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Archeological Finds Deepen Village's History

by Larry Abraham

800 Years Ago?

When I first moved to Los Ranchos, one of the first books I read was *Shining River, Precious Land*, authored by Kathryn Sargeant and Mary Davis. This book, published in 1986, is subtitled *An Oral History of Albuquerque's North Valley*. As intriguing and captivating as I found the book to be at the time, I don't think I fully understood its meaning until one Saturday last month. I was walking around the Village taking pictures as I often do, and saw a Sheriff's car drive by and stop a few hundred yards away from me. From a distance I tried to see what was going on, and before I knew it, another officer showed up and people started to gather around. My curiosity got the best of me and I decided to inquire what all the commotion was about.

Much to my surprise, one of our homeowners had uncovered an Indian ruin, complete with pottery, arrow points, and animal bones made into tools. As expected, standard procedure must be followed when sites are found, and archeologists must be called in to give direction on how best to handle the situation. It was a real life Los Ranchos, CSI without the film crews! I can only imagine all of the thoughts going through the head of the landowner who was clearing the land. Emotions had to range from excitement, to intrigue, to what are we going to do now? As fascinating as it was to see hundreds of pieces of brightly colored pottery sherds, even this did not sink in until one of the archeologists uncovered a piece of pottery nearly intact, as seen in the above picture.

Although our Village is approaching its 50th year of incorporation, our roots



go much deeper. The cover photo and accompanying article in this month's Village Vision is proof of how long and rich a history the Village of Los Ranchos actually has. One of the archeologists told me that by all indications, some of the pottery found on this site could be 700 to 800 years old.

Lavender in the Village

On behalf of our Board of Trustees and myself, I want to thank Penny Rembe, Kelly Jo Kuchar, Ann Car-

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rozza, and ALL of the volunteers who worked so hard to make the 5th Annual Lavender in the Village such a success. The entire weekend, starting with the Barn Dance, was a world class event and something we all can be very proud of. By all indications, this year's attendance was in excess of 15,000 people. Lavender in the Village truly showcases the beauty of our Village and why we all work so hard to protect the rural atmosphere and unique nature of Los Ranchos.

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Upcoming Events

Deadline: September Village Vision

Friday, August 8th

Deadline: October Village Vision

Friday, September 5th

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market (Saturdays)

August 2nd, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

August 9th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

8th Annual Cooking in the Village with Jennifer James of Jennifer James 101 Restaurant

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Village

August 16th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

August 23rd, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Seasonal Highlights with Indulgence Catering and Guest Chefs Darlene & Jason Yachik

August 30th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 6th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

October 4th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 11th, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 18th, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

October 25th, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, August 12th– 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9th– 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, August 27th– 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 10th– 7:00 p.m.

Labor Day

Monday, September 1st

Village Office Closed

Columbus Day

Monday, October 13th

Village Office Closed

Village At-a-Glance

Lost and Found in Los Ranchos

At the suggestion of one of our residents, we have added a new Lost and Found page to recognize residents and businesses that have changed their addresses to properly reflect Los Ranchos as their address. Additionally, it will reflect those residents and businesses who are 'lost' in Albuquerque. It is our intention to try to help those who are 'lost' to be found in our Los Ranchos community.

Festival de Musica Rondena

The Fifth Annual Festival de Musica Rondena dinners and concerts will be held this year on August 10th and 17th at the winery. See the article on page 38 for details and tickets.

Guadalupe Trail Art Tour

Once again, a consortium of artists who live and work on or just off Guadalupe Trail will have a walking tour and studio open house along the Trail. This year, the artists will open their studios for two days, Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, coordinating with the Growers' Market's Balloon Fiesta Celebration. Park and walk, and begin your Holiday shopping. Save the date!

New Businesses in Los Ranchos

Porky's Barbeque is open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner, located in the old Albuquerque Tortilla building. You can dine in or use the drive -up. Their phone number is 292-7427.

The Woolard Group Insurance & Financial Services opened at 7320 4th St. Owners are Bradley and Angela Woolard. They specialize in health, dental, vision, life, supplemental insurances and 401 K's.

Watch for Affordable Bicycles at 6346 4th Street, opening the first of September. Owners are Richard and India Sanchez. They will be doing sales, rentals and repair of bicycles.

Mom's Laundry Service has opened for business, operating out of Suds Laundry at 7901 4th St. The owner is Rae Lynn Valverde, and she offers a wash and fold drop-off service.

Record Crowds at Lavender 2008

Approximately 15,000 attendees made the 5th Annual Lavender in the Village a smashing success. Thanks again, to all of our volunteers who worked so hard to make this an event we can be so proud of.

Area I and J Sewer Project

The Contractor is moving steadily north on Rio Grande Blvd. and is currently working about 1,000 feet north of Ranchitos Road. He expects to be half way to El Pueblo by the first week of August and remains slightly ahead of schedule. Check out Lisa Manwill's column on page 43 in this issue for details.

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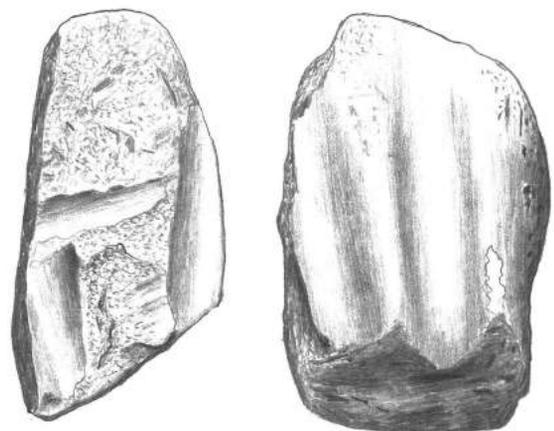
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Above: Stone arrow shaft smoother. Individual grooves on this object were made by running arrow shafts up-and-down the side of the rock to smooth the shafts of the arrows. (Actual size)

On the cover: A pile of pottery sherds at a major archeological find in Los Ranchos, featured in this issue.



Billie and Bronco chow down on their favorite foods, watermelon.

Photo by Randy Pisto

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Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School Opening

by Denise Gianopoulos

Against the daunting task of meeting compliance and satisfying protocols at the federal, state, county, city, and Village of Los Ranchos levels, a new charter school located in the Village recently received approval from the state to commence operations for 2008-2009 school year. Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School will open its doors to 135 students on August 18th.

The soundness of the school concept, and the educational philosophy behind Cottonwood Classical, helped the two founders of the school – Lynn Barr and Lynn Carey – remain undeterred in pursuing their dream to create a place of learning that would offer a free liberal arts educational choice to students of all ability levels and backgrounds in grades 6-12. The two veteran educators clearly envision the essential setting wherein every learner may thrive, so Cottonwood Classical is designed around this model: small class sizes, a dynamic and interactive curriculum, highly qualified teachers, and regular infusions of service learning opportunities. The student who loves learning will want to learn his/her whole life; creating life-long learners to responsibly assume the decision-making roles and leadership roles of the coming generations is the goal.

A peek into the life of a Cottonwood Classical “coyote” will reveal the student actively engaging with subject matters through collaborative projects, group discussions, and Socratic seminars. Further, “CID Fridays” are set aside as built-in opportunities for Collaboration, Interdisciplinary Learning, and Differentiated Instruction, engaging students with group presentations, field trips, guest speakers, extension activities, and community service projects that explore the interdisciplinary nature of knowledge and give students experience in becoming active and con-



Mayor Abraham with Lynn Carey, Lynn Barr, and Dr. Chad Redwing

cerned citizens.

With a focus on offering an exceptional education, classes at Cottonwood Classical will include International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement coursework for upper high school students. Foreign language, fine arts, and athletics are required at all grade levels to round out the core curriculum for every student. The school will also offer team sports organized under the New Mexico Activities Association.

“Serendipity” is a good word to describe the happy accident of “the Lynns” seeking a home for their new charter school and crossing paths with Al and Susan Unser. Following Al Unser’s stunning success in the racing world, he and his wife Susan now wish to leave a different kind of legacy in the local community. Thus, two educational facilities are envisioned to join the Unser Racing Museum, located on Montaña Road. A building behind the museum will now house Cottonwood Classical School, and another building, also on the Unser property, is being conceptualized as the future site of the Challenger Learning Center, a NASA-

sponsored program for space science education geared toward middle school students. At the Challenger Learning Center, students will participate in simulations of Mission Control and an orbiting space station, working at computer consoles or onboard the orbiting space lab, and relying on imagination, teamwork and core skills to launch a probe or intercept a comet. “Hands on leads to minds on” is the philosophy of the Challenger Learning Center which supports the idea that every student can succeed despite cultural background, economic situation, learning style, academic level, or gender.

