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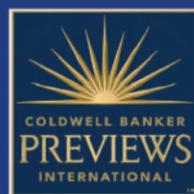
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Mayor's Report



**Thank you!** Celebrating those who have made 2008 a great year for the Village

by Larry Abraham

With the holiday season fast approaching I feel we have so much to be thankful for that I would like to wish all of our residents a Happy Thanksgiving, a great holiday season and a prosperous new year. Additionally, I want to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt thanks to all of our residents for their support and understanding as we close out the year.

I want to express my thoughts and condolences to the the Dimas and Hillerman family. Ms Dimas and Tony Hillerman were legends of our village. Ms Dimas was to turn 108 years old on December 24th. Several years ago we planted a tree at Village Hall in honor of Ms. Dimas and her memory as a bright shining star of our village will live on forever. Although Mr. Hillerman was one of the best authors I have ever read with an unique ability to tell a story. I will always remember Tony for how eloquently he described Los Ranchos and how he always looked forward to driving home through the village and the peaceful feeling it gave him to see the many colors especially in the fall. Tony even put Los Ranchos in the national spotlight when he wrote a 4 page article for the Smithsonian Magazine featuring his hometown. Ms. Dimas and Mr. Hillerman may have left us this year but their memories will last forever in our hearts and minds.

We have made monumental strides this year at creating a sense of place in Los Ranchos. Even as the economy slows we have seen an increase in new businesses and a new appreciation of the address "Los Ranchos". All of Los Ranchos addresses are officially included in the United States Post Office zip code database. After 5 years of ef-

fort I think our community has solidly been put on the maps. Please try and remember when ordering new checks, stationary, return labels or renewing your driver's license to make sure your address is listed as "Los Ranchos".

I want to thank all of our residents for their patience and understanding of the road closures, detours, and additional traffic associated with our final sewer project. We are nearing completion of the final stages of the area I & J sewer project which provides completes the sewer service to nearly every resident in our community. This will help protect our valuable groundwater for generations to come. The added bonus is nearly every road along Rio Grande Blvd including Rio Grande has been repaved. In the coming months we will be resurfacing and widening Rio Grande from Chavez to Montano in order to provide dedicated bike lanes between Paseo and Montano. In the spring of 2009 we will install a special thermoplastic surface to delineate the 4 1/2 foot bike lanes from the driving lanes on each side of Rio Grande Boulevard.

There are so many people to thank for all of our successes and progress we have made over the past year. I especially want to thank our staff for their dedication and loyalty to Los Ranchos. I will put our Fire Department up against any Fire Department in the State. Their commitment, enthusiasm and devotion to the job are unparalleled. Look for a new EMS vehicle that we hope to be purchasing in the coming months as well as a new Fire Station that should begin construction by Summer of 09.

I want to thank our Planning and Zoning commissioners for such an outstanding job for their contributions to our zoning conformity. I have always said I think our P&Z commissioners

have the toughest job around trying to balance neighborhood disputes and enforce zoning ordinances.

I especially want to thank our group of volunteers that make our community a "real community". I would be remiss for not singling out a few that are stellar in always finding time for Los Ranchos and are not thanked enough. Lorilee McDowell and Judy Griego for their tireless efforts on the Village Vision as well as any other project that they always seem to help on. Sue Brawley and Cathy xxxxxx for always making the Growers Market such a great place every Saturday morning. Penny Rembe, Kelly Jo Kuchar as well as Ann Carraza for making Lavender in the Village one of the best venues in the state of New Mexico. I would also like to thank the 100's of volunteers who I have not mentioned my name but are invaluable to creating a community atmosphere.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for once again giving me the privilege and honor of being your Mayor and representing Los Ranchos on a city and state level. My warmest wishes to you all for a happy and successful holiday season. May the "Spirit of Los Ranchos" be with you.

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### Deadline: January Village Vision

Friday, December 5th

### Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

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

Winter Markets, Holiday Market

January 10th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Winter Markets

### Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

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

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

Tuesday, January 13th, 7:00 p.m.

### Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

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

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

Wednesday, January 14th, 7:00 p.m.

### Deadline: February Village Vision

Friday, January 9th

### 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

### New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1st

Village Office Closed

## Village At-a-Glance

### Business Renewals

Business license renewals are due by January 1, 2009. We are asking each business to provide invoices, business cards and credit card receipts that reflect a Los Ranchos address. We additionally are requesting each business to provide a CRS-1 report to ensure the gross receipts are being reported to Los Ranchos 02-200. In lieu of a copy of the CRS-1 report each business can sign an affidavit confirming that the gross receipts are reported using the 02-200 municipality code.

### Pasta Divina

Pasta Divina to open a new location at 6847 4th Street NW. (across from One Stop Business Shop) starting December 1, 2008. They produce fresh, certified organic pasta, ravioli, and compound butters. Stop by or call them at 385-9563 or 577-2316 for your gift giving needs for the holiday season. If you read about them in the Village Vision and place an order, you will receive 10% off your order. Buon Appetito!

### New Restaurants

Ezra's new open in the bowling alley, and The Corner Cafe. The new Rincones de Los Ranchos will open in December.

### Fat Finch to open

Fat Finch should be opening in Rincones de Los Ranchos as this issue is being delivered. Everything you ever wanted to know about birds.

### The Village Trading Post:

The Village Trading Post is just that - a trading post. Old West stuff, furniture, collectibles. Interesting and fun. Nice folks. At 6700 Fourth.

### Lease Law Ordinance

We have had several very serious issues concerning dogs not being on a lease. The Village has a lease law and we expect residents to abide by the ordinance and keep their dogs on a lease. We are in the process of posting signs on the walking trails and will be issuing warnings when dogs are off lease.

### Please Note

The area K sewer system is NOT ready to be tied into. Please do not connect to the sewer system in area K until you are told to do so.

### Winter market hours

Not the winter market hours xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

### RailRunner Express

Watch for the RailRunner Express to be running to Santa Fe on a regular schedule starting sometime in December of 2008. You can get more information by visiting the MRCOG website and clicking on the RailRunner link.

### Los Ranchos Addresss!

When renewing your driver's license or ordering new checks or anything with an address please try and remem-

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A snowy Village Hall in ?

On the back: ?



## Ezra's Place starts cooking above Lucky 66 Bowl

You are all familiar with Sophia's Place, the little restaurant just a few yards south of the Village on Fourth Street. Well, here's good news! Chef/owner Dennis Apodaca has opened a second restaurant, this one featuring 'fine dining'. It's called Ezra's Place, after his son (Sophia is his daughter), and it's located at 6132 Fourth Street, in the Lucky 66 Bowl, in the Village.

Now in case it sounds strange to you that a great restaurant should make its home in a bowling alley, you should be aware that Sadie's Restaurant was originally located in this very same spot. And Ezra's Place is a very fine restaurant! I was part of a group that arrived at Ezra's early on its opening night, and walked up the ramp to the second floor of the building, anticipating good food, since Dennis is the chef. 'Good' doesn't begin to describe the dinner we had!

First of all, we passed a proper kitchen (remember Sophia's tiny ovenless space?), and then the bar, and found ourselves in the pleasant dining room, furnished with booths and tables. Though it was early, the restaurant was filling up rapidly, with diners coming up the stairs from the bowling alley, as well as from the outside entrance at the rear of the building. I'll leave the food to our Village chef, Jeff Copeland, to describe, but just let me say that everything was absolutely first class, nicely presented, and just what you would expect from Dennis.

In case you don't remember, Dennis Apodaca was written up here a while back when he was demonstrating his

talents at the Growers' Market. He has had a distinguished career as a chef, beginning his training at Chez Panisse under Chef Alice Waters, then moving to the Zuni Café. Both of these restaurants are in the San Francisco Bay Area, and always on anyone's list of the hundred best restaurants in this country. Moving back to his roots in New Mexico, Dennis then cooked at the Coyote Café and Santacafe, both in Santa Fe, and both on the very best list in that city.

And then Dennis decided on a change of career, and went to nursing school! Yup! And he was a year short of finishing the course when Matt Nichols, who at that time owned Fajitaville restaurant on Fourth Street, called to ask him to take over while Matt went on to open his second restaurant. At that point, Dennis decided that cooking was for him after all, bought the restaurant, turned it into Sophia's Place, and the rest is history!

Now just because you don't bowl doesn't mean you can't enjoy this great restaurant. You can approach it by climbing the stairs from the bowling alley, or you can park at the rear of the building and walk up the ramp to the second floor. As of this writing, there is a large sign painted on the outside beside the door, so you can hardly miss it.

Ezra's Place is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 am until 9:00 pm, and on Sunday for brunch from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Dennis said he is concentrating on dinner at this restaurant, because Sophia's Place will continue in



Dennis Apodaca

business serving breakfast and lunch, with chefs Art and Paulette in charge. However, lunch at Ezra's is excellent, uncrowded (so far!), and if you're really hungry, try the Ezra's Special sandwich with pastrami and sauerkraut grilled and served with homemade thousand island dressing and Dennis's French fries. Yum!!

I might also add that Ezra's has a full liquor license, but right now, Dennis is serving wine and beer, and margaritas only. The latter sound really interesting. There are four variations on the basic margarita theme, adding different flavorings: Rosarita - prickly pear; Scarlett - peach; Sophia - pomegranate; and Marla - cointreau and lime and silver tequila. I can see a tasting in my future!!

So go have a great meal at Dennis's new digs. You'll probably run into us there!

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### Village Vision

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EZRA'S PLACE

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LUNCH - 11 PM TO 3 PM  
DINNER - 5 PM TO 9 PM

**SATURDAY**  
BRUNCH - 9 PM TO 3 PM  
DINNER - 5 PM TO 9 PM

**SUNDAY**  
BRUNCH - 9 PM TO 2 PM

**6132 FOURTH STREET NW - ABOVE LUCKY 66 BOWL**

## Los Ranchos Elementary gains from Scout's Eagle project

The playground equipment at Los Ranchos Elementary School is gleaming this evening with a fresh coat of paint! Fifteen-year-old Joshua Hone, a former student at Los Ranchos, chose to renovate the old peeling and badly chipped bars and swings as his Eagle Scout project, and give the equipment a new and sparkling look.

An Eagle project is one of management and organization. For his project, Josh, now a student at La Cueva High School, put together a crew of volunteers comprised of friends from five different Scout troops (166 – Josh's troop, 280, 174, 17 (in Rio Rancho), and 703 (in Corrales). He also recruited friends not in scouting, and some assorted parents. To help pay for the materials needed for the job (paint and primer, scrapers and sandpaper, rubber gloves, etc.), he looked for donors, and Los Ranchos landscaper, Steve Shelly, whose son is also an Eagle Scout, came up with some financial assistance. Loew's also provided discounts for other material.

The iron playground bars and swings were in pretty bad shape, and without very much of the old paint. The scraping and sanding was probably the worst of the job. When I arrived at the site, some of the equipment already had white primer applied, and the crew was waiting for it to dry before proceeding with the top coat of paint. Josh was checking that all had gloves, and that primer was supplied to the painters, and new scrapers to those who needed them. And when lunch time arrived, Josh summoned the Scouts to gather for a brief Scouting grace, and then passed around boxes and boxes of assorted pizzas, supplied courtesy of Domino Pizza. And there was a surprise for dessert: a birthday cake arrived with Josh's parents, Jay Hone and Heather Wilson! The day was, in fact, Josh's fifteenth birthday!

Joshua Hone is a member of Scouting's Order of the Arrow, and will achieve the final badge for Eagle Scout in the next few weeks. He told me he expects to hold his Eagle ceremony before the end of the year. So here's another fine young man to add to the group of new Eagle Scouts we've honored this year. Congratulations to Josh Hone on a job well done!



