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JUNE 2008

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# Mayor's Report

by Larry Abraham

## How ironic!

I want to thank all of our residents who pointed out the address snafu we had on some of our mailing labels this past issue. It is ironic that my entire Mayor's column was dedicated to the importance of using Los Ranchos as our address and the May issue of the Village Vision used the dreaded "Albuquerque" on some of the mailing labels. I think it is important for all of us to understand how and why it happened and how it can be prevented on any future mailings. My initial reaction was that of frustration, placing the blame squarely on all of our residents and our neglect over fifty years of not caring.

Interestingly enough, one of our residents (whom I consider very intelligent having been a bank president for one of our largest banks) asked me, "What is the big deal?" He said he changed his tax records to reflect Los Ranchos but he still uses Albuquerque for all of his other mail. He thought that I was only concerned about the address on the tax records. I explained to him that the only revenue this Village gets for operations is not from property taxes but from gross receipt taxes. I gave him one small example of why the address is so important. If you look at my Verizon cell phone bill under "Wireless Surcharges" you will find a heading "Los Ranchos...City Gross Receipts Surcharge" in the amount of \$2.36 per

month. Additionally, if it is reported correctly we get nearly that much again from the State of New Mexico's portion. I would estimate conservatively there may be as many as 4,000 cell phones in the Village between residents and businesses. If everyone using a cell phone used Los Ranchos as their address, we would receive approximately \$20,000 per month or nearly \$250,000 per year just in revenue from wireless providers. Our records indicate there are very few people using Los Ranchos on their wireless bills. This is just one small revenue source. What about Comcast, satellite providers, Qwest, PNM, and the multitude of other services that are taxed in our Village? The only way Verizon or any service provider knows what tax to charge and where to report and pay the tax is by your billing address!

When a new home is built, if the contractor or person filling out the CRS-1 form uses Albuquerque, we stand to lose as much as \$50,000 - \$75,000 per home. Likewise, if a Realtor or title company reports the sale as Albuquerque, we lose the gross receipts tax on the commission. The same applies for any remodel or construction work to your home. This is why it is so critical to get in the habit of using Los Ranchos as your address. We must consistently tell the world we are not Albuquerque! This means magazine subscriptions,

our personal checks or just anytime we are asked where we live. Personally, it took NM Business Weekly three late billing notices and a threat from my wife to cancel our subscription unless they could get the address correct. Guess what? They got it correct. Everyone needs to be persistent and consistent with our message. I am sorry, but after five years I am losing my patience with residents who do not understand the importance of using Los Ranchos.

This brings me back to our mailing snafu with a few of the Spring Village Vision issues. Evidently, especially with bulk mailings, you must be using the exact spelling of the three acceptable names in the 87107 and 87114 zip code. They are Los Ranchos, Los Ranchos de Albuquerque or Los Rnchs ABQ, NM. If you do not use the exact spelling, the Postal software will automatically change the city field to Albuquerque. Because this has not been important in the past, we must all work that much harder at getting the address correct on everything. And if the mail house does not get the addresses right this time, we will find another mail house which understands how proud we are of the Los Ranchos address!

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M, W, THUR, & FRI  
8:00 A.M - 5:00 P.M.

TUES: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
(STAFF MEETING DAY)

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**Upcoming Events: June/July/August**

<b>Deadline for July Village Vision</b>	<b>Friday – June 6th</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market <i>Landscaping with Native Plants</i>	Saturday-June 7th, 7:00-11:00 a.m
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting</b>	<b>June Meeting Cancelled</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market <i>Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast</i>	Saturday-June 14th, 7:00-11:00 a.m
Father's Day!	Sunday, June 15th
<b>Board of Trustees Regular Meeting</b> <i>The June 11th Board meeting has been changed to June 18th</i>	<b>Wednesday-June 18th- 7:00 p.m.</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market	Saturday-June 21st, 7:00-11:00 a.m
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market	Saturday-June 28th, 7:00-11:00 a.m
Fire Dept 4th of July Event	Friday, July 4th – Begins at 6:30 p.m.
<b>4th of July</b> <i>Village Office Closed</i>	<b>Friday</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market	Saturday-July 5th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m
<b>Deadline for August Village Vision</b>	<b>Monday-July 7</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 8th- 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Board of Trustees Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 9th- 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Lavender in the Village Barn Dance</b>	<b>Friday, July 11th, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market <i>Market has Special Extended hours for Lavender in the Village</i>	Saturday, July 12th, 7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
<b>Lavender in the Village</b>	<b>Saturday, July 12th , 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market Market has Special Extended hours for Lavender in the Village	Sunday, July 13th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
<b>Lavender in the Village</b>	<b>Sunday, July 13th, 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market	Saturday-July 19th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market <i>Fruit &amp; Ice Cream Special</i>	Saturday-July 26th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market	Saturday-August 2nd, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m
<b>Deadline for September Village Vision</b>	<b>Friday, August 8th</b>
Growers' & Arts/Crafts Market <i>Cooking in the Village with Chef Jennifer James of Jennifer James 101</i>	Saturday-August 9th, 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m

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Los Ranchos, NM 87107

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**ADVERTISING**

The deadline for the next issue is printed in the Calendar on page 2 of each issue. Advertisements must be paid at Village Hall before each deadline, and submitted to the Coordinator. (see above)

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Material of general interest about the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque is encouraged. Please submit all communications to the Coordinator. Articles should be sent by Word attachment, and photographs are best received on a disc. Please call before submitting material to confirm space and suitability.

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**CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON 4TH STREET INTERSECTIONS**

The Village will begin repaving the intersections at El Pueblo, Los Ranchos and Ranchitos where they intersect 4th Street. The intersections are long overdue for repairs.

**LAVENDER IN THE VILLAGE**

Make sure you save the dates for the largest event of the year in the Village. Come help celebrate the agricultural heritage of our Village on July 12th and 13th!

**LAVENDER BARN DANCE**

Please save the date for the first ever barn dance in the community barn. The barn dance will take place on Friday evening, July 11th and tickets may be

purchased for \$75.00 each. Check information in this issue.

**VERIZON CELL TOWER UPDATE**

Verizon Wireless service from the Village cell tower should be fully operational on both the data and voice channels. Verizon service went live on approximately May 22, 2008.

**AT&T CELL TOWER UPDATE**

Negotiations continue to take place with AT&T and we anticipate finalizing agreements in the very near future. Construction should begin as early as July, and we hope to have AT&T go live by late July or early August.

**VILLAGE PHOTOS REQUESTED**

If you have photos that you would

like to share, please email the largest file possible to RHALL@LOS-RANCHO-SNM.GOV or drop off a disc for Rosemary at Village Hall.

**NOTEWORTHY KIDS**

If you know of a Village Kid who has done something noteworthy, we would like to mention it in the Village Vision. Please email RHALL@LOS-RANCHO-SNM.GOV with the details.