The Unser’s zeal to invest in the future of New Mexico’s children led to their active pursuit of bringing the first Challenger Learning Center to New Mexico and to their accommodation for the Cottonwood Classical School on the Unser Campus. The collective vision of the Unser and “the Lynns” will positively transform both a five-acre parcel in Los Ranchos, and the lives of students, that will inure to the benefit of the Village, the city and New Mexico for years to come.

Maize Maze at the Rio Grande Community Farm

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

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

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

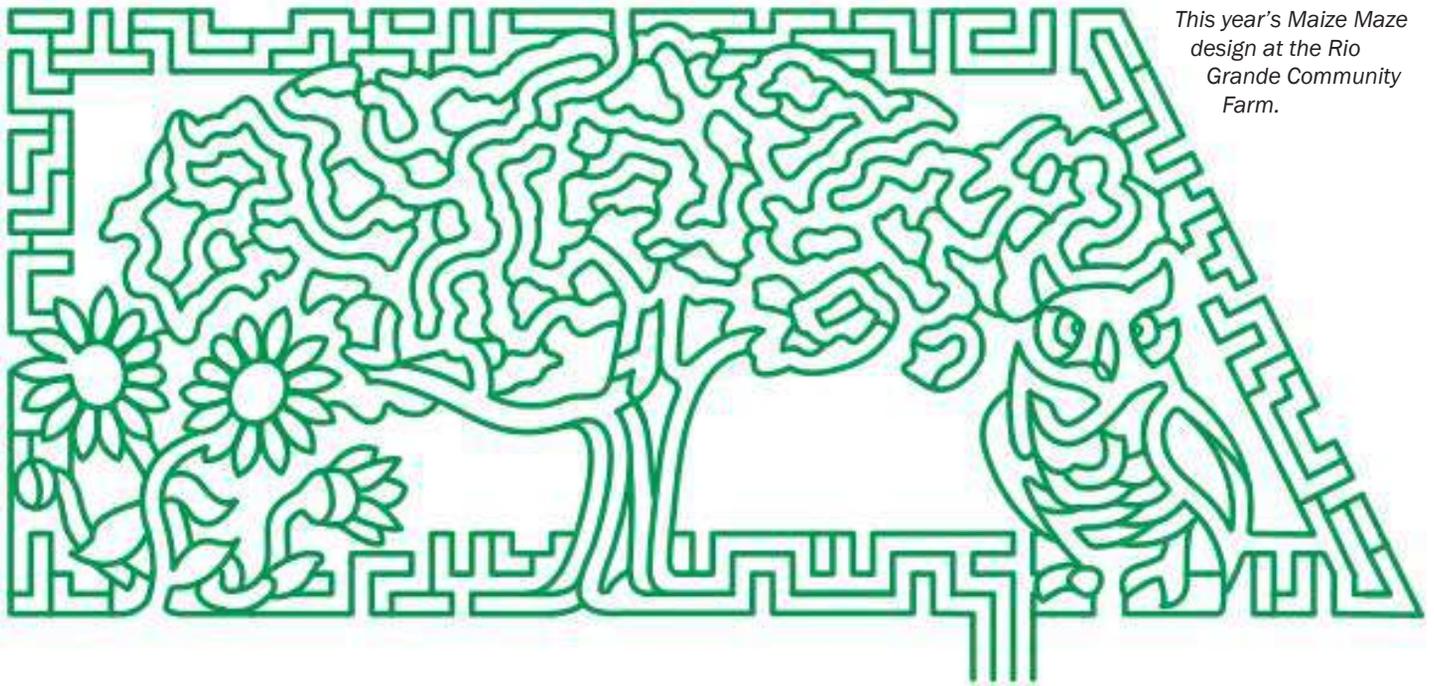
This year's design features a giant cottonwood tree, with an owl in the shade and sunflowers growing beneath the tree. The Maize Maze will feature several weekend special events. On September 6, we will host a Grand Opening celebration featuring presenters and speakers, including a representative of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

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

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

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

We'll see you at the 2008 Maize Maze!



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



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August Growers' Market: New Harvests and Special Guests

by Sue Brawley

August marks the arrival of wonderful sweet corn and tasty melons (Sugar babies, crimson sweets, Crenshaws, and cantaloupes.) One can also find a variety of heirloom tomatoes, colorful sweet peppers, and chiles. Green, yellow and purple beans, various types of summer squash (patty-pan, zuc, zephyr, roly-polly), basil, and a variety

of mild to strong garlic are all available this month. Bouquets are beautiful and you can select from cosmos to sunflowers to lavender and more.

In August there will be two special events honoring the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Village. August 9th is the 8th annual Cooking in the Village with guest chef, Jennifer James. Pick up a free copy of the 7th annual cookbook, containing recipes

contributed by vendors, customers, and guest chefs. August 23th is Seasonal Highlights with guest chefs Darlene Yachik and Jason Yachik.

Thanks to all the wonderful, dedicated, and tireless folks who assisted the Growers' Market and the rest of the Lavender in the Village festival during the weeks before, during, and after the event. You all made it possible. THANKS!

In Memoriam

Shirley Gerry: A Lifetime Spent Caring For Animals



Shirley Gerry's first thirty years were filled with unusually challenging experiences in the Hollywood area of Southern California. Her entire scene changed quite dramatically when she and husband Bruce moved to the Village of Los Ranchos in 1957, with twin daughters Gaye and Lynda, along with

a pair of family pets.

The charm of this verdant area was constantly highlighted by the clanging bell in the school Principal Mary Lackey's hand, that always started each day's classes at Alvarado Grammar School, and it produced many wonderful, indelible friendships and memories for the Gerry family. The refreshing absence of Big City challenges and aggression quickly underscored new family values which constantly grew in importance to each of them.

Both Gayle and Lynda attended Taft Middle School and Valley High, where their scholastic accomplishments enabled them to enroll at the University of Colorado. Both girls, after five years, achieved degrees in Architecture—their chosen profession which continues to license them. They both continue to feed and 'show' multiple horses with the blessing of the wonderful, professionally titled husbands they have married.

Along with the challenge of guiding her daughters through life's education-

al seas, frequent riding lessons with Casey Darnell, and many, many horse shows, Shirley made time in her busy life to become a beloved thirty-eight year volunteer worker for the newly founded Albuquerque Animal Human Association, which rescues thousands of homeless or abandoned small animals each year.

Shirley often traveled with Bruce on business trips for Donrey Media or Markham Advertising Company, but the entire family often joined in their annual skiing or scuba-diving trips with friends. Never - not even once - did any member of the family ever indicate a desire to move from their comfortable home in the Village of Los Ranchos, and it encourages our belief that Shirley Gerry leaves a many-faceted legacy, in addition to being this world's Greatest Mama and Most Loving Wife. -BAG

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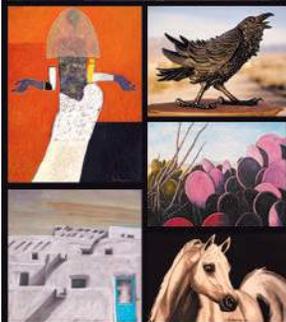
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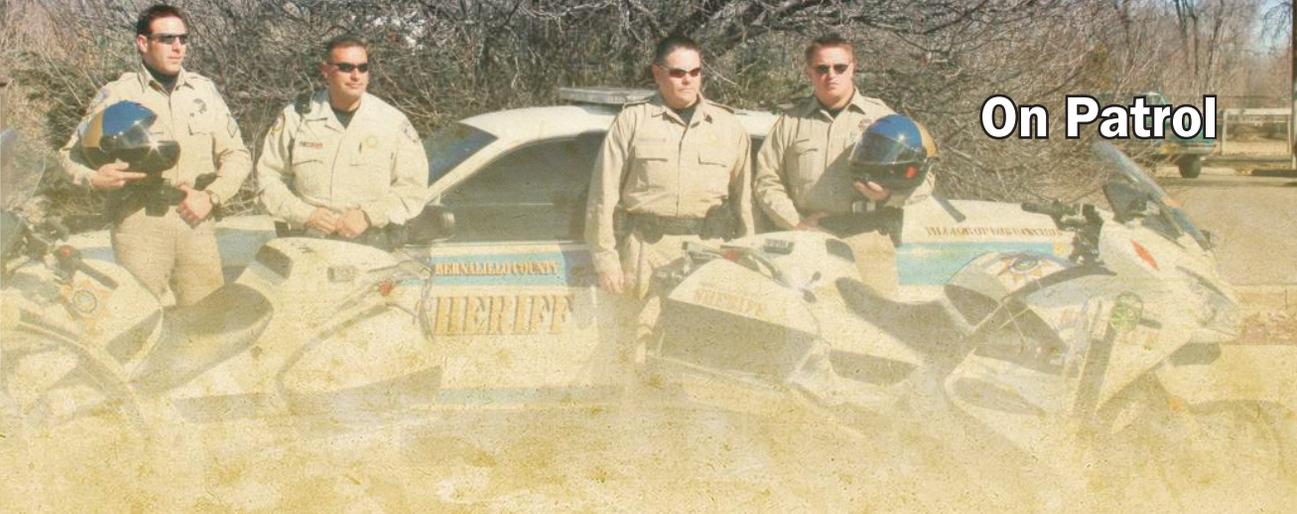
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School Zones Active Again

