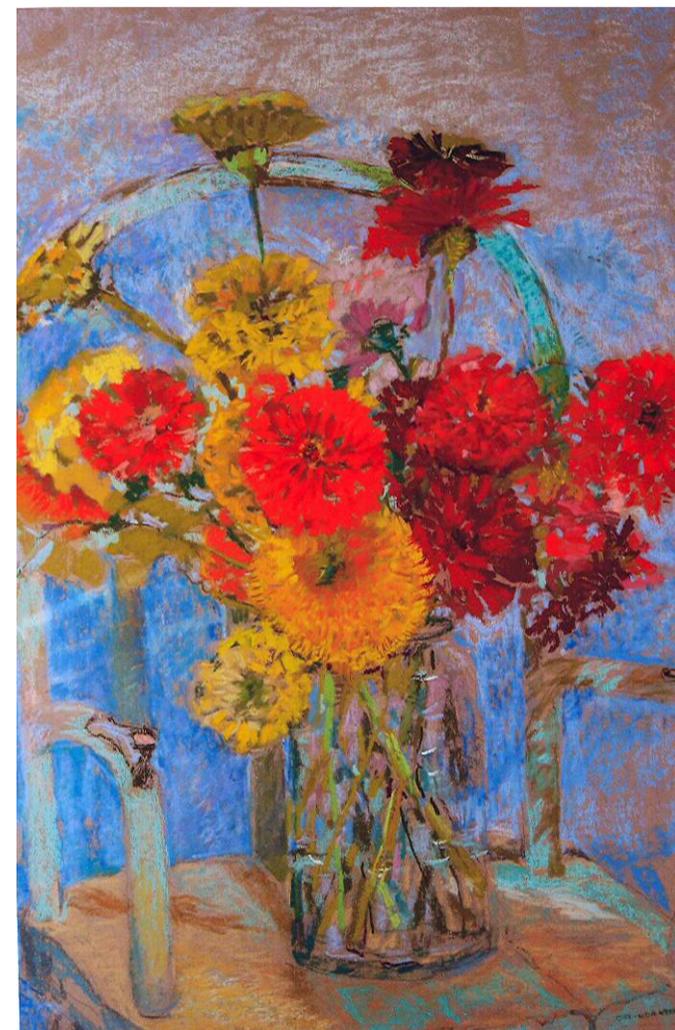
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Orlinda Keers



Orlinda Keers (location 1) has resumed her art endeavors after a number of years of medical problems. She was a member of the Pastel Society of New Mexico, a charter member of the Watercolor Society of New Mexico, and a long time member of the New Mexico Art League. She has many awards for her shows, both locally and nationally. She paints still-lives and southwest scenery.

Megan Sturges



Megan Sturges (location 2) is a multi-media artist whose work reveals her belief in the truth of the imagination. Her current paintings focus on layers of color, texture and form, evoking abstract landscapes and archetypal forms where inner and outer worlds overlap and influence each other. Megan also works as an Art Therapist and Psychotherapist, and teaches at Southwestern College in Santa Fe.

Fran Ryan



Fran Ryan has been a watercolor painter for twenty years, as well as a student and teacher of painting. Her subjects are, for the most part, northern New Mexico scenes. She has been juried for years into the New Mexico Arts and Crafts Fair, and the State Fair Fine Art Exhibit. Fran shows at St. John's Cathedral, Albuquerque, at Art Essentials in Las Vegas, NM, and at the Tome Gallery in Tome, NM.



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805 El Pueblo NW	604707	\$749,000.00	43560sf	4500	4-5	2/0/1	4	Cindy Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
528 Roehl NW	626767	\$775,000.00	1.25ac	2752	4	2/0/1	3	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
7315-B 4th St NW	627978	\$789,900.00	0.820AC	3286	4	3/0/0	3	Seth Jacob	Associated Mountain Realtors	286-1111
817 Ranchitos	623213	\$838,000.00	0.99	4328	5	3/1/0	4	Pepper C Poole	Tu Hacienda Realtors	301-8909
6409 Avenida La Cuchilla Ave	527094	\$899,000.00	0.93	3894	5	2/1/1	3	Ed Smith	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
1418 Bonito Suenos Ct NW	611258	\$950,000.00	1ac	5920	4	4/1/0	3	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
1013 Salamanca Cir NW	619854	\$949,000.00	0.741ac	4098	3-4	2/0/1	2	Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
6915 Guadalupe NW	504853	\$950,000.00	1.25	3540	4	3	4	Camille Milke	Hurricane Realty	269-2286
609 Roehl Rd NW	626145	\$985,000.00	0.407ac	3531	4-5	3/0/1	3	Kate Southard	Kate Southard Real Estate	344-4734
1016 Acequia Trl NW	626772	\$995,000.00	1.7424sf	3613	4	2/1/0	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1024 Acequia Trl NW	614728	\$1,079,900.00	0.52ac	3641	3	3/0/1	0	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
919 Salamanca NW	611480	\$1,190,000.00	0.84	5600	4-5	2/1/1	0	Raul Portillo Jr	Berger Briggs RE - Insurance	247-0444
4316 Rio Grande Bl NW	627614	\$1,250,000.00	1.690ac	4414	4	2/1/1	2	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
806 Salamanca St NW	629379	\$1,269,000.00	0.777ac	4800	4	1/1/1	2	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
1116 Salamanca NW	518701	\$1,299,000.00	43560sf	4884	4-6	2/2/1	2	Magda Stevens	Re/Max Elite	798-1000
304 Nuevo Hacienda Ln NW	629456	\$1,300,000.00	0.514ac	5040	5	2/2/0	5	Vince Tomardy	The Rhino Group, Inc.	891-0900
7542 Rio Grande Bl NW	602053	\$1,500,000.00	43560	4496	4	3.5	4	Jill S Levin	New Frontier Realtors	798-2530
1004 Acequia Trl NW	619407	\$1,419,000.00	0.50ac	3800	4	2/1/1	3	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
6767 Guadalupe Trail NW	622294	\$1,475,000.00	1.5	4900	5	3/0/1	3	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1122 Green Valley NW	613810	\$1,495,000.00	1.007ac	5000	3-4	2/1/0	4	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015 El Pueblo NW	624842	\$1,399,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3	Marion Newman-Wylie	Regal Properties	856-3500
1600 Padre Roberto Rd NW	627987	\$1,500,000.00	1ac	5875	6	3/2/0	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
700 Mullen Rd NW	618589	\$1,590,000.00	1.0ac	4200	3	3/0/0	3	Mike D haley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8714 Rio Grande Bl NW	620937	\$1,350,000.00	2.0ac	3815	5	4/0/1	3	Pat King	Real Estate Group/Pat King Co.	269-1148
746 Chamisal NW	503986	\$1,695,000.00	1.13	3442	3	3	3	Marie Blea	Marie Enterprises, Inc.	991-1405
8809 Rio Grande Bl #3 NW	521410	\$1,599,000.00	1	4131	3	3.25	5	Fred & Sandra Creek	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
641 Chavez NW	507534	\$1,800,000.00	3	6950	7	9	3	Michelle Selby	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015 Cottonwood NW	606773	\$1,999,000.00	1.200 ac	7500	4	2/2/1	3	Dana Brown	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
4674 Los Poblanos Cir NW	627305	\$2,200,000.00	1.2ac	5269	5-8	3/2/2	7	A.J. Yarbrough	AJ Yarbrough Realty	328-0044
9001 Rio Grande Bl NW	517691	\$2,290,000.00	1.43	10756	9	4/3/2	7	Jeremiah Collins	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600