**PASEO OPEN SPACE PLANTED**

If you get a chance to walk our newly acquired open space just north of Paseo, you will see that it has been cleaned up and planted in permanent pasture. We will continue to try to beautify this area and make it attractive to wildlife for the enjoyment of our residents.

**The Route 66 Car Show, June 21**

For the eighth consecutive year, Albuquerque will celebrate the Mother Road, Route 66!

The event will take place on Saturday, June 21st, with over five hundred of the most beautiful classic cars from New Mexico and surrounding states driving from Albuquerque up the old Route 66, and ending at the San Felipe Hollywood Casino.

The cars are expected to start at Rich Ford, and proceed on Lomas to

Fourth Street, then north on Fourth to State Highway 313 through Bernalillo, Algodones, and on through the San Felipe Pueblo to Casino Hollywood.

If this procession goes on as planned, Fourth Street will be crowded with wonderful old cars, which will be stopping along the way. The procession may last from three to five hours!

For more information, visit [www.olderoute66.com](http://www.olderoute66.com)

Come on out and cheer!!



## Geoff Abraham: Bikes for Cancer Awareness



Village resident Geoff Abraham will travel from Austin, TX to Anchorage, AK this summer – on a bike. He'll ride with an Austin-based charity, Texas 4000, to raise money and awareness for cancer research. A college-aged cancer-survivor founded Texas 4000 five years ago with the mission to spread hope, charity, and knowledge from Texas to Alaska. Geoff joined the group last fall.

His trip will last 70 days. With 45 other students, he will bike 80 to 100 miles each day, staying at campgrounds or community centers by night. Along the way, he'll commune with cancer patients and try to aid common understanding of the malady that will affect 1 of every 3 women and 1 of every 2 men.

Each rider rides for loved ones. Geoff will ride for his grandmother, Wadette, his high-school English teacher, a high-

school friend, a University professor's wife, and several family friends. As Geoff noted, "it seems virtually all know someone touched by a form of this awful disease."

"It will be a trip of extremes—glorious highs and terrible lows," said Geoff. He quickly added, "the wind is a biker's worst enemy." But on sunny days, he said, he'll savor "the open landscapes." Yet come rain or shine, Geoff will pedal on. He says the idea behind Texas 4000, "is to embark on a trial of our own, one that modestly parallels the patient's fight."

Geoff has raised 7500 dollars for his journey thus far. If you'd like Geoff to ride for a loved one, if you'd like to support his ride, or if you'd like to know more about his trip, email him at [lga@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:lga@mail.utexas.edu).

Learn more about Texas 4000 at [Texas4000.org](http://Texas4000.org).

## In Memoriam

### Dr. Robert Edwin Hall

Dr. Robert Edwin Hall, 86, resident of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2008. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lorna; his daughter, Sara C. Hall; two sons: Brian Hall and wife, Candy, and Dan Hall and wife, Liz; grandchildren, Jordan, Ethan, Megan, and Sevon Hall, and Christopher and William Hall; a great-granddaughter, London Hall; and a niece, Diana Schilling.

Dr. Hall was born in Battle Creek, Michigan, but spent many years in California, Washington D.C., and New Mexico. He joined the Army Air Corps in October 1942, and served in Europe

until October 1945. He was a member of the 8th Air Force 615th squadron 401st Heavy Bombardment Group. Dr. Hall later served as president of the local 8th Air Force Historical Society. After the war, he entered college on the G.I. Bill, and received a B.A. from Pepperdine University, an M.A. from San Francisco State University, and a Doctorate from George Washington University.

He was a Fellow at the Institute of Physical Medicine, New York University. Dr. Hall's professional accomplishments included Coordinator of Health Impaired, U.S. Office of

Education; and also National Director Special Education and Psychological Services, Indian Education U.S. Government, Retired. Dr. Hall was the author of books and articles in the area of education, co-author and editor of benchmark publication *Testing Native Americans*. A private family memorial service was held.

Should friends desire, please make contributions to the National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston, VA 20190-5362, or the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, 84 Berth, San Pedro, CA 90731.