by Sgt Jason Lazo,
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It's hard to believe, but it's already August. School will be starting up again and with it come the school zones! This means the flashing school zone lights will be operating in the mornings and afternoons around our Elementary and Middle schools. I cannot stress enough the importance of slowing down and adhering to the 15 mph speed limit while these school zone lights are on. During these times, children are coming and going from school, and ensuring they can do so safely needs to be of the utmost importance to all of us.

We will be out running radar in these school zones, and if caught speeding, the fines will vary from \$74.00 all the way up to \$259.00, depending on how much over the 15 mph you are caught speeding. Nobody likes getting a ticket, but more importantly, nobody wants to see a child get hurt! The extra few minutes it takes to slow down and get through a school zone are well worth the time if it prevents a child from being injured. Let's show our children and our neighbors' children that we care about their safety. Take the necessary steps to be aware of what times children are coming and going from school, and more specifically, be vigilant in watching for the flashing school zone lights as you drive along 4th Street (4th/Schulte, 4th/Los Ranchos, 4th/Ranchitos).

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July Fourth Celebrations an Explosive Success

by Chief Greg Perez

I am happy to announce that the Village of Los Ranchos had a very safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. There were very few incidents requiring our attention.

Once again, the Village Fire Department held our annual July Fourth celebration. This year's event was a huge success, and a special thank you to all who attended. There are some special people I would like to recognize who make this event possible every year. Gemini Fireworks, TNT Fireworks, Los Ranchos Fire and Rescue, and each of

their families, all contributed. I would also like to thank Porky's Pride BBQ, who is new to the Village, and who came forward with a generous donation for the event. Last, but definitely not least, thanks to Mayor Abraham, the Village Administrator, and the Board of Trustees for their continued support. This is a truly great event that continues to grow yearly.

In a separate note, the members of the Los Ranchos Fire Department wish to thank the residents of Dietz Farm for their generous donation. Every year since I have been the Fire Chief, the residents of Dietz Farm have made

a financial contribution to the Fire Department. This contribution is handed to the department each July Fourth during the neighborhood parade. The funds from last year's donation purchased two new sets of bunker gear, which is a key element in keeping fire fighters safe. This year's donation will be put towards the purchase of a new fire hose.

On behalf of the men and women of your Fire Department, we want to thank all the residents of the Village of Los Ranchos for allowing us to serve you. We wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer.





Major Archeological Discovery In Los Ranchos

by Alexander Kurota
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In today's fast urban expansion, housing development has contributed to an unprecedented number of new archeological discoveries throughout New Mexico and the American Southwest. Recent housing construction at a private property in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque uncovered dark gray, ash-and-charcoal sediment mixed with Native American pottery and flaked stone artifacts. The owner of the property asked me to inspect this find and explain what steps should be taken to treat the archeological site with respect to the Native cultures, and



its potential for the scientific research. My examination of the site revealed the presence of burned and lightly compacted fragments of earth that probably originated from a prehistoric use surface. Several lumps of burned earth and small pieces of adobe were also found in the ashy matrix. The initial site observations suggest that a small adobe-and-wood residential structure, or perhaps several structures, stood at this location. Painted prehistoric ceramics can provide archeologists with valuable information about their association with the Native cultures as well as the period of their manufacture. The ceramics uncovered during the construction are referred to as Rio Grande Glazewares

and indicate the site was occupied by the puebloan people for an extended period of time, starting in the 14th century and ending in the middle to the late 17th century.

As new archeological sites are being uncovered on a daily basis, it has become even more important to facilitate a working system to insure that scientifically important archeological sites will not be lost during the urban growth. In the United States, construction projects which take place on lands owned by a federal, state, or local government, or receive funding from such entities, go through the process of the Cultural Resource Management. This program ensures that, prior to the ground disturbing work, archeological studies need to be performed at future construction sites where the US government is involved through funding or land ownership. The process starts with archeologists conducting a survey of the area proposed for a development. If archeological sites are discovered, the field archeologists provide



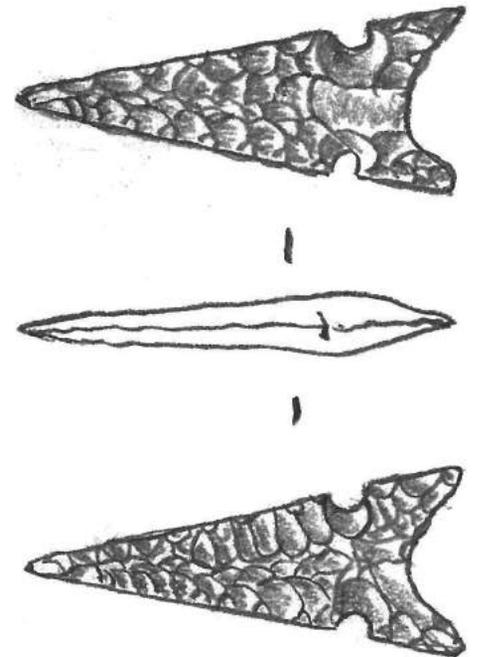
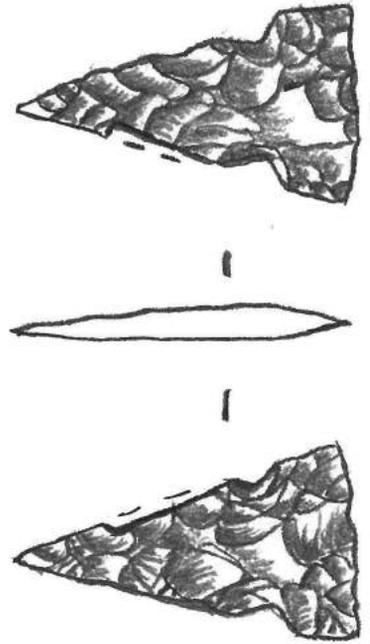
assessments of individual sites, their research potential, and their treatment recommendations. Oftentimes, the newly discovered sites are found in a condition severely disturbed by wind and water erosion. These sites usually offer little research value beyond that documented during a standard survey. However, some sites still retain buried features and cultural deposits that usually contain charcoal, burned plant seeds, or animal bone. Such cultural material can provide archeologists with insight on past human lifestyle. Sites that promise to reveal such valuable information are recommended for archeological excavation. The excavation process can last a few days up to several months or years (for very large scale projects like reservoirs), depending on the extent of cultural deposits and the amount of available funds.

Frequently, the presence of a site's buried cultural deposits cannot be ascertained due to extensive build-up of natural sediments. In such instances, testing of the deposits may be recommended. In the American Southwest, this process often involves probing the sediments with 3-inch diameter bucket augers, which are used to test for cultural materials to depths of 1.7 m beneath the surface. In other cases, the method of excavating several 1 by 1 meter units or shovel test pits can also be applied, a technique commonly used to test sites in the eastern part of

the United States.