Ditch Writer

## Winter Markets arrive in December with new harvests

by Sue Brawley

### Growers' Market

The Winter Markets are the second Saturday of each month this year, from December to April, from 10 am to noon. On December 13th, one will find winter squash, greens, apples, carrots and other root vegetables, hot house tomatoes, dried fruit, cold-weather bedding plants, dried flower arrangements, paper-whites, house plants and cacti, and great gift ideas from the growers (goat cheese, honey, jam/jellies) as well as the arts & crafts vendors. Kelly Jo Designs and artist Alison Hudson will be business spotlights this month. Weather permitting, the Arts & Crafts Market will be open 10 a.m. to

noon every Saturday until Christmas. Depending on the weather, the market will either be held in its regular spot on the parking lot, or in the barn.

### Thanks to Community Partners:

The Growers' Market Board (a volunteer-run organization: Sue Brawley, Cathy Lewandowski, Tom Fay, Phil Herlan, Lorilee McDowell, and Mary Moses) would like to express its appreciation for all the support that has been received from the various Community Partners. The support makes a difference!

Thanks to Alvarado Elementary School, American Surf N' Turf, Bernalillo County Extension Services, Bow Wow Blues, Chile Expert Bruce God-

dard, Corva Rose/Divine Earth, Dave Palsce, Flying Star/Satellite Coffee, Jennifer James 101, Jericho Nursery, Joe Sausage, Kelly Jo Designs, Master Composter Larry Kloeppel, Chef Mía Maes, Poco Quatros Model A Club, Moses Kountry Health Food Store, New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association, Pasta Divina, Randy Shamlian, Roman's Rain Reserves, Rainbow Roadrunner Car Club, Jim Sais, United Blood Services, Voter Registration, Village of Los Ranchos, Herbalist Wendy Warner, and the Westside Journal. Thanks to Judy Griego for permitting use of her line drawings, to our many volunteers, and especially to our student helpers Joe (CEC High School) and Mary (Valley High School).



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On Patrol

## Nine easy tips to ensure your holidays remain safe

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

2008 is coming to an end and it seemed to fly by. As it nears its end with the upcoming holidays and all the joy, stress, and chaos that always seems to accompany them, I wanted to put out some basic safety tips to help keep you, your family, and your possessions safe this holiday season.

- Remember the three A's of crime prevention: Be Aware of your surroundings, be Alert to suspicious people and vehicles, and Avoid dangerous situations to include not putting yourself in harm's way.

- Carry only the amount of cash you think you may need, or preferably use a credit card, as it leaves a paper trail should it be stolen and used.

- When using an A.T.M., make sure that it is not in a secluded place and

it is well lit. Never count your money outside your car.

- Avoid carrying many packages at once as it can make you look vulnerable. Place all packages and gifts in the locked trunk of your car rather than on the seats where they are plainly visible.

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

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

- If you are confronted in your driveway, remain in your locked car with the windows up and honk your horn. The distance from your car to your front

door is "no man's land" so be alert to potential predators. Also make sure walkways, doorways, and driveways are well lit.

- Going out of town for the holidays? Have a friend or neighbor check on your home and leave emergency contact information with them and the police.

- If someone attacks you, just give up the property. There is nothing in your purse, wallet, or shopping bags worth serious injury or death! At this point, being a good witness is important. Being able to describe the offender(s) in detail will help police greatly in apprehending them.

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



# Artful Giving

Sky Dog is partnering this holiday season with the Los Ranchos Fire Department to reach out to some of our village families in need of assistance.

Through November  
**Food Drive for the Los Ranchos Children & Families**  
 Drop non-perishable food off at Sky Dog or the Los Ranchos Fire Department

November 15 - December 13th  
**Silent Auction to benefit Roadrunner Food Bank**

December 1 - 13:  
**Toys and Coat Drive**  
 Toys, coats, socks, and undergarments can be dropped off at Sky Dog or the Los Ranchos Fire Department

Saturday, December 6, 10am - 4pm  
**North Fourth Holiday Stop & Shop**

Saturday, December 13th, 4- 7 pm  
**Holiday Show & Event**  
 Join Sky Dog and the Los Ranchos Fire Department for merriment, prizes, and a unique holiday shopping experience. This event will wrap up the drive to help the less fortunate make their holidays brighter. Kids Welcome!  
**Admission:** Non-perishable food or unwrapped toys

Those making donations November and December at either location will receive a **10% off gift certificate for Sky Dog on any purchase.** The Los Ranchos Fire Department is located at 6718 Rio Grande Blvd.

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## Chief's Corner



### Sky Dog and LRFD hosting holiday charity drive

by Chief Greg Perez

Driving through the Village of Los Ranchos, one can't help but admire the rural setting, beautiful trees, and elaborate homes that make this such a sought after place to live. But have you ever wondered if there is more to the Village that is not always seen or may go unnoticed? As the Fire Chief of the Village, I have had the opportunity to see all aspects of our Village from the amazing multi-million dollar homes to the small single family houses. I have had the opportunity to visit with business owners, attorneys, and doctors who call the Village home. I have also had the opportunity to visit the single

mom, struggling to put food on the table, and the family living in a trailer with little or no heat. To honor this holiday season, the Village of Los Ranchos Fire Department is joining with Sky Dog Art Gallery to reach out to some of our Village families who are in need of assistance. Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable food items which we will donate to needy members of our community. From December 1st to the 13th, we will be focused on the less fortunate children who call the Village home, and again the Fire Department and Sky Dog will be collecting toys, coats, socks, and undergarments. The above items can

be dropped off at the Fire Department at 6718 Rio Grande Blvd., or at Sky Dog Art Gallery at 7103 4th Street, Bldg. M. On Saturday, December 13th, from 4:00 to 7:00pm, at Sky Dog Art Gallery, there will take place a Holiday Show and Event, wrapping up the drive! There will be food and fun, and kids are welcome. Admission will be by an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item. The holidays are a great time to come together to help those in need. This year we are focusing on our own community, so please join us in making this holiday season a little more enjoyable for those residents doing the best they can to survive on their own.



## Tony Hillerman

*Both literature and the Village lost one of its best with the death of author Tony Hillerman.*



passed away today, October 26th. His death is a loss not only for the Village, where he lived for a very long time, but for the whole literary world. For anyone who enjoyed reading novels about the American West, Tony Hillerman's mysteries were favorites. You will have read long and detailed obituaries and articles about him, so this is a more personal tribute.

A delightful and always friendly gentleman, Tony could be seen occasionally walking through our Growers' Market, seeming to me as though he might be gathering atmosphere for another book. Whenever I called, he patiently put up with amateurs like me who bothered him for favors. I occasionally asked him to write bits for the Village Vision, and when he finally decided to write an article on his home territory for the Smithsonian Magazine, he gave me permission not only to print it here, but to shorten it to fit our magazine's pages.

The last time I spoke with him, I

had brought him three copies of what turned out to be his final novel to be signed for gifts. He had forgotten I had an appointment, but invited me in and we sat in his sunny study and chatted for half an hour while he signed my books. We discussed the geologic map of the Navajo Reservation which hung on his wall, and we also talked about the Grand Canyon, and the terrible plane crash which had taken place there years ago, and about which my geologist/river-runner husband had some information. (That crash had been included in one of his later novels.) Though not in the best of health, he was interesting and interested, and funny, and though I didn't know him well enough to call him more than an acquaintance, it was always a joy to speak with him.

Tony Hillerman was eighty-three years old at his death, and is survived by his wife, Marie, their six children, and legions of friends, fans, and admirers.

Los Ranchos' crown shines a little less brightly tonight. One of its brightest jewels is with us no more. The Village's author laureate, Tony Hillerman,

## Anita Gonzales-Dimas

*The Village's most famous elder, Anita Gonzales-Dimas leaves behind a vast family legacy.*

More sadness. The Village's great-great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Anita Gonzales-Dimas, passed away on October 28th, just before reaching her one-hundred-eighth birthday. Born on Christmas Eve, 1900, in Gallup, New Mexico, Mrs. Dimas and her carpenter husband, Benjamin, moved to the Village and built a small adobe home on Fourth Street. And there

she lived ever since, staying after the death of her husband, tending the house and yard. There she raised nine children, seven of whom survive her. Until recently, she could be seen early every morning, weeding and sweeping in her yard.

A few years ago this December, Mayor Abraham and the Trustees gave Mrs. Dimas a special birthday party just before Christmas. My husband picked her up in his Model A, and drove her to Village Hall, where she was serenaded with Christmas and birthday songs, and where a Christmas tree was planted in her honor. She loved the festivities! That tree will

continue to glow every holiday season in her memory.

Anita Dimas leaves a remarkable family. I think she must have been related to half the residents of the Village, for I kept meeting more of them. Remember los hijos de Salomon y Aurelia Sanchez



from the February issue of the Village Vision? They are part of her family. In all, Mrs. Dimas is survived by 43 grandchildren, 102 great-grandchildren, 86 great-great-grandchildren, and 30 great-great-great-grandchildren! The Village of Los Ranchos will miss her.



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## Bruce Cravens

*A prominent Village WWII veteran and real estate broker died this September at the age of 87.*

The Village has lost another well-known resident. On September 12th, Bruce Cravens passed away following a long illness.

He was eighty-seven years old. Born January 13, 1921 in St. Louis, MO, and raised in Oak Park, IL, Mr. Cravens enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps following graduation from high school, to serve in WWII. He received his Bombardier diploma July 1, 1944 from AAF Bomb School in Deming, NM. His flight squadron was deployed, by secret orders, to Barking Sands Air Combat Center, Kauai. Squadron #819 Oahu flew many bombing missions throughout the Pacific during World War II, the most notable over Iwo Jima in their B-24, attacking Mount Surib-

achi and protecting the Marines trying to secure Iwo Jima.

After the war, 1st Lieutenant Bruce Cravens married Norma Jean Bullis, sister of his Chief Pilot James S. Bullis, Jr. Following the war, he was graduated from Northwestern University and returned to California, eventually settling in San Marino, CA to raise his family. Bruce spent many years in commercial real estate, first for Signal Oil Company and then as an independent broker. Bruce and Jean relocated to Los Ranchos, NM in 1976, and he spent the rest of his working years as a developer and residential builder, most notably with daughter, Susie Fairchild, Real-

beloved wife, Jean Bullis Cravens. He is survived by his brother Earl Cravens; three daughters, Susie Fairchild (partner Doug Vaughan), twins Patti Cravens Reed (Steve), Paula Jean Sievers (John); seven grandchildren, Jeff Fairchild, Jeanne Fairchild, Chris Reed (wife Jess), twins Julie and Alex Reed, Catelin Sievers, and Hilary Sievers. Bruce was an avid golfer into his 80's and maintained a 12 handicap, often walking 36 holes at the Albuquerque Country Club.

He was cherished by his devoted family, and many business and personal friends, the closest of which was Leo Bartolucci. Donations may be made in his name to the Northwestern University Alumni Association.

Bruce was preceded in death by his



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Los Ranchos Grower, Mary Moses, wrote us and sent some photos. We thought you’d enjoy them!

Mary said: “My garden was zapped by the frost last night, but I had gathered most of the harvest in anticipation of such an event. We spread out a six foot compost pile and



besides the butternut and Kaboda squash we planted, everything else in the pile came up also! This is no big deal to regular farmers, but for us this was the best we’ve ever done! We are very puzzled by the fact that there are no squash bugs, and if anyone can explain that to us, please do.

We would like to do a repeat performance

next year! The pile of squash pictured is in addition to all we’ve all ready sold at the Los Ranchos Growers’ Market. P. S. Having beehives I’m sure helped!”

You can visit Mary at her booth at the Growers’ Market. She’s at the north end with all the pretty flowers, and blackberries when they’re in season!