ADDRESS	ML#	LIST PRICE	LOT	SF	BR	BA	G	AGENT	COMPANY	PHONE
PENDING										
530 El Paraiso Rd NW	626569	\$179,900.00	0.43	988	2	1	1	Mark Boitano	Re/Max Elite	798-1000
712 Charles Pl NW	614916	\$369,000.00	14472sf	1970	4	2/0/0	2	Craig Hays	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
6781 Rio Grande Bl NW	608795	\$495,000.00	24877sf	4500	4-5	3/0/0	3	Robyn Finkelstein	New Earth Realty	867-1100
1105 El Pueblo NW	522333	\$429,000.00	0.78	1775	3	2	0	Christina Ortega	American Realty	897-3657
6915 Guadalupe Trl NW	513279	\$985,000.00	54450	3540	4	3+	5	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700

Remain Prepared For Buyers During Any Season

by Tim Tourville, CRS

It's that time of year again when sellers start asking me, "Should I wait until after the holidays to put my house on the market?" "Don't most families move during the summer when school is out?" "What will buyers think of my Holiday decorations?" "My yard looks much better during the spring and summer." My short response is always, "You never know when the right buyer will show."

Everything has a season, including home sales. Traditionally, spring is the hottest season in residential real estate. Sales tend to peak in April and May, staying strong through July. It's a convenient time for families with school age children to move, especially if moving into a different school district. Some have just received their tax refund, which may help finance a

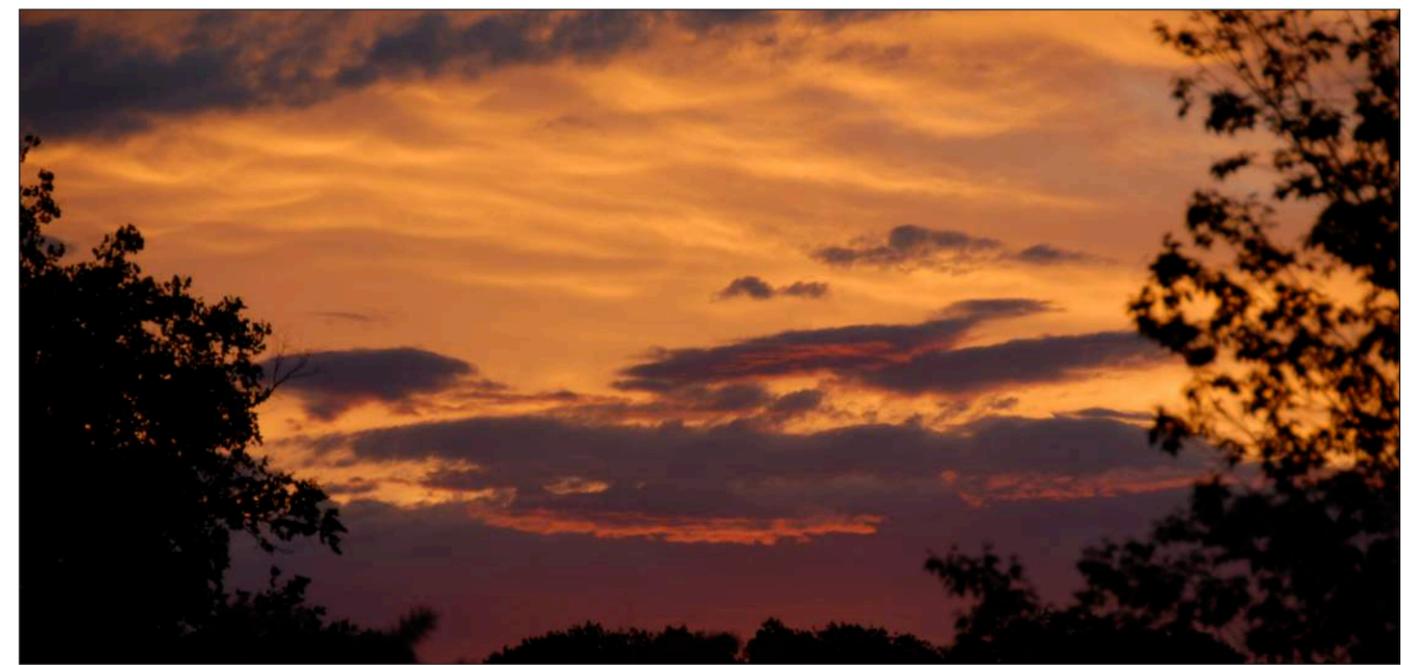
down payment. Keep in mind, however, that buyers are motivated for different reasons, and I see a lot more "lookie-loos" in the summer than during the winter. A winter buyer is more likely to be motivated by "have to" as opposed to "want to" move. Buyers looking during the last quarter are serious enough to brave bad weather, holiday decorations, dreary landscapes, short daylight hours, and smaller inventories. Buyers in winter may want to close before the New Year in order to claim a mortgage deduction on their tax return. Another upside to selling in the winter: traditionally there is less competition during the winter months, which may bring a better price for your home.