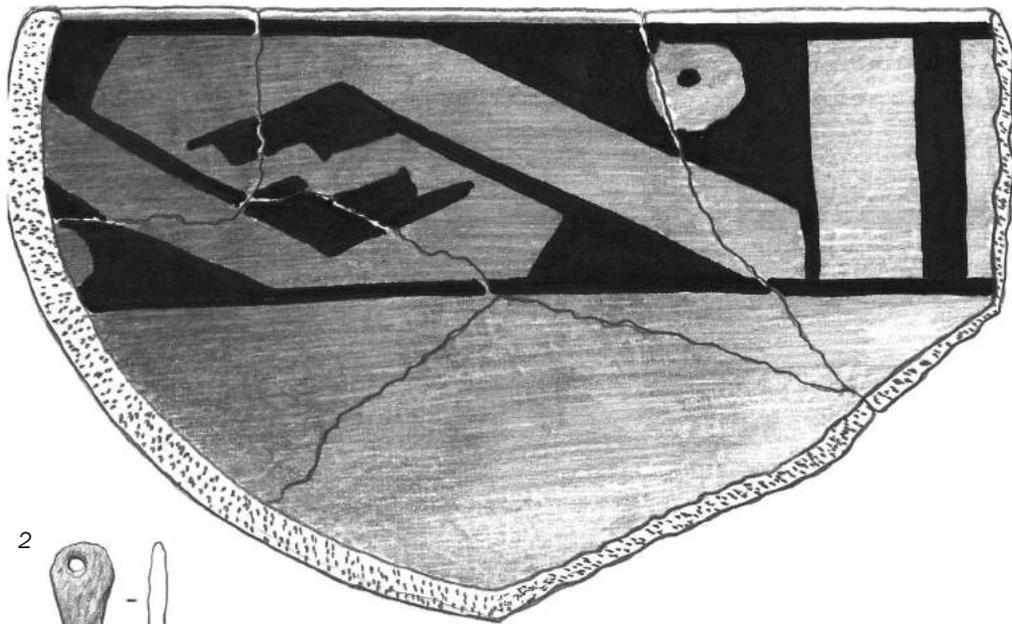
When artifacts or ashy sediments are exposed during the testing phase, the site is recommended for a more conclusive excavation research. Also called "data recovery," such an archeological investigation usually uncovers fire pit features that are often associated with above-ground adobe and/or masonry structures or subterranean pit structures of Native American cultures. Other excavation projects may recover simply artifact assemblages with no features. Having the Cultural Resource Management program legally in place, a vast number of sites have been discovered at U.S. government-involved construction projects. However, many other archeological sites have been destroyed during construction projects which are not sponsored by federal agencies or which occur on private lands.

Based on the previous archeological research in the Rio Grande Valley, we know that the prehistoric puebloan people were active farmers who lived in adobe pueblos scattered throughout the valley. It is estimated that several hundred, perhaps thousands, of people lived at these pueblo villages. They grew corn, squash, beans and other agricultural crops; they kept turkeys as farm animals and dogs as household companions. They built ephemeral agricultural fields both near the banks of Rio Grande (the area where many

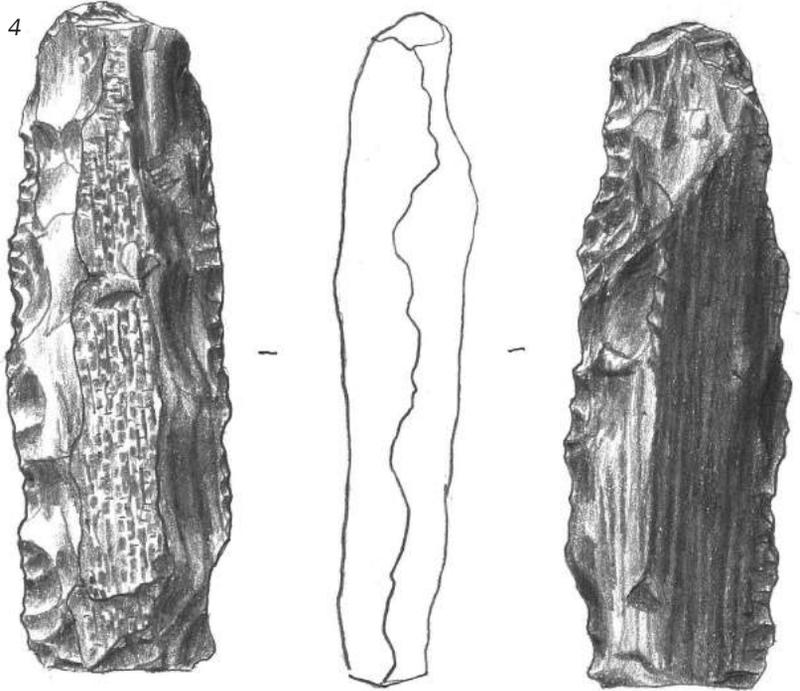
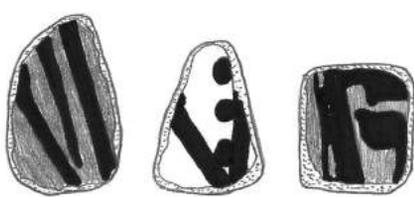
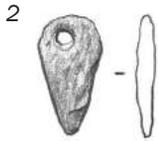


Drawing, opposite page: Partial reconstruction of a gray utility jar. With their globular body and wide opening at the rim, grayware pottery served as prime cooking and storage containers. (Image not to scale, jar is 6.3 inches wide)

Drawing, above: Two projectile points used to hunt deer, rabbits and other animal games. The arrow points were attached to an arrow. (Image not to scale, bottom arrow is 1.1 inches tall).



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pueblo villages were located) as well as on top of Albuquerque's West Mesa. The last two decades of research in the Rio Grande Valley and the Galisteo Basin area have revealed that, starting in the early 14th century, agricultural fields were built several miles away from the parent pueblo villages. Single, or two-room, rock wall structures can often be found at these agricultural sites.

Most archeologists believe the fields were established far away from the pueblos due to the increased population density in the greater Rio Grande Valley with the masonry structures functioning as temporary field houses for those tending the agricultural fields. The owner has hired the University of New Mexico's Office of Contract Archeology to conduct a research investigation at the site despite the fact that no government funds are involved in the construction project. This up-coming archeological project promises to shed new light on the lifestyle of the prehistoric puebloan people who lived in the current Los Ranchos de Albuquerque area.

(All Images actual size)

Image 1: A reconstructed shape of an Agua Fria Glaze-on-red bowl made from a the original vessel's fragment. The bowl was decorated by first covering its surface with red slip and then, lead-based glaze paint (black lines) was applied over the slip. The Glazeware bowls were commonly used for food-serving and short-term storage.

Image 2: Stone pendant made by grinding the edges of a natural rock and drilling a small hole for a necklace string.

Image 3: Three recycled ceramic sherds made from broken painted Rio Grande Glazeware bowl fragments. The sherds' edges were ground to give them smooth edges so that they could be used as game pieces or to be worn as pendants on one's neck.

Image 4: Stone knife used to cut materials. The knife was probably hafted on a handle made from wood or deer antler.

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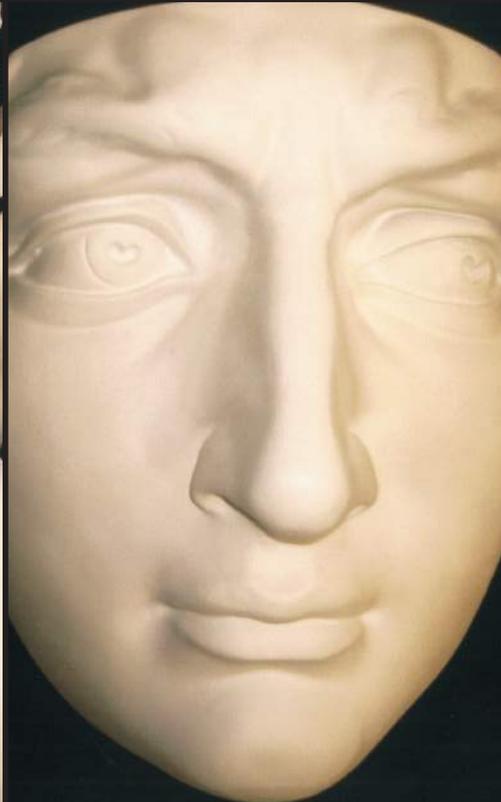
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Villager's Model A Rolls Into Depression Era Film

A tiny part of the Village is scheduled to appear on television on a date to be determined in the fall. No, not a resident's home this time! The 1930 Model A Vermont farm truck, which usually finds a home in the garage of Villager John McDowell, was invited to appear in what seems to be a fictionalized documentary on the Dust Bowl. Filming took place in Estancia on a warm Friday in June, and the vehicles

of the Poco Quatros Model A Club, as well as some Model Ts, made the early morning drive there to see which ones might be chosen for the cameras.