## The Fat Finch: a new Village shop for bird lovers

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

Ask Roberta Beyer about birds and the words come tumbling out like gifts out of Santa's bag on Christmas Eve. "There is something wonderfully universal about birds," she says as she talks about her childhood passion. Recently, she decided to leave her career as a lawyer and open The Fat Finch, a shop that will allow her to follow that passion. In deciding to make the change, Roberta recalled Carl Jung's advice about getting in touch with the creative self: focus on the things you loved as a child.

*"When you get people excited about birds, you get people excited about conservation. In a small way, it's about saving the planet."*

At eight, Roberta became a member of the Audubon Society. "I wanted to become an ornithologist before grownups started to run my life," she explains as she talks about opening The Fat Finch, a shop for birdwatchers, for those who would like to learn about birds, and for those who simply admire their beauty. In fact, she sees her shop, located at 7528 Fourth St. in the new Plaza at Rincones de Los Ranchos (just south of Ranchitos) as a gift to the Village, a gift that will allow her to teach others about birds.

Roberta's teaching will be multifaceted. "When you get people excited about birds, you get people excited about conservation. In a small way, it's about saving the planet," she points out. There will be books about birds in The Fat Finch, and Roberta plans workshops on things like bird watching for beginners; on gardening to attract birds;

and, of course, on the connection between birds and conservation. She will do bird walks within the Village and teach people about wild bird rescue. She will even teach cat lovers how to attract birds without endangering them!

Bird watching is the second biggest hobby in the country, just behind gardening, according to Roberta. One important goal of The Fat Finch will be to get people interested in bird watching and to support those who are already involved in the hobby.

The shop, set to open mid November, will also offer a unique shopping experience. Roberta will carry feeders, bird seed, and bird houses as well as decorator items--bird motif lamps, bird-related art, and kitchen and dining room decor--for Villagers who want to feather their own nests a bit. There will even be note cards, clothing, one-of-a-kind handbags, and jewelry.



Roberta Beyer

A preview of all that The Fat Finch will offer is available at [www.fatfinch.com](http://www.fatfinch.com).

"The shop will be a perfect place to shop for unique Christmas gifts in all price ranges," Roberta says. Children can find gifts to give beginning at only \$2.00 for a seed feeder.

The Fat Finch's restful terra cotta and pine green color scheme will encourage quiet browsing through the various interest centers and nestling into comfortable chairs to read from the library of bird books that Roberta will provide.

Sometimes gifts are things we can tie up with ribbons and give on special occasions for special reasons. Sometimes gifts are visual delights. And sometimes gifts are words that help us explore new things. Roberta Beyer will offer all three at the Fat Finch.

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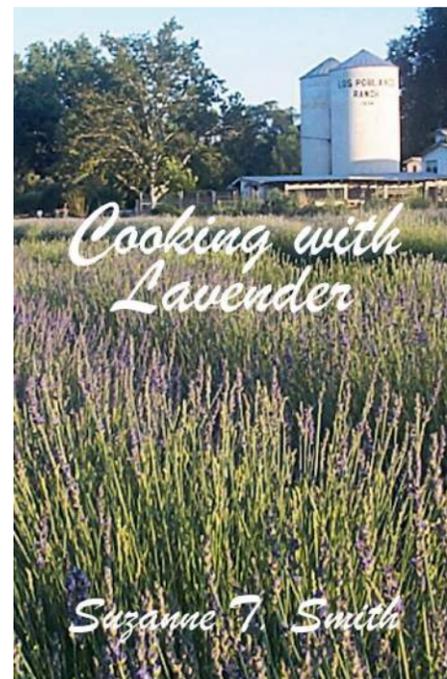
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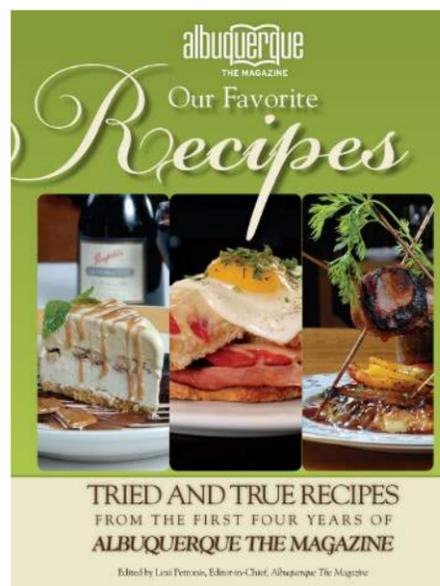
## Two cookbooks feature the best of Village's cuisine

If there's a great cook or a foodie on your Christmas list this year, you might want to consider either or both of these cookbooks as a nice gift. Both are published by the Village's Rio Grande Books, and both are available at Bookworks on Rio Grande Blvd., among other shops.



The first book is a small and delightful softcover volume called *Cooking with Lavender*, by Suzanne T. Smith. From the familiar photograph of the lavender fields at Los Poblanos on the cover to the final two recipes for lavender crunchies for pets, this book is filled with innovative and what promise to be very tasty recipes using the Village's favorite herb. The book begins with some excellent information on the history of lavender, selecting the proper type, growing it, preparing it for use, and where to buy it. Then follow recipes for a great variety of foods from appetizers and first courses, through entrees, veggies, beverages, and desserts. The recipes are not complicated, and should appeal to a clever home cook. I particularly enjoyed one for spiced lavender-fried apples, which are delicious with roast pork or pork chops.

The second cookbook is a handsome, also softcover, volume called *Our Fa-*



*vorite Recipes*, and is subtitled "Tried and True Recipes from the First Four Years of Albuquerque The Magazine". This book boasts not only interesting recipes, but some really stunning photography of various dishes and the chefs who produced them. Four of those chefs should be especially familiar to Villagers. First, Randy Shamlian is a Village resident. You will recognize him as one of the vendors at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market, where he sells his yummy homemade pies and foccaccia bread. His recipe for Oyster Mushroom Fettuccine Alfredo with Pancetta also appeared in the pages of the Village Vision, since Randy is also our food columnist.

Next, take note of Brian Stafford, executive chef at Sadie's New Mexico, long a favorite restaurant in the Village. Brian is represented by a tasty recipe for Betty's Rancho Burger on French Bread. If that sounds like what you want for dinner (or a hearty lunch!), it's not too complicated to make for yourself, although how hard is it to run down Fourth Street for a plate of the real thing at Sadie's!

Then we come to Villager Peter Lukes, whose elegant restaurant, Terra American Bistro, is located just outside the Village on Alameda Blvd. Peter offers the recipe for one of his standard and delicious menu items, Slow Braised Beef Pot Roast with Red Cabbage and Cinnamon Glaze. I guess one could say

this is one of Peter's specialties, and it certainly is a favorite of anyone who has the pleasure of dining at Terra. Talk about comfort food!

Finally, we come to Mia Maes, who is almost an honorary Villager due to her regular appearances at the Growers' Market, as well as at Lavender in the Village, where she has for the last several years demonstrated methods of cooking with lavender. For this cookbook, Mia offers a recipe for Chipotle-Maple Marinated Pork Tenderloin, an incredibly tasty feast for those who like to grill. It's served with mashed butternut squash, plenty of which can be found at the Grower's Market these days. This is another fine cold weather meal!

You should note that *Our Favorite Recipes* was voted Best in Show Booksellers' Choice at the 2008 Mountains and Plains Independent Booksellers Meeting! And the Village's LPD Press/Rio Grande Books is a finalist in the 2008 New Mexico Book Awards. Winners will be announced on November 21, 2008.

## Village Trading Post selling a medley of wares

Another new business has opened on Fourth Street, this one bringing a touch of the Olde West to the Village. The Village Trading Post is located in the adobe building at 6700 Fourth Street NW, and it really does resemble one of the old posts on the reservation. No food here, but lots of interesting goods for sale from jewelry, a few pots, rugs, paintings, stained glass, baskets, an occasional musical instrument, to antique toys. Cow skulls trimmed with paint and beads and appliques by Joy's son, Jay, an artist. And there is furniture - old stuff bought at sales and flea markets, and repaired, painted, and reupholstered if necessary. A fun round table covered with a mosaic in the Coca Cola motif stood in a corner.

And the owners are pretty interesting, too. The Trading Post is owned by two couples: Jess and Barbara Montoya (and their two-year-old daughter, Jessy), and Mike and Joy Clark. These folks have been collecting 'stuff' for years, and decided to open a store to sell and buy and trade things. Yes, I did say "trade"! If you have something you want to trade for something in the Post, take it over and talk to these folks. The Montoyas and Clarks have an interesting theme by which they live: help each other, and help others until they can help themselves. Do not tolerate selfishness in business, and try to always live by that code of friendship.

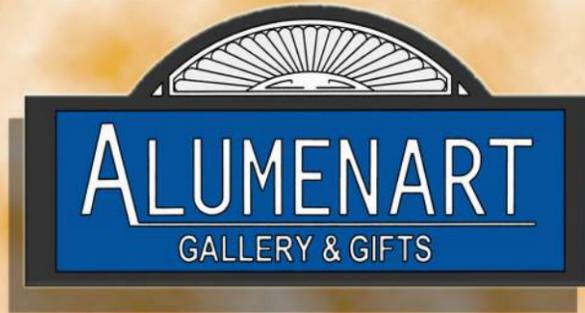
And there's more! Jess Montoya and Mike Clark are real cowboys! They have a gunfighting reenactment group, which used to perform at Las Golondrinas. They do charity work for the Elks, and put on pioneer days performances using a real chuckwagon. They do movie work, for other companies and for their own small movie company - they have their own camera and equipment. They've done movie and stunt work since they appeared in Wyatt Earp in 1994, and recently appeared in Terminator 4 (Jess) and Appaloosa (Mike). When you drop in, ask Jess to show you his pairs of Crockett spurs, made in the 1920's, one pair of which was used in the movie Blood and Sand, and was worn by Jess' grandfather, who was a stunt double for Rudolph Valentino!

The Village Trading Post is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm, and on Sunday from 10am until 3pm. The phone number is 349 - 5623. It's a fascinating place with interesting people. Drop in when you're looking for stocking stuffers! You're bound to find something interesting. And maybe we should plan on having a gunfight as part of our Anniversary celebration in the Village!

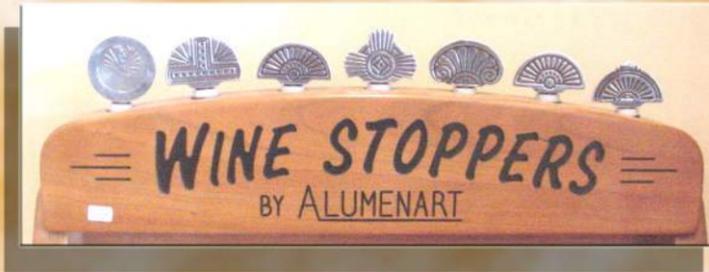


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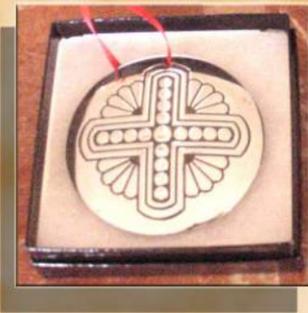
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Watercolorist Fran Ryan sells her paintings as part of the Historic Guadalupe Trail Art Studio Tour, which took place on October 4th and 5th. The weather cooperated and the Tour attracted many visitors to the seven studios which were open. A busy time was had by all!