But seasonal ups and downs in the housing market are not absolutes. From a general market standpoint, things could get better or things could get

worse. The Real Estate crystal ball isn't working so well right now. We may be coming out of a declining market or we could see prices go lower. You can roll the dice, try to predict, or get your house on the market today. Who knows; the right buyer for your home could be looking right now or may have already bought a home while you were on the fence thinking about when to sell.

So, if you are thinking about moving, but can't decide if you should wait until spring...consider putting it on the market now, because you never know when the right buyer will show.

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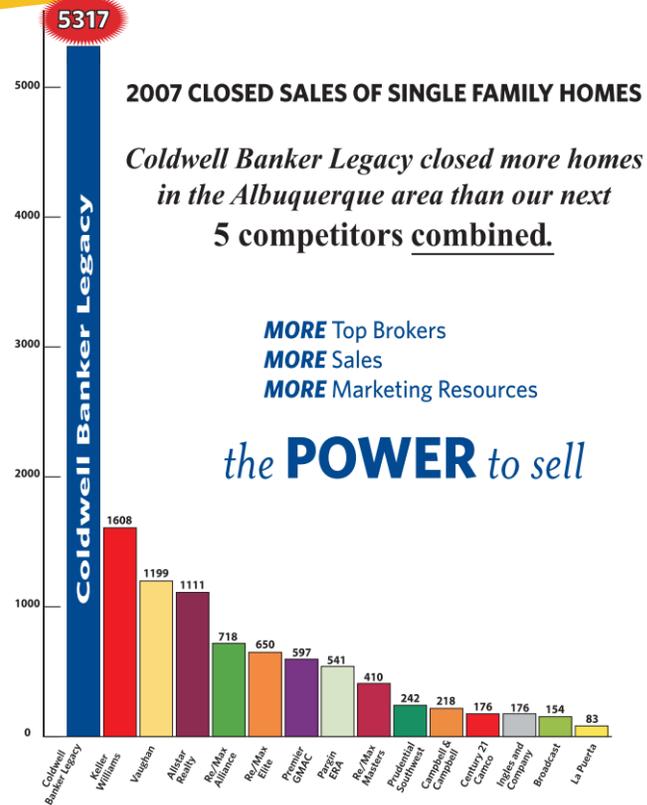
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September Events

Alvarado Elementary School

1100 Solar Road
Albuquerque, NM 87107
344-4412

No events listed for September.

Bosque School

4000 Learning Road NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
898-6388

www.bosqueschool.org

No events listed for September.

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School

1776 Montano Road NW, Building 3
Los Ranchos, NM 87107
314-9042

September 1: Labor Day. School closed.

September 2: Students receive their final class schedules (based upon the placement tests given on August 26th and 27th)

September 2: Classes begin 8:15 am

Los Ranchos Elementary School

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

No events listed for September.

North Valley Academy

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

September 2: First Day of 2008-2009 School Year

September 17: Picture Day

September 30: Open House, Tuesday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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Carpenter

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SEPTEMBER

Sandia Preparatory School

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

Thursday, September 11: Back to School Night, for all Sandia Prep parents
Monday-Friday, September 15-19: Spirit Week
Friday, September 19: Lion & Unicorn Day 1:00 p.m. dismissal
Friday-Saturday, September 19-20: Homecoming

Taft Middle School

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

No events listed for September.

Taylor Middle School

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

No events listed for September.



Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

August 12, 2008 - Action Report

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
TUE., SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
a complete official written and audio
version of the minutes is available
online at www.losranchosnm.gov

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll call

Commissioner Crawford, Commissioner Simon, Commissioner McDowell, Chairman Hunter, Commissioner Brawley, Commissioner Martinez and Commissioner Radnovich were present. Chairman Hunter stated there was a quorum present for the meeting.

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved (6-0).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular meeting – July 8, 2009

Minutes were unanimously approved as amended (6-0).

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

A. **SDP-08-02** A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Cluster Housing Development SU-1 Zone to construct a single family residence and remodel an existing structure for a guest house on Tract A-1. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Tract A-1 of Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 5.0587 acres, more or less. **POSTPONED UNTIL SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2008.**

B. **SDP-08-03** A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for

the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center SU-1 Zone to allow construction of additional rooms to reach the maximum of twenty (20) rooms granted December 12, 2007. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less.

POSTPONED UNTIL SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2008.

- C. **SDP-08-04** A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to the Site Development Plan for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center SU-1 Zone to construct ancillary buildings to facilitate the operational conditions approved in the Amendment to Conditions of Approval granted December 12, 2007. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less.

POSTPONED UNTIL SPECIAL MEETING ON AUGUST 19, 2008.