Several were chosen, and their owners were also invited to take part in the shoot. John was asked to appear as an "actor", and found himself costumed in Depression era clothing: long wool trousers, white shirt, high-top shoes, and a long black wool coat and hat -

just the right outfit for a day when the temperature lingered in the high nineties! The movie folks provided an umbrella and someone to hold it over him when he had to stand in the sun, but still.....

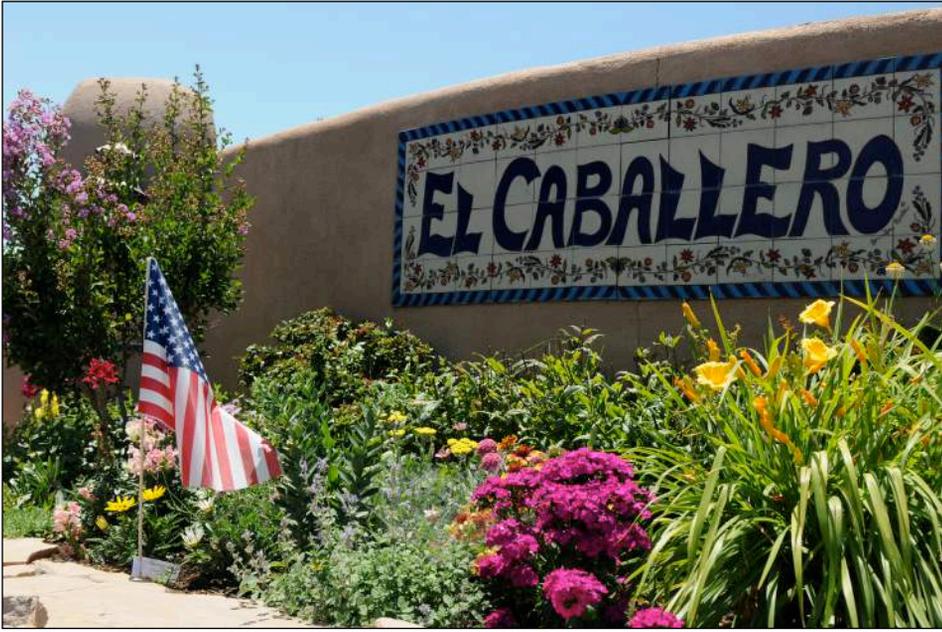
John described the scene in which a dust storm arose as very interesting. The 'dust' is stage dust - very fine powder, and a lot of it. It's blown by a huge fan, as well as by the fan on a swamp buggy, and yes, it got into everything! (The poor truck had to be thoroughly scrubbed before it could appear in the Tinnin Farms 4th of July parade!) The shoot lasted one whole day, following which the 'actors' were well fed, and finally drove home in a caravan along Old Route 66 late that night.

The working title for what will be a two hour program started out as *Black Sunday*, but this has probably been changed to *Earth's Revenge*. The program will appear on the History Channel, most likely in October or November. The producers have told John that they will notify him when a date has been set, and if there's time, we'll let you all know. Watch for it!



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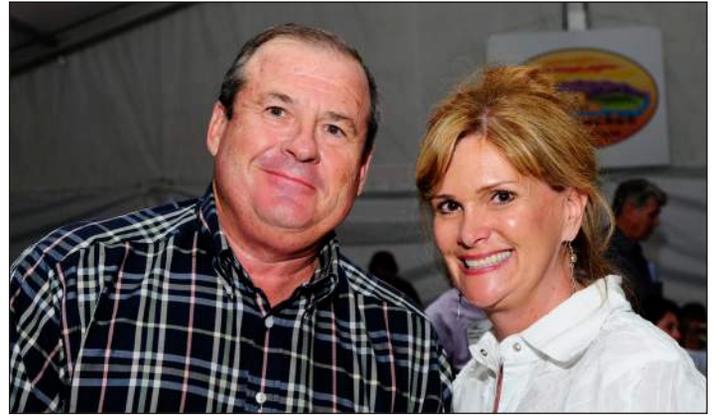














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Preparing Your Home for Monsoon Season

by *Tim Tourville, CRS*

Nothing says summer in the Village quite like monsoonal downpours. And, while the rain usually provides much-needed relief from the heat, it can also wreak havoc on your home's structure.

Detecting leaks early is key, and can make all the difference between a cleanup that requires a simple mop and bucket and having to undergo major construction. Most water problems stem from three areas around your home: leaky roofs, poor drainage around the foundation, and clogged canales, gutters or downspouts.

First, it's important to routinely check your roof for leaks. Whether it is a tile, shingle, metal, or flat roof, make sure

you know the warning signs indicating the roof might need to be repaired. Also, take note of any damage or deterioration around chimneys, vents, or dips in the roof. Keep your roof free of debris, such as leaves and sticks, and trim trees regularly to prevent them from rubbing against your roof.

Where and how your home is positioned on the property can also affect how well water drains (or doesn't) from the foundation. Pooling of water around the house can indicate low-lying areas and insufficient drainage. Fill in any of these spots so water flows away from the house and extend downspouts several feet from the foundation to whisk away even more water.

Finally, inspect canales, gutters and downspouts regularly for any debris.

Installing canale or gutter shields can help prevent clogs from building up inside the pipe. And, if you are frequently away from home, consider installing a water alarm. If the system detects a leak inside the house, such as toilets, faucets, or the water meter, it will automatically shut off the water supply to prevent further damage.

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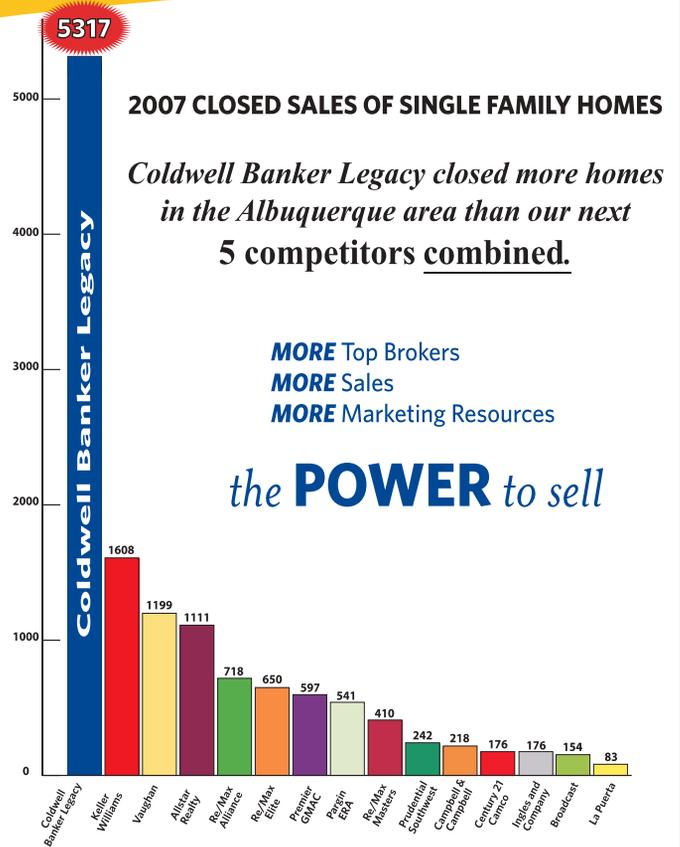
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August Events

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August 8: "Meet the Teacher" 1:30 - 3:00

August 12: First day of school 1st - 5th grades

August 14: First day of school Kindergarten

Bosque School

4000 Learning Road NW
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Soccer Prep Camp:

August 4-9, 2008 - \$100

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5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - For students entering 9-12th grades

Contact: Klaus Weber (505) 898-6388 or kwebe@bosqueschool.org

Middle School Volleyball Camp:

August 4 - 8, 2008 \$110 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Contact: Phyllis Church (505) 898-6388 ext. 142 or 459-9930 or pchur@bosqueschool.org

August 18: New Student Orientation

August 19: First Day of Classes

Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School

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

August 26: First day of school and Jump Start Day.

Official ribbon cutting ceremony, meet the teachers and staff, orientation, and pizza lunch.

August 27 & 28: Student placement tests.

August 29: All school field trip to the Albuquerque Fine Arts Museum and to the Rio Grande Nature Center.

September 1: Labor Day. School closed.