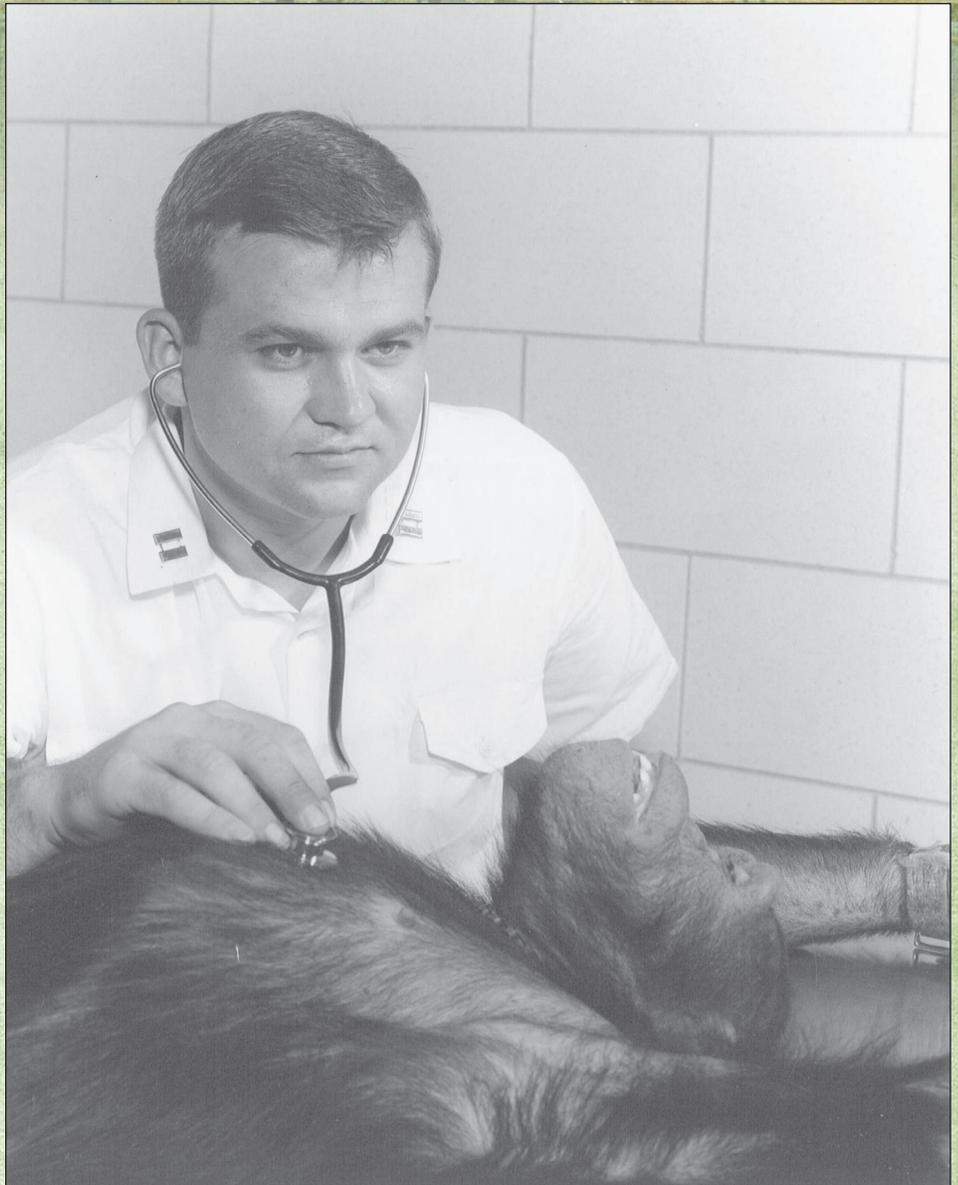
# New Mexico Equine's 40th Anniversary

by Lillian Derwelis

The rain was pouring down in sheets when we made our last trip with my two cats and our bloodhound, "Mari-gold," from Holloman Air Force Base to open up Steve's veterinary clinic in the Village of Los Ranchos forty years ago! One of the Village's founders, Bill Kitsch, contractor and all-around likeable guy, was modifying one of the old chicken barns on Green Valley Road and Rio Grande Blvd., and we opened for business, treating dogs, cats, cows, sheep, horses... whatever needed care.

I grew up in Los Angeles (the western end of Route 66) and didn't miss the smog and city hustle at all! Steve was from just east of St. Louis in Illinois (on Route 66), and was drawn to New Mexico's environment and outdoor opportunities. At that time, the Village was the edge of town and truly rural, and we really felt like we had "moved to the country." The Village of Corrales was farther out, and Rio Rancho was only on paper. Although Steve's first experiences with veterinary care began when he accompanied his home town doctor on horse calls at the age of five, he knew he would enjoy the variety and experiences of a large and small animal "mixed" practice. He had graduated first in his veterinary class at the University of Illinois and was eager to use his training, and the medical and surgical experiences from working with chimpanzees in the Air Force, to establish his own practice. The decision to put down roots in Los Ranchos in 1968 was the beginning of many years of house calls and office visits - all of which kept Steve in touch with animals and people in the North Valley and beyond.

When the veterinarian who was leasing a clinic on 4th Street (on Historic Route 66) at the old Canine Country Club Kennels left the next year, Steve rented that clinic. We moved into the home on the property which later became the late Dr. Sam Wershaw's medical office. We purchased all the furniture in the house from the previous renter who had bought it all from a second hand store, and joked about everything being at least third hand!



We learned quickly what breeds of dogs will keep you up at night with howls and yapping. Although probably acceptable for its day, the dog and cat kennel building and amenities were nothing like the top-notch facility that Village resident Joan Wershaw has built since then.

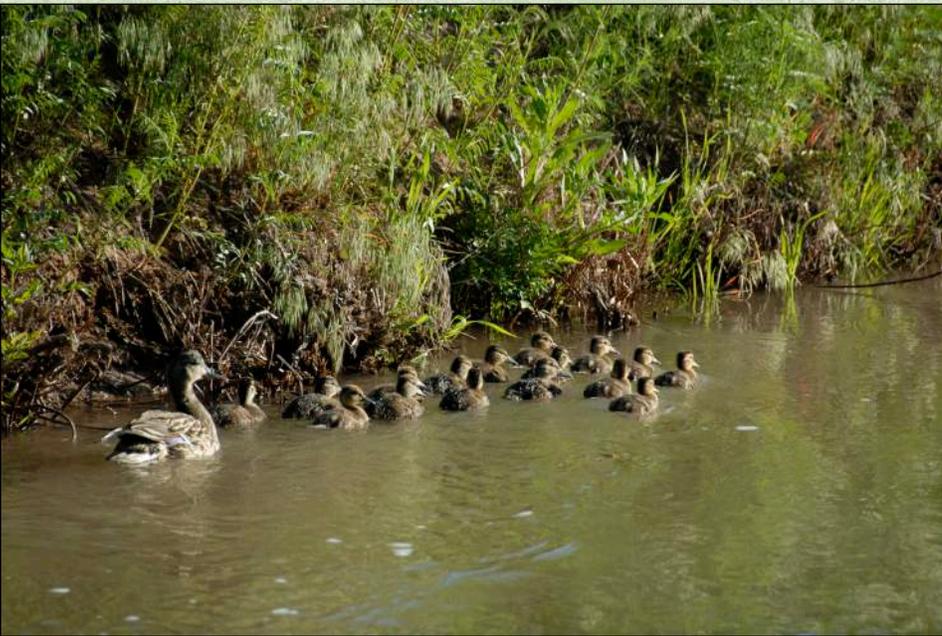
The kennel veterinary office facility was good for small animals (including skunks, monkeys, and other unusual patients), but horse examinations and surgery had to be performed outside. Steve really wanted a quality hospital to treat horses. Old timers may remember the red & white striped building housing Bud's Gun Shop next door to



Top: Dr. Steve Derwelis examines a chimpanzee. Bottom: New Mexico Equine

see **New Mexico Equine** p7

# Our Newest Ditch Residents



## Please follow ditch etiquette

These ducklings and goslings are some of the newest residents of the Village of Los Ranchos and its ditches. Please help us keep our ditches clean not only for the families pictured here, but for property owners with homes along the trails. Simply remember to:

1. *Keep your pets on a leash.*
2. *Pick up after your pets.*
3. *Leave our trails nicer than you found them.*

By keeping these guidelines in mind, you can do your part in keeping our ditches and trails clean for creatures large and small!





## Agri-Highlights

### Growers' Market

In June, the market tables will have a greater variety of locally grown produce and fruit. At the beginning of the month, pick up tender peas (shelling, snow, and edible pod). You'll find a variety of greens including lettuces, chard, kale, sorrel, arugula, and micro-greens. Different types of basil will be available for pesto, stir-fries, and salad uses. Beets, carrots and kohlrabi will join green and purple beans, and the first of the summer squash. Toward the end of the month, the first of the garlic will appear. Fruit choices will include strawberries, blackberries, peaches, apricots, and plums. To round out your menu planning, you can select

from **New Mexico Equine** p5

the kennel. When that property came up for sale, Steve purchased it and later modified the buildings into a large and small animal clinic and hospital facility. After a while, the name of the business was changed from Derwelis Veterinary Clinic to North Valley Veterinary Clinic. And, later, when the small animal practice was sold, Steve named his exclusively horse practice "New Mexico Equine."

Technology and client desires have changed manyfold over the years, and services and diagnostics have followed the advances in the medical industry. It's hard to believe that when Steve started practicing, there was little or no continuing education available or required annually for the veterinarians in New Mexico. Seeing this need and wanting state-of-the-art training opportunities to be available, Steve co-

from a variety of breads, goat cheese, pasta, and fish & meats including beef, and salmon. While listening to our great musicians, stop by the market information table to pick-up a range of free brochures.