- D. **S-08-03** A request by Consensus Planning, Inc. Agent for SCM Property Company, LLC for a Sketch Plat Review for a two (2) lot subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Fourth Street Commercial Character Area. The property is located at 4th and Rancho Road and is legally known as Lot lettered "C-1" of the plat of lots A-1, B-1, C-1 and D-1 of Rancho Acres, within projected Section 21, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de 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 June 10, 1996 in Plat Book 96C, page 252. The property contains 1.8038 acres more or less.

The Commission advised the applicant on the merits of the proposal, acceptability of the configuration, any difficulty in the site development and the appropriateness of any variances requested.

- E. **S-08-07** A request by Frank and Francynn Martinez, property owners, for a Sketch Plat Review for Family Transfer Subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 8434 Guadalupe Trail and is legally known as Tract number one (1) of Tracts 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the Lands of Flora C. Romero, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on September 6, 1973. The property contains 1.135 acres more or less.

The Commission advised the applicant on the merits of the proposal, acceptability of the configuration, any difficulty in the site development and the appropriateness of any variances requested.

- F. **V-08-07** A request by Rick and Kater Zemke for a Variance from the height limitation of 17 feet for detached garages, including those for recreational vehicles required by Ordinance 183 as amended, Section G(9)(2)(b). The property is located at 334 Vineyard and is legally known as Lot numbered Eighty-five (85), Merritt Acres, an Addition to the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Addition, filed in the Office of the county Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on July 15, 1929, in Plat Book D1, Page 64. The parcel contains .6539 acres more or less.

The variance was denied (5-0) Commissioner Simon had to leave.

- G. **V-08-08** A request by Rick and Kater Zemke for a Variance from the ten (10) foot side yard setback required by Ordinance 183 as amended, Section E(a) to allow a seven (7) foot setback for a detached garage. The property is located at 334 Vineyard and is legally known as Lot

numbered Eighty-five (85), Merritt Acres, an Addition to the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Addition, filed in the Office of the county Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on July 15, 1929, in Plat Book D1, Page 64. The parcel contains .6539 acres more or less.

The application was withdrawn.

- H. **V-08-09** A request by Rick and Kater Zemke for a Variance from Ordinance 183 as amended, Section G(4)(a) any portion of a façade wall exceeding the 15% perimeter length shall be limited to 17 feet in height or shall be stepped back by four (4) feet or equal to a 45° plane drawn from a perpendicular point on the adjacent property line, to allow for a detached garage exceeding seventeen (17) feet in height in the R-3 zone of the Chamisal Character Area. The property is located at 334 Vineyard and is legally known as Lot numbered Eighty-five (85), Merritt Acres, an Addition to the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Addition, filed in the Office of the county Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico, on July 15, 1929, in Plat Book D1, Page 64. The parcel contains .6539 acres more or less.

The application was withdrawn.

- I. **SDP-08-05** A request by the Village of Los Ranchos for a Sketch Plat Review of Site Development Plan for commercial construction in the C-1 Zone of the Fourth Street Character Area and Corridor to re-construct the donated barn for utilization as feed storage for Miller's Feed and Supply. The property is located at 8747 4th Street and is legally known A certain tract of land, being known and designated as Tract 122-B-1 as the same is shown and designated on the M.R.G.C.D. Map No 24, in Alameda School District No. 3, Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The property contains 5.2662 acres more or less.

The Commission advised the applicant on the merits of the proposal, acceptability of the configuration, any difficulty in the site development and the appropriateness of any variances requested.

- J. **V-08-10** A request by David Waszak for a Variance from the 280 foot setback to allow cultural preservation in the South Rio Grande A Character Area. The property is legally known as Lot A of Ranchos de Chamisal, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico as the same is shown in the records of the Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico Book 2007C on 9-25-07. The parcel contains 3.8 acres more or less.

The application was withdrawn.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **REPORTS**

A. Planner's Report – *Planner Seebach gave the Planner's Report.*

9. **COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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.

Notice to Landlords:
Sign permits are required for all new tenants in your buildings! Business licenses will not be issued without sign permits being issued at the same time.

Thank you,
Village of Los Ranchos
Planning & Zoning

Thanks To All Who Took Part In Lavender!

On behalf of the Board of the Lavender in the Village Festival, Inc, we want to thank the hundreds of volunteers who gave their generous support. The results from the Festival are still coming in but we do know we have never had as many volunteers, visitors, corporate sponsors and vendors in our five-year history.

We would like to thank our festival co-chairs Penny Rembe and Kelly Jo Kuchar, and the other committee members: Mayor Larry Abraham, Emily Rembe Benak, Cindy Bonafair, Sue Brawley, Javier Cardenas, Ann Carrozza, Cindy Chavez, Michelle Coons, Janelle Dry, Erin Frye, Judy Griego, Alison Hudson, David Hudson, Janelle Johnson, Crissi Letherer, John McDowell, Lorilee McDowell, Diane Siebenthal, Aubrey Smith, Katie Snapp, Yvonne Taylor, and Aaron Worrell. The Barn Dance Committee, chaired by Ann Carrozza, included Mary Calvani, Michelle Coons, Laura Gustin, Janelle Johnson, Julie Johns, Crissi Letherer, Shana Levenson, Judy Mock, Pam Reardon, Penny Rembe, Susan Rogers, Kay Shollenbarger, and Denise Walinsky.

This year the Friday night barn dance, chaired by Ann Carrozza, kicked off the festival, with over 380 people attending. Neighbors enjoyed seeing old friends, buying some fabulous items from the silent auction and bidding on the amazing live auction items. Michael Hearne and South by Southwest got everyone out on the dance floor and up on the stage for a really fun evening. And talk about going Whole Hog - that food was great. We want to thank Howard McCall for donating his auctioneering expertise, Calico Cafe & Vernon's Steak House for the beer and margarita bar, and Casa Rondeña for the wine bar.