September 2: Students receive their final class schedules (based upon the placement tests given on August 26th and 27th) Classes begin 8:15 am

AUGUST

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Los Ranchos Elementary School

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Los Ranchos, NM 87107
898 - 3611

North Valley Academy

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505-998-0501

August 1: Last Day of 2007-2008 School Year
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August 27: 11:30-2:30 Meet the Teachers
September 2: First Day of 2008-2009 School Year

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New Student Orientation

August 11: Orientation for new students at Prep takes place before the first day of school.

August 12: First Day of School All students. All classes begin.

Taft Middle School

620 Schulte Rd. NW
344-4389

August 7 and 8: Registration
6 and 7th graders will tentatively register on August 7th.
8th graders will register on August 8th. (These dates subject to change.)
August 12: School opens

Taylor Middle School

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



Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

July 8, 2008 - Action Report

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

TUE., AUGUST 12, 2008

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Roll call

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

B. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was unanimously approved (5-0).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Special Meeting – June 3, 2008

Minutes were unanimously approved (5-0).

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

A. **S-07-13** A request by Terra Land Surveys, LLC, Agents for Mary Garcia, property owner, for a Family Transfer Subdivision Final Plat Approval for a minor (2 lot) subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Guadalupe Trail Character Area. The property is located at 7711 Guadalupe Trail NW and is legally known as A tract of land situated in School District No. 4 in Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico shown and designated as Tract No. 63 of Map 27 of the M.R.G.C.D. The property contains 1.6454 acres more or less.

The Final Plat for a minor (2 lot) Family Transfer Subdivision was unanimously approved (5-0).

B. V-08-05 A request by Lawrence and Rebecca Leeman for a Variance from the require 26 foot height limit to allow for a 28 feet, 5 inch height portion of an addition in the A-1 Zone of the Dietz Farm Character Area. The property is located at 1717 Dietz Loop NW and is legally known as Lot 13, Rio Grande Meadows, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, April 1965. The property contains .556 acres more or less.

The Variance request from the required 26 foot height limit to allow for a 28 feet, 5 inch portion of an addition was denied (3-2).

C. V-08-06 a request by Rebecca and John Torres for a Variance from the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to allow for 405 square feet additional floor area for straw bale construction in the SU-1 zone of the Paseo Character Area. The property is located at 8912 Ortega Court and is legally known as Lot # 12 Plat of Ortega Compound, Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, February 1996. The parcel contains .295 acres more or less.

The Variance request from the FAR was unanimously denied (5-0).

D. S-07-14 A request by M² Builders, LLC for Final Plat approval for a major twelve (12) lot subdivision in the R-3 Zone of the Paseo Character Area. The property is located at 8312 4th Street NW and legally known as Tract lettered "B" of Lands of John and Agnes McDonnell, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on October 30, 2006, in Volume 2006C, folio 327. The property contains 3.5644 acres more or less. The 2nd property is located at 8409 2nd Street and is legally known as A certain tract of land situated in Alameda, within Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Bernalillo County, New Mexico, being known as Tract 149-B, and a Portion of Tract 146-A2, M.R.G.C.D. Map 24, The property contains 1.5756 acres, more or less.

The Final Plat for a 12 lot major subdivision in the R-3 Zone of the Paseo Character Area was unanimously approved (5-0).

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and forwarding to the Board of Trustees an Ordinance amending Chapter 31 of the Codified Ordinances, the Zoning Ordinance and Zone Map, Section 2, Definitions and Section 24, Application and Approval Process, E (1) Site Development Plan.

The Amendment to Application and Approval Process, E(1) Site Development Plan was forwarded to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation of approval (5-0).

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. REPORTS

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

9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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.



Board of Trustees Summary

July 9, 2008

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON

WED., AUGUST 27, 2008

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abraham called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Frank Mangano, 4300 Rio Grande NW, stated his concerns with the Ditches with Trails Committee continuing their plans to pave the ditch trails. He asked that the Village continue to support the Dietz Farm neighborhood's position of not changing the ditch trails.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – June 18, 2008

B. Department and Committee Reports

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

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

4. REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Abraham reported on the following: A T & T will soon sign a lease for inclusion on the cell tower; the Village Internet is being upgraded to carry more capacity with a system that will broadcast WI-FI; he thanked Fire Chief Perez and the Fire Department for the great fire works display they had on the 4th of July; the Lavender in the Village Festival will be held this Saturday and Sunday along with the barn dance on Friday; the post office has now input every Village address into their system so that the city comes up as Los Ranchos, New Mexico.

B. Administrator's Report

Administrator Ward reported on the following: Arturo Andujo will be back to work next Tuesday from his surgery; a temporary employee, Eris Gutierrez who is also a volunteer firefighter, was hired; a reconciliation for the end of the Fiscal Year along with the final budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 is before the Board tonight; the TPTG meeting regarding the bike lane from Chavez to Montano got kicked up to the TCC Meeting with no recommendation; Taft Middle School has asked for more time regarding the sod replacement.

C. Planner's Report

Planner Seebach reported on the following: the building permits have increased; the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance was submitted to FEMA as required; the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to forward the Ordinance amendment for the site development plan to the Board and also gave final plat approval on the Seth Markham subdivision.

D. Legal Report

Attorney King reported on the following: she is working on various agreements; working closely with the Planning & Zoning Interim Director and Administrator on a variety of applications and legal issues; and received the court decision in our favor on the Neff vs.VLR affirming the Board's decision on the 280-foot setback.

E. Fire Dept. Report

Fire Chief Perez reported on the following: he thanked the Mayor for his kind words regarding the 4th of July event they held; the 4th of July event was successful because of donations made by Gemini Fire Works, T & T and Porky's Barbeque; 4th of July was quiet and uneventful with no calls; in the month of June they had 82 calls; he received the ISO report and stated that if the Board needed more details on the report, he could provide them.

5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. Cash Report - June

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

B. Discussion and approval of resolution No.2008-7-1 revising the 2007/2008 fiscal year budget

Resolution No. 2008-7-1 revising the 2007/2008 FY Budget was approved as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

C. Discussion and approval of resolution No.2008-7-2 approving the 2009 fiscal year budget

Resolution No. 2008-7-2 approving the final budget for FY 2008/2009 was approved as presented; however, with the condition that a Special Board Meeting be held on August 23rd at 7 p.m. to discuss hiring additional personnel in the Fire Department and salary increases.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. An appeal by Mark and Judy Caruso to the Board of Trustees of the Denial of their requested event permit for filming in their home located at 5001 Rio Grande Lane NW on July 28, 2008 through August 1, 2008.

The appeal was denied and the administration's decision was upheld. The motion carried, 4-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and approval to adopt an ordinance amending ordinance No.173 of the Animal Welfare Ordinance, Section 6. Licensing and vaccination requirements for dogs and cats, section 10, specially permitted activities involving animals, (A)(5), Section 11, (D), provisions relating to livestock and adding a new subsection (D, E and G) to Section 11. [This item was deferred from the June 18, 2008 Board meeting.]

This item was deferred to the September 10, 2008 Board Meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and approval to adopt an ordinance annexing territory into the Village of Los Ranchos. The property is located at 8409 2ND St NW and legally described as a certain tract of land situated in Alameda, within Section 16, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. Bernalillo County, New Mexico, being known as tract 149-B, and a portion of tract 146-A2, MR.G.C.D map 24, containing 1.5756 acres more or less. This ordinance repeals ordinance No.214.

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

B. Discussion and approval of the voting delegate and alternate for the New Mexico municipal league annual conference in Clovis, NM.

The Board voted to have Trustee Homan as the voting delegate and Trustee Rael the alternate. The motion carried, 4-0.

C. Discussion and approval to enter into an agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for the 2008/2009 Cooperative Agreement (SP-3-09(926); control #M300032; for improvements including subgrade, PMBP and miscellaneous construction to Green Valley and Ranchitos Road; and authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The agreement was approved and authorization was given for the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion carried, 4-0.

D. Discussion and approval to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement for the purchase of the Richard Gallegos property within the Village Center project area.

The Board gave authorization to the Mayor to negotiate and enter into an agreement for the purchase of the Richard Gallegos property. The motion carried, 4-0.

9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Trustee Rael reported on the following: Mr. Roger Erker, the owner of JB's Restaurant, has not received his final survey on his new boundaries when part of his property was sold; the side walk in front of his house is buckling up; the fire that happened behind where he lives was because of trash and he said that that whole area needs to be cleaned before another fire happens; the Village needs to have a moratorium on the VC Zone so that building can be controlled.