Sandwich Time to become the new Corner Cafe

Well, it's had several name changes, but I think we now have the final version! Aaron Worrell and his family will close their Sandwich Time shop on November 15th, and open their new restaurant at 7520 Fourth Street NW in the up and coming Rincones de Los Ranchos shopping center (just south of Ranchitos) soon. And I thought the grand opening was going to happen before Thanksgiving, but just today (November 5th), I was given the word that it will now be December before that happens. Contractors, you know...

will be a deli counter for take out, but there will also be a complete menu, featuring an expanded breakfast (pecan waffles! YUM!), a soup of the day, and an assortment of seasonal salads. Then Aaron described one of his entrees to me: Salisbury steak, grilled or pan fried, with mashed potatoes with roasted garlic, and gravy!

At any rate, the final details are still being decided, but basically this will be a full service restaurant, open 7:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday; 8:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday; and on Sunday from 8:00am until 2:00pm. Aaron is finalizing the menu, but I know that, of course, his delicious sandwiches will be available, there

Now cool weather is coming on as I write this, and by the time you read it, it will be cold. That last item sounds like winter comfort food to me... and I'm just waiting to hear what else will be on that menu! Oh, and, when warm weather returns, there will be a really pretty patio, with a fountain, available for outdoor dining.

In the January issue, there will be a coupon for you all to use to try Aaron's great food. Patience, patience.... Contractors tend to be slow, as we all know! This café will be worth waiting for!



Aaron Worrell



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## Joshua S. Franco

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"Beyul," oil on linen, 58" x 104" diptych, 2008

## "Feral Flora" exhibition by Jane Abrams opening

Jane Abrams will be exhibiting selections of new paintings in the Transitions Gallery of the Albuquerque Museum from December 14th through March 3rd, 2009. A public opening will take place on Sunday, January 11th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

The title of the exhibition is "Feral Flora" and will include work inspired by the open space in the Village of Los Ranchos.

The painting entitled "Beyul" was inspired by a large artichoke plant thriving in the open space public gar-

dens. The painting was begun at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, Nebraska, where Jane was artist in residence during September and October, 2007.

The work was completed in February 2008 in her Los Ranchos studio.

## Red Rock Rose selling rustic jewelry and trinkets

by Debbie Salazar Stuart

Red Rock Rose was "GREEN" before they realized it could be "Fashionable".

Debbie Salazar Stuart is a North Valley native who currently owns a vintage boutique and is a member of the popular Antique Mile. But her rustic roots, graphic design talent, and business sense needed another challenge. She realized the popularity of the retro Cowgirl and the nostalgic appeal of things recycled, rugged and rustic, but with a trendy and glamorous use and appearance. Voila!! Red Rock Rose was born.

Red Rock Rose sells terrific one-of-a-kind gifts and accessories with a retro cowgirl vibe. They reuse rustic roof

tin, scrap metal, bottle caps and beads, vintage prayer cards and antique photos, to produce trendy roof tin picture frames and concho belts, gypsy junk bead necklaces, custom belt buckles, playful earrings, funky magnets, and even children's jewelry. She also relies on some hand-picked local talent to help her with some of their handcrafted items. Maxine Sloan, Traci Mac, J. Wynne and Ricardo Ortiz are just a few. Many items are customizable. These artists can incorporate your photos, drawings and your personal sentiments. Prices range from \$4 for gift tins, to just under \$300 for authentic Native American jewelry.

Through its fun and entertaining website, [www.RedRockRose.com](http://www.RedRockRose.com), Red Rock Rose sells online, over the phone,

and at retail stores. Their innovative and exciting line is currently sold at Accents, 7209 Fourth Street NW, Los Ranchos. Phone 505.898.4488. But check out their website for other locations throughout the city and state.

Debbie would like to expand her line by including more clothing and home accessories. Red Rock Rose has made an appearance this past summer at Lavender in the Village in Los Ranchos, and is scheduled to appear at the upcoming wine festivals. Red Rock Rose will also be featured in stores throughout Texas and Oklahoma next spring.

If you need a gift for the person who has everything, or just want something unusual for yourself, be sure to visit Red Rock Rose. It's "Green", "Retro" and fun! Rock-n-Rose!

# The Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program

*A collaborative program between UNM's Biology Department and the Bosque School is collecting critical ecological data about the wilderness of the Rio Grande Valley*

by Dan Shaw

New Mexico is an arid or semi-arid region, yet stretching from north to south exists a lush riparian forest, the Bosque, nestled along the Rio Grande. This oasis-like stretch of green vegetation canopied by trees like cottonwood, claims home to numerous flora, fauna and ecological issues; including flooding and fire.

For a semi-arid region, there is extraordinary biodiversity within the Bosque and surrounding ecosystems. The fact that this unique ecosystem exists throughout New Mexico creates a great need for understanding its biologic function. Collecting abiotic and biotic data helps to make informed management decisions on how to effectively care for this area.

The solution to research and data collection began as an educational outreach effort in 1996 orchestrated by UNM Biology Chair emeritus, Dr. Cliff Crawford. Originally, Dr. Crawford organized 80 volunteers to help with data collection. Over the years, Dr. Crawford's efforts have grown to include over 3,700 K-12 public, private, parochial, pueblo and home schooled participants each year. Student volunteers work with their teachers, UNM Bosque Interns and staff to collect and provide accurate data to the greater community. This program, the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP), continues to provide real, hands-on environmental education to thousands of New Mexico students each year while also providing a valuable resource to our scientific community.

The Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP) is a joint project of the University of New Mexico's Biology Department (UNM) and the Black Institute for Environmental Studies at Bosque School. This collaborative program involves over 30 New Mexico public, private, pueblo, and home schools in long-term ecological research to monitor key indicators of structural and functional change in the Middle Rio Grande riparian forest, or



“Bosque.” BEMP has 24 established monitoring sites stretching 144 miles from Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan) Pueblo in the north to Lemitar in the south. The data derived is shared with local, state, tribal, and federal government agencies for analyzing and managing the Bosque. The high level of confi-

dence in student-collected data underlies the interpretations and conclusions presented in BEMP public reports.

BEMP is also the outreach component of the National Science Foundation funded Sevilleta Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) program at UNM. The demonstrated and ongoing goal for

BEMP is to provide resource managers with reliable data and interpretation regarding the environmental conditions of the Rio Grande's Bosque, while providing a model science education program that is consistent with national science education reform efforts.

Users of student collected BEMP data and findings include the US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, the Interstate Stream Commission, various Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the City of Albuquerque Open Space and a variety of tribal, state, and local governments. Protocols and data presentations are developed to be consistent with agency guidelines and needs. In so doing, BEMP findings are readily accessible and helpful for Rio Grande and Bosque managers and decision makers.

Collected data are of two kinds: 1) abiotic (e.g., groundwater levels and quality, water levels in adjacent ditches, and precipitation), and 2) biotic (e.g., native and exotic tree and shrub productivity, fire risk and fuel loading and indicator surface arthropod activity). Program participants also collect ground water samples for quality, air and soil temperature, plant cover data, and fire risk as represented through fuel loading. Data analysis reveals how long-term and seasonal water availability can influence the diversity and abundance of native cottonwood and willow and introduced salt cedar and Russian olive -- all trees of great ecological and cultural significance. The research directly considers the potential, presence, absence, and effects of the Rio Grande's two major ecological drivers: fire and flood.

The mission of the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP) is collaborative long-term ecological monitoring of key abiotic and biotic processes and characteristics to promote continued education, understanding and stewardship of the riparian ecosystem to scientists, teachers, students, policy makers and the public.

For more information, contact the BEMP Coordinator, Dan Shaw at Bosque School 505-898-6388 or for scheduling classroom participation in BEMP contact the BEMP Education Coordinator, Kimi Scheerer at 505-898-6388 or ksche@bosqueschool.org.

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# Keeping the Village of Los Ranchos Beautiful

As part of the "Keep Los Ranchos Beautiful Trek for Trash" campaign, Girl Scouts, Soccer Teams, Schools, and Residents came together to remove tons of trash, weeds and unwanted debris from the Village. Public education and community support are paramount to the success of our program.

The Village appreciates all of the time the volunteers gave to present a positive image of our great community. "Thank you," to Girl Scout Troop 59, NM Clash Pride Soccer Team, North Valley Academy, and the El Paraiso Neighborhood Association.

The following letters are from participants and beneficiaries of the campaign.

## Campaign spurs new clean-up efforts in El Paraiso neighborhood

Thanks so much to the Village for sponsoring this event!

A total of eleven households from the El Paraiso Neighborhood Association participated in cleaning their yards, plus the street areas directly around their front yards.

We also targeted an area around the

Fruit Basket (a commercial area) where trash, leaves, etc., had accumulated.

Unfortunately, we did not take any pictures.

Several participants suggested that we continue this event as a monthly activity, sponsored by the El Paraiso Neighborhood Association. We would

designate, for example, the second Saturday of each month as the "official" clean up day, and volunteers would haul the collected trash to the dump.

We're going to give it a try!

Jaime  
Neighborhood Association President

## NM Clash Pride Soccer Team gains new experiences from Trek for Trash

By participating in the Trek for Trash Project in the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, the New Mexico Pride soccer team learned several things. One thing we learned was that with a small group of participants we were able to cover a very large area and clean up a lot of trash. We also learned that cleaning up isn't very hard and that we can turn anything into a game. After a short time, several of the partner groups were competing against each other to see who could pick up the most trash

and fill their bags the fastest.

Something that we learned from this experience, which we are now applying to our daily lives, is that it is important for us to clean up after ourselves. As a team, we produce a good deal of trash at practice and during our games. When we are on the field, the sidelines are usually filled with water bottles and snack and gum wrappers. Since participating in the Clean Space Project, we are very careful to make sure that we clean up all of our trash, and

often trash that isn't even ours, before we leave the field. We have also started using more re-useable water bottles so that we aren't producing as much trash as we have in the past.

Possibly the most important thing that we learned from this experience is that, if we all do our parts and clean up after ourselves, everywhere we go can be a clean space.

NM Clash Pride Soccer Team  
Participated on September 29, 2008

## Balloonists gain from cleaner open spaces

Mayor  
Village of Los Ranchos  
de Albuquerque  
6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW  
Los Ranchos, NM 87107

Dear Sirs:

I am a crew member of the "Morning Majesty, Mariah III, & Mountain Mist" hot air balloon team. Our team consists of Pilots Lee Bregitzer and Don Tomsic, assorted Albuquerque team members, Colorado team members, California Team members, and, of course, myself and others from Rio Rancho.

During Balloon Fiesta we were informed that the Village of Los Ranchos had opened up a space for landings along the Paseo del Norte and 4th

Street area. This was good news as landing spaces in the North Valley are few and not necessarily safe. Knowing that we had over forty acres available for landing was great.

Sure enough on Saturday, October 4th, we had the good fortune to land at the open space in the Village. Normally, when we land in a space, the first order of business is to "police" the area for trash that might give the balloon envelope problems. Much to our surprise, the area was spotless, so landing and packing up our balloon was done quickly and efficiently, since we didn't have to clean up first.

It was nice to see that such a large area of open space was litter free. As balloonists we see a lot of trash and lit-

ter, usually the first fifteen minutes after landing is just cleaning up the area so that we can lay the balloon envelope down for packing. Most ordinary envelopes cost in the \$15,000 to \$35,000 ranges. If the envelope is damaged during landing or packing, it can cost the owners from \$100 to thousands of dollars for repairs, especially during Balloon Fiesta, since there is only one repair shop in Albuquerque.

So from our pilots and crew members, who all were impressed with the cleanliness of the open space, thank you so much for such a fine landing site.

From the Pilots and Crew of the Morning Majesty, Mariah III, and Mountain Mist Balloon Team.