In addition, the festival would not have been as successful without the donations for the Barn Dance live and silent auctions. Barn Dance Live Auction Donors: Aleah, Crissi & Don Letherer, Dolan & Associates, Attorneys, John & Christina Calvin, Kelly Jo Designs, Inc., Leslie Trilling, Mark Beck, Los Poblanos/Rembe Family, and Zanios Foods/Zanios Family. Barn Dance Silent Auction Donors: A Few Old Things, Accents, Adrian Panaro Photography, American Property Management, Antique Coop, Apple Canyon Gourmet, Auntie Grandma's Fashions, BAC Pastels, Backward Glance Gourds, Bella Home Interiors, Body Bueno, Body Language, Bow Wow Blues, Casa Rondeña Winery, Chez D'or Salon & Skin Spa - Lezli/Michelle Meade/Rex Finch, Circle Seven, Cotton Alley Crafts, Cynthia Welch, David Welch, Déjà Vu NM Art/Watercolor Paintings, Ed Lamb, Horse Massage Therapist, Elsa Ross, Frank Fuchs Art, Frolicking Deer Lavender Farm, Grove Café & Market, Haven Scent Handcrafted Soap & Bath, Heart of the Desert Pistachio, Jeff & Jacqlyn Johns, Jennifer James 101, Julie Johns, Katie Snapp-Kessinger Consulting, Kelly Liquors, Kim Cooper Personal Training, La Parada de Alameda, Laughing Hare Hot Glass, Laughing Turtle Soap Company, Laura Gustin - Mary Kay, Legacy Antiques, Lisa Newberry Salon & Day Spa, Lola Bella

Boutique, Los Poblanos Inn, Lovely Nails, LPD Press & Rio Grande Books, Magnolia le Boutique, Michelle and Bill Coons, Moni V's, Moses at Home, Objects of Desire, Old New Mexico Birdhouse Comp, Ooh! Aah! Jewelry, Paula Dimit Studio, Pennysmith's, Relish, River Terrace Inn Bob & Laura Gustin, ROCS, Ryan's Corner, Sadie's, Santa Fe Lavender, Seasons Rotisserie & Grill, Shana & Greg Levensen, Silk Forest, Silver Cowgirl, Simply Home, Sky Dog - The Art Space, Sonrisa Blooms, Starrs & Gems, Sun Flyer Balloon, Frank Bacon & Bill Douglas, Sweet & Chic, Sweetwater Herbal, Symmetry Wealth Advisors, Tay Gallegos, Personal Fitness, Tin Art NM Folk Art by Celest, Ursinia's Crafts, Vintage & More, Vintage Cowgirl, Waves Salon, Wells Fargo Bank and Zanios Foods.

To support the various sites and logistics for the event, there were over 100 festival volunteers coordinated by Cindy Bonafair and Katie Snapp. The volunteers were needed and greatly appreciated, and we want each and every one to know how much we appreciated their time and support. We could not have had the success we did without them! The following is a list of the volunteers, and we apologize if we left anyone's name off the list: Tansy Briggs, Connie Keagy, Jim Keagy, Julia McCaughlin, Marie Carleton, Joni McCormack, Mona Wood, Laurie Pugsley, Viki Cooper, Joan Tublitz, Karen Dunning, Pat Moncayo, Gil Moncayo, Rhoda Bullock, Wanda Keahey, Emily Maner, Kristina



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Grapel, Amina Kuenzli, David Kuenzli, Debra Woodward, Sandra Pacheco, Betty Tichich, Christiane Marques, Shelley Markham, Bernadette Sena-Carter, Juanita Sanchez, Wanda Keahey, Alison O'Leary, Nan Nash, Ratna Ralkowski, Dolores Gonzales, Kate Southard, Carol Carpenter, Connie Chavez, Debbie Brehm, Heather Cutting-Rayl, Elizabeth Snider, Abby Kuchar, Jenna Kuchar, Sophia Snapp, Mollie Conlee, Caroline Boothe, Belinda Griego, Emily Maner, Jamie Dickey, Tonya Kopf, Pat Solano, Danielle Rabold, Betsy McClung, Terry Lyons, Rebecca Helianthus, Betty Trahan, Joyce Shafer, Ashlynn Azak, Jacqueline Dale, Linda Chavez, Chandi New, Jeanne Martinez, Lisa Canas, Dinah Harvey, Jazmine Harvey, Catherine Myers, Andie Snapp, Basil Akers, Mark Pugsley, Tim McDonough, Jeff Copeland, Leonard Chavez, Frank Sanchez, Jon Jones, Barbara Felsen, Karen Davenport, Pat Kelliher, Cindy Griego Russell, Judy Frei, Sharon Harrington, Margaret Weinrod, Susan Kaplan Lentz, Pam Butler, Cornelia Wylldestar, Virginia Doherty, Wendy Warner, Susan Keith, Ann Stevenson, Ann Simon, Patti Sanchez, Joe Lewandowski, Zach Roberson, Cathy Lewandowski, Steve Lewandowski, Alex Montoya, Colene Montoya, Matthew Montoya, and ten Senioritas.

We'd like to thank all the Los Poblanos volunteers, staff, and Rembe family members who made the event possible. Los Poblanos docents, coordinated by Diane Siebenthal, included: Rebecca Baca, Diane Fleming, Erica Bearman, Renee Fox, Tamie Conlee, Melissa Nelson, Karen Davis, Collette Schobbens, Teresa Edens, Eileen Siebenthal, Rachelle Ending, Becca Stofac, Nanette Hurley, and Lorna Wiggins.

This year we had sixteen valued sponsors. This event would not have been possible without the support of our presenting sponsor, the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Our sincere thanks go to Mayor Larry Abraham and his staff.