### Native Plants June 7th:

George Miller will be signing copies of his book "Landscaping with Native Plants."

### Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast! Sat. June 14th:

The Fire Department volunteers will have a fundraising pancake breakfast and open house in honor of fathers, uncles, and special friends.

founded the organization to provide continuing education here. He has been involved in many organizations, nationally and internationally, that fulfill his joy of learning. Being a Director of the American Association of Equine Practitioners was a particularly rewarding experience.

Today, he performs surgeries that were not even conceived of when he was in school. Averaging over one hundred surgeries per year over the last few years, many of the arthroscopic and other orthopedic procedures that have become relatively routine at New Mexico Equine are done with digital radiographic and other equipment that we have now. Digital endoscopy, ultrasound, gastroscopy, and other equipment are such great aids to veterinary medicine. Of course, tips and training from his home town veterinar-

### Community Service Opportunities for Local Students

Volunteers are needed for the Growers' Market special events and for the Lavender in the Village festival. Students who would like to earn community service hours by volunteering at the Lavender Festival, July 12 and 13, can contact Cindy Bonafair, 821-3063, or via email [csbonafair@gmail.com](mailto:csbonafair@gmail.com); for those who would like to volunteer during Growers' Market special events, contact Sue Brawley, 890-2799 or email [sue@brawleyand-company.com](mailto:sue@brawleyand-company.com).

ian, teachers, and many professional contacts developed through the years are "priceless."

His practice has changed in scope over the years, and is now primarily a referral practice with many challenging surgeries and lameness evaluations. Steve and his staff enjoy all facets of horse veterinary practice and hope to continue doing so for quite a while.

This community has changed a lot over the last forty years, too! Now Los Ranchos is located in the "hub" of the Albuquerque/Rio Rancho area, and most of the horses and other rural amenities are gone or diminished. Hopefully, the younger Village residents learn to value what is left and protect it for their own enjoyment.

Certainly could use some of the rain that greeted us those many years ago....

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**ESCRIBIENTE  
PROGRAM**  
for June 4, 2008

Amy Jones of Las Cruces will present "Making a Stained Glass Card" at Escribiente's free, public meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008, 6:30 pm at Manzano Mesa Center, 501 Elizabeth SE. More information? Call Escribiente, Albuquerque's Calligraphic Society, at 265-0015, or email [almasanderson.com](mailto:almasanderson.com).

# On Patrol

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



Here it is June. Warmer weather, school is out for summer, and more people will be out and about enjoying the nicer temperatures. With that said, here are some basic summer safety recommendations:

Be aware of children playing. Now that school is out, children will be out riding their bikes, skateboards, etc. Slowing down in residential neighborhoods is imperative.

Remain aware that the ditches, arroyos, and canals are not swimming pools and can be dangerous should you fall in, especially after a rainfall.

Exercise caution when you are walking along them, and make sure your children know the dangers associated with them.

Be aware of motorcycles on the road. This time of year we see more and more motorcycle enthusiasts out taking a ride, and with the high price of gas, I suspect we will see even more. They can be difficult to see in a rearview/side mirror, and have virtually no protection in the event of a collision.

Be sure to lock your homes. Burglary and theft crimes go up in the summer months as people go on vacation, take

hikes, and just tend to spend less time at home. If you're going to be gone for long periods of time, use timers for your lights, don't let mail pile up, and leave an emergency contact number with a trusted neighbor, friend, or police.

Clearly these are not all inclusive as there are countless safety topics that exist. These are just a few to get you thinking about safety, and hopefully you will expand on them for yourselves and your family(s).

Enjoy the weather, enjoy the beauty of the Village, and of course, BE SAFE!!!!



Deputy Joe Nelson stands in front of one of the Village's newest Los Ranchos Sheriff's cruiser.

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## Our Mission in the Manzano Mountains

On April 16th, six members of the Village of Los Ranchos Fire Department's wild land team answered the call of the TRIGO fire. The TRIGO fire was a large fire burning in the Manzano Mountains.

The six individuals from our department were assigned numerous tasks during our ten days on the fire ground. One assignment had the crew clearing around a lookout tower, large observatory, and numerous radio towers on top of the peak. At the time, we found this to be a pointless exercise because the fire was five miles or more away from the area. However, when the fire crossed the containment lines and made its way towards the peak, it was quickly realized that the work we had done around the lookout might have actually helped in saving the life of a female ranger, who was trapped there. This individual eventually made it out safely from the lookout, the observatory survived, and only minor damage was sustained to one of the towers.

The crew of our water tender led the water shuttling operations, and for a period of four to five days, was the only large capacity water tender in action. The crews did a great job in helping to protect life and property affected by this massive fire. It is comforting to know that our small but mighty department has the training to make it possible to assist when called upon, regardless of where or what the incident might be!



### The Trigo Fire

LRFD Personnel Responding:

**Chief Greg Perez**

**Rick Healy**

**Ray Aragon**

**Justin Tibbetts**

**Steve Owensby**

**Will Jarvis III**





5th Annual  
**Lavender**  
IN THE VILLAGE

Saturday, July 12th  
Sunday, July 13th  
8am-4pm

**Free!**  
**Admission, Parking  
& Shuttle Service**

*Come join neighbors, bring your  
friends & family & spend the day in  
our historic Village of Los Ranchos.*

**GROWERS' & ARTS/CRAFTS MARKET**

*Village Hall - 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW - Opens at 7am*  
Come early for the best fresh produce, fresh cut lavender & plants, lavender goat cheese, arts & crafts.

**THE BARN PAVILION & VILLAGE GREEN**

*Village Hall - 6718 Rio Grande Blvd. NW*  
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# Lavender in Village 2008

by Penny Rembe



## About Lavender

### WHY LAVENDER?

The idea of raising lavender came out of the results of an Agricultural Committee survey. People wanted to see our rural lifestyle preserved. Growing alfalfa takes a lot of water, and people were beginning to wonder if the ditch water was always going to be available.

Lavender is an ideal crop for New Mexico and has a long history of growing here under the Spanish name, alhucema. Lavender takes very little water, once it's established. It loves full sun. It likes sandy soil. It has no pests. It has hundreds of value-added opportunities from soaps and lotions to bouquets, cooking, healing, and calming. It is called "Nature's Medicine Chest".

### WHY LAVENDER IN THE VILLAGE?

The Agricultural Committee first decided to promote the idea of planting lavender by having a Lavender Tea, while also selling lavender products and plants. The Tea continued for a few years and then the 4th Street Business Association, Casa Rondeña, Los Poblanos, the Growers' Market, and the Mayor of the Village of Los Ranchos met to plan an agri-tourism festival that would not only promote lavender, but would encourage community-building and raise awareness for open space preservation and conservation of our valuable farmland.

