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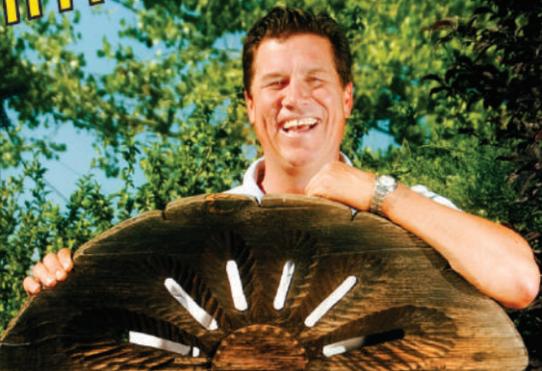
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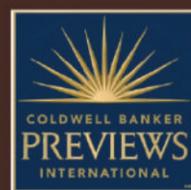
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Mayor's Report



On Bears, Alaska, and Los Ranchos

by Larry Abraham

I have to admit that when I moved to Los Ranchos, I never dreamed I would be tracking bears along my property, but I should have known better to never say never! Los Ranchos' bear story started with 13 year old Joel Stribling taking a picture, in the Stribling yard, of a bear in one of their cottonwood trees along Rio Grande Blvd. It is a good thing Joel had the picture, because most would have had a hard time believing a bear would ever be in Los Ranchos. But sure enough, game and fish officials, as well as several residents, tracked this bear all up and down the ditch bank, throughout several neighborhoods, including Tinnin Farms.

It was just like a real life Marlin Perkins/Jim Fowler TV show, with bear prints and scat to boot. Having lost track of the bear for nearly a week, we thought the bear had left Los Ranchos, until I was at a meeting at Taylor Mid School with the new APS superintendent, Winstan Brooks. During the meeting, school officials were alerted that there was a bear in the area. Within minutes, one of our officers called me to tell me that the bear had been treed at Rio Grande and El Pueblo, next to the irrigation ditch as it crosses Rio Grande.

By 10:00 am, every news station was there along with a full contingent of officers from the game and fish department, as well as the Bernalillo Sheriffs Department. Also helping were two crews from PNM with large ladder bucket trucks; these were instrumental in trimming the trees as well as helping the officials get close enough to tranquilize the bear. I want to assure everyone who saw the video of this event



on TV that it looked a lot worse on TV than in real life! Although I was very concerned for the bear, the branches that he hit coming down were old, and he landed squarely on the air bag. It was amazing to see how professionally the Game and Fish Department handled the situation. What a relief to see the bear land safely!

What happened next was probably the most satisfying part of this story. Chris Chestwick, an official from the Game and Fish department, knew how the Stribling family, especially young Joel, was concerned about the bear. After Game and Fish department officials loaded the bear in a trailer to be taken to the Zuni mountains on the way out of Los Ranchos, they showed how dedicated they were and stopped by the Stribling house not only to show them that the bear was okay, but to give all of the kids a true life educational learning experience regarding bears of New Mexico. Chris and fellow Game and Fish officers gave the gathering

crowd of kids, parents, and neighbors an informative lesson about Los Ranchos' newest resident.

With Alaska having so much media attention these last couple of weeks, I thought our Los Ranchos bear story would be a good segue to make an interesting comparison between Los Ranchos and Alaska. Having just recently traveled to Alaska to meet my son after his bicycle ride, I saw that the entire state of Alaska was making preparations to celebrate their 50th year of Statehood. I took great interest in this since the Village of Los Ranchos is celebrating its 50th year of incorporation this year.

The thought that keeps crossing my mind is that Alaska has been a state one year less than Los Ranchos has been a municipality, and yet no one in Alaska uses Russia, Yukon Territory or Territory of Alaska as their address. After fifty years, why is it so hard for our residents to use Los Ranchos as their address?

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Upcoming Events

Deadline: Holiday Village Vision

Friday, October 24th

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

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 Shamlan

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

(Regular Season Extended)

December 13th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Winter Markets

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

Thursday, November 13th, 7:00 p.m.

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

Deadline: January Village Vision

Friday, December 5th

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

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

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

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

Columbus Day

Monday, October 13th

Village Office Closed

Halloween

Friday, October 31st

General Election

Tuesday, November 4th, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Veterans' Day

Tuesday, November 11th

Village Office Closed

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th

Village Office Closed

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th

Village Office Closed

Village At-a-Glance



Guadalupe Art Studio Tour

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

Corn Maize Maze

The Rio Grande Community Farm is holding its 2008 "Made in the Shade" Maize Maze through November 2nd. The Maize Maze is located in the Los Poblanos Open Space, off Montano. The Maze is open to the public on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00pm, on Saturdays from 10:00am to 9:00pm, and on Sundays from noon to 6:00pm. Please refer to the September issue of the Village Vision for more information.

Cottonwood Classic Preparatory School opens

Ribbon Cutting ceremonies were held September 19th for Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School, located on the grounds of the Unser Racing Museum. The school will offer grades six through nine.

AT&T

As we went to press, AT&T was hanging its antennae on our cell tower tree. They were scheduled to go live before October 1st. This is great news for all of the iPhone lovers!

"Ezra's Place" Restaurant opening

Villager Dennis Apodaca, of Sophia's restaurant, has confirmed he is negotiating for a second restaurant located inside the bowling alley at 6132 Fourth Street. The restaurant is to be named "Ezra's Place" after his son (Sophia is his daughter.), and will have 140 seats. Opening is scheduled during the month of October. Glad to have you in the Village, Dennis!

X Marks the Spot

Please refer to articles in this issue on page 15 (and previous issues) if you would like to welcome balloonists to land on your property during the International Balloon Fiesta.

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Officials from the Game and Fish Department carefully position an air bag for the bear to land on after tranquilization.

On the back: Close-up of the bear.



Molly

photo by Christopher Shen

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DeBenedetto's Hits its Stride in the Village

There's just something fun about shopping for a new pair of shoes, and I don't think there's a woman I know that doesn't feel that way! Well - the next time you're in the mood for an enjoyable shop, maybe with a friend, or if you're planning a special occasion and you need to look your best, why not drop by the Village's new shoe shop and indulge yourself!

Located in The Village Shops at Los Ranchos, DeBenedetto's is an elegantly, and obviously professionally (and *fung shui*) designed shop. As one enters its large windowed space, owners Rita and daughter Vic come forward to meet you and welcome you to their store full of tables and shelves on which are artfully arranged shoes, hand bags, and even some jewelry from local artisans in a small case. The effect is one of color, enhanced by the warm smell of leather, typical of all shoe shops. There is space to move around, so one can easily examine the offered wares, and then one spots three white leather-look ottomans on which to sit while trying on one's selections. It's a welcoming atmosphere.

Rita and Vic are both from California, and came to Albuquerque first in 1976, with their Air Force family. They loved the New Mexico scene, and told me that this area was the first one they had found in which they could 'check off all



Vic (right) and Rita

the boxes' of requirements for a place to settle down. But that didn't happen until 2006, when they finally arrived to stay. Vic was a truss designer for several home builders, with a degree in merchandising and marketing. Rita has an MBA, so they decided to pool their talents in a first-time shoe shop. They looked for a long time for the ideal location, and were unimpressed

with the difficulty of dealing with most shopping centers, until they came across The Shops. It was a perfect fit, and here they are!

The ladies describe their merchandise as 'not super-trendy, but still stylish and comfortable'. The shoe sizes range from five to thirteen, which will accommodate almost any foot. "Stylish can be comfortable", says Rita! A new shipment of Italian boots had just arrived when I visited, and sandals were on sale. Their purses are very handsome, and I was assured that they buy in small enough quantities (never more than three of any style) that one is unlikely to sit down to lunch with a friend carrying the identical bag. The ladies have 'birthday specials' for regular customers, and frequent shopper programs, and will provide gift cards for any occasion.

DeBenedetto's is located in The Village Shops in Los Ranchos, at 6855 Fourth street NW, Suite E 1.

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New in the Village: Classy Cuts at Felicia's Barbershop

by Sharon Rhutasel Jones

She rides a Harley, she's got over-the-top gorgeous eyes, she's fun to talk to, and she gives a great haircut. What more could you ask of a barber?

Felicia Sanchez, who's just opened Felicia's Barber Shop on the corner of Fourth Street and La Chamisal Lane, across from the Calico Cafe, grew up in Las Lunas. "I'm a Tiger," she says proudly. Her post high school days, spent working with her dad cutting custom carpets, offered only the slightest hint that she would end up in Florida studying to be a barber. But not just an ordinary barber--Felicia is an accomplished hair stylist. That means she can cut men's hair to the most exacting standards. And she can also cut the hair of the most discriminating woman.

I found out just how good she is one August afternoon on my way to get my hair cut at my usual place in the Heights. I drove past Felicia sitting



Felicia Sanchez

on a bench in the shade of a tree. In the rear view mirror, I caught sight of the sign she was sitting by which read 'Haircuts \$13.00'.

I made one of those on-the-spot decisions that some people make when they just know something is right, and made a U turn.

"Sure," she responded when I asked if she would cut my hair. And as simple as that, I got just the right cut! In the process, Felicia said she would soon be opening her own shop in the Village.

Like its owner, the shop is anything but ordinary. Its stylish decor includes hardwood floors, a leather sofa, and a Southwestern credenza to store supplies. And for just the right funky touch, Felicia has added photos of Marilyn.

Step inside Felicia's Barber Shop and you know you've entered a place for a pleasant retreat - not fussy, just quietly classy. It's a perfect setting for a hot shave, \$12.00; a haircut, \$13.00; or a sumptuous, forty - minute in-chair facial, a \$35.00 bargain. You'll find Felicia at 6820 Fourth St. NW in the Village. Phone 304 - 5077.

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Ditch Writer

Guest Chefs and Squash at the October Market

October's "Local Favorites" to feature Kenny the "Fish Hugger" and Flying Star's Executive Chef. Regular season extended into the first two weeks of November. Winter Markets begin in December.

by Sue Brawley

Growers' Market

Now that the days are shorter, the Growers' Market starts one hour later, and runs every Sat. through October from 8 to 11 am. Also, the regular market season will be extended to the first two weeks in November (Nov. 1 and 8) with 8 am - 11 am hours.

We have two great special events this month, as well as music every Saturday. For all the Balloon Fiesta goers and others, join us on Sat. October 4th when Kenny, the "Fish Hugger," and Flying Star's Executive Chef will be guest chefs for "Local Favorites". Come learn some tips for picnics or tailgating, sample some goodies, and listen to the sounds of our guitarist, Rob Roman. Local artist, Kelly Jo, will have her

Los Ranchos Commemorative, Lavender, and other special design pottery available. Saturday, October 25th, is Costume Day when adults, children and dogs (or other pets) can come in costume. Children may trick or treat at vendor tables, have their faces painted by BeBe The Clown, and play along with the music with instruments provided by Dave Palsce. Prizes for best costume for children and pets! Fun for the entire family!

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

winter - so stock up now! Decorative gourds, dried flowers, corn stalks, and dried grasses are also available. Pick up some pansies, decorative kales and other cool-weather bedding plants.

The Winter Markets are the 2nd Saturday of each month from December until April, from 10 am to noon. This year, since we are extending the regular season until November 8th, the first Winter Market is Saturday, December 13.