Girl Scouts Troop 59. Front row: Jasmine Sedillo, Christina Martinez, Rapture Goldsmith, Shelby Frese, Lily Means, Bailey Flores, Cosette Jaramillo. Middle Row: Destinee Sedillo, Rebekah Pacheco, Johanna Michaelson, Marian Means, Jessica Nuñez, Ruby Alford, Hedy Ward. Back Row: Debbie Flores, Sonya Chavez, Mary Homan, Josephine Martinez, Jennifer Means, Kathy Frese, Jason Ward, Pat Nuñez, Gina Mahfouz, Valerie Jaramillo, Ian Jaramillo, Ellen Dornan



The NM Clash Pride Soccer Team. Front Row: Alan Senn, Isabela Lopez, Renee Brinson, Laura Trost, Megan Senn, Jaycee Wheeler, Alejandra Chavez, Allison Ehlert. Back Row: Jeanne Senn, Kris Wheeler., Hanna Phillips, Anthony Chavez, Kayla Alcalá, Maurice Lopez, Bridget Alcalá.

# Noteworthy: Eloy Duran, Runner

by Sharon Rhutasel-Jones

When most of us hear the word Bataan, we think of the horrific World War II death march. But for one Village resident, Eloy Duran, Bataan refers to both the eighteenth and nineteenth annual Bataan Death March Memorial Marathons. As Fitness Commander for the Valley High School ROTC marathon team, Eloy and four teammates

completed the eighteenth race and took second place in the nineteenth. A marathon is 26.2 miles.

Although he is now a freshman at UNM, majoring in science and sports medicine, and works as a lifeguard for the YMCA, Eloy still manages to make time for marathons. As an individual runner, Eloy recently won first place in his division in the Duke City Marathon and first in the New Mexico Marathon.

Eloy doesn't limit his running to events in New Mexico. He has traveled to Texas to compete in an Iron Man--a 1.2 mile river swim, a 50 mile bike ride, and a half marathon. The only entrant from New Mexico, Eloy placed third out of twenty-five runners. This grueling competition presents a new type of challenge for Eloy who, in spite of an impressive list of successes, continues to run at every opportunity.



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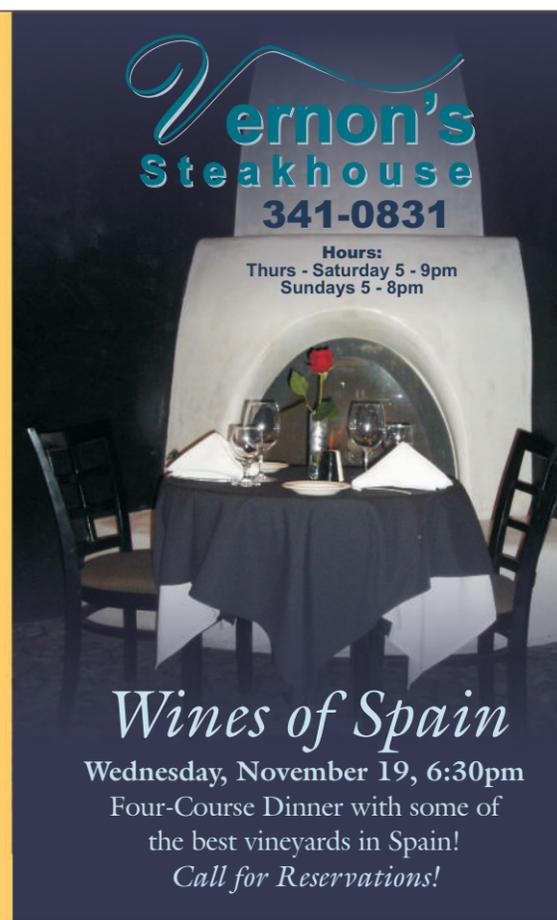
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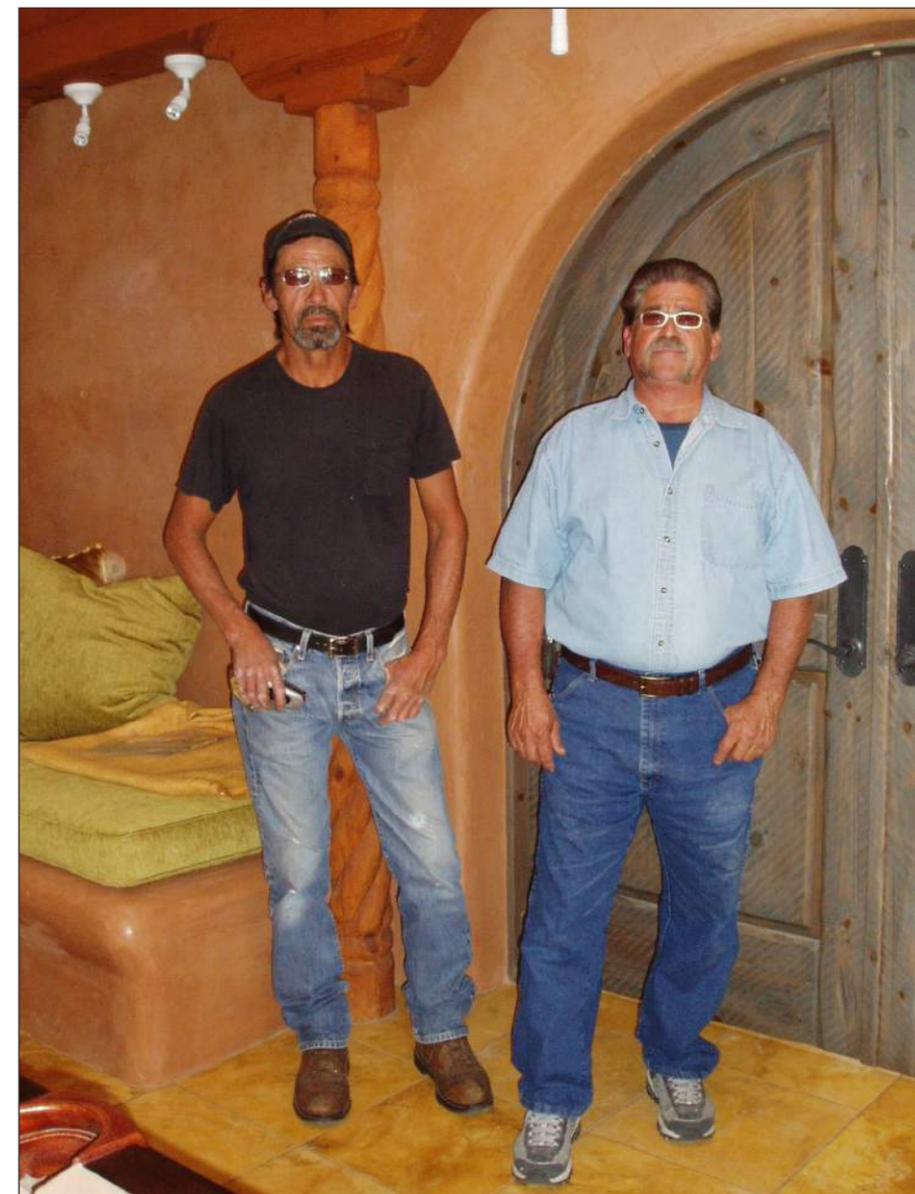
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Neither did I until I got a call from Paul Chavez who owns the business called, appropriately, Sculptured Adobe, Inc. I spoke with this interesting builder, and decided he should be featured here. We met on a sunny afternoon at a home in Caballero Norte where he was working on a remodeling job, and I was given a tour of his work, and shown a portfolio of photographs of his fireplaces, no two of which are alike. It was immediately obvious that Paul is a rare craftsman, and one who is justifiably proud of his achievements. He told me, to begin with, that he'd been here in the Village for thirty years! He is, in fact, a general contractor, specializing in Southwest Style and especially in exposed adobe fireplaces and kiva fireplaces, courtyards and walls, and custom additions – although Paul made it clear that he is happy and prepared to build a complete home from the foundation up, if that's what the customer wishes.

Paul told me that everything he does is real and authentic: true stabilized adobe, real stone, hand-carved vigas, and acid-etched floors. He started working for his brother-in-law, and learned how to build with adobe. He refers to his true adobe work as "funky, lumpy, and bumpy", and showed me photos of stairs built with adobe sides, instead of railings, capped with smooth polished wood. Extremely attractive!

Paul's resume includes some well-known names and places. He has done work for various Indian tribes, even though he is not of Native American lineage. He completed all the adobe work for the new Flying Star in Bernalillo, and he has worked on a number of homes in Tinnen Farms and Caballero Norte. For UNM, he repaired and restored their archeology buildings in Dixon. And Paul has traveled outside of New Mexico to do exhibitions and demonstrations of adobe work. One of the most interesting jobs took



Vincent Martinez and Paul Chavez

him to Nashville, Tennessee, where a large shopping mall was producing a 'Celebration of the American West'. For this assignment, Paul built, in the mall, an adobe building with a portal, similar to a small Southwest home. He provided ladders, furnishings, even decorative ristras- the complete package. And then he was paid to spend the two months of the exhibition sitting in the home, explaining the construction, and stringing turquoise beads. (Paul has also been in the jewelry business!) Paul Chavez works at this time with

Vincent Martinez. Vincent and Paul have known each other since they were children, and have always worked together. For larger jobs, Paul has a list of loyal subs whom he calls in, and for design work, he hires architectural students from UNM and CNM, who, when they go into business, often hire Paul to do their work. If you'd like to talk to this interesting and talented man about some work, you may call Paul Chavez at 345 - 3079, or on his cell phone: 269 - 5175. I hardly think you could do better!

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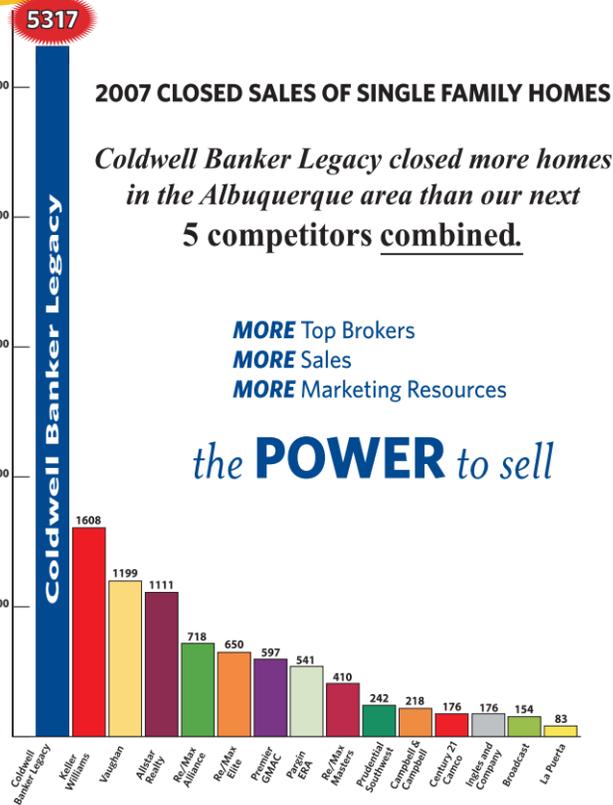
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## Panda hits the big time in AMC's "Breaking Bad"

Almost anyone who visits the Growers' Market, or actually, who regularly reads the Village Vision, will recognize this Village dog, who, pacing quietly beside her owner, Jeff Robb, walks from stall to stall, and stops by the information table for her Sue Brawley – made treats. Now she's famous!

by Jeff and Cathy Robb

Last month, an animal wrangler inquiring about our neighbor's hay bales spotted Panda, our black and white Australian shepherd, in our yard and asked if she had any sort of training. Well – yes! Multiple AKC Obedience titles. Hand signals? Yes, indeed!

So – freshly bathed, trimmed, and brushed, Panda and I eagerly awaited word via e-mail as to where to go the next morning. The e-mail arrived and instructed me to enter the password "Guy with Panda" on the web page. I received directions to the film company's base camp, what to wear (including three wardrobe changes), and to be there at 6:00 AM. Once there, limos and vans took us to the site. We never knew till we arrived where we were going – guess they don't want a crowd of on-lookers!