Trustee Lopez said that he heard the US Attorney has put the house on Ranchitos up for auction and the Village should look into that.

Trustee McDonough questioned why a road closed sign was placed at El Pueblo and Guadalupe.

Trustee Homan stated that for the August 13th Board Meeting, all of the Board members will be attending the Annual Conference in Clovis, New Mexico; she suggested this meeting be rescheduled.

The Board decided to reschedule the August 13th meeting to August 27th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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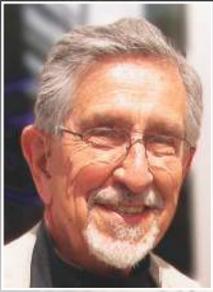
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Down the *Rabbit Hole*: A Multi-Dimensional Trip

by Phil Bock

The “Rabbit Hole” referred to in David Lindsay-Abaire’s drama, opening at the ADOBE Theatre on August 15, is not the one down which Alice plunged. Rather it is the scientific/fictional term for a portal to another dimension—a parallel universe in which one might live an existence similar to the present, but with significant differences. If the universe is indeed infinite, many people believe such portals might exist.

Director Leslee Richards has chosen this work because of her attraction to the strong, unusual characters. “They are all worthwhile, intelligent people dealing with each other (and with a tragic situation) in interesting ways. These are people in pain who are determined to get to the other side of it.” There is much humor in this drama, especially in the relationship between the sisters Becca and Izzy.

Becca, the elder, has lost a child and needs the support of her sister, their mother, and her husband, all of whom want to help but are not sure how. Izzy’s concurrent romance and pregnancy complicates their relationship, as does the appearance of Jason, the young man whose car struck and killed Becca’s son.

It will take a strong cast to succeed with this challenging work. Cynthia Nixon won a Tony for her 2006 portrayal of Becca, and the combination of Aleah Waldron and Taunya Crilly as the sisters, plus Linda Williams as their mother, Zane Barker as Becca’s husband, and Daniel

Hart as Jason should do the trick. As in the film, “Syriana” and the play/film, “Ordinary People,” the loss of a child makes for powerful drama; in “Rabbit Hole,” we see that a “funny, smart, close-knit family” can deal with tragedy, emerging with hope at the end.

Rabbit Hole

directed by Leslee Richards, opens at the ADOBE Theatre on Aug. 15 and plays until Sept. 7 with performances Fri. and Sat. at 8:00pm, Sun. at 2:00pm.

Tickets are \$12, students and seniors \$10.

Reservations: 898-9222, weekdays.

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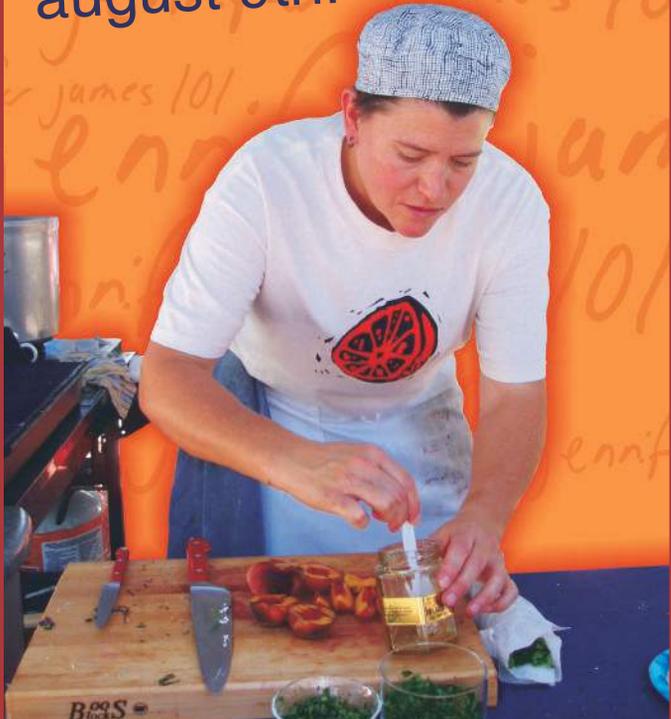
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- Jesus Morales, cello - Former Principal Cello, *Puerto Rico Symphony*
- Ivonne Figueroa, piano - Renowned Concert Artist & Professor, *University of Puerto Rico*
- Narciso Figueroa, violin - *Metropolitan Opera*

The evening includes hors d'oeuvres and wine in the vineyard before the concert, and a candlelight dinner in the garden following the concert.

Program

Sunday, August 10th

Dvorak - Quintet for Piano and Strings in A Major, Op. 81

Jesus Figueroa - *Puerto Rican danzas*

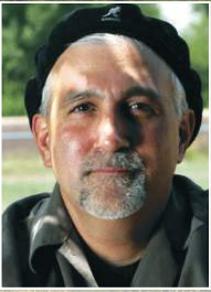
Sarasate - *Navarra*, Spanish Dance for two violins and piano

Sunday, August 17th

Beethoven - String Quartet No. 1 in F Major, Op. 18

Borodin - String Quartet No. 2 in D Major

Tickets may be purchased for \$150 per person/per evening by contacting Casa Rondeña Winery at (505) 344-5911



Hottest Days of Summer the Sweetest for Corn

by Randy Shamlian

Fresh picked sweet corn is certainly one of life's more simple and greatest pleasures. During the month of August, with the sun at its most potent, and at the height of its growing season, corn couldn't be any sweeter. As a youth, I spent many a summer at the Jersey shore at my grandparents' home where I toiled away my vacation in the sun and surf. After a fun-filled and exhausting day at the beach, a nap to recover and an Armenian -American dinner with the family on the back porch was the usual routine. The quintessential meal consisted of fresh salad made with iceberg lettuce, some of my Pop's home -grown tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers and flat leaf parsley, all lightly dressed with red wine vinegar and corn oil. A tender cracked wheat bulghur, slowly simmered with chicken stock, complimented juicy grilled marinated spiced lamb kebobs. And, of course, there was plenty of sweet Jersey corn, always picked the same day we ate it!

At the Los Ranchos Growers' Market during August, you'll find sweet corn offered up by Schwebach's Farm and hopefully a few other growers. Nature

is a funny sort, though. The local apricot yields were not prodigious, if at all. Few apricots survived the early frost in April that deterred many a crop. But, it looks like we'll have some nice sweet corn with Mr. Sunshine smiling brightly as he has. Anticipation is a wonderful thing, especially for sweet corn that in many cases can be eaten raw and unadorned. Back in the days, I liked mine lathered up with plenty of creamery butter and salt. Today, I prefer extra virgin olive oil and a sprinkling of a good quality sea salt (perhaps, a subtle reminder of my Jersey shore days).

Of course, if feeling a little daring, grilled sweet corn added to a salsa made with jalapeños, tomatoes, yellow onion, cilantro, and a splash of red wine vinegar works nicely over grilled chicken breasts, or a snapper filet, or even inside some fish tacos. Every once in a while, I get a hankering for chicken enchiladas studded with roasted sweet corn and green chilies. I alternately layer corn tortillas and some pulled chicken with the corn and chilies, and top that with a creamed mushroom sauce and plenty of Monterey Jack cheese. Once baked, it produces a moist and inviting meal. Adding sautéed fresh corn with red peppers and yellow onions to your

favorite cornbread recipe provides texture, flavor, and sweetness. The cornbread works well with barbecued brisket or ribs.

Many Native American legends include a "Corn Maiden," complete with ceremonies for the various harvest periods, particularly the Iroquoian, who also celebrated squash and beans. The corn, squash and beans were referred to as the "three sisters". Back in my youthful days, my Nana Rose and her two sisters would spend hours preparing meals for the numerous family members who visited my grandparents during the summer. One dish they made religiously was "govaj" - a roasted lamb stew that included squash, greens beans and onions in a tomato sauce base. Nowadays, I like to add some fresh sweet corn. Hey, but what is life but moments, family, friends, and great food! So may you be blessed with good health, loving family and friends, and the pleasure of this summer's corn harvest!