State Fair Highlights:

Congratulations to Mary Moses for winning awards for her raspberries, Jerusalem artichokes, and other veggies at the State Fair. Thanks to the Lewandowski family and to Bruce Goddard for representing the Growers' Market at the Fair on Sat. Sept. 6th.

Noteworthy Villager: Silversmith Jennifer Curtis



Villager Jennifer Curtis, prize-winning Navajo silversmith, has been honored with two other women artists, each at the top of her field, each nationally recognized in her medium, at a reception, "A View to Admire", at Wright's Indian Art. Jennifer's peers have called her "the best woman working", and comment that "her precise stamp work is becoming legend".

Jennifer's latest accomplishments came at this year's Indian Market in Santa Fe: a first place in the bolo division (in competition with all those men!), and a second place in the textiles and contemporary clothing division, for which Jennifer created a silver butterfly clasp for the cape designed by another artist.

Jennifer, daughter of famed silversmith, Thomas Curtis, Sr., will accept commissions at 514 - 6899.

Alex Gallegos Becomes Village's Newest Eagle Scout

by Tony and Diana Gallegos

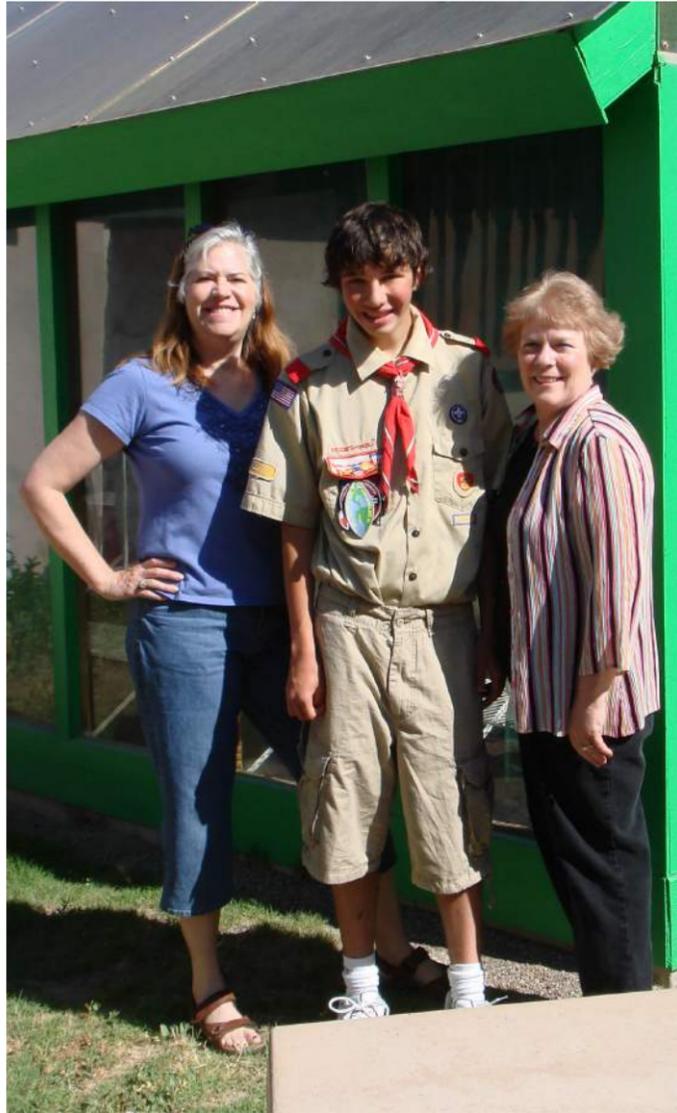
On September 2, 2008, sixteen year old Villager, Alex Gallegos, completed all of his requirements to become an Eagle Scout, for the Boy Scouts of America. Alex is the son of Tony and Diana Gallegos of Los Ranchos. Alex is also a legacy to his dad Tony, who was with Troop 9 in the mid-sixties. He has three sisters, Danette Medina, Dena Blanton, and Monica Chavez, one brother, Dennis Gallegos, and nine nieces and nephews.

Alex began his Eagle Scout journey as a Tiger Cub Scout with Pack 713, where he won the Pack Pinewood Derby twice and the Regional Pinewood Derby once. Alex earned his Cub Scout Arrow of Light, and then went on to join Troop 9 in February 2004. He earned an award for receiving the rank of First Class Scout in his first year. Alex has earned 36 merit badges at this date and plans on earning some Eagle Palms, and continues to be an active member of Troop 9. He has had several jobs with Troop 9 which include, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Historian, Senior Patrol Leader, Guide, and currently, Instructor. Alex is also an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow.

Our son attended National Youth Leadership Training camp in the summer of 2007, and this summer he went on his dream trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in Northern New Mexico. His crew from Troop 9 hiked 83 miles in 10 days with full backpacks, and also hiked to the top of Mount Baldy, which is a 12,000 ft peak at the Ranch.

Alex's Eagle Scout project took place on a windy weekend in March 2008, where he directed a group of Scouts, friends, and family in refurbishing the greenhouse and landscaping the patio area around it, at Los Ranchos Elementary School. The patio area was special to his family, because the area and two tables were dedicated to two of his brothers who were killed in a car accident in 1987, while students at Los Ranchos Elementary.

Alex currently is a 4.0 GPA Sophomore at the Valley High School Academy, where he is a member of the tennis and cross country teams, and also varsity swim team.



Diana Gallegos, Scout Alex Gallegos, and Los Ranchos Elementary Principal, Christine Lopez

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On Patrol

Safety Tips for a Fun Halloween

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

Here it is October and the colors are changing, the temperature is dropping, and Halloween is upon us. It's time once again for some Halloween safety tips.

- Young children should never go trick-or-treating alone. ALWAYS have an adult go along with them.
- Plan your entire route, and make sure someone knows what it is.
- Always wear a flame retardant costume.
- Wear a costume with reflective markings and, preferably, with bright colors.
- Costumes should not drag on the ground.
- Wait until you get home, and your parents check your candy, before you eat it. NEVER eat candy that has been unwrapped or is exposed through the wrapper.
- Be very cautious of strangers, and accept treats only in the doorway. NEVER go inside a strange house!!
- Visit only houses where the lights are on.
- Take a cell phone with you, if possible.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Don't play near burning jack-o-lanterns, and always watch for cars as you cross the streets.

These tips are certainly not all inclusive, but should serve as a general checklist. Halloween is a fun day for children and many adults, but safety must always be on our minds. Enjoy the season, enjoy the day, and have a happy and safe Halloween!



Top: Deputy Scott Meeks with the Village's new Sheriff's motorcycle. Bottom: Meeks and Administrator Kelly Ward

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Escibiente Speaker for October 1st

Escibiente's Wednesday, October 1, 2008 meeting at 6:30 pm. at Manzano Mesa Center, 501 Elizabeth SE will take you into the creative process of producing a bookmark, a card, or a maybe a masterpiece! There will be a calligraphic video presentation. Several stations will be set up to learn new techniques. Free! Visit! Meet new people!

More information? Call Jan at 281-5771, or email alma@almasanderson.com. The public is invited.

Escibiente Speaker for November 5th

Try Color Tasting with Escibiente members on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 6:30 pm, at Manzano Mesa Center, 501 Elizabeth SE. It's a free buffet of color with samplings of bright splashes on black and white. You'll take home your sample plate. Visit! Meet new people! More information? Call Jan at 281-5771, or email alma@almasanderson.com. The public is invited.



Chief's Corner

Ensuring Your Children Have a Safe, Fun Halloween

by Chief Greg Perez

There are many ways to keep your child safe at Halloween, when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, and the eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.

- If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way

so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.

- Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife, or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.

- Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can be cut by them as well. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.

- Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.

- Teaching your kids basic everyday safety, such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers, watching both ways before crossing streets, and crossing when the lights tell you to, will help make them safer when they are out Trick or Treating.

Make Halloween a fun, safe, and happy time for your kids and they'll carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families some day!



Musings on Masks

With the onset of October, Cornelia Wylldestar ponders the history and societal implications of masks

by Cornelia Wylldestar

"I wanted a man's face looking into the jaws and throat of life with something proud on his face.... I wanted this face and I saw it today in an Aztec mask. A cry out of storm and dark, a red yell and a purple prayer..." These words of Carl Sandburg from his poem, Aztec Mask imply so much of what masks mean to humankind.

In the first place is the reality that all masks are human made - whether they be the leather masks of the Commedia dell'Arte, the carved wooden masks of the Noh theater, the au naturel look of Lancôme, the "poker face", a tattooed visage, or the face painting of an eight year old at a festival.

Masks are the companions of religious and social rituals. They give us society's permission to be someone, something else. Masks allow us to assume hidden personas - they enable us to get in touch with who we really are;

and who we want to be

We protect ourselves by wearing masks - the gas masks of first responders, operating room masks, deep sea diving masks. While physical protection is the first order of this category, anonymity is the byproduct. It is interesting to reflect on how the anonymity of a mask affects both the wearer and the viewer of the mask.

Western culture gives us two holidays to wear masks, to step outside our regular selves. Halloween and Mardi Gras tell us, "It's okay to get dramatic; it's okay to become a fearsome creature, a studdly dude, a superhero, Wonderwoman."

The tradition of Halloween is rooted in the idea of restless dead souls prowling the world. In the Middle

Ages, people made and wore masks to frighten the lost souls away and to protect themselves from being snatched by a lost soul. Undoubtedly, the masks worked. Perdition was scared away, at least temporarily; salvation prevailed; and the saved were celebrated. All Souls' Day was followed by All Saints' Day.

A life-affirming side of Halloween is the Mexican feast day, Day of the Dead. This is the day when families visit cemeteries. They bring food and drink and feast together at the gravestones to commemorate and communicate with those who have gone before them. In the artifacts created for this celebration, skulls and skeletons abound. What is noteworthy is that the skeletons are dancing! And, the skulls are made of sugar - they are a treat as well as a reminder of mortality.

October is the harvest month. It is a time for reckoning. It's time to consider the masks we wear and the masks we would like to wear. Will S. said it best, "All the world's a stage; and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts."

What is your current role? What mask are you wearing? What mask have you made? What mask would you like to make? What face do you WANT to greet your world?





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Bare Ground Exhibit by Elizabeth Fritzsche

by Elizabeth Fritzsche

Bare Ground is about creating from an intuitive mind, from a deep human response, inviting the viewer to become the art, exposing the essence of the creation to the audience.

Being with my work is important to understanding it. I clear my mind and my space before I work in the studio. My textual marks on the vessels and sculpture are the language of good intentions. The language comes from an awareness of the energy in all things and its ability to affect

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our spaces. Both iron and porcelain resonate and in the molten process my marks of positive intentions are infused into the work. Their resonance continually fills the space they are in with a positive energy.

The true essence of porcelain is its high translucency, whiteness, and resonance. I always consider some measure of these qualities in my finished work. The essence of iron is quite opposite to porcelain. I bathe the dark blackness of the iron sculpture in white casein to soften it visually, to purify it with milk, and allow the textual marks to show.