### WHY RAISE MONEY?

Lavender in the Village is now a 501(c) 3 tax exempt corporation. Everything we do during the festival, from providing free parking, free shuttle buses, free entertainment, free classes and



demonstrations, is all for the benefit of our mission: to preserve the valuable agricultural land, to raise awareness of our identity through agri-tourism, and to promote economic development in the Village. Everything is done by volunteers. There are no paid employees.

### AND WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

We are now in our fifth year! The money raised will go to conservation programs, to support the Growers' Market in the Village, to continue to work on Open Space acquisition, and to support farmers and interns in community farm programs.

### DO YOU KNOW?

According to the American Farmland Trust, we are losing the best land, the most fertile and productive land, the

fastest. The rate of conversion of prime land was 30 percent faster, proportionally, than the rate on non-prime rural land from 1992-1997.

**"Every single minute of every day, America loses two acres of farmland."**

We need new ways to grow which boost the economy, protect the environment, and enhance our Village. Lavender in the Village is a wonderful example of that. It's a festival for all ages and incomes.

Contributions to Lavender in the Village have the additional benefit of beautifying the Village and strengthening stronger relationships with other members of the community... AND having fun!

# Introducing Agroguard

by Jeff Phillips, Volunteer Emergency Manager

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The New Mexico Department of Agriculture, New Mexico Livestock Board, New Mexico Sheriffs and Police Association, New Mexico State University-College of Agriculture and Home Economics, and New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management initiated the New Mexico AGROGUARD project.

If you would like pamphlets, signs, or window and vehicle decals please contact Jeff Phillips at 342-9417 or [jphilips@losranchosnm.gov](mailto:jphilips@losranchosnm.gov)



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# Al Roker Flies in Los Ranchos Balloon

by Barbe Awalt

Al Roker is the weatherman for the Today Show on NBC, but he also sponsors the Lend A Hand Today program. The Today Show producers identify worthy charities in cities all over the country, and then obtain donations from corporations. Al presents those donations in a big Penske truck in a week-long, secret mission. This year, the Today Show is giving over \$1,000,000 in donations to five charities. According to Al, the program was started after 9/11 to boast local charities that had been forgotten during the tragedy.

On April 16, Al came to Albuquerque to Cuidando Los Niños, and met up with a Los Ranchos hot air balloon, Sunflyer. Shannon Bacon, a prominent attorney and daughter of Sunflyer balloon co-owner Frank Bacon, is on the Board of Directors of Cuidando Los Niños. Peter Moulson of Cuidando arranged for Roker to come. Sunflyer and its predecessor balloons have flown the Principal of Los Ranchos Elementary, Tibetan monks, artists, authors, and even the Archbishop of Santa Fe, Michael Sheehan, who took his first hot air balloon flight in Sunflyer.

Cuidando Los Niños serves the families who have hardships due to homelessness. While the parents look for jobs and a safe place to live, children are cared for, and if they have special needs, those are addressed. Cuidando is moving into a new, larger facility in May and needed diapers, car seats, clothes, shoes, office supplies, books, snacks, and, to top it all off, their one car broke the week before. The car was important because the students are driven to class and appointments.

On Tuesday, April 15, the Sunflyer crew had to pass muster with the NBC legal and safety experts, as well as the camera crew. It also gave Today Show producers a chance to see what they were in for since many of them have never gotten up close and personal with a hot air balloon. Winds and weather were going to be a big factor, but everyone hoped that weatherman Roker could handle that. With too much wind or bad weather, the balloon wouldn't



even inflate - it was a safety issue.

The first location was too small for a balloon, considering two Penske trucks, the Corvette Al was supposed to drive, and even a cooking segment were all going in the same place. So the balloon pilots found a safer location, and found three pickup trucks to tie down the balloon. The balloon crew was told to show up at 6am the next day.

For the first hour of the Today Show, Al teases the viewers with the charity. He then reveals the charity and Mayor Martin Chavez appeared on the video about what Cuidando does for the community. Then the trucks are unloaded and the charity received the new minivan from Chrysler. Other donors included: Office Depot, JC Penney, Huggies, Sara Lee, Scholastic Books, Back to Basics Toys, Graco, Columbia Sportswear, General Mills, Nike, Converse, Gerber, Peg-Pergo, Hewlett Packard, Enfamil, Eaton Corp., International Truck & Engine, and Penske. Cuidando received \$232,000 in donations!

Al Roker was interviewed by Steve Stucker of Channel 4, and Clifford The Big Red Dog from Scholastic greeted

the crowd. Los Reyes de Albuquerque with Lorenzo and Roberto Martinez entertained the fans. Both Martinez' have received the National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Award. Al then learned about New Mexico chiles with local chef Jim White.

Finally, it was time to leave Albuquerque and Al had a new spin. He jumped in the Sunflyer basket to the amazement of the crowd! Pilot and co-owner Bill Douglas of Los Ranchos supervised the tethering lines. The Sunflyer crew all wore their matching shirts with the balloon picture designed by middle schooler Kaylin Jaramillo of Los Ranchos. The wind had held off and Al was up and away - more or less. When cameras turned off, Al came back down. He then signed autographs and stood for pictures.

Albuquerque, Cuidando Los Niños, and Sunflyer took care of the Today Show star, and the Today Show in turn lent a helping hand to a deserving charity. Sunflyer gave Al and his producer Sabrina Clay a chance to have their first hot air tethered balloon ride. And they all want to come back for Balloon Fiesta!

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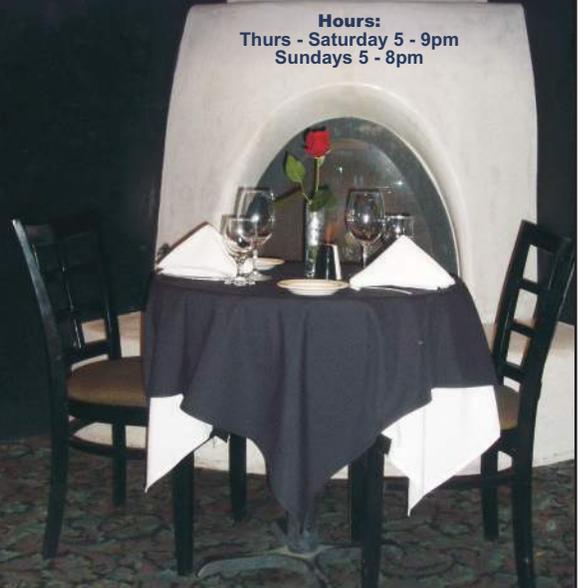
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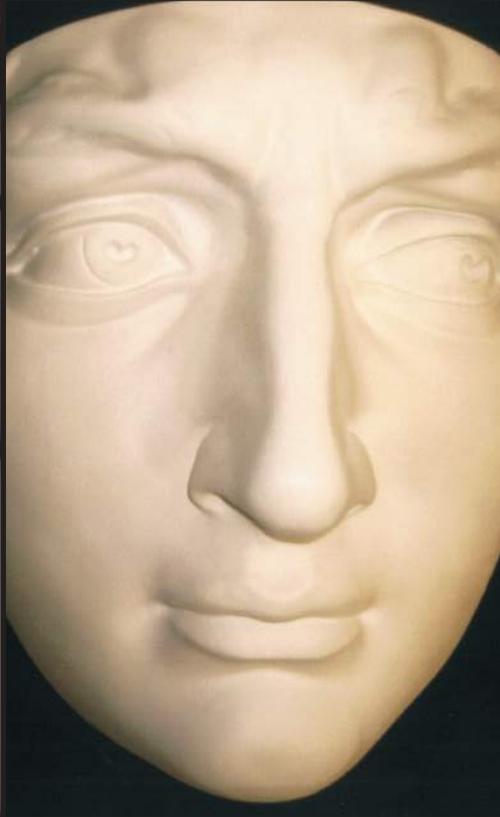
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Reading a local newspaper one day, I had noticed a photograph of a startling bronze statue of a raven, a very angry-looking raven. Hmm... Sure wouldn't mind knowing more about the sculptor and the statue. And how very interesting it was that a few days later, I received a call from a lady who said she was opening a gallery on Fourth Street, and was interested in placing an ad in the Village Vision. I made an appointment to meet her at the gallery the next afternoon, and, at the chosen time I walked in, camera and pad in hand - and there was that raven! On a pedestal...and looking as if it was screaming at me!