It turned out to be an episode of an AMC drama/comedy (?) – rather a dark one it turns out – called "Breaking Bad".

The scene we were in was shot from multiple angles, multiple times. An

entire day was spent on this one scene. Between takes, everyone was really nice. The director asked often after Panda's needs. I'd brought a mat and snacks for her along with her brushes. They had biscuits and water for her, and fed the humans a catered breakfast and lunch. A casting director from California took many photos of Panda. She was compliant and quiet on the set, and got plenty of pets and biscuits, and overall had a very good time. It was a long twelve-hour day, and Panda and I were tired, but happy with the compliments that she received. Panda never ruined a single "take" and did exactly what was asked of her.

A few days later, an agent called wanting to sign Panda up for more work, including an upcoming western movie!

So – our plans now include Panda buying us a new van, plus she will have her own trailer on the set. Her trailer door would have "Panda" a.k.a. "Miss Lilly of the Valley" painted on it. Panda requests that the trailer be equipped with a satellite dish so she can watch herself on a big screen TV,

while munching smoked salmon! P.S. We've just learned that "Breaking Bad" has won some awards at the recent Emmy Awards Ceremony! That trailer may not be just a joke! And we understand that Panda has indeed placed her paw-print on a contract with that agent!!



Panda

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8848	Guadalupe Trail NW	623269	\$899,000.00	1.803	3102	3-4	1/2/2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
6915	Guadalupe NW	620201	\$900,000.00	1.25	3540	4	2/0/2	Jan DeMay	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1013	Salamanca Cir NW	619854	\$949,000.00	0.741ac	4098	3-4	2/0/1	Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1418	Bonito Suenos Ct NW	611258	\$950,000.00	1ac	5920	4	4/1/0	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
1016	Acequia Tri NW	636641	\$957,500.00	1742sf	3613	4	2/1/0	Lettie L Carpenter	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
609	Roehl Rd NW	626145	\$985,000.00	0.407ac	3531	4-5	3/0/1	Kate M Southard	Kate Southard Real Estate	344-4734
304	Nuevo Hacienda Ln NW	629456	\$1,095,000.00	0.514ac	5040	5	2/2/0	Vince Tomardy	The Rhino Group, Inc.	891-0900
1024	Acequia Tri NW	614728	\$1,099,900.00	0.52ac	3641	3	3/0/1	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1007	Acequia Tri NW	635343	\$1,100,000.00	1	3600	4	2/1/0	Robin Riegler	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
919	Salamanca NW	631321	\$1,149,000.00	3.6590	5600	4-5	2/1/1	Michael Brothers	Investors Trust Realty Svcs.	292-8192
208	Nico Tri NW	635756	\$1,175,000.00	0.77	3970	4	2/0/1	William Wieser	Wieser Realty	306-1002
331	Nuevo Hacienda NW	635089	\$1,200,000.00	10890sf	4200	4	2/1/1	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
4316	Rio Grande Bl NW	627614	\$1,250,000.00	1.690ac	4414	4	2/1/1	Eve Price	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
806	Salamanca St NW	629379	\$1,269,000.00	0.777ac	4800	4	1/1/1	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
1004	Acequia Trail	636861	\$1,277,000.00	0.5	3800	4	2/1/1	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
6508	Meoqui Ct NW	634608	\$1,290,000.00	0.9	5359	4-5	3/1/1	Susie Fairchild	Vaughan Company Realtors	823-6677
1116	Salamanca NW	518701	\$1,299,000.00	4.3560sf	4884	4-6	2/2/1	Magda Stevens	Re/Max Elite	798-1000
8714	Rio Grande Bl NW	620937	\$1,350,000.00	2.0ac	3815	5	4/0/1	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	Frank Andreone	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1015	El Pueblo NW	624842	\$1,399,000.00	1	4545	4	3/0/1	Marion Newman-Wylie	Regal Properties	856-3500
1004	Acequia Tri NW	619407	\$1,419,000.00	0.50ac	3800	4	2/1/1	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
6767	Guadalupe Trail NW	622294	\$1,475,000.00	1.5	4900	5	3/0/1	Sandi Pressley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1122	Green Valley NW	613810	\$1,495,000.00	1.007ac	5000	3-4	2/1/0	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
7542	Rio Grande Bl NW	602053	\$1,500,000.00	4.3560	4496	4	3.5	Jill S Levin	New Frontier Realtors	798-2530
700	Mullen Rd NW	618589	\$1,590,000.00	1.0ac	4200	3	3/0/0	Mike D haley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8205	Guadalupe Tri NW	621319	\$1,599,000.00	1.88	4506	4	3/0/2	Joan L Wagner	Prudential Southwest Realty	797-5555
8809	Rio Grande Bl #3 NW	521410	\$1,599,000.00	1	4131	3	3.25	Fred & Sandra Creek	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
746	Chamisal NW	503986	\$1,695,000.00	1.13	3442	3	3	Marie Blea	Marie Enterprises, Inc.	991-1405
641	Chavez NW	507534	\$1,800,000.00	3	6950	7	9	Michelle Selby	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015	Cottonwood NW	606773	\$1,999,000.00	1.200 ac	7500	4	2/2/1	Dana Brown	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
5405	Eakes NW	635825	\$1,999,500.00	4.3560sf	4800	4	3/1/1	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
970	Bonita Rosas NW	632173	\$2,100,000.00	4.3560	4937	4-5	2/2/1	Bill Christ	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-0044

**Housing slowdown benefits prospective buyers**

by Tim Tourville, CRS

**Existing Home Sales and More Inventory**

Now more than ever, I'm being asked, "What's going on in the market?" Well, here is some information that will hopefully answer some of your questions.

The slowdown in the number of homes sold in Metro Albuquerque has resulted in increased inventory. As of June 2008, there were 6,428 residential detached listings - homes offered for sale on the local Multiple Listing Service system. The June listings inventory figure represents a 13.3% increase from June 2007. However, the monthly rate of inventory increase has dropped for six months and fewer homes are being offered for sale. June 2008 saw 1,878 new listings, about two-thirds of the 2,755 new listings in June 2007.

Because of the inventory, properties are on the market longer. For the first half of 2008, it took an average of 68 days on the market for a property to sell, compared to 42 days during the first half of 2007. Among neighborhoods, the number of days on the market varied from 30 to more than 100.

The additional inventory represents

several market factors. The hesitancy of buyers to enter the market in light of recent mortgage industry problems is one.

More inventory means buyers have more choice, greater expectations, and demand more incentives from sellers. Buyers expect properties to be in top condition - "as-is" properties are being bypassed for "move-in condition" offerings. Homes cannot be "priced right"; they must be "priced aggressively".

Today's market is complex and an experienced real estate professional is mandatory to assist sellers with staging, pricing, marketing, and negotiating with buyers. Likewise, buyers benefit by working with a professional for strategizing and negotiating with sellers' agents.

**Luxury Homes in the Albuquerque Area**

In Albuquerque, luxury homes are considered to be those priced at \$500,000 and above. This includes both existing and new properties. In 2007, 568 luxury properties (313 in the first half of the year) were sold in the Albuquerque metro with a median price of \$636,890. The first half of 2008 saw 217

luxury properties sold, including 23 priced at more than \$1 million. Luxury properties represented approximately five percent of all Albuquerque area residential sales during the first half of 2008.

The most expensive luxury home built in the first half of 2008 was a \$2,500,000 home featuring 5 bedrooms, 6 baths and 6,048 square feet on 1.4 acres right here in the Village of Los Ranchos. The second highest, which sold for \$1,749,000 on .79 acre in the North Valley, was a newer home with a Tuscan Southwest flavor, 6,154 sq. ft., 4 or 5 bedrooms, 5 baths and a 540 sq. ft guest casita.

The good news is, with such a large supply and low prices, it's a great time to buy a house. Contrary to most people's perception, mortgage companies have plenty of money to loan. So if you're a first time homebuyer or thinking about "movin' on up"...Now is the Time!



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**ADDRESS ML# LIST PRICE LOT SF BR BA G AGENT COMPANY PHONE**

**ACTIVE**

4674	Los Poblanos Cir NW	627305	\$2,200,000.00	1.2ac	52
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# Welcome

## Prudential Sandia Los Ranchos Branch to the Village of Los Ranchos

Prudential Sandia now has a new branch office located within the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Two familiar real estate professionals in the Village, Rebecca Langton and Cindy Chavez, have joined together to build the Los Ranchos branch. With this new partnership comes **Professionalism, Market Knowledge and Strength of the Rock**. Village buyers and sellers can rely on Rebecca, Cindy and Prudential Sandia to continue providing solutions to all your real estate needs. *We specialize in north valley land & home sales. Call 344-4336 Today!*

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1016 Acequia Trail NW | \$957,500  
3,613 Sq.ft. | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

### North Valley Properties Available:



729 Adobe Rd NW | \$543,500  
5,269 Sq.ft. | 4 Bed | 3 Bath | 1 Acre



5930 Guadalupe Trail NW | \$399,000  
2,299 Sq.ft. | 3 Bed | 3 Bath

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#### Alvarado Elementary School

1100 Solar Road  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
344-4412

November 20th and 21st  
November 27th and 28th  
December 1st  
December 22nd - January 2nd

Parent/Teacher Conferences - No school  
Thanksgiving Break - No school  
Canned Food Drive begins  
Winter Break - No School

#### Bosque School

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

November 21-23, Bosque School presents "HARVEY".  
Friday, November 21 @ 7pm and Saturday, November 22 @ 7pm  
Sunday, November 23 @ 2pm  
\$12 per ticket. \$6 for students and senior citizens.  
Call 898-6388 for tickets.

November 22 - Bosque Upper School Solo and Ensemble Choir performs at PAPA.  
November 25 - Bosque Grandparents Day! Enjoy a day with your Bosque grandchildren at school. On the Bosque School campus.  
November 25 - Bosque Upper School Band will be playing at the High Desert Jazz Festival at Albuquerque Academy in the Simms Auditorium. The concert begins at 7pm.  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
December 3 - Combined Strings concert at Sandia Prep at 7pm. All string students from Bosque School and Sandia Prep performing in a joint concert.  
December 5 - Bosque School Choir Concert, featuring 6-12 grade choirs in Budagher Hall at 7pm. Free and open to the public.  
December 8 - Bosque School Cantate and Treble Ensemble will perform at the River of Lights - Albuquerque BioPark at 6:30pm.

# HOLIDAY

December 10 – Combined Strings concert at Bosque School in Budagher Hall at 7pm. All string students from Bosque School and Sandia Prep performing in a joint concert.  
 December 11 – Bosque School Cantate and the 8th grade choir will be singing at the Bugg Light Festival at Menaul School at 7pm.

**Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School**

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

October 20-31: Fall Break.  
 October 25 at 7:00p.m. Albuquerque Boys Choir will be hosting a free Fall Concert. (They are currently looking for new members.)  
 November 26-28: Thanksgiving Break.  
 December 22-2: Winter Break.  
 Keep your eyes open for an upcoming Community Service Learning link on our website.