Artist Biography

Elizabeth Fritzsche has worked in porcelain for 27 years and has been casting iron since 2001. She has lived and worked in Japan and most recently in China in international artist residencies, where she lived in the village which is the center of porcelain making, and where porcelain was discovered in 1200 AD. She resides in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, and teaches art for the seventh grade at Albuquerque Academy. Her sculpture and ceramic work has been shown at the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe, The Albuquerque Museum, The International Ceramic Museum of Jingdezhen, China, and in Takeo,

Japan.

For this show, Elizabeth will donate all the money she receives from the sale of her work to one of the following organizations (The purchaser may choose which one.):

1. The John Dau Foundation, a non-profit lead by refugee John Dau, to establish and support clinics in Southern Sudan.
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4. Healthcare for the Homeless in Albuquerque, a non-profit whose mission is to provide health services to people experiencing homelessness, and to link people experiencing homelessness to individual and collective solutions to homelessness.

Recent Exhibitions:

"International Ceramics Exhibition Invitational", Jingdezhen, China, 2007

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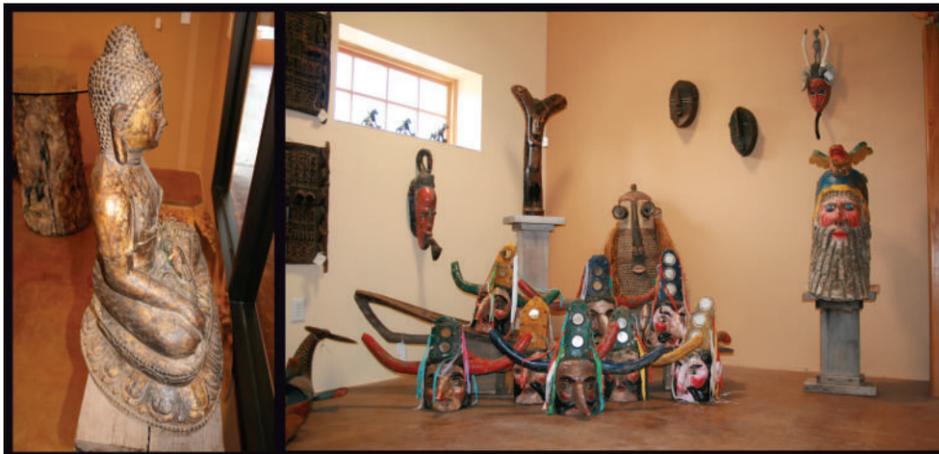


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X Marks the Spot: Helping Balloons Land Safely

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,
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Jay Hart, Director
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Cottonwood Classical Enjoys an Auspicious Start

by Lynn Carey

"Hey, where's your locker?" "Meet me at the picnic table for lunch." "Did you see that cute boy?" Many comments heard could be in any public school. "Wow, the Socratic seminar was really cool. My morning just flew by." "The art museum was awesome!" "I've never been to a school where I really liked coming." And many comments could only be heard from "coyotes" at Cottonwood Classical - the new state-chartered mid/high school in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque.

The opening weeks of school brought to the forefront a variety of emotions for staff, students, and parents - excitement, nervousness, challenge, novelty, and yes, exhaustion. Although not a panacea of perfection, this new school is off to a great start.

Housed on the Unser Campus off Montano, Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School offers a rigorous program with the International Baccalaureate curriculum designed to meet the individual needs of students. Through coached projects and Socratic discussions, students are engaged in learning through a variety of modalities.

Cross-curricular activities help tie the different disciplines together so students can make connections. They then take that knowledge base out into

the community for field trips where skills can be transferred to real life experiences.

Opening week began with advisory activities where 10-12 students work with one faculty member to begin building a community of learners. The advisor acts as an advocate or counselor of sorts for that particular group of students - to monitor student progress, advise and assist with Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate preparation, assist with portfolios, and assist with college preparation and career planning.

The students actively engaged in classroom preparation for a field trip to the New Mexico Museum of Art and the Rio Grande Nature Center. They studied art terms such negative and positive, shape and form, and then identified those terms using real paintings at the museum. They also spent class time examining the ways in which the Rio Grande River has changed over the course of time. They then went to the Bosque to see and examine the changes first hand.

Service learning is another component infused into everyday life at Cottonwood Classical. Another opening project involved the students picking up trash in the vicinity. They then took the trash and created art pieces from it. Again, a cross-curricular activity that

helps students make connections in their learning.

Opening days were not without their bumps. Would the lockers fit in the halls? Why don't the locks fit into the lockers? Would the textbooks come in on time? Will traffic flow smoothly? Although every challenge was not immediately resolved, the bigger obstacles were overcome.

One of the most poignant moments revolved around 84 student trapezoid tables that had not yet arrived. When the school got word that they were being delivered the afternoon before opening day, the call went out to anyone in the parent/student/faculty community who could help assemble the legs onto the tops. What came together over the next two hours would rival the efficiency of a Japanese auto assembly line. Students, parents and faculty were happily working together in mass toward a common goal. It was the culmination of what building a school community is all about.

Dr. Chad Redwing, Executive Director, said that by the end of the first week, he literally had parents crying in the parking lot because their children, for the first time, were happy to come to school. "It just has such a good feeling," one parent was heard to say. It was a great two weeks, and it is only the beginning.

Food Channel's *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives* to Feature Village Restaurant Sophia's and Its Chef and Owner, Dennis Apodaca

You all must know Sophia's, the little restaurant on Fourth, a few yards south of the Village. If you have eaten there, you've met its chef and owner, Villager Dennis Apodaca, and you might have seen him when he cooked at the Growers' Market a while back. Dennis is an amazing chef, and now we've heard that television's Food Channel thinks so, too!

During the last week of August, Sophia's Restaurant, and Dennis, of course, was filmed, amid great excitement, for an appearance on the Food Channel program *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives*! I wasn't permitted to photograph any of the goings-on as the filming was in progress, but I managed to get a couple shots from the side street as the program host, Guy Fieri, was doing take after take in front of the restaurant. The Sophia's bit will air sometime this fall on the Food Channel (Comcast # 69). Watch for it!



Guy Fieri and the *Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives* crew filming at Sophia's



Balloon Fiesta's Gondola Club Offers VIP Treatment

by Kathie Leyendecker

If you're thinking about going to Balloon Fiesta this year and would like to reserve the best seats in the house for viewing one of the spectacular Mass Ascensions or Balloon Glows, the Gondola Club is your answer.

The first time Gondola Club became part of the Balloon Fiesta experience was in October of 2003, and 800 people signed up to take advantage of this wonderful experience. Last year, 4,500 people reserved space in the Gondola club during the course of the event.

The Gondola Club experience offers each guest the opportunity to enjoy being a part of the beauty and wonder of Balloon Fiesta as a VIP. Guests are seated in one of the most picturesque locations at Balloon Fiesta Park where the view from the Gondola Club Hospitality Tent is terrific - day or night! Besides the views and the location, a Gondola Club VIP package for each guest also includes: Gondola Club lapel pin, cashmere scarf, special parking away from the general public, catered buffet meals, and private bathrooms. Shuttles are at your disposal to take you and your guests to Main Street.

This year, the Gondola Club menu will offer morning selections complete with an omelet station, pancakes, bacon, fruit and pastries. The dinner menus will include steak, lobster, and pork loin. And for a true international flavor, favorite foods will be also be featured with a New Mexican night, German night, and an Italian night.

If you have guests coming in for Balloon Fiesta, think about joining them at the Gondola Club for one of the sessions. Come on out, spend quality time with your guests, have a wonderful time, and don't worry about a thing!

Gondola Club VIP

www.balloonfiesta.com

Before Balloon Fiesta, contact Balloon Fiesta Office at 821-1000

During Balloon Fiesta, sign up for open sessions at the Gondola Club

Hours of operation:

Morning sessions: 5:30 am to 11:00 am
Evening sessions: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Balloon Fiesta consists of 14 sessions, 9 mornings and 5 evenings

Due to the location of the parking area, the parking pass price will be shared among all adult members. A parking pass will be shared among every 4 people.

Rates:

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All you have to do to become a member of a chase crew is arrive at Balloon Fiesta Park at 5:30 am on any morning during Balloon Fiesta, and register at the Chase Crew Tower located on the Southeast corner of the field, and you will be assigned to a balloon.

Chase Crew Information

Being part of a balloon chase crew involves three major areas:

- Set-up, inflation, and launching the balloon
- The chase
- The landing, recovery, and pack-up of the balloon

Priorities of all Balloon teams are:

- Safety. Always!
- Protect the balloon and equipment
- Have fun!

General crew pointers:

- Clothing suggestions: wear good sturdy shoes. Wear gloves. Dress appropriately, wear layers
- No smoking anywhere near the balloon. Cigarette ashes melt holes in balloon envelopes

During set-up, inflation, and launch:

- You will help unload equipment, assemble the basket, and lay out the envelope. When the balloon is ready to be inflated, crew will be assigned positions - the crown line, the throat of the balloon, or the inflator fan.

- Ask questions if you don't know. It's okay for you to stand around and wait for the pilot to tell you what to do.

During the chase:

- The driver drives - keeps eyes on the road not the balloon. Passengers are responsible for tracking the balloon and keeping the driver informed. Obey traffic laws.

Landing, recovery and pack-up:

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Riding with the Texas 4000 for Cancer Awareness

Villager Geoff Abraham cycled from Austin, TX to Anchorage, AK in 70 days. He rode with Texas 4000 for Cancer, a charity organization dedicated to spreading hope, charity, and knowledge across the US and Canada. He and his teammates cycled continuously, resting only every 7 to 10 days. They raised nearly \$300,000 for the MD Anderson Cancer Center and American Cancer Society before their ride. Below are excerpts from Geoff's blog chronicling his journey

by Geoff Abraham

Day 7: Resting in Oklahoma City

500 miles down; 4,000 to go. So far, our adventure has proved quite enjoyable. Our Rockies group has many flavorful personalities, and all in all, I'd submit we form a delectable team--our recipe achieves a difficult balance of silliness and seriousness. But no doubt the most potent ingredient within each of us is our instinct to help each other.

While riding, my attention falls among four things. First, I've savored the roadside scenery, which is deeply refreshing--Peter said that one of our rides in majesty reminded him of Rainbow Road (Mario Kart), and I heartily agree. Second, I've conversed

with team members. We generally ride two abreast on the road, which gives excellent occasion for one-on-one conversation. Third, I've been memorizing sonnets. I've put away one each day. I've rigged a device on my bike to help me do so. I'm glad to have such well-wrought words in my head, and the activity can keep my mind off the sometimes monotonous road. Lastly, I've thought of those individuals I ride for. I've put the name of each person I was asked to ride for on a ribbon. All the ribbons are in a pouch on my bike, and each day I pin one to my jersey. In the few occasions I've felt ready to stop, thinking of the name on my jersey immediately puts my fatigue in perspective.