That was my introduction to Sky Dog Gallery and its owner, Lori Barrett. And as we talked, I felt as

though this is a lady the Village will soon get to know very well. Lori really likes our Village! She finds us friendly and interesting, likes our atmosphere, and she's very glad to have found a space here. It's an attractive, light-filled space at 7103 Fourth Street, but there's more, I found, than just the front space. Lori has also acquired a large room in the same building which she will use for one-man shows and exhibiting special collections, one of which is about to open, of museum-quality artifacts.

But that's not all! Lori also has, for five years, had an advertising agency, called Lakota Consulting. The office for the agency is in the same complex on Fourth, and from there she works on her contract for services

with the State Tourism Department, working with New Mexico Magazine and its vacation publication. She is an ad representative for the department, working with New Mexico cities south of Albuquerque and east of I-25 (Las Cruces and Carlsbad, for instance) to help them with their publicity.

Lori has been in the ad business since she was offered an advertising internship at the age of sixteen. She's originally from Tucson, and always loved art in one form or another, but she has had other



occupations, just to do something different occasionally: she's been a firefighter; a paramedic; and how about a rescue climber for the county! And in September 2007, Lori was on the panel discussing "Marketing Yourself", presented by the ABQ Arts Alliance.

But back to the gallery. It's not open every day. Lori prefers to meet clients by appointment, but she does have some open hours, which will be found at the end of this article. The gallery shows samples of her artists' work, oils, pastels on wood, bronzes, for instance, and she has a folder for each artist containing all his/her work. A painting can be brought to the gallery and hung for an interested client. The painting can be rented for up to three months to try it in the client's home. The rent (which is fifty percent of the cost) will be deducted if the painting is purchased. Corporations can rent art on a three month plan, after which the painting can be changed for another one.

Lori Barrett has already jumped into volunteering in the Village, working with a group planning welcome packets for new residents and businesses. She is also looking into a proposal for placing art in Village Hall. And she will have a booth at Lavender in the Village Festival, where artists will have work for sale (both in the booth and at the gallery), and demonstrate their art. She is anxious to meet Village residents and businesses, and I hope you will take a moment to drop by when her gallery is open and meet this nice lady.

Now about that raven.....



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## Raspberries at Salman Ranch



**Rachel Trojahn**  
*is our teen correspondent and a student at the Bosque School. She wrote about the history of the Salman Ranch for the Village Vision several years ago.*

The number one question of the summer: what are our plans? Many choose to travel far away; some just try to do something close to home.

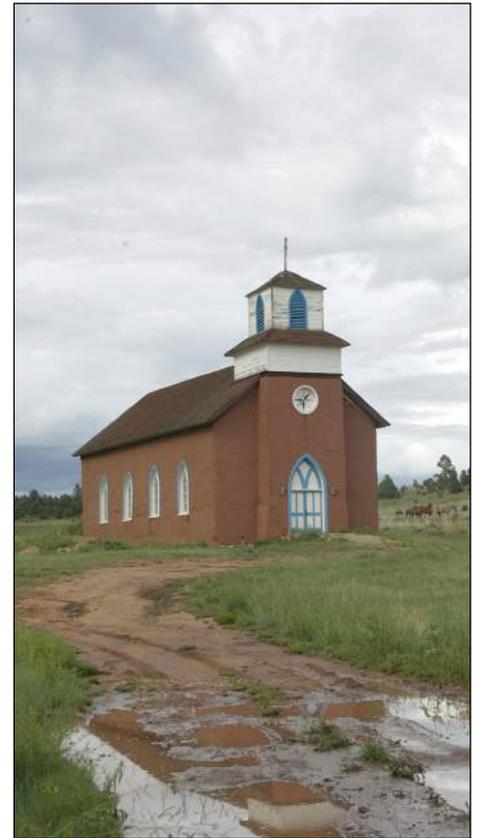
One great thing to do is visit the Salman Raspberry Ranch, which is close to home, but feels like a world away. The Salman Ranch has everything from food to great scenery, to shopping for Salman Raspberry Ranch products and, of course, great fresh raspberries.

At the beginning of August (weather permitting) the U Pick It, on seven acres of raspberry fields begins. This outing is great for families to go together, walk in the fields, and pick their plump red raspberries. At the end, with your raspberries in hand, the ranch provides recipes and information about how to

keep your raspberries fresh and delicious.

After you spend a nice part of the day picking raspberries, you can go to the Salman Ranch café. “Families love to pick berries and then go to the café and have freshly made sandwiches named after villages in the area, or tacos, or salads drenched in our raspberry dressing made from our berries and vegetables from our garden,” Frances Koenig, my grandmother and longstanding Village of Los Ranchos resident describes. Frances Salman Koenig is the manager, and grew up on this special ranch. She knows and loves this exquisite piece of property.

For me, the best thing about the café is the dessert you can get at the end of the meal: a raspberry sundae. Raspberries



topped with your choice of vanilla or raspberry ice cream (or swirl), and then topped with more raspberries and with our special raspberry sauce, just can't be beat!

After the café, it's always nice to walk in the garden across from the café or go to the Mission Church of San Rafael. The garden is filled with gorgeous annuals and perennials and is a popular backdrop for family photos. "People love to arrange tours of the Mission Church of San Rafael, the mercantile building, and the ground of the Romero-Salman hacienda," Frances observes, speaking of the tens of thousands of visitors who come to the ranch between August and October.