**Los Ranchos Elementary School**

7609 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
 Los Ranchos, NM 87107  
 898-3611

Nov. 12th-1st trimester ends (report cards will be given out at parent conferences)  
 Nov. 12th-Thanksgiving meal Watch for schedule  
 Nov. 19th Parent Teacher Conference Early dismissal 12:15  
 Nov. 20th and 21st No School just conferences  
 Nov. 27th and 28th Thanksgiving Holiday; no school  
 Dec.5th -Holiday Play: 6:00pm in the gym  
 Dec. 6th -Holiday Bazaar: PTO – 8:00am to 4:00pm.  
 Vendors may call Sabrina Garcia for more information at 818-8268  
 Dec. 22nd -Jan. 5th- Winter Recess

**North Valley Academy**

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

November 20: Thanksgiving lunch  
 November 26 – 28: Thanksgiving Break - No School  
 December 13 – January 4: Winter Break  
 January 5, 2009: First Day Back

**Sandia Preparatory School**

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

Wednesday, November 26: Grandparents' Day  
 Thursday, December 4 & Friday, December 5: Fine Arts/ Performing Arts Festival  
 SPS Theater / All Day  
 Saturday, December 6: Admission Testing, 9:00 a.m. at Bosque School. Call 338.300 or email admission@sandiaprep.org for application and testing information  
 Tuesday, December 9: Winter Choral Concert 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. at SPS Theater  
 Friday, December 19 through Friday, January 2: Winter Break - No School

**Taft Middle School**

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

Nov. 11th: Veterans Day - No School  
 Nov. 27th – 28th: Thanksgiving Holiday – No School  
 Dec. 22nd – Jan. 2nd: Winter Break – No School

**Taylor Middle School**

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

November 27 – 30: Thanksgiving break  
 December 3: Late start at 9:50  
 December 10: PTO meeting – 6:30 pm  
 December 11: Band Concert – 7 pm  
 December 19: Winter break begins

**Announcement**

When new tenants come to town...

Property owners,  
**Please tell your tenants they are in the Village!**  
 But, just saying “You are in the Village of Los Ranchos” is not enough. All new tenants need to come visit Village Hall and see the friendly Planning and Zoning staff and get a business license from the Village. Albuquerque will sell them a business license which is **not valid** in the Village and laugh all the way to the bank. New tenants also need a sign permit before putting their sign up. Double fees are charged for erecting a sign without a permit.  
 Also, business cards, letter head, receipts should all say **Los Ranchos**.  
 We at Planning and Zoning like our new business men and women and it makes our job harder to have to tell them the “bad news” because **you**, as the property owner did not tell them in the first place.

Thanks,  
 Planning and Zoning Staff



**Planning & Zoning Commission Summary**

**October 14, 2008 - Action Report**

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
 WILL BE HELD ON  
**TUE., DECEMBER 9, 2008**  
 a complete official written and audio  
 version of the minutes is available  
 online at [www.losranchosnm.gov](http://www.losranchosnm.gov)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.*

**A. Roll call**

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

**B. Approval of Agenda**

*The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Special Meeting – August 19, 2008**

*The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.*

**B. Regular Meeting – September 9, 2008**

*The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.*

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION**

**A. ACA-08-02** A request by Matthew Rembe for an Amendment to the Conditions of Approval for the Los Poblanos Inn and Cultural Center, Cluster Housing and Open Space SU-1 Zone. The property is located at 4803 Rio Grande Blvd. and is legally known as Plat of Tracts A2A and A3A, a replat of Tracts A2 and A3, Lands of Albert Simms II, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque,

New Mexico, December, 1998. The property contains 25.6371 acres, more or less.

*The Commission unanimously voted to forward the request to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval.*

**B. 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. **THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED FROM THE AUGUST 19, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING.**

*The Commission unanimously voted to forward the request to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval.*

**C. 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 FORWARDED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING.**

*The Commission unanimously approved the Conditional Use with conditions.*

**D. SDP-08-07** A request by Slagle Herr Architects, agent for Montano Land Company for a Sketch Plat Review for the Challenger Learning Center and museum 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 FORWARDED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING.**

*The Commission advised the applicant*

1. *If the proposal has merit;*
2. *If the configuration would be acceptable;*
3. *If the Commission sees difficulty in the site development and setback requirements, irrigation requirements, utility visibility, and the appropriateness of variances requested.*

*This advice is given to the applicant for preparation of the Site Development Plan application. The advice is provided to the applicant, but is not binding on the Commission for action on the Site Development Plan.*

**E. SU-08-02** A request by Frank and Francynn Martinez, property owners, for a Special Use Permit for Family Transfer Subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 8434 Guadalupe Trail and is legally known as Tract number one (1) of Tracts 1,2,3,4 and 5 of the Lands of Flora C. Romero, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on September 6, 1973. The property contains 1.135 acres more or less.

*The Commission unanimously voted to forward the request to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval.*

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

*The Commission unanimously voted to forward the request to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval.*

**G. SU-08-01** 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. **FORWARDED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING.**

*The Commission voted to 4-1 to forward the request to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval, Commissioner McDowell voting against.*

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

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

*The Commission unanimously voted to forward the Ordinance to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval.*

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

## 8. REPORTS

**A. Planner's Report**

## 9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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

A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, 6718 RIO GRANDE BLVD NW, DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT HOURS ARE FROM 8:00 AM TO NOON, AND BY APPOINTMENT FROM NOON UNTIL 5:00 PM. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at 344-6582 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.



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TEACHERS LOOK OVER the site of the new junior high school with, left to right, foreground, Architect Bill Ellison and Taft Principal George Johnson. Johnson took the 28 teachers on a bus tour of "all the schools in our area" Friday as a community visitation project, to acquaint both old

and new teachers with the community and "where the students come from." The new school is to be completed in January. Taft students will attend classes at Garfield this fall. (Staff photo by Jim Forrest)

## Taft Middle School celebrates 50th Anniversary

by Wynette Smith

In our last issue, Mayor Abraham mentioned that Los Ranchos has now been incorporated for fifty years. As librarian at Taft Middle School, located right in the middle of Los Ranchos, I pondered the fact that fifty years ago last January, Taft held classes for the first time. So Taft and the Village of Los Ranchos are sharing their fiftieth anniversary!!

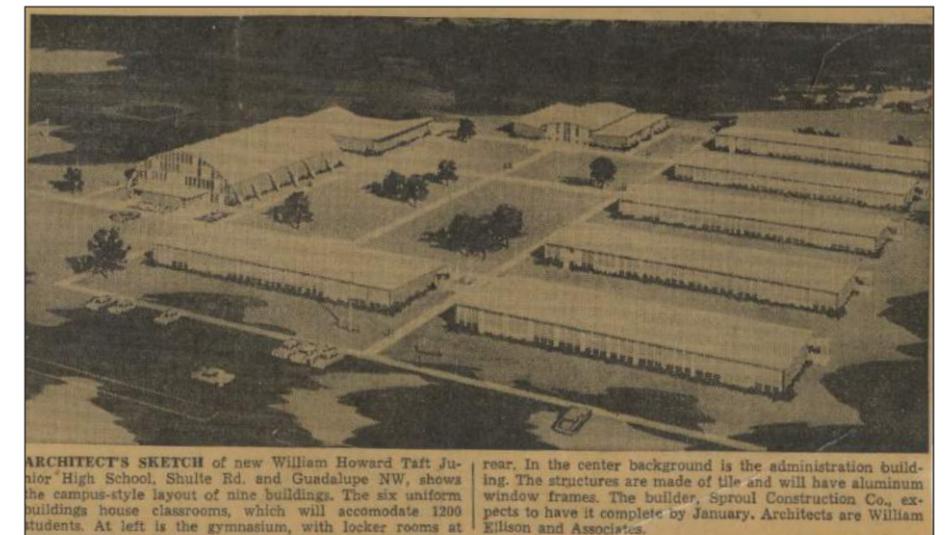
I was one of the students attending Taft that first year and I can't seem to escape, for here I still am! This past August, one of our Village residents passed away and his estate donated hundreds of books to Taft. The impressive collection is extensive and covers all genres. Because these books do not fit into our curriculum, we will not be incorporating them into our library collection. However, we are selling them at \$2.00 per book to raise money for our technology, and anyone is welcome and encouraged to come to Taft and peruse the collection for purchase.

Also celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, beginning January 2009, is Starlet Dance Studio, located in the center of the Village. Starlet is owned by a Village resident, and has been located in

Los Ranchos for forty-eight years. The studio is the home of Danse Classique Theatre de Los Ranchos, which is currently in rehearsal for The Nutcracker Ballet, and our own Mayor Abraham will be portraying the role of Mayor of the Magic Land of the Sweets! Performances will be held on December 5th and 6th at Valley High School Performing Arts Center.

Is there any other organization or business hitting its fiftieth this year or in 2009? Let us know so we can save the information for our Village History!

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ARCHITECT'S SKETCH of new William Howard Taft Junior High School, Shulte Rd. and Guadalupe NW, shows the campus-style layout of nine buildings. The six uniform buildings house classrooms, which will accommodate 1200 students. At left is the gymnasium, with locker rooms at

rear. In the center background is the administration building. The structures are made of tile and will have aluminum window frames. The builder, Sproul Construction Co., expects to have it complete by January. Architects are William Ellison and Associates.

## 3 Convenient Locations... 2 Near the Village!



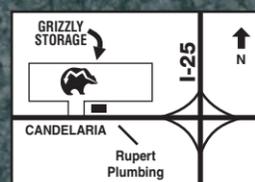
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**Holiday Calendar for  
December**

6 **STOP & SHOP** All day  
12 **Reception** 5-7 p.m.  
13-14 **Holiday Sale** 1-4 p.m.  
19 **Reception** 5-7 p.m.  
20-21 **Holiday Sale** 1-4 p.m.  
22-23 **Holiday Sale** 2-6 p.m.  
26-28 **Final Sale** 10-4 p.m.

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**Adobe Theater is Fully Committed for December**

by Phil Bock

Imagine that you are one of several reservation clerks at a trendy New York restaurant, and one afternoon none of the other clerks show up. This is the situation in the hilarious comedy, "Fully Committed," by Becky Mode. Sam (an out of work actor) has to handle dozens of calls, including demands from his boss, many important customers, and the chef, while hoping to hear from his agent, and getting calls from his widowed father. The actor playing Sam must alternate among all these voices.

Only a multi-talented person like Hal Simons would dare to take on this formidable role!  
Hal is well known to theater goers as director of numerous musicals, and as a performer in musicals and dramas. "When Phil Bock brought me this script, I knew I had to attempt it, provided I could find the right director and venue. Paul Barlow and the ADOBE fit the bill."  
This unusual comedy will make wonderful Holiday fare for all but young children, who will probably prefer another Nutcracker or Christ-

mas Carol. Others will delight in Hal's tour de force acting and the non-stop laughs. The NY Times called the play "immensely entertaining," while the Post said it was "very funny and believable."  
"Fully Committed," by Becky Mode, will play from Dec. 5th through Dec. 21st at the ADOBE Theater, 9813 Fourth St. NW, with performances Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm, and Sunday at 2:00 pm.  
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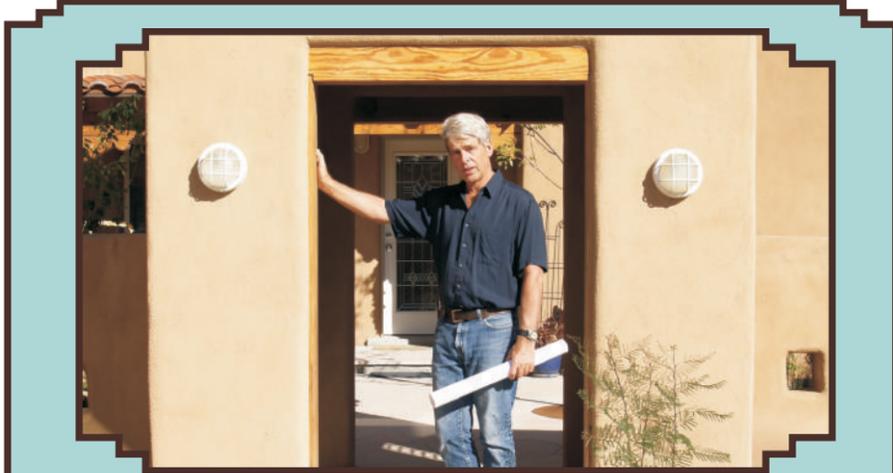


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**Chocolate cherry fruitcake a welcome holiday diversion**

by Randy Shamlian

Besides having to emotionally absorb the recent financial tumult and the election year that has affected us all, we will most likely find ourselves caught up in the topsy-turvy goings-on of the Holiday Season. This certainly may be a good thing! Distractions from all the mundane, media onslaught and worries are what the doctor should prescribe. Personally, I like a brisk walk with the dogs along one of the ditches around dusk. Not only is this an invigorating way to enliven one's spirits, it seems to keep my best friends happy.