Day 18: Resting in Boulder

With Colorado came climbs. But I think the pine forests and snow-capped peaks have distracted us enough not to sweat the extra effort. That is, until the climb ten of us attempted yesterday. We summited Mount Evans, home to the highest paved road in North America at 14,270 ft. The climb from the base in Idaho Spring is challenge enough, but we began our ride in Denver, 45 miles from said base. Worse still, our route took us to the top of another peak, Lookout Mountain, before we arrived in Idaho Springs. So we climbed over 11,000 ft. in one day. I couldn't have done it without the ribbons on my chest. I knew I would need great motivation, so I pinned 6 names to

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my jersey—a teammate's lost father, a teammate's lost mother, a teammate's lost brother, a teammate's terminally ill cousin, a surviving peer, and my grandmother.

At the top—on the umpteenth mile of the constant 6% grade—when each pedal stroke required, as a teammate put it, “crushing effort,” I thought of the suffering their diseases had bred and of the monumental strength my teammates and loved ones had shown in dealing with their losses. Then I knew I could continue. It was clear that each member of the Mount Evans team owed at least part of their endurance to someone else—a gone parent or a gone friend. Perhaps our respective debts to those lost accounted for our awestruck aloofness

at the peak. We couldn't believe we'd made it, and we knew we didn't make it alone. I am most grateful to have shared such an experience with these ten friends, and I don't expect to know a comparable soon.

Day 30: Bozeman to East Helena

In Yellowstone we camped for the first time—the first time of many. I've been told that we will “camp out” nearly 30 days of our journey, yet we've set our first tent stake with only 47 days left. I look forward to the forest air and campfires. Living au natural is partly what drew me to the Rockies route. Pasta, rice, beans, and pancakes will become our common fare; a stark contrast from the lavish spreads we've received from our doting city

hosts. But at camp grounds the team can share more unencumbered time together, which I believe we'll all enjoy.

Day 46: Vanderhoof to Burns Lake

We're finally tiring of riding our bikes. Let there be no doubt that we're all quite dedicated to reaching Anchorage, but a well-earned weariness has settled over the group. Riders are finally confessing, “Today I just don't want to be on the bike.” The newness of our trip has at last dulled, and our chief battle now is maintaining mental momentum.

As our journey further tames us, our rides seem to have new meaning. The weariness we all clearly feel is appropriate for our cause. The quiet enduring we act out is but a shadow of our loved ones. Meanwhile, as we lose the will to motivate ourselves, those people we ride for become dearer and dearer to each rider.

Today a local restaurant donated us breakfast. When I asked the owner if he knew anyone affected by cancer, he told me with few details of his friend Ted. To my surprise, Ted joined us

in our morning dedication circle, the daily ritual where we share with our teammates and hosts who we'll keep in mind during each leg of our trip. Ted remained silent throughout. But as we dispersed, he pulled me aside. With sunken eyes full with tears, he told me then that he had been given 3 months to live. He told me, with smoke in his breath, that cancer had spread from his lungs, and that no doctor was willing to touch him. He confessed that he was a single father of a 14-year-old girl. And his words seemed very much like a confession. He hadn't shared his recent diagnosis with most of his friend, and I sensed he wanted to unload his secret burden. I could only embrace him, and help him to cry. Ted seemed to me absolutely human in his vulnerability: ensnared by his unhealthy habits, deeply troubled by the prospect of death. I wanted, with all of me, to jump into his body and fight with him—to be a fellow soldier by his side. But it struck me that he, as so many suffering like him, would fight much of his battle feeling very alone.

Day 52: The “Deas Lake Challenge”

I'd bet even money we were the only 7 individuals on the globe to cycle over 200 miles yesterday. I can't fathom others that might find the cause. Or the occasion. Or the needed sunlight hours the northern summer provides. Of course, that we 7 were the only ones might be a naïve fantasy. Then so be it. Suffice it to say we rode our bikes really, really far.

I've never been as mind-numbingly exhausted as I was last night. Nor do I expect to be so again. Seriously. I'm not indulging in superlatives for the sake of a story. Several times in the last minutes of our trip I forgot who I was. It was the last hour that wrung me of any energy. My teammate Trent said, “This is why we did this: for the last 20 miles.” I had secretly wanted to coast the last 20 miles. I had secretly been praying for an easy finish to our epic ride. But when Trent spoke these words, I knew that I couldn't ride 190 miles and finish the last 20 with a whimper. I knew that I couldn't offer to ride in honor of my teammates' loved ones, and then arrive in Deas Lake thinking I might have laid more out on the road. So I biked as hard as I knew how. Maintaining an

ungodly 25 mph pace was oddly easy; as Trent said, “My legs are so trashed, I could go as hard as I want, and I wouldn't feel anything.”

Indeed, when I felt as though my legs would give out, I merely pushed harder, and I didn't feel anything at



Geoff Abraham

all. I aimed to quit all thoughts from my head save those that would allow me to pedal faster. I biked for Trent's father, as Trent biked next to me; Trent told us earlier, “This is the type of thing he'd be all about.” I biked for Scott's close friends, the Andersons, as Scott also biked next to me, and for Scott who so loved them dearly. I biked for MJ's father who lost a leg and a son to one sickness. I biked for Ted and his daughter soon to be orphaned. I biked for Mike's grandmother who knew she wouldn't see another Christmas. I biked for Katherine who had never gotten to know her mother. For some 10 miles, though Scott and Trent next to me didn't know it, I was on the verge of tears. Partly because it seems an experience so physically taxing becomes emotional in a manner I don't quite understand. Partly because kept I thinking of all the times I'd seen my friends talk about their loved ones lost. Partly because I was confused and angry that their loved ones could be so swiftly taken away.

Day 109: Reflecting on our Journey

Unbelievable. I don't know how else to convey the summer. Not only did I test the limits of my will. (How the hell did I do that?) I had no choice but to spend the summer with 18 others who I otherwise wouldn't have met at a college party. Only with my family have I experienced the same.

We grew of different seeds, but we learned to flourish as a balanced garden. I can't think of a teammate I could have done without. And nearly all my teammates I don't want to do without from here on. I confess: I feel guilty. Every time someone exclaims, “How did you do that?!” I want to say, “No! We got to cycle next to friends through gorgeous country while hosts treated us like kings. It was fun.” Indeed, on occasion I thought we should dub the ride “Texas 4000 for Cancer and 20-year-olds.”

Most of us feel that we took as much from our Grand Journey as we gave. Yet I know that soon I'll look back on this trip and not know how I could complete it. And perhaps some day I'll realize what I truly gave. But as for today, I can't figure out why I wouldn't embark on another journey like this very soon.

Ted seemed to me absolutely human in his vulnerability: ensnared by his unhealthy habits, deeply troubled by the prospect of death. I wanted, with all of me, to jump into his body and fight with him—to be a fellow soldier by his side. But it struck me that he, as so many suffering like him, would fight much of his battle feeling very alone.

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The first photo of the bear, taken by Joel Stribling





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Real Estate FYI

ADDRESS	ML#	LIST PRICE	LOT	SF	BR	BA	G	AGENT	COMPANY	PHONE
ACTIVE										
8422-D Rio Grande Bl NW	615739	\$198,000.00	0.24ac	VACANT LAND				Lauren Austin	The Ingles/Company Realtors	828-1366
504 Mary's Way NW	602310	\$215,000.00	0.502	VACANT LAND				Lisa Hebenstreit	Lisa Hebenstreit Realty LLC	242-2272
507 Marys Way NW	625184	\$225,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND				Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
Nuevo Hacienda NW	605596	\$235,000.00	0.23	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
218-220 Nico Trl NW	617149	\$244,402.00	0.398ac	VACANT LAND				Cindy A Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
511 Marys Way NW	625182	\$235,000.00	0.501	VACANT LAND				Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
Nuevo Hacienda NW	605597	\$245,000.00	0.23	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
Nuevo Hacienda NW	632392	\$275,000.00	0.31	VACANT LAND				Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
506 Roehl	625919	\$330,000.00	0.688	VACANT LAND				Geri-Kay Sanchez	Infinity Real Estate	281-2596
Rancho Rd	624583	\$339,000.00	1.005	VACANT LAND				Steve Maestas	Maestas & Ward Commercial	878-0001
Rancho Rd	624586	\$339,000.00	0.804	VACANT LAND				Steve Maestas	Maestas & Ward Commercial	878-0001
El Caminito de Guad NW	625549	\$400,000.00	0.5	VACANT LAND				A. Kay Beason	Reliance Realty & Investment	843-9575
7542 Rio Grande Bl NW	610080	\$495,000.00	1.399	VACANT LAND				Jill Levin	New Frontier Realtors	891-7411
Roadrunner Ln	617310	\$500,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
7542 Rio Grande Bl NW	609609	\$555,000.00	1.399	VACANT LAND				Jill Levin	New Frontier Realtors	891-7411
4620 Los Poblancos Cir NW	620380	\$559,000.00	1.0ac	VACANT LAND				Katie A Strosnider	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
13 Guadalupe Estates	494758	\$565,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
Alma Encantada Ct	507929	\$575,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Marie Blea	Marie Enterprises Inc.	991-1405
Roadrunner Ln	617311	\$600,000.00	1	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
7408-20 4th St NW	612670	\$995,000.00	3.453ac	VACANT LAND				Sam H Carnes	Carnes & Company Inc.	247-8000
1010 Chavez NW	631357	\$139,000.00	7500	1900	3	2/0/0	0	Todd Kruger	Rio Grande Realty & Invest LLC	899-8774
914 Ortega Rd NW	622809	\$199,900.00	0.5	1369	2-3	2	3	Karen A Gauze	Desert West Properties	994-8075
6201 Sabre Ct NW	611065	\$240,000.00	0.108ac	1554	2-3	2/0/0	2	Sharon Janecka	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
435 El Paraiso Rd NW	627426	\$255,000.00	0.50ac	1860	3	1/1/0	0	Michelle Smith	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
307 Del Aker Rd NW	626804	\$299,900.00	0.27	1700	3	2	2	Dan J Cash III	Pinnacle Real Estate Group	897-7300
321 Nara Visa Rd NW	621887	\$310,000.00	0.037	1600	3-4	1	2	Judith Campbell	Coldwell Banker Legacy	838-1000
373 La Chamisal Ln NW	631270	\$325,000.00	7500	1803	3	2/0/0	2	Linda Carroll	Town & Country Properties	410-0085
504 El Pueblo Rd NW	626748	\$399,000.00	0.47	1875	3	2/0/1	2	Donald L Plunkett Jr	Congress Realty, Inc.	229-2009
6021 Redondo Ct NW	619341	\$399,000.00	0.50ac	2188	3	3/0/0	0	Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
1118 El Pueblo Rd NW	627507	\$440,000.00	0.96ac	2118	3-4	1/1/0	1	Barbie L Brennan	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
8240 Guadalupe Trail NW	607273	\$499,900.00	4660sf	2900	3	2	2	Winnie DeVore	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
519 Bledsoe Rd NW	630662	\$545,000.00	1.142	2680	3	2/0/1	4	Thomas J Mestas	Casa Latino RE of ALBQ	247-0507
8424 Guadalupe Trl NW	632501	\$550,000.00	2.04	2366	3	2/0/0	0	Cheryl Marlow	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
8503 Rio Grande Blvd NW	631501	\$575,000.00	1	1363	2	1/0/0	2	Gary Randall	Investment Solutions	343-0700
502 El Pueblo NW	631621	\$575,000.00	0.679	2618	3	2/0/0	3	Michael J Glass	Clearview Mortgage & RE, LLC	249-4064
416 Pueblo Solano Rd NW	624375	\$630,000.00	0.83	4497	6-7	2/3/1	4	Tila F Hoffman	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
805 Ranchitos NW	615069	\$650,000.00	47916	2700	4	3	2	Sandy L Domeny	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
412 Ramsey Ln NW	626982	\$725,000.00	0.35	3840	4	3/0/1	3	Leanna L Tafoya	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
533 Rohl Ct NW	624199	\$735,000.00	0.527	2456	3-4	3/0/1	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
6509 Caballero Parkway NW	622899	\$739,450.00	26136	4589	4	3	3	Ann Cloud	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
618 Pueblo Solano Rd NW	629762	\$741,000.00	0.852ac	3100	2-3	2/0/1	0	Jodi A Springstead	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
805 El Pueblo NW	604707	\$749,000.00	43560sf	4500	4-5	2/0/1	4	Cindy Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
1016 Salamanca Cir NW	623499	\$769,000.00	0.7	3443	3-4	3	2	Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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
8808 Rio Grande Bl NW	621529	\$799,000.00	0.933ac	4392	4	3/0/1	4	Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
1418 El Portal NW	603035	\$799,000.00	1.15 ac	3655	5	3.75	3	Barbara L Brennan	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
817 Ranchitos	623213	\$838,000.00	0.99	4328	5	3/1/0	4	Pepper C Poole	Tu Hacienda Realtors	301-8909
8848 Guadalupe Trail NW	623269	\$899,000.00	1.803	3102	3-4	1/2/2	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
6915 Guadalupe NW	620201	\$925,000.00	1.25	3540	4	2/0/2	5	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
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
1418 Bonito Suenos Ct NW	611258	\$950,000.00	1ac	5920	4	4/1/0	3	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
609 Roehl Rd NW	626145	\$985,000.00	0.407ac	3531	4-5	3/0/1	3	Kate M Southard	Kate Southard Real Estate	344-4734
1016 Acequia Trl NW	626772	\$995,000.00	17424sf	3613	4	2/1/0	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1024 Acequia Trl NW	614728	\$1,099,900.00	0.52ac	3641	3	3/0/1	0	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
919 Salamanca NW	631321	\$1,149,000.00	36590	5600	4-5	2/1/1	3	Michael Brothers	Investors Trust Realty Svcs.	292-8192
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
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
8415 Rio Grande Blvd NW	630851	\$1,375,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3	Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1015 El Pueblo NW	624842	\$1,399,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	3	Marion Newman-Wylie	Regal Properties	856-3500
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
7542 Rio Grande Bl NW	602053	\$1,500,000.00	43560	4496	4	3.5	4	Jill S Levin	New Frontier Realtors	798-2530
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
8205 Guadalupe Trl NW	621319	\$1,599,000.00	1.88	4506	4	3/0/2	4	Joan L Wagner	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
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
746 Chamisal NW	503986	\$1,695,000.00	1.13	3442	3	3	3	Marie Blea	Marie Enterprises, Inc.	991-1405
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
970 Bonita Rosas NW	632173	\$2,100,000.00	43560	4937	4-5	2/2/1	4	Bill Christ	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-0044
4674 Los Poblancos 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
4610 Rio Grande Ln NW	630824	\$3,300,000.00	3.119	10978	6	7/0/1	9	Lynn M Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100