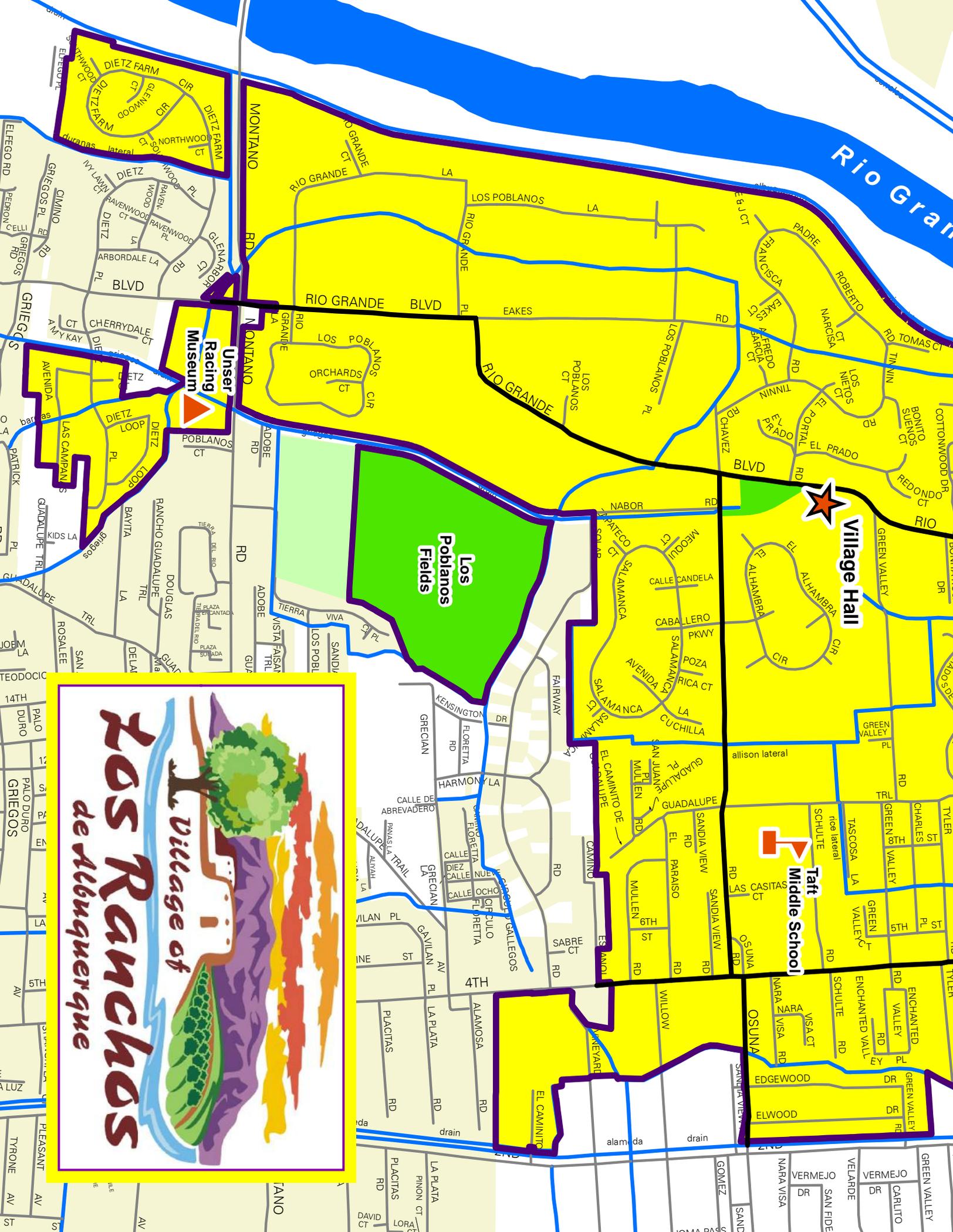
Shopping at the ranch store is a must, which you can do on

your visit, or by going online to [www.salmanraspberryranch.com](http://www.salmanraspberryranch.com) or call 505-387-2900 (you can also get up to the minute picking conditions and reserve flats of raspberries or order products). From original artwork from the region, to unique foods and products, to Salman Ranch raspberry vinegar, topping or jam, the perfect gift or memento is right there at the charming shop near the historic Mill and across from the cafe.

The Salman Raspberry Ranch is a great getaway, and there's so much to do. The Ranch sits twenty-five miles outside of Las Vegas, right in Mora County. It's a perfect day or weekend trip and you get delicious food along with beautiful walks. I hope you'll join my family and me by enjoying this unique outing.

**photos by Karl Koenig**

Clockwise from left: The Salman house in February; a Salman raspberry cluster; the Church of San Rafael; a window of the ranch store; yields from U Pick It; the gate to the Salman Ranch house.