But it is the offering of thanks to all those around us...family, friends, neighbors and the sometimes forgotten lone stranger on the street that seems so much more meaningful of a distraction. It is the giving of oneself - challenging the breadth of our own resolve to distract our selves from our own being. The reward is in the offering.

One of my favorite Holiday Season stories is O'Henry's, "Gifts of the Magi". It is simple in its message, yet eternal in its thought. A young couple, during a time of lesser means, gives of themselves for the benefit of the other. Della, with her beautiful knee-length flowing hair has it cut so she can buy her husband, Jim, a gold chain for his family-prized gold watch. Della's husband, on the other hand, sells his watch to purchase his wife a set of tortoise shell combs for her lovely hair. Irony at its best, I suppose.

The recipes below for chocolate cherry fruitcake with a chocolate buttermilk sauce is (what I hope) a great way to absorb oneself and perhaps a family member in the kitchen, for (what I feel) is a treat for all that will be a joyful diversion.

**Chocolate Buttermilk Sauce**

- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 Tbl Amaretto Liqueur

Combine cocoa, cinnamon and brown sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add buttermilk and Amaretto and whisk until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat.

Cool and refrigerate.

**Chocolate Cherry Pecan Fruitcake (makes 2 loaves)**

- 1 1/2 cups dried cherries, chopped
- 1/3 cup Amaretto Liqueur
- 1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp cinnamon
- 6 oz. unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup pecans, toasted and finely-chopped
- 3/4 cup bittersweet chocolate nibs

Soak cherries in liqueur for 2 hours.

Vegetable pan-spray two 9-inch loaf pans and dust with some sifted cocoa.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Sift together the flour, cocoa, salt, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon.

Beat the butter and sugar until fluffy

and then stir in the eggs, yolk and vanilla. Stir in buttermilk.

Mix flour/cocoa mixture into cream mixture. Stir in the nuts, chocolate nibs and cherries. (Try not to over mix)

Divide into loaf pans and bake for 45 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

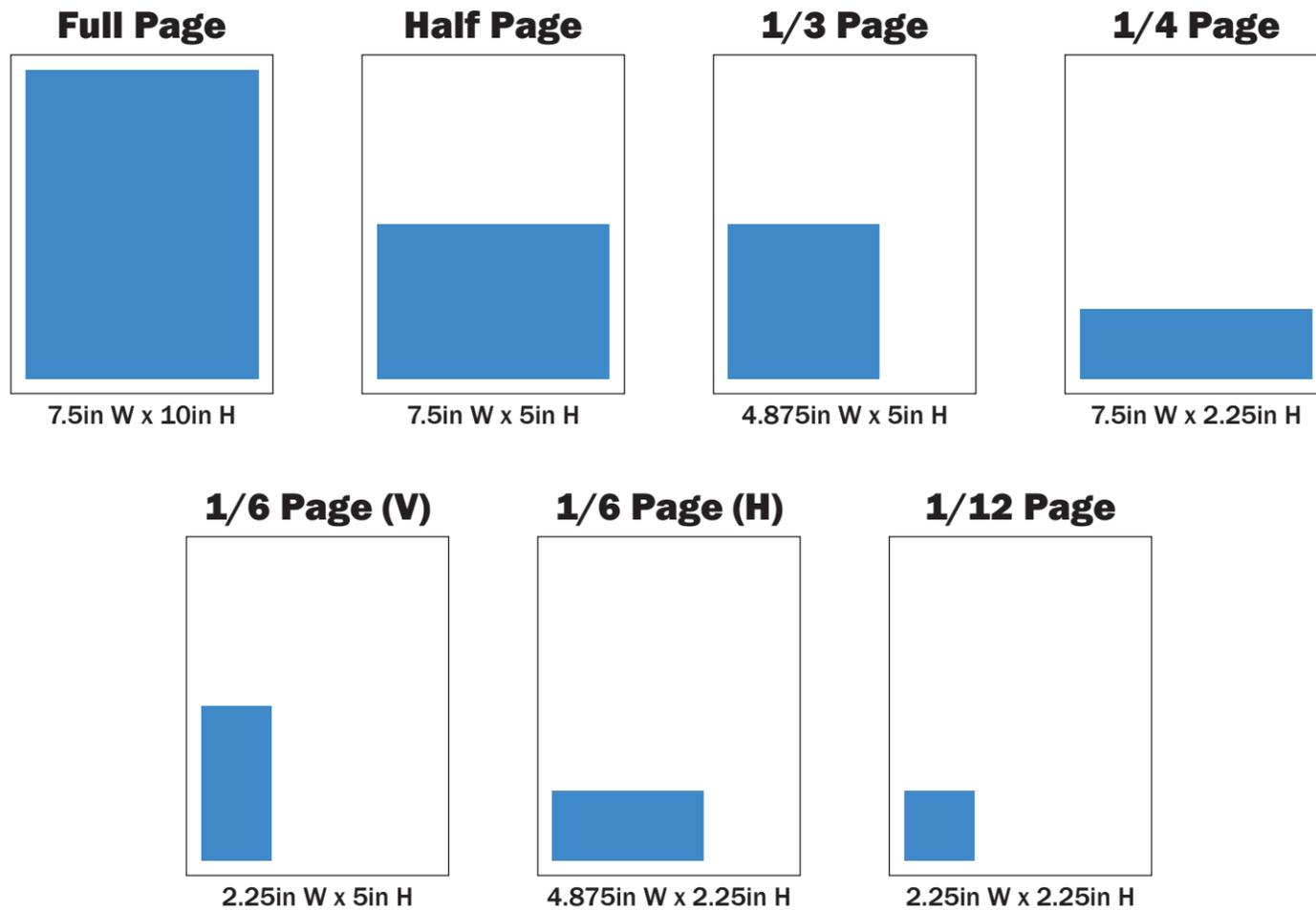
Let cool.

To serve: Garnish with chocolate buttermilk sauce, cherry sauce (optional), a sprinkling of toasted pecans and a dusting of powdered sugar.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

*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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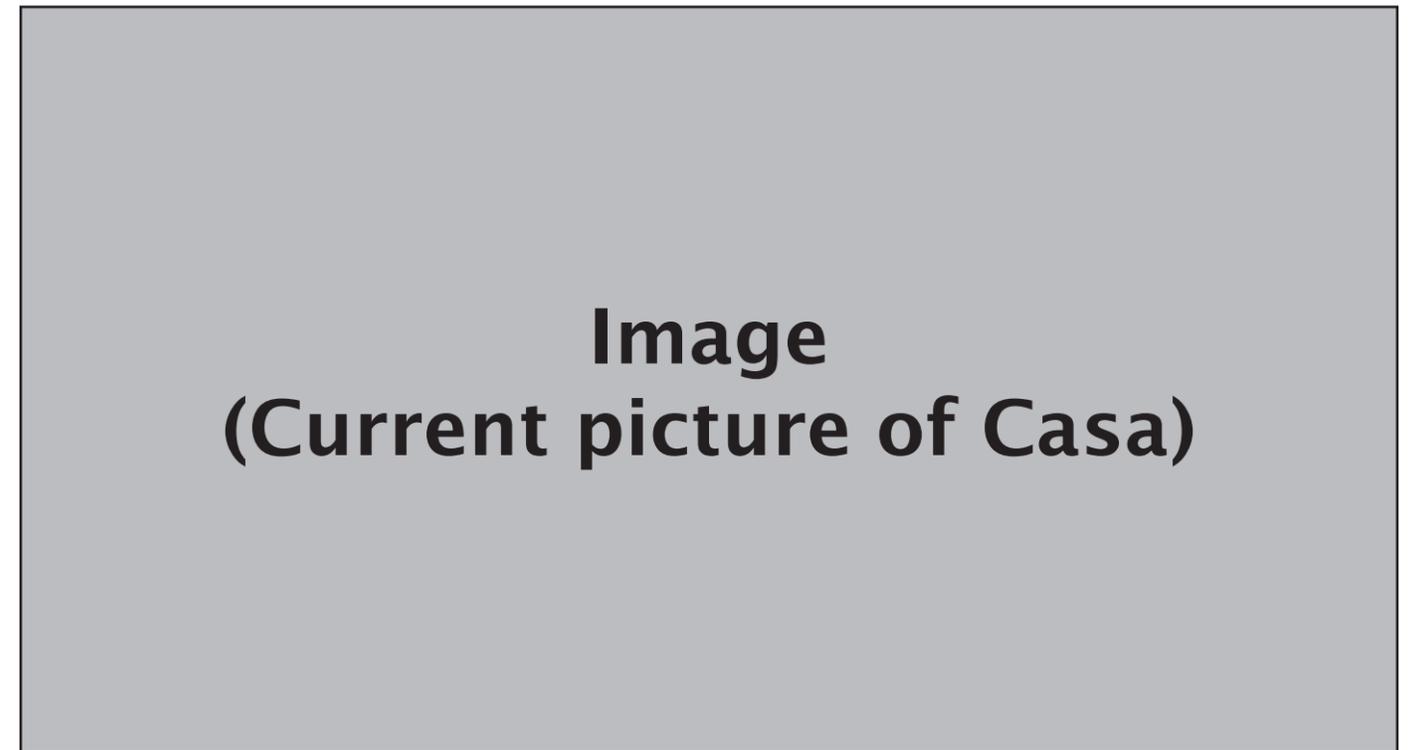
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Casa Rondeña Winery now offers monthly cooking classes with winery chef Scott Clapp! Sit back, relax and enjoy a glass of wine while Scott prepares wonderful dishes paired with Casa Rondeña wine! Discount offered to residents of Los Ranchos!

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Featured wines will be Serenade and Port. Wine included in class price.

Cost: \$60 per person for Wine Club members (and Los Ranchos residents); \$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 or for more information about our wine club.

### December 18, 2008: 6pm - 8pm

Not enough time in the day? Join

winery chef Scott Clapp for some great holiday appetizer ideas! Dishes include Asian chicken meatballs, Mediterranean pizza, and chicken fajita cups. Featured wines will be Viognier and Meritage Red. Wine included in class price.

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## Remaining construction work nears completion

by Lisa Manwill

The Area I&J project is finally winding down! We will be installing the sewer line below the MRGCD Albuquerque Main Canal as soon as the Canal no longer flows with irrigation water. We anticipate a dry Canal the first or second week in November. Most of this month will consist of installing remaining pavement, clean up, and sewer lift station work. It is our goal to have Rio Grande open this month – please be patient just a little bit longer. The clean up and lift station work should continue until mid January.

Be prepared for delays and shut downs on Rio Grande over the duration of the project. The Village website, /www.losranchosnm.org, 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 flyers announcing the anticipated date that construction will begin on your road. You can expect these flyers to be handed out 4 to 7 days prior to the start of construction on your road.

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

**Do not tie into the sewer system**

**yet! The sewer system is not currently functioning!**

### SEWER STUBS

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

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

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

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

#### 2. Length of Yard Line

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

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

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

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

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

a. Call or email the County Project Manager to confirm that we have your

stub deep enough. We can determine proper depth, providing you are able 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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