It's a Beauty Contest and a Price War

by Tim Tourville, CRS

Why? Well, with so many competing homes on the market, it is imperative that you set yourself apart from the others. You can do this in two ways. One is curb appeal and interior staging. The other is price. We will talk about these more in a minute. But first, it's helpful to know just how much competing inventory is out there, how to determine what the supply of homes really is, and how long it will take your home to sell in weeks or months at the present rate of sales.

In order to help figure this out, I use an "absorption rate" calculation. This requires two figures: one, many listings are currently on the market, including homes under-contract or pending, and two, how many listings have sold in the previous month. When you divide the number sold into the number active, the result is basically the supply of homes in months. That is, how long it is likely to take your home to sell. For example, if you have 30 homes currently listed and 3 sold last month, there is a 10-month supply of homes.

As a real estate professional, understanding the market and where it is headed is part of my job. Using an absorption rate is NOT an exact science. It is based on the premise that we are looking for a trend. Calculations should

be done consistently each month and with the appropriate criteria in order to get an accurate view of the trend. After figuring the absorption rate for your property, it's time to look at how best to compete, and sell, in a timely manner.

Curb appeal is most important in this beauty contest. With so many houses to look at and to choose from, it's curbed appeal that gets the buyer through the front door. Landscaping must be well manicured, windows and screens clean, and stucco and paint in good repair.

Now that you have the buyer inside your home, staging is very important. The interior needs to be free of clutter and free of as many personal items as possible, such as family pictures. This allows the buyer to see themselves and their family living in the home.

To help with this process, there are professional home stagers as well as books and DVD's on how to prep a house.

Finally, price. The house must be priced right from day one. In this market, it is not enough to just look good.

You must be correctly priced. If not, your home will sit on the market, and after a period of time will cause buyers to wonder if there is something wrong with the house. If your home is on the market, take a look at the average days on market for homes in your area and price range. If your property has been on the

market longer than its competition, you need to consider a price reduction.

And don't ratchet down the price one or two percent at a time. Price reductions need to be at least five percent in order to get the attention of prospective buyers.

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PENDING										
530 El Paraiso Rd NW	626569	\$179,900.00	0.43	988	2	1	1	Mark Boitano	Re/Max Elite	798-1000
6781 Rio Grande Bl NW	608795	\$495,000.00	24877sf	4500	4-5	3/0/0	3	Robyn Finkelstein	New Earth Realty	867-1100
2420 Arbor NW	620792	\$499,000.00	0.380ac	2796	3-4	2/0/1	2	Sandy Garrick	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1105 El Pueblo NW	522333	\$429,000.00	0.78	1775	3	2	0	Christina Ortega	American Realty	

Friends of Montessori Foundation Hosts Bollywood Fund-Raiser

The Friends of Montessori Foundation, the fundraising organization for the Montessori on the Rio Grande Charter School (MRGC), is amidst a monumental journey to create a Life-long Learning Community, by making Montessori education accessible to all. To do this, we need to purchase the land on which the school is situated, as well as construct new, cutting-edge, energy efficient facilities. We are kicking off our Capital Campaign of \$7.2M in November 2008, with our Annual Bollywood Live/Silent Auction Benefit!

To meet our financial goals for Phase I funding, we need to raise about \$1.5M. We have already raised over \$450,000 from the support of parents, local businesses, private foundations, various grants, and the State Legislature.

The MRGC is built upon a diverse student population from neighborhoods all across Albuquerque, and from a diverse demographic. Currently, MRGC enrolls 155 students. Of these students, 40% are Hispanic, 11% are Native American, 6% are African American, 1% is Asian American, and 42% are Caucasian (of these, 11% meet Special Education criteria).

To emphasize the importance of the

Diversity of our student population, we have selected Bollywood as our Annual Diversity Benefit. So what is Bollywood?

Bollywood is the name given to the Mumbai-based Hindi-language film industry in India. When combined with other Indian film industries (Tamil, Telugu, Bengali, Malayalam, Kannada), it is considered to be the largest in the world in terms of number of films produced, and maybe also the number of tickets sold.

The term Bollywood was created by conflating Bombay (the city now called Mumbai) and Hollywood (the famous center of the United States film industry).

Bollywood films are usually musicals. Few movies are made without at least one song-and-dance number. Indian audiences expect full value for their money; they want songs and dances, love interest, comedy, and dare-devil thrills, all mixed up in a three hour long extravaganza with intermission. Such movies are called masala movies, after the spice mixture masala. Like masala, these movies have everything!

The plots are often melodramatic. They frequently employ formulaic

ingredients such as star-crossed lovers, corrupt politicians, twins separated at birth, conniving villains, angry parents, courtesans with hearts of gold, dramatic reversals of fortune, and convenient coincidences.

Tickets to Bollywood 2008 start at \$60.00 per person or \$100.00 per couple, prior to Saturday November 8, 2008. Day of Benefit prices are \$75.00 per person or \$125.00 per couple. Electronic payments can be made through Pay Pal by visiting our website @ www.mrgcharter.org or checks can be mailed to MRGC Development Director, 1650 Gabaldon NW, Albuquerque, N.M. 87104.

Sponsorships of entire tables are \$500.00 per table. Donors of Auction items over \$500.00 will receive two complimentary Bollywood 2008 Benefit tickets. Corporate sponsorships of the Benefit are also being sought, and interested Corporations should contact Peter Kim Phipps, Director of Development at 505.453.5028.

The Friends of Montessori Foundation is a 501c (3) charitable organization and donations qualify for tax deductions.

de Profundis in Concert at Casa Rondeña Winery

Casa Rondeña Winery is pleased to welcome, for the second year in a row, the 13-member a cappella men's ensemble de Profundis on Sunday, October 12th, from 5pm to 9pm. This year's Harvest Serenade will be performed in the Great Hall after a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception in the new and exquisite Founder's Rotunda.

de Profundis was founded in 1994 by published author, composer and current music director, David Poole. In the intervening years the group has evolved a repertoire ranging from Gregorian chant to folk songs to new works, including premieres of pieces commissioned by the ensemble from eminent composers.

According to the group's Statement of Purpose, "De Profundis" is a Latin phrase that translates 'out of the deep.' The group is founded upon the conviction that in making music together, we find not only intellectual challenge, but

nourishment as well for our souls. We would strive, therefore, for musical excellence. We would prosper as persons and as a fellowship. We would plumb the depths both of our music and of ourselves, bringing to light that which may be truly profound."

Accomplished pianist Amy Butterfield will be joining the group for this performance. With the romantic backdrop of Casa Rondeña Winery, the program will feature songs of love and reflection by James Mulholland, Stephen Paulus, Ernst Monsen and many more. For the full program listing, visit www.casarondena.com.

Following the concert, there will be a candlelight gourmet dinner in the vineyard prepared by winery chef, Scott Clapp, owner of Blue Sage Catering.

Tickets are \$150 per person and may be purchased by calling Casa Rondeña Winery at (505) 344-5911.

Casa Rondeña Winery was estab-

lished in 1995 by vintner and native New Mexican, John Calvin. For more information about the winery and future concerts and events, visit www.casarondena.com.

A Special Cooking Event at the Winery

On October 17th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, you may join winery chef, Scott Clapp, as he creates delectable dishes while pairing Casa Rondeña wines with his courses. Wine with meal included in class price. Cost: \$60 per person for Wine Club members; \$65 for non-members. Space is limited so make reservations early! Contact the winery at (505) 344-5911 or info@casarondena.com to make reservations.



Alvarado Elementary School

1100 Solar Road
Albuquerque, NM 87107
344-4412

October 10th
October 16th
October 25th
November 4th
November 11th
November 20th and 21st
November 27th and 28th

Fall Break - No school
Inservice Day - No School
2-5p.m. Fall Carnival
Election Day - No school
Veteran's Day - No school
Parent/Teacher Conferences - No school
Thanksgiving Break - No school

Bosque School

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

"A View of Bosque"
Open House for Prospective Students and their Parents
Sunday, October 19, 2008
Tours at 2:00 and 3:30
Information Session at 2:45
Bosque School Campus

Admission Tests for 2009-2010 school year begin in November 2008. Please contact Suzie Castilleja at 898-6388 for information on applying to Bosque School or about "A View of Bosque".