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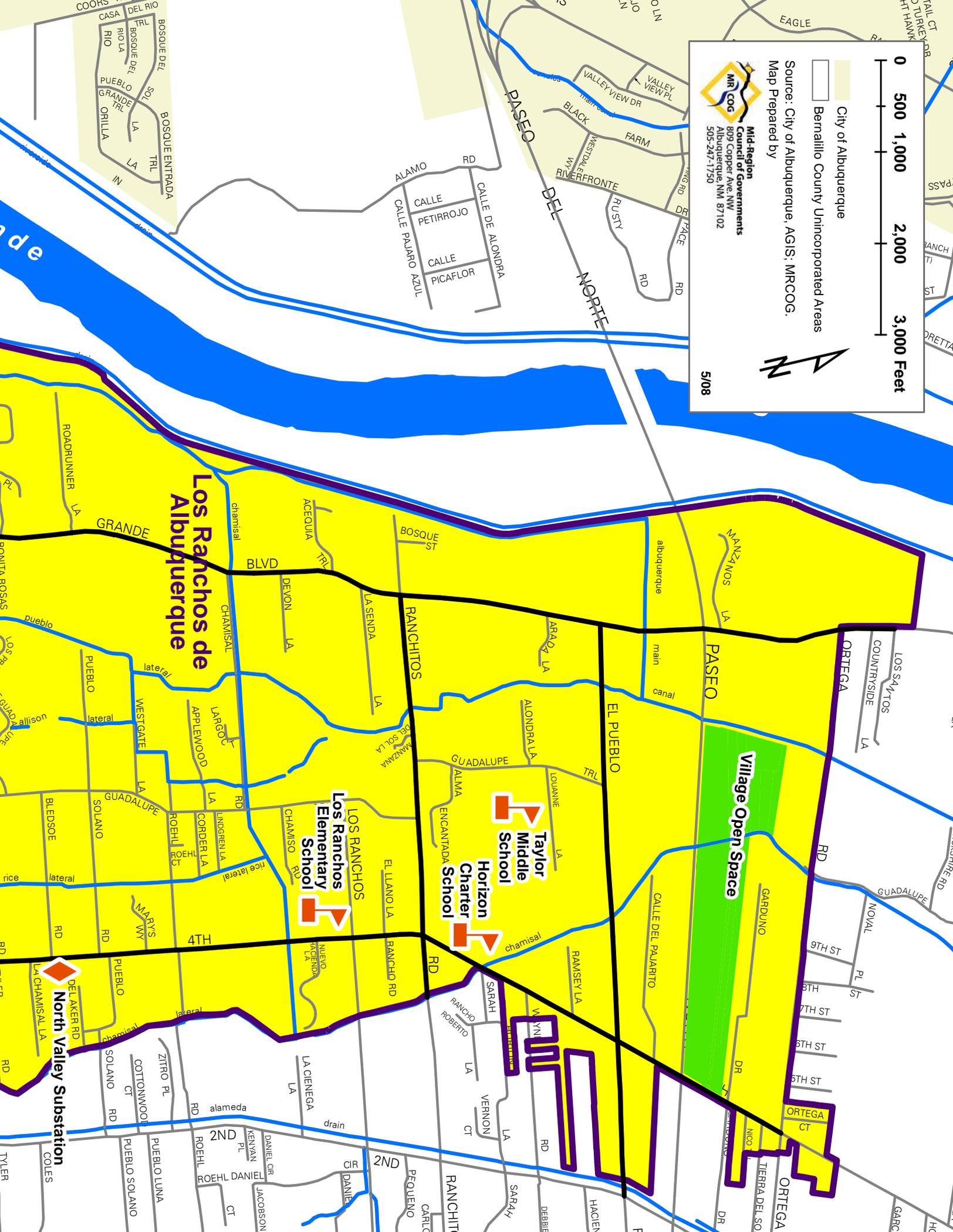
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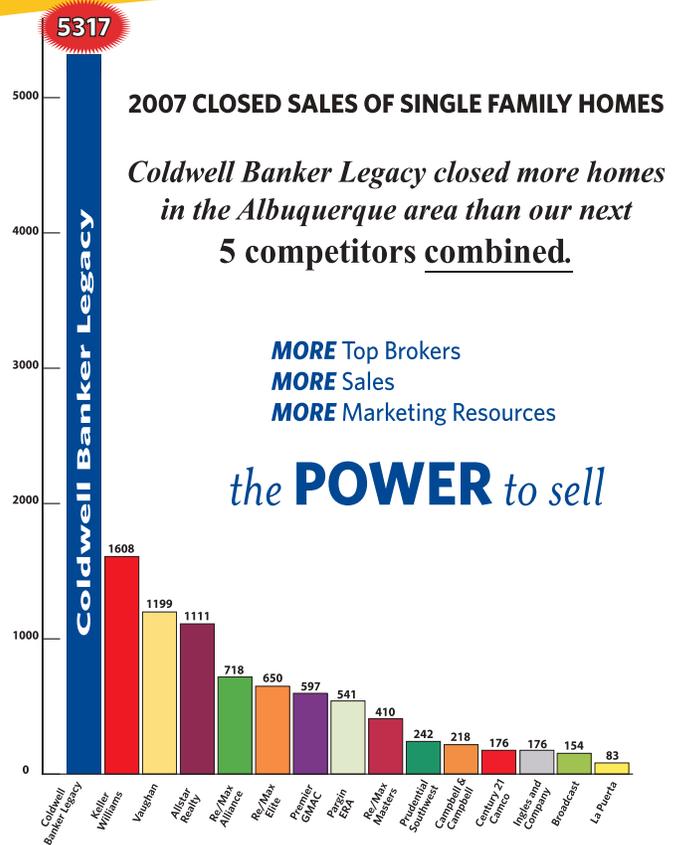
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805 Ranchitos NW	529427	\$795,000.00	1.1	2700	4	3	2	Sandra Domeny	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
8808 Rio Grande Bl NW	606613	\$760,000.00	0.933ac	4392	4	3/0/1	4	Ronald Campbell	Campbell & Campbell	821-7666
1418 El Portal NW	603035	\$840,000.00	1.15 ac	3655	5	3.75	3	Barbara L Brennan	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
724 Ranchitos NW	601577	\$849,900.00	0.48 ac	3362	4	2.5	3	Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
1035 Green Valley Rd NW	507282	\$850,000.00	1.73	2081	3	1.75	4	Alex Baca	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
7530 Rio Grande NW	486840	\$899,000.00	1.5	3236	4	1.75	2	T. Schroeder	Shaw & Shaw Ltd.	765-1440
805 El Pueblo NW	604707	\$927,211.00	43560sf	4500	4-5	2/0/1	4	Cindy Chavez	Prudential Sandia Real Estate	271-5800
1418 Bonito Suenos Ct NW	611258	\$950,000.00	1ac	5920	4	4/1/0	3	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	889-4565
6409 Avenida La Cuchilla NW	527094	\$899,000.00	0.93	3894	5	3.25	3	Ed Smith	Re/Max Masters	883-8979
609 Roehl Rd NW	615509	\$995,000.00	0.407ac	3531	4-5	3/0/1	3	Crystal & Steve	Coldwell Banker Legacy	898-2700
Nuevo Hacienda NW	533959	\$1,150,000.00	10890	4200	4	3+	3	Alexa Knight	Knight Realty & Assoc LLC	299-8343
809 Los Prados NW	531844	\$948,500.00	0.3	4625	3	2/0/1	3	Shireen Jacob	Vaughan Company Realtors	792-1066
919 Salamanca NW	611480	\$1,190,000.00	0.84	5600	4-5	2/1/1	0	Raul Portillo Jr	Berger Briggs RE - Insurance	247-0444
1116 Salamanca NW	518701	\$1,299,000.00	43560sf	4884	4-6	2/2/1	2	Magda Stevens	Re/Max Elite	798-1000
7542 Rio Grande Bl NW	602053	\$1,399,000.00	43560	4170	4	3.5	4	Jill S Levin	New Frontier Realtors	798-2530
7015 Rio Grande Bl NW	528086	\$1,500,000.00	1	4647	4	3.5	0	Judith Settle	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1122 Green Valley NW	613810	\$1,500,000.00	1.007ac	5000	3-4	2/1/0	4	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8809 Rio Grande Bl #3 NW	521410	\$1,800,000.00	1	4131	3	3.25	5	Fred & Sandra Creek	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
641 Chavez NW	507534	\$1,800,000.00	3	6950	7	9	3	Michelle Selby	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
1015 Cottonwood NW	606773	\$1,899,000.00	1.200 ac	7500	4	2/2/1	3	Dana Brown	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
970 Bonita Rosas NW	520959	\$1,900,000.00	1	4800	4	4	4	Bill Christ	Sunn Quality Homes, Inc.	899-7377
1039 Cottonwood Trail NW	518747	\$2,499,000.00	1	5753	4	4.5	3	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
9001 Rio Grande Bl NW	517691	\$2,500,000.00	1.43	10756	9	4/3/2	7	Jeremiah Collins	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
419 Garduno Dr NW	619355	\$179,900.00	0.182ac	1710	3	1/1/0	0	George E Torres	Realty Assoc/George Torres RE	899-