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

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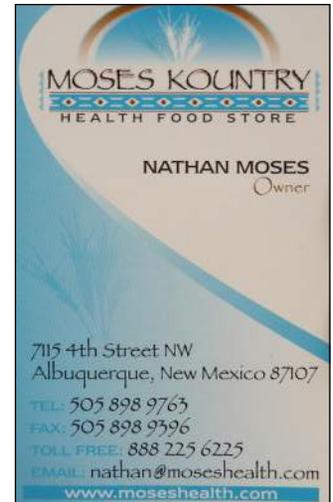
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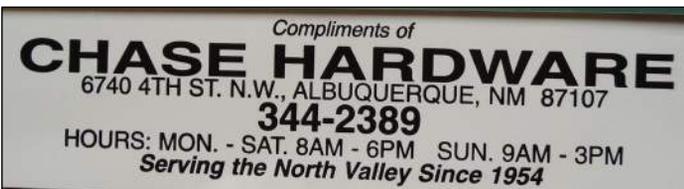
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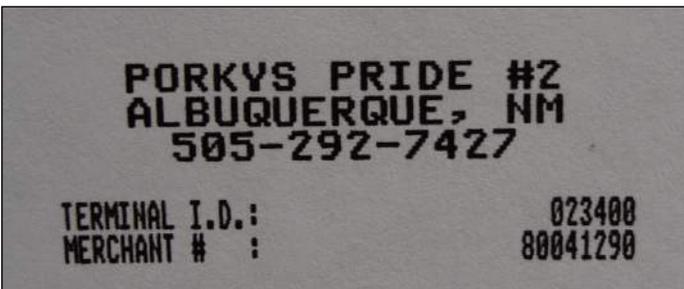
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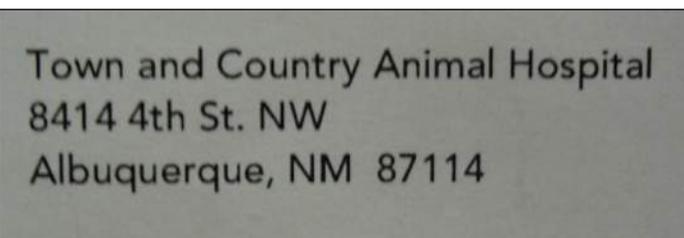
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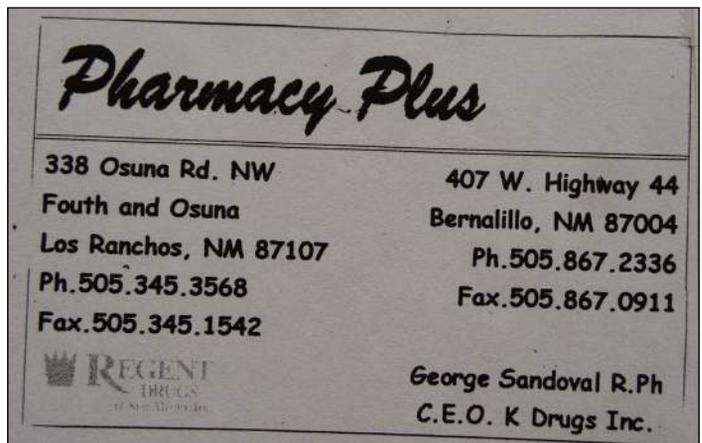
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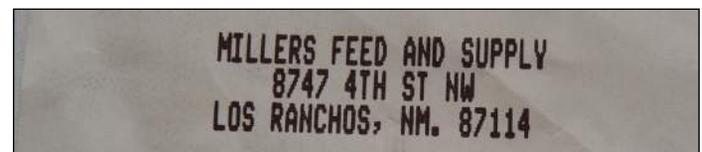
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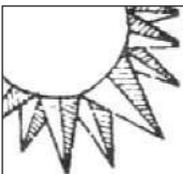
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by Lisa Manwill

As always, thank you for your patience. We realize this is a messy and inconvenient project and we are working as quickly and safely as possible. The Contractor continues to try to keep the dirt roads watered to avoid the excessive dust.

The Area I&J project is beginning its 7th month and as of the writing of this update, is still slightly ahead of schedule. As mentioned in previous updates, the side roads get narrower the further north we go, and construction may go a bit slower in these areas. We have also been informed that the supply of asphalt has been reduced by half for the next several months. We are currently analyzing ways to get things buttoned up and still stay ahead (or at a minimum on) schedule.

It is anticipated that this month will be spent installing sewer lines on Rio Grande north of Ranchitos Road and on adjacent side roads.

As many of you who live south of Green Valley Road may know, the County was anticipating allowing you to hook up to the new sewer system at the end of the summer. Unfortunately, we have run into some equipment issues for the lift stations. Specifically, one piece of equipment is no longer available. The manufacturer has a replacement piece of equipment that will work with our design; however, staff at the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority will need to be trained in the operation of the replacement piece of equipment. At this time, we are trying to schedule training and order the equipment. We do not yet have any dates.

Please be prepared for delays and shut downs on Rio Grande over the duration of the project. The Village website, www.losranchosnm.gov, is a good way to stay abreast of road im-

pacts. As always, you can call Rodrigo or me for assistance. Additionally, the County has contracted with Wilson and Company to assist with inspection services. The inspectors are familiar with the project and can answer most questions. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

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

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

SEWER STUBS

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

1. Depth of Sewer Line at House:
 - a. Locate your sewer clean outs and determine the depth to the bottom of your sewer line. Generally, the clean out is located between the house and the septic tank.
 - b. If you can not find, or do not have a sewer clean out, you must determine the depth of the sewer line exiting your house by digging it up.
2. Length of Yard Line
 - a. Measure the length required for the

new sewer yard line (from the house to the street)

3. Horizontal Location of Service Stub (at street)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Adventure of a Discard



*An allegory
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I am a paper cup. I was very useful once, but when I was no longer needed, I was discarded. Not put into a bag with other used items but merely pitched into the Rio Grande River, just north of the Bosque where I began my lonely and rather hazardous journey. Sink or swim! Some of us sank with other waste products to be caught by the weight of the silt thickening the river as it worked its long route south.

Those of us who floated, however, went along for the ride, not knowing where we'd land or what might happen to us along the way. I'd meet other discarded objects, but my friendships would alter occasionally if I was caught temporarily in the limb of a tree that had fallen from the latest rain after the river flooded

the banks, pulling it from its foundations. I'd sit there bobbing for who knows how long before the water level dropped back to normal, finally allowing me to pass under the long, fallen limb.

There was a time when, still a rather reasonably new cup, I got caught in a broken branch, unable to free myself as the little whirlpool contained me beside a large piece of bubble wrap hooked quite permanently on another broken branch close by. It was there that my journey would lapse until the rains came and the river rose, spinning me away from the branch allowing me to move with the water, swift now, with the current now pulling, pulling so many of us who continued to survive to the next junction.

When the water changed its tempo with the seasons, falling and rising through the year, I would usually be set free from my temporary traps. Off I'd go where I'd meet other friends, new friends, who would compare their stories as we continued to survive the flow and turmoil, bumping and churning along the way moving along for what seemed like forever.

The shores began to clutter with so many of us survivors, now finding permanent resting places, locked in

with plastic bottles, Styrofoam pieces, plastic petrol containers, once like me, whole and useful to someone. The banks were resting places for clothing, magazines, and torn, rotting, muddy blankets. We were all shapes and sizes, a multitude of colors and personalities. It was when we were no longer needed that we felt safer by being put into a trash can where we could really make a party of it, knowing we were in our own place.

I recall a particular day which startled me, but also proved to be somewhat of a relief, when a group of people with large black bags stepped watchfully along the shore picking us up. Some had sticks to pull us in, to release us from our bondage, others crawled out along a tree trunk to grab us or hold on to another for support for that long reach, determined to collect us for our permanent resting place, that place where we should all go once we have been discarded!

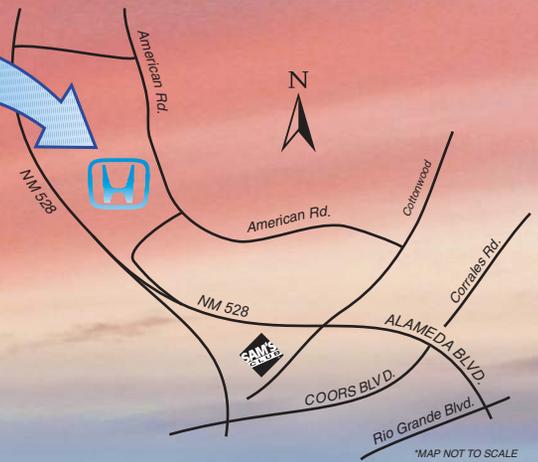
As I sit crammed in my new home, I feel secure that I have been put where I am meant to be and thank that someone for putting me there.

Written after a Saturday morning with a Rotary project to clean up the Rio Grande River at the Bosque in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 6, 2007.

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