"Jewels, Jeans & Jazz"
A Bosque School event to support the financial aid program!
Featured entertainment: Hillary Smith and James Newton
Saturday, November 8, 2008 - on the Bosque School Campus

OCTOBER

In conjunction with "Jewels, Jeans & Jazz", from October 20 until November 5, 2008, Bosque School will host an on-line auction through cmarket.com. All proceeds will benefit financial aid at Bosque School. Check the Bosque School website www.bosqueschool.org to link to the auction site beginning October 20, 2008.

2nd Annual Grandparent Day at Bosque School
Tuesday, November 25th
A day for Bosque grandparents to enjoy a day at school with their grandchildren!

Bosque School Thanksgiving Break:
Wednesday, November 26 - Sunday, November 30
School is back in session on Monday, December 1st

Contact Pam Schaefer at 898-6388 or pscha@bosqueschool.org for more information on either of these events.

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School

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

Governing Council Meeting: October 14, 2008 at 6:00p.m.
Fall Festival Dinner and Open House: October 17, 2008 at 5:30p.m.

End of 1st Quarter: October 17
Beginning of 2nd Quarter: November 3
Thanksgiving Holiday: November 26 - 28

Los Ranchos Elementary School

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

September 29-October 3rd-Library Book Fair (all day)
October 10-Fall Break - No School
October 16-In-service - No School
Nov. 4th: Election Day - no school
Nov. 11th: Veterans Day - no school
Nov. 27th - 28th: Thanksgiving Holiday
HOLIDAY BAZAAR COMING IN DECEMBER

North Valley Academy

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

Fall Break October 9th -10th No School
Parent Teacher Conferences October 22nd -24th Early Dismissal at 1pm
FALL FESTIVAL: October 25th 1pm-4pm
Thanksgiving Break November 26th-28th No School

Sandia Preparatory School

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

Sandia Prep Drama Presents "The Importance of Being Earnest"

Thursday, October 23 through Saturday, October 25 | 7:00 p.m. nightly | Sandia Preparatory School Theater, tickets@sandiaprep.org

Friday, October 24: Middle School Halloween Dance, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet Prep

Sunday, October 26 | 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. | Sandia Preparatory School

Fall Break

Friday, November 7 | No School

Sandia Prep Middle School Drama Presents "Seussical, Jr."

Friday, November 14 through Saturday, November 15 | 7:00 p.m. nightly Sandia Preparatory School Theater, Tickets available at door

Grandparents' Day

Wednesday, November 26 | Sandia Preparatory School

Taft Middle School

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

October 10th: Fall Break (No School)
October 16th: Inservice Day

November 4th: Election Day (No School)
November 11th: Veterans' Day (No School)
November 27th -28th: Thanksgiving Holiday

Taylor Middle School

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

October 3: Late Start
October 10: Fall break - no school
October 31: No school - parent conferences
November 4: Election Day - no classes
November 7: Late start
November 10: No school - teacher in-service
November 11: Veterans' Day Holiday - no classes
November 27 - 28: Thanksgiving holiday - no school



Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

August 19, 2008 Special Meeting

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS
WILL BE HELD ON
TUES., OCTOBER 14, 2008
THUR., NOVEMBER 13, 2008
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. **Roll call**

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

B. **Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was unanimously approved (5-0).

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**

There were no minutes for approval.

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. **DEFERRED FROM AUGUST 12, 2008 MEETING. THIS ITEM WILL BE DEFERRED.**

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

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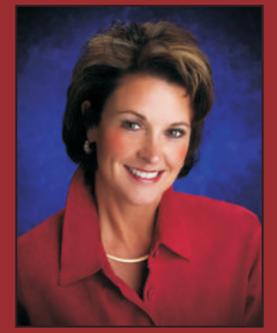
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rooms to reach the maximum of twenty (20) rooms granted December 12, 2007. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less. **DEFERRED FROM AUGUST 12, 2008 MEETING.**

Chairman Hunter recused himself.

Unanimous vote (4-0) to forward to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval with the understanding that this development and any future development would provide a minimum of 12.1 acres of open space. In addition, two hundred (200) parking places are required by the 2007 agreement and that a minimum of 150 of those parking spaces be within the commercial development, and up to 50 may be in the open space in order to provide for those activities in the agricultural portion of this space.

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. **DEFERRED FROM AUGUST 12, 2008 MEETING.**

Chairman Hunter recused himself.

Unanimous vote (4-0) to forward to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval of the Amendments to the Site Development Plan, dated 08/19/08 with redline comments, 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.

- 6. OLD BUSINESS
- 7. NEW BUSINESS
- 8. REPORTS
- 9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

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September 9, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Planner Seebach asked for a change in the agenda to include discussion of the November Planning and Zoning meeting date. The Agenda was approved as amended (5-0).

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 – August 12, 2008

The minutes were approved as amended. (5-0).

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. S-07-08 A request by Terra Land Surveys, LLC, Agents for the Julian Padilla Family for Final Plat approval for a Family Transfer Subdivision for a four lot (major) subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 8414 Guadalupe Trail NW and is legally known as Plat of Anita Marie Subdivision, Lots 1 and 2, Sections 16 and 17, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., being a replat of Tract 174, M.R.G.C.D. Map No 24, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, December 2003. The property contains 4.0 acres more or less.

The motion to approve passed unanimously (5-0).

B. HO-357 A request by Paul Melendres, Attorney for Mark and Judy Caruso, for a Home Occupation License for commercial filming in their home. The property is located at 5001 Rio Grande Lane and is legally known as Lot Seven (7) Los Poblanos Estates, a subdivision within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the Replat of said Lot 7, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on August 25, 1986. The parcel contains 3.0865 acres more or less.

The motion to deny passed (5-0). Commissioner Simon abstained due to her late arrival.

C. SDP-08-06 A request by Mark Snapp, agent for Stafford, for a Sketch Plat review for a 28 unit Extended Stay Motel and Banquet Hall facility in the C-1 Zone of the Fourth Street Character Area. The property is located at 4th and Solar Road and is legally known as Tract C2 of Plat of Tracts C-1 and C-2, Lands of Blanchard as the same are shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo county, New Mexico, on May 6, 2004 in Book 2004C, Page 140. The property contains 4.0909 acres more or less.

The Commissioners gave input on the appropriateness of the proposal. No action was taken.

D. CU-08-09 A request by Slagle Herr Architects, agent for Montano Land Company for a Conditional Use Permit for the Challenger Learning Center in the A-1 Zone of the Dietz Farm Character Area. The property is located at 1776 Montano Road NW and legally known as Lot 2- B of Plat of Lots 2-A and 2-B, Racing Museum Subdivision, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, February 2007. The property contains 2.6546 acres more or less. **THIS ITEM TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE OCTOBER 14, 2008 MEETING.**

E. SDP-08-07 A request by Slagle Herr Architects, agent for Montano Land Company for a Sketch Plat Review for the Challenger Learning Center in the A-1 Zone of the Dietz Farm Character Area. The property is located at 1776 Montano Road NW and legally known as Lot 2- B of Plat of Lots 2-A and 2-B, Racing Museum Subdivision, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, February 2007. The property contains 2.6546 acres more or less. **THIS ITEM TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE OCTOBER 14, 2008 MEETING.**

F. ZMA-08-01 A request by Consensus Planning, Inc. Agent for SCM Property Company, LLC for a Zone Change and Zone Map Amendment for a Lot C1-B of Rancho Acres 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 motion to forward to the Board of Trustees a recommendation of approval passed unanimously (6-0).

G. SUP-08-02 A request by Gene and Aurora Gallegos for a Special Use Permit for an Open Air Market in the C-1 Zone. The property is located at 300 El Pueblo and is legally known as Tract 140-G1 M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 24, Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, August, 2002 and Tract 140C1 M.R.G.C.D. Map No. 24, Lands of Pompa, Griego and Franco filed in the office of the Bernalillo County Clerk on 8/6/76, Volume D2-A, Folio. The property contains 2.380 acres more or less.

Commissioner Brawley recused himself. The item was postponed until the October 14, 2008 meeting.

H. SDP-08-05 A request by the Village of Los Ranchos for Preliminary 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 motion to forward to the Board of Trustees a recommendation of approval passed unanimously (6-0).

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion of the November 2008 meeting date**

The date was set for Thursday, November 13, 2008.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion and forwarding** to the Board of Trustees an ordinance creating a Planning and Zoning Action Matrix.

The item was postponed until the October 2008 meeting.

8. **REPORTS**

A. **Planner's Report**

9. **COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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Board of Trustees Summary

August 27, 2008

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

A. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

B. **Presentation by Allen Weh Regarding Property Purchase**

Mr. Allen Weh gave a presentation regarding the Village property he would like to purchase.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Minutes - July 9, 2008 and July 23, 2008**

B. **Department and Committee Reports**

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/BCSD
2. FIRE
3. ANIMAL CONTROL

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Abraham reported on the following: He is hosting the Mayors' Caucus next Wednesday at Vernon's Steak House; Verizon is still tweaking the signals on the cell tower; A T & T has begun construction to locate on the cell tower and should be ready by mid-September; the Village Vision should be mailed out on Friday; the Guadalupe Trail Artists' Studio Tour is coming up on October 4 & 5; the Growers' Market has been well attended; and he is the Chair of the Mid Region Council of Governments for the next two years.

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B. Administrator's Report

Administrator Ward reported on the following: He had parents who called the media regarding the grass that has died at Taft Middle School and after mediation with all parties involved, it was decided that the costs for replacement of the grass be split by all parties; the GRT revenue is slightly off our projections and they will keep a close eye on it; the I & J Sewer Project is moving along, however, there is a slight problem with the increasing price of asphalt; and the work on the Village Center property area is close to having a project.

C. Planner's Report

Planner Seebach reported on the following: the building permits are holding steady and are ahead of budget for July; she has 15 open applications, six of which are Site Development Plans for large projects; the new FEMA maps will go into effect on September 26th and information will be posted on the website and in the Village Vision; she attended the Army Corps of Engineers Seminar; she has been working with David Owsley, Richard Lovato and Roger Ecker to finalize the right-of-way plan; and six of the French Drains on 4th Street were cleaned.