We want to thank Daniel Gutierrez, Economic Development Director of Bernalillo County, for his continuous support for the past five years. Los Poblanos and Wells Fargo Bank were other return sponsors. New corporate



sponsors this year were Bank of the West, Tim Tourville of Coldwell Banker, Berger Briggs, Canine Country Club and Feline Inn, Heads Up Contractors, Lynn Johnson & Assoc., Margaret and Ted Jorgenson, Leslie Investment Properties, Frank's Supply, Heritage Hotels & Reports, The Johns Family, Kelly Jo Designs and The Ransom Family. Albuquerque The Magazine, as well as Wiggins and Wiggins, Esq., REDW Accountants, Pennysmith's Paper, Tina Panaro, Vernon's Steakhouse, Waste Management, and Jean's Alterations were in-kind sponsors to whom we are very grateful. In order to accomplish the mission of creating an organization that will encourage participation and stimulate an interest in sustainable agriculture with an emphasis on educating the public about lavender and its usage, we want to thank Lorna Wiggins of Wiggins and Wiggins, Esq. who did the legal work for our 501(c) 3 designation of a non-profit corporation. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Susan Willis, of REDW, for submitting all the appropriate forms to the state. The festival should serve as a model for agri-tourism and foster community.

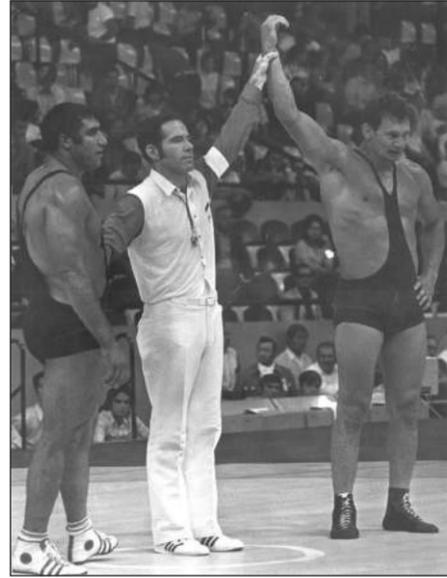
We probably had 20,000 visitors this year, up from 15,000 in 2007. The festival occurred over three days without incident or accident, which is a testament to the organization and help from the Los Ranchos Fire Department and EMTs.

Thank you to all the Village of Los Ranchos residents for their continued support and patience while we invite others here to see why we love this beautiful Village and its historic agricultural lands. We take great pride in hosting so many new families who came to learn about the spirit of Los Ranchos.

What a success! Vendor applications, as well as applications for the poster contest will be online shortly at www.lavenderinthevillage.com. Save the dates for the 2009 festival, tentatively, Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and 12th.

Sincerely,
Penny Rembe and **Kelly Jo Kuchar**, Festival Co-chairs, and **Ann Carrozza**, Barn Dance Chair, on behalf of Lavender in the Village Board and Committee Members

Olympic Games a Harsh Reminder for Jamie Deuel



As the 2008 Olympics fade into history, we've discovered a Villager who has some Olympic history of his own. It seems that Jamie Deuel was present in Munich at the 1972 games, as a wrestling referee. Jamie shared a room there with Israeli referee Yossef Gutfreund, staying in a hotel outside the Olympic Village which housed non-athletes. Due to warnings of trouble, the whole Israeli delegation was soon moved into the Village for security.

If you were watching the games on television, you will always remember the incredible broadcast by Jim McKay, who described for hours the attack and kidnapping of the Israelis by Palestinian terrorists. Jamie's friend, Yossef Gutfreund, was one of the eleven who

were killed.

So Jamie's memories of his Olympics are very sad. He sent us this photograph of a wrestling match at those games, and added this trivia question:

What is the only Olympic sport, and when did it occur, in which New Mexico hosted a world championship? (Fact: There were about 335 athletes from four continents and dozen countries participating.)

Let us know! We'll print the answer!

Right photo: The winner, 4-time, Olympic champion, "super" heavyweight, Alesandr Medved

Mayor Abraham Takes On a Second Mayorship

by Wynette Smith

It may be summer, but visions of sugarplums are dancing in the Land of the Sweets! Los Ranchos' Mayor Larry Abraham is also mayor of this magical land and will be performing with Los Ranchos' own Danse Classique Theatre.

Danse Classique Theatre de Los Ranchos is already holding rehearsals for its annual Nutcracker Ballet production, which will be held in the Valley High School Theater on Friday, December 5th, and Saturday, December 6th.

Mayor Abraham was wonderful in his role in the production last year, and the cast is looking forward eagerly to his appearance again this year.

Even though it's still summer, now is the time to put this performance on your calendar as a "must see". You won't be disappointed!!



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Theater News



A... My Name Is Alice Arrives at the Adobe Theater

by Phil Bock

"A my name is Alice
And my husband's name is Albert
And I live in Albuquerque
And I get alimony."

So goes one verse of the familiar children's skipping rhyme (with a twist), and so begins the clever musical production opening at the ADOBE Theater on Sept. 19th. Conceived by Joan Micklin Silver and Julianne Boyd, and originally produced off Broadway at the America Place

Theatre, this delightful show has been a favorite in community theaters ever since. Director Tish Miller was in charge of a past local production that sold out night after night, so make your reservations early to see what happens when you put "eight talented women and two talented men on stage, singing, dancing, and generally having a good time." The NY Times termed it "Delightful."

This slick and lively revue was created by a wide variety of comedy writers, lyricists, and composers (among them Anne Meara, Steve Tesich, and Lucy Simon). It offers a marvelous

kaleidoscope of contemporary women—sophisticated, bawdy, funny, and insightful. The musical numbers and skits portray friends, rivals, sisters, and even the members of a women's basketball team.