D. Legal Report

Attorney King reported on the following: she worked on the new Cingular/AT&T Agreement; she worked with Kelly Ward on the purchase agreements for the redevelopment area and the Taft Middle School issue; she worked with Planner Seebach on ordinances and applications; she worked on the Landau case and served as legal counsel to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

E. Fire Dept. Report

Fire Marshal Cordova reported on the following: they had 92 calls for the month of July; there was a fire at a two story residential structure that lasted most of the day and is currently under investigation; and they had a Fire Department Olympics event which included weight lifting, running, basketball and tug of war.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Cash Report – July

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

B. Discussion and Approval of Resolution No. 2008-8-1 – Revising the 2008/2009 FY Budget – To incorporate the 2008 legislative general fund projects appropriations in the amount of four hundred forty-five thousand dollars

Resolution No. 2008-8-1 revising the 2008/2009 FY Budget was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. An appeal by Rebecca and Lawrence Leeman of Planning and Zoning Commission Denial of V-08-05 a Variance from the Required 26 foot height limit to build a portion of an addition at 28 feet 6 inches in the A-1 zone of the Dietz Farm Character Area on JULY 8, 2008 agenda item 5B. The property is located at 1717 Dietz Loop NW and is legally known as lot 13, Rio Grande Meadows, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, April 1965. The property contains .556 acres more or less

The Board of Trustees approved the variance request by Rebecca and Lawrence Leeman. The motion carried, 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and approval authorizing Waste Management a rate adjustment to the collection rates based on the extraordinary cost of operation pursuant to exhibit C, section 26 of the contract

The Board of Trustees approved the rate adjustment to the collection rates. The motion carried, 4-0.

B. Discussion and approval of a wine wholesaler's liquor license –John Calvin dba Casa Rondeña Winery, 733 Chavez RD NW

The Wine Wholesalers' Liquor License for Casa Rondeña was approved. The motion carried, 4-0.

C. Discussion and approval authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements between the Village of Los Ranchos and Retail One, Betty Cooper Coslette Family Trust, Phyllis Chavez, George and Flora Martinez, Richard Gallegos and Robert Johnson to Secure Property Designated as the Village Center Project Area

The Board gave approval to authorize the Mayor to execute and enter into agreements with Retail One, Betty Cooper Coslett Family Trust, Phyllis Chavez, George and Flora Martinez, Richard Gallegos and Robert Johnson and to go forward to secure the projects. The motion carried, 4-0.

D. Discussion and approval to issue a request for proposal for a developer of the Village Center Project Area

This item was deferred to the September 10th Board Meeting. The motion carried, 4-0.

E. Discussion and approval to advertise an ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the codified ordinances, the zoning ordinance and zone map, section 2, definitions and section 24, application and approval process, E (1) Site Development Plan

The Board approved to advertise the ordinance in summary. The motion carried, 4-0.

F. Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2008-8-2 – Entering into a grant agreement with the state of New Mexico Environment Department, and Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement, authorizing a grantee representative (Kelly Ward) to submit documents pertaining to the project and authorizing a signatory authority (Gil Saavedra) to sign reimbursement requests and other documents requiring signature

The Board approved Resolution No. 2008-8-2. The motion carried, 4-0.

G. Discussion and approval of Resolution No. 2008-8-3- In support of dedicated and on going state funding for updating regional water plans

The Board approved Resolution No. 2008-8-3. The motion carried, 4-0.

H. Discussion and approval of the 2nd amendment to the intergovernmental agreement between Bernalillo County and the Village of Los Ranchos for Law Enforcement Services for FY 08-09

The Board approved the 2nd Amendment to the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Bernalillo County. The motion carried, 4-0.

I. Discussion and approval to authorize the Mayor to execute the final agreement between the Department of Finance and Administration, and the Village of Los Ranchos for the appropriations made in the laws of 2008, Chapter 92, for the 2008 Severance Tax Bond Fund Appropriations in the amount of \$200,000

The Board gave authorization to the Mayor to execute the final agreement with Department of Finance for the 2008 Severance Tax Bond Fund appropriations. The motion carried, 4-0.

J. Discussion and approval of the Capital Cooperative Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement for the 2008 legislative appropriation(s): the 2008 General Fund Project No. SP-GA-5092(205)05 to design and construct a walking, jogging and bike lane on the right-of-way adjacent to Rio Grande Blvd in the amount of \$54,000 and the 2008 Severance Tax Project No. ST-7601(373) to plan, design and construct sidewalks and bicycle lanes in Los Ranchos in the amount of \$200,000 for a total sum of \$254,000

The Board approved the Capital Cooperative Agreement and authorized the Mayor to execute the Agreement. The motion carried, 4-0.

K. Discussion and approval to enter into an agreement with the NM Department of Transportation for the 2008/2009 Map Cooperative Agreement (MAP-4052 (901)00, Control # HW2 L3079) for the reconstruction of Osuna Road from Chamisal Lateral to Second Street and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement

The Board approved the MAP Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Transportation and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement for the reconstruction of Osuna Road from Chamisal Lateral to 2nd Street. The motion carried, 4-0.

L. Discussion and approval to enter into an agreement with the NM Department of Transportation for the 2008/2009 Map Cooperative Agreement (MAP-5124(901), Control # HW2 L3089) for the pavement rehabilitation of Ortega Road from Rio Grande Blvd to Fourth Street and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Agreement

The Board approved the Agreement with the NM Department of Transportation for the 2008/2009 MAP Cooperative Agreement for the pavement rehabilitation of Ortega Road from Rio Grande to Fourth Street. The motion carried, 4-0.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Lopez stated he will be out of town for the September 10th Board meeting.

Trustee Homan asked that the October 8th Board Meeting be changed due to the Yom Kippur holiday. It was decided that the meeting date would be discussed at the September meeting. She also mentioned that the franchise fees of Waste Management are not at our tax rates and should be changed. She noted that she has been elected as a New Mexico Municipal League Board Member.

Mayor Abraham asked for suggestions on hiring a lobbyist. He said the contract for our current lobbyist, Les Houston, is up for renewal and we will need to go out for Request for Bids. He asked the Board to start thinking about what they want the lobbyist to do.

Trustee McDonough asked when the Barn Policy would be on the agenda and Mayor Abraham responded that it would be on the September Board agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Please note: These are only a summary of the meeting. These are not the final minutes.

Announcements

The new FEMA maps to go into effect September 26, 2008 were received. The question has been what will FEMA do in response to the New Orleans levee break.

The majority of the Village lies in Shaded X, 1% annual chance flood hazard. The new maps have changed the Shaded X designation to: Warning: This area is shown as being protected from the 1% annual chance flood hazard by levee, dike

or other structure. Overtopping or failure of this structure is possible, which could result in destructive flood elevations and water velocities. Proper protection, flood insurance and adherence to evacuation procedures are strongly recommended.

The Village is in good standing with FEMA and Federal flood insurance is available through your insurance agent.

The Army Corps of Engineers release of levee inspections in April 2007 stated that the northern Albuquerque levee system, of which the Village is a part, was given a low to medium priority on the up-grade/restoration list. The Middle Rio Grande Flood Protection Project, Bernalillo to Belen, for levee restoration goes from Mountain View, Isleta Pueblo, Bosque Farms, Los Lunas to Belen.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE-ALBUQUERQUE REACH WATERSHED: FECAL COLIFORM POLLUTION

The Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District provided the Village with the completed study for the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy. It was identified within the study that Fecal Coliform levels are rising. Causes listed are: #3 Non-point source runoff of storm water contaminated by livestock, wildlife and pets, and discharge to the river through arroyos and storm drains. #5 Failing of ill-sited septic systems.

WHEN HOOKING UP TO SEWER – IT IS MANDATORY TO ABANDON SEPTIC SYSTEMS ACCORDING TO NMEHD STANDARDS.

September 17, 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 with an amendment to defer item 6.A & B

B. Presentation of the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy (WRAS) by Steve Glass, Chair of the Watershed Committee of the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District

Steve Glass gave a presentation on the Watershed Restoration Action Strategy.

C. Proclamation proclaiming the month of October as “Dyslexia Awareness Month”

Mayor Abraham read the proclamation and proclaimed October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Jason Marks, chairman of NM Public Regulation Commission and Commissioner for district one which encompasses most of City of Albuquerque as well as the Village of Los Ranchos reported on the following challenges he has dealt with: he was involved in enforcing the Qwest Agreement to ensure that they live up to their investment commitment in New Mexico; he also worked on having Qwest replace the deteriorated cable infrastructure, in which they required Qwest to spend 30 million dollars to replace old cables with new copper or fiber; and reported that in three weeks the rest of southern New Mexico is switching area codes will be changed and New Mexico is keeping the 505 area code.

He also spoke about energy and stated that the energy prices have doubled in the last 4 years, and, will be facing challenges in the areas of Financial, Economic, and climate. He said in New Mexico the climate changes are not the kind of environmental issues that we grew up with. Climate changes will change the way of life in the North Valley and it is important to invest in the future now. In order to achieve this, the Public Regulations Commission (PRC) has been working with the legislature and the governor to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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. Minutes – August 27, 2008

B. Department and Committee Reports

1. LAW ENFORCEMENT/BCSD
2. FIRE
3. ANIMAL CONTROL

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

4. REPORTS

A. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Abraham reported on the following: He held the Mayor’s Caucus at ernon’s Steak House and was well attended with several governors from the Pueblos and 8 or 9 Mayors; he road the new rail runner to Santa Fe and invited the Board of Trustees to go on a test run; the Cottonwood Classic Preparatory School is opening this Friday at 11:00; the negotiations with the Andersons is almost complete and are in the process of preparing a purchase agreement; the administrator Kelly Ward is negotiating with the owners of the VC Center and will be closing with Retail one soon; A T & T cell tower will be up and running by the end of the month; an appeal was received from Attorney Melendres regarding the Caruso Home Application license.

B. Administrator’s Report

Administrator Ward reported on the following: at the last Board Meeting he mentioned that there was a dip in our revenues versus our budget revenues and he will keep everyone posted and will be tracking receipts; the I & J sewer project has received tentative approval from ABCWUA for a partial final inspection on the project on Rio Grande Blvd. The lift stations have had some complications; there has been an impact of price increases for asphalt and has received an estimate from the County for our portion on Rio Grande Blvd from Chavez to Paseo del Norte which is about a 9,400 increase; the grant for the preparation of a new Master Plan that the Village applied for was turned down and is looking for alternative resources to get this funded; he met with Mark Sanchez with Albuquerque Water Authority regarding some water rights that belong to the village; he is working on the VC project area appraisals and he now has the appraisals with the exception of three properties on Osuna Rd and looking to close on the Retail One property; the Taft Middle School recreation field agreement will be discussed later on the agenda.

C. Planner’s Report

Planner Seebach reported on the following: she received a letter from Joshua Skarsguard requesting an extension on the Special Use and under section 24 B this can be administratively approved unless the trustees would prefer this on the agenda; the P & Z commission has full agenda that will go to the Board; she attended the FEMA conference in Alamogordo; the building permits are coming in steady; Code Enforcement has been busy in tracking sewer hookups.

D. Legal Report

Attorney Martha King reported on the following: she worked with P & Z director on a variety of legal issues including the special use zone; worked with the administrator on the Taft field agreement; Open meetings issues; served as legal counsel for the P & Z commission; worked on the Landau litigation.

E. Fire Dept. Report

Fire Chief Greg Perez reported on the following: the department had 92 calls for the month of August; he received a bill from Sterocycle who collects their bio hazard waste and normally the have 4 pickups a year and this time it was 7. This shows how much medical waste they are going through; they assisted the Albuquerque Police Dept with a Stress Rescue Diving Course; they were denied assistance for the fire fighter grant which was going to purchase the new rescue truck and will now have to look at other resources; recently completed the Policy and Procedures for the fire department which is under review by administrator; he has completed nearly 100% performance evaluations and will turn these in to the Administrator for his approval.

5. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

A. **Cash Report – August**

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

B. **Discussion and approval** of Resolution No. 2008-9-1 Revising the 2008/2009 Fiscal Year Budget to incorporate the Village’s matching share for the coop agreement for Green Valley and Ranchitos Roads (Project No. HW2-300032)

This Resolution was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

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. **SDP-08-03**

Per the request of the applicant this item was deferred to the October 7, 2008 Board meeting.

B. **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. **SDP-08-04**

Per the request of the applicant this item was deferred to the October 7, 2008 Board meeting.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion and action** to sell 42 feet of Village property to Allen Weh who resides at 6722 Rio Grande Blvd.

The Board’s decision was to retain the property as it exists at this time and not sell it. The motion carried, 3-1 with Trustee Lopez voting no.

B. **Discussion and approval** to issue a request for proposal for a developer of the Village Center Project Area

This item was deferred to the October 7th Board Meeting. The motion carried unanimously 4-0

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Discussion and approval** of Amendment number one to the Cooperative Agreement for Fourth Street Improvement Project Phase I, between the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and the Village of Los Ranchos

The joint powers agreement (amendment one) to the cooperative agreement for 4th Street Improvement project, phase 1 was approved. The motion carried, 4-0.

B. **Discussion and approval** of intergovernmental agreement between the city of Albuquerque and the Village of Los Ranchos for maintaining the employee benefits of the Village of Los Ranchos

The Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Albuquerque for employee health benefits was approved. The motion carried, 4-0.

C. **Discussion and approval** of barn usage rules and regulations

This Barn Rules and Regulations was deferred to the November 12th board meeting. The motion carried, 4-0.

D. **Discussion and approval** of settlement agreement for Taft Middle School Recreation Field

The Taft Middle School Settlement Agreement was approved with changes to be made to the Agreement clarifying the total amount the Village would be liable for. The motion carried, 4-0.

E. **Discussion and approval** to change the October 8, 2008 Board Meeting

The Board changed the October 8th Board meeting to October 7th. The motion carried, 4-0.

9. **TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Trustee Rael asked if you have a right to have political signs on your private property. There was discussion on correcting the ordinance because it is unconstitutional.

Trustee Rael asked for an update of plaque of the list of Mayor and Trustees to be placed at the Village Hall. The Mayor stated that this is still being worked on.

Trustee McDonough asked what Mr. David Montoya is doing with the Village open space, because it is now totally fenced on the eastern portion between the two ditches. It was decided that Mr. Montoya give a report to the Board.

Trustee McDonough asked if anyone has talked to UNM in assisting with the Master Plan. Administrator Ward said that they have.

Trustee Homan stated that there is a growing graffiti problem along the Chamisal Lateral. There is also a group of kids hanging out doing drugs as well as homeless folks.

Trustee Homan said she received numerous calls regarding a Landscaping company on Pueblo Solano.

Trustee Lopez stated that the 4th & Ranchitos striping is not getting any better and is a serious safety issue.

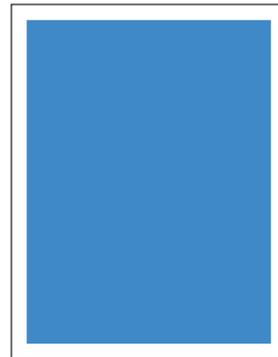
Administrator Ward said they have received a bid to do this.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

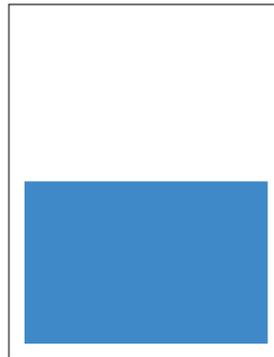
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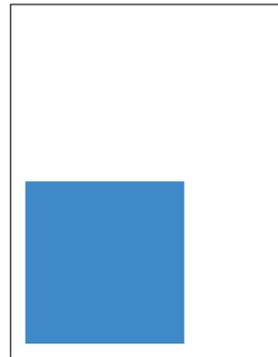
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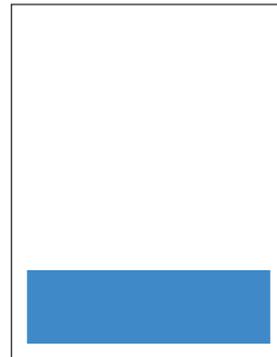
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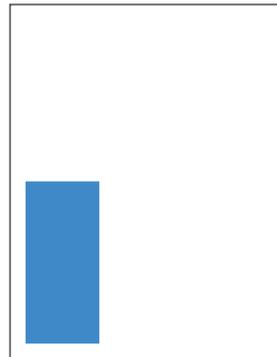
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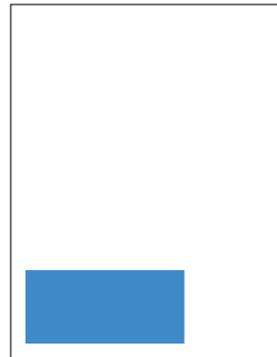
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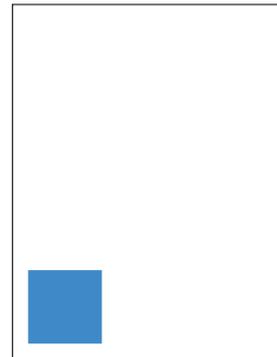
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Celebrating the Cooler Months with the Squash

by Randy Shamlian

Christopher Columbus' discovery of a new land, and new foods, forever changed the face of the culinary landscape of many a culture. On their journey home from the New World, Columbus and his crew brought seeds and samplings of tomatoes, corn, beans, and of course, the ubiquitous squash.

As the summer retreats, it gives way to cooler days and nights, and appetites that crave a flavor of comfort. With the onset of the fall season at the Los Ranchos de Albuquerque Growers' Market, in many respects will certainly resemble that of the findings Christopher Columbus chanced upon in the Native lands of the Americas.

On their journey home from the New World, Columbus and his crew brought seeds and samplings of tomatoes, corn, beans, and of course, the ubiquitous squash.

There is good likelihood you will find plenty of the following squash at the market:

Butternut squash, which looks much like a large pear and has cream-colored skin and deep orange-colored flesh, offers a nice sweetness when roasted. Acorn squash with its green and orange speckled skin, has a pale yellow-orange flesh, is sweet, nutty and peppery.

There is also the hubbard squash,

which is larger in size and can be either dark green, grey-blue or orange-red in color, and adds particular variety. And the green colored turban squash that are either speckled or striped, and which has an orange-yellow flesh, tastes similar to hazelnuts.

And of course, the pumpkin, the sweetest of all the squash, makes great pie, as well as having notable culinary usage. I would imagine there will also be some late arrivals of zucchini and yellow squash, which provides for some nice hearty soups and stews.

Culinarily speaking, I wonder what Christopher Columbus and Marco Polo, given that they lived in the same time period and had serendipitously run into each other on the gastronomic open seas, would have masterminded!

Here's a recipe that I think they might have conjured up together:

Roasted Pumpkin Lasagna with Walnuts and Sage (serves 6)

Pumpkin Filling:

- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 3 Tbl. unsalted butter
- 3 lb pumpkin, peeled, seeded, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 tsp shallots, minced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp white pepper
- 1/8 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 Tbl fresh sage, finely chopped
- 3/4 cup walnuts, toasted, chopped

Cream Sauce:

- 1 tsp. shallots, minced
- 3 Tbl unsalted butter
- 4 Tbl all-purpose flour
- 5 cups whole milk
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp salt

- 1/8 tsp white pepper
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg

- 1/2 lb mozzarella cheese, grated
- 1 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated
- 12 sheets lasagna, pre-cooked

Make filling:

Sauté onion in unsalted butter till translucent. Add pumpkin, shallots, salt, white pepper and nutmeg. Bake in a 375°F oven for 30 minutes or until pumpkin is tender. Remove from oven and stir in sage and walnuts. Let cool.

Prepare sauce:

Sauté shallots in butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in flour and cook for 3 minutes. Whisk in milk. Add bay leaf and bring to a boil, whisk often. Reduce heat and simmer for 8 minutes. Add salt, white pepper and nutmeg. Remove from heat, discard bay leaf.

Assemble Lasagna:

Spread 1/2 cup sauce in a 13 x 9 x 2-inch Pyrex dish and layer with 3 lasagna sheets. Spread 2/3 cup sauce and 1/3 of filling, and then spread with 1/2 cup cheese. Repeat layering twice more. Top with remaining 3 lasagna sheets, sauce, and cheese.

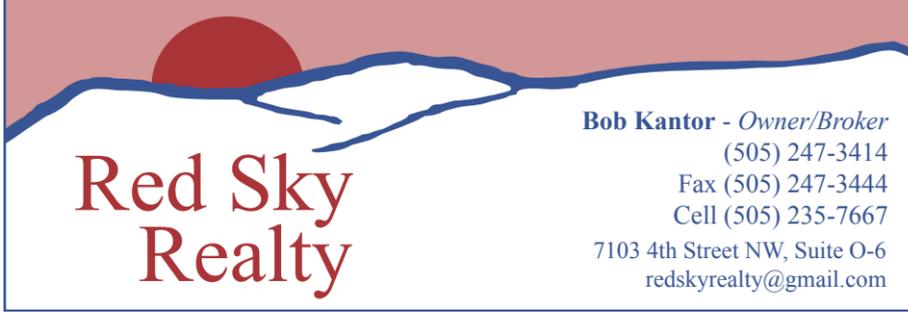
Preheat oven to 375°F.

Cover Pyrex dish with aluminum foil and bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil and bake for 15 minutes more. Let cool for 10 minutes before serving.

Enjoy!

Randy Shamlian 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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Area I&J Construction

Rio Grande Construction Approaching Completion

by Lisa Manwill

The Area I&J project is beginning its 10th month, and as of the writing of this update is ahead of schedule. We will be in the vicinity of El Pueblo and Rio Grande working north - so we are almost at the end! We have experienced slower production at this north end of the project because the drives are so narrow. We realize everyone is tired of the construction, and the contractor is working as quickly as possible to safely get the sewer installed and the roads repaved.

The Area I&J project is beginning its 10th month, and as of the writing of this update is ahead of schedule. We will be in the vicinity of El Pueblo and Rio Grande working north.

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. County inspectors are also familiar with the project and are available to address your concerns. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns. The County will be handing out fly-

ers 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.
 - 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
 - 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 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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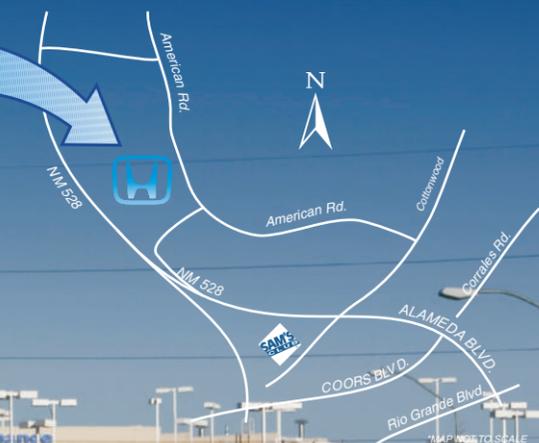


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