In the cast are ADOBE regulars Michelle Boehler and Jenny Miller. Newcomers include Veronikka Sylvas, Erin Miller, and Lynda Abshire, who has helped with music in past shows.

Adobe "props diva" Katie Hassi is Assistant Director, with Loretta Robinson (who played for "Gigi" and "Sun-down") as Musical Director.

A . . . My Name Is Alice

opens at the ADOBE Theater, 9813 Fourth St. NW, on September 19th and runs through October 12th, with performances at 8:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and at 2:00pm on Sunday.

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Food Column



Uses of Peppers As Diverse As Its Varieties

by Randy Shamlan

The Los Ranchos Growers' Market on Saturday, September 13th, will be ablaze with guest chef Joe S. Sausage, a Growers' Market Alumnus, and Bruce "Pepper Head" Goddard, a veteran grower. Joe will be there with his new-fangled sausage cart and will offer up samples of his "handmade" sausage sandwiches. Bruce "Pepper Head" Goddard will provide an assortment of his smoked peppers. This event will certainly be fun-filled, full of flavor and "character" and it is something you would not want to miss.

It is without saying that peppers are synonymous with the Southwest. With September at the height of the pepper growing season, the bevy of varieties that are grown in this particular region offer some amazing colors, textures and spice. These pepper varieties add incredible nuance to many a dish. One of my all-time favorite pepper concoctions is "sausage and peppers."

The following is an excerpt from my culinary memoir entitled, *A Slice of Apple Pie*:

"Every year in mid-September, Fairview, New Jersey, would host the San Gennaro Feast, similar to the one held in Little Italy, but on a smaller scale. San Gennaro, or Saint Januarius, is the patron saint of Naples, Italy. With numerous Catholic churches, including Our Lady of Grace and St. John's, Fairview's large Italian population made the town an ideal place for the feast which ran along a section of Bergenline Avenue, a main thoroughfare to the west of and parallel to Anderson Avenue.

Once my Armenian grandmother stopped me in the middle of telling a story as I expressively used my hands. She asked me sarcastically, "What are you, Italian?" I may not have any Italian blood in me, but by osmosis the Italian culture had worked its way into my sense memory, and quite possibly the Italian culture had worked its way into my persona. And the feast fortified that assimilation by one distinct food item known as the 'sausage and peppers hero.' In fact, sausage and peppers is synonymous with the feast.

Upon nearing the feast on my walk down Kennedy Drive, my salivation juices began flowing. Like a zombie in

a trance I'd follow the scent of the closest sausage and peppers stand. That first essential bite of fresh Italian bread, sweet green peppers, onions, and Italian sausage was an awakening.

"Let the feast begin!"

And so it did, with a continuous consumption of the symbolic food of the feast. There was not just one, but three or four stands that offered the sausage and peppers hero with slight deviations. On a flat grill, the white T-shirted cook would separately sauté a mixture of sliced onions and peppers so that they were al dente, and the Italian sausage links till they were nice and caramelized. Most of the savvy cooks would start a fresh batch of sausage and peppers to feed the outgoing supply. During the feast, each stand would serve hundreds of heroes to satisfy the numerous feast-goers who came from many of the surrounding towns to partake in the festivities."

Randy Shamlan is the author of *A Slice of Apple Pie*, contributor to *Edible Santa Fe* and personal chef. He's also at the *Growers' Market* weekly with fresh fruit pies and other baked goods.

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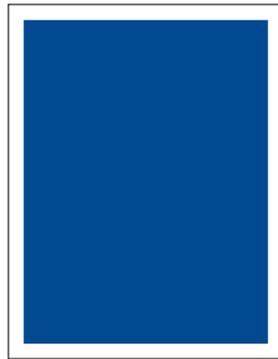
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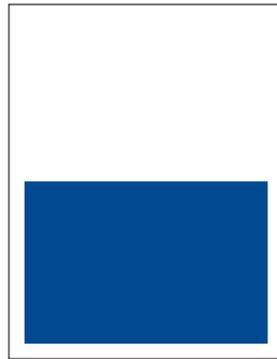


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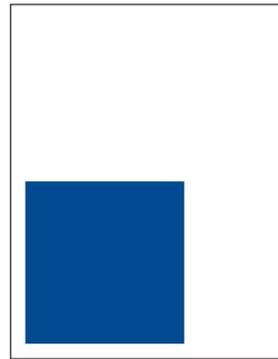
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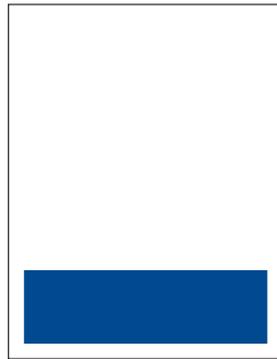
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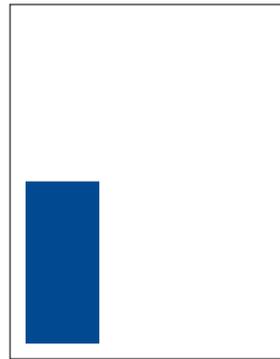
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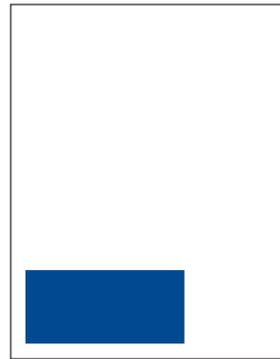
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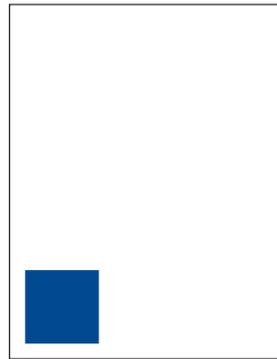
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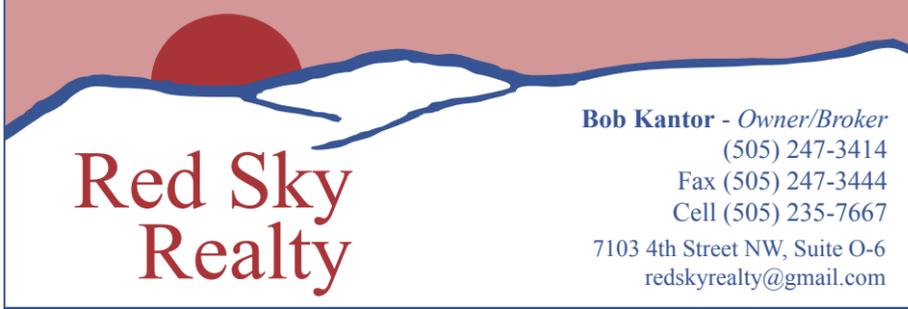
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Area I&J Construction

Construction Continues Ahead of Schedule

It is anticipated that this month will be spent installing sewer lines on Rio Grande near El Pueblo Road and on adjacent side roads.

by Lisa Manwill

The Area I&J project is beginning its 8th month and, as of the writing of this update, is still ahead of schedule. The side roads get narrower the further north we go, and construction may go a bit slower in these areas. The supply of asphalt has been reduced by half for the next several months. We are currently analyzing ways to get things buttoned up and still stay ahead or, at a minimum, on schedule. It is anticipated that this month will be spent installing sewer lines on Rio Grande near El Pueblo Road and on adjacent side roads.

Please be prepared for delays and shut downs on Rio Grande over the duration of the project. The Village website, www.losranchosnm.gov, is a good way to stay abreast of road impacts. As always, you can call Rodrigo or me for assistance. Additionally, the County has contracted with Wilson and Company to assist with inspection services. The inspectors are familiar with the project and can answer most questions. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

The County will be handing out flyers announcing the anticipated date that construction will begin on your

road. You can expect these flyers to be handed out 4 to 7 days prior to the start of construction on your road.

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

SEWER STUBS

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

1. Depth of Sewer Line at House:

a. Locate your sewer clean outs and determine the depth to the bottom of your sewer line. Generally, the clean out is located between the house and the septic tank.

b. If you can not find, or do not have a sewer clean out, you must determine the depth of the sewer line exiting your house by digging it up.

2. Length of Yard Line

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

3. Horizontal Location of Service Stub (at street)

a. The location of your yard line at

the street (2a) will tell us the horizontal location of your sewer stub.

b. Once the County's contractor is getting close to your residence, you will receive a flyer requesting you provide the desired horizontal placement of your sewer service stub. Please be on the look-out for the flyer.

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

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

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

i) A home that sits far back from the street

ii) A home that has clean out depths (1a / 1b above) deeper than 2 feet

iii) A home that sits below the street

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Not Just a Long Face: The Multipurpose Llama



by Ashley Hanson

My arrival in Los Ranchos has been marked by several 'firsts.' It's my first time living somewhere with a real sense of community, my first real garden - I've never had enough space for more than a few potted plants - and my first llama encounter. I would find this to be the first of many, as llamas - five in particular - have become a part of my everyday life. Lucy, Latte, Pachi Mama, Dali, and Mary have proven to me that llamas have much to offer.

The first llama I met, not so long ago, was Mocha. An aggressive male heading a pack of five gentle dams (female llamas), Mocha quickly became my not-friend, as he didn't care for my presence, and I didn't care for his cud-infused saliva! Though Mocha was never violent toward humans, his propensity for spitting was off-putting, to say the least. Mocha had also fathered Dali and Pachi a year before,

and with two more on the way, Ron Margolis, head of the herd, decided to relocate the finicky animal. Luckily, llamas like Mocha serve a purpose - due to their protective nature of herds and alarm call when threatened, llamas are excellent guard animals. As llamas do poorly without peers, Mocha and his one year old son Dalai were effectively put to work protecting chickens that were disappearing due to wild dogs.

Llamas are also masters of weed suppression. Categorized as 'browsers,' llamas eat a mix of whatever is available. Bind weed, elm trees, cottonwood, and ragweed are all tasty additions to the llama diet, and are rarely present in our fields once the llamas are through with them. Llamas are incredibly versatile in their eating habits, and are able to adapt to harsh landscapes with a few mineral supplements.

The manure that our llamas provide (in consolidated 'community' piles) is also useful. Llama manure is an

ideal fertilizer for indoor and outdoor gardening and farming. It is odorless, conveniently collected, and potent as either a compost tea or in its original form (sometimes called 'beans' because of the similarity in size and shape to coffee beans). Worried about all of that bindweed our llamas have been snacking on? Nature has graced these animals with three stomachs - weeds and other organic matter rarely survive this internal llama adventure, making llama beans ideal for direct application to plants. Alyson Gilman of Southwest Llama Rescue, Inc., in Santa Fe, adds that llama manure "is more than a fertilizer, it's a soil builder," able to aerate soil as well as rejuvenate earth depleted due to construction or other wear and tear. When snakeweed infests her yard, Gilman rips the weeds out, then spreads llama beans (she cares for five rescued llamas) over the torn up area. "Every time it rains [the beans] slowly break down," she says, leaving the now weedless area "absolutely recovered."

While Margolis and Gilman don't use their llamas for their fur, many owners breed, groom and shear their animals particularly for this product. When cleaned and spun, llama hair becomes a lightweight and warm wool-like fabric. For a great opportunity to view and purchase llama woolen products, Taos hosts its 25th Annual Wool Festival this October.

Curiosity piqued? For the computer savvy, llamae.com, attra.org (use the livestock link), or southwestllamarescue.org are all great resources for further llama information. Or speak directly to the informative Southwest Llama Rescue Inc., at 505-690-2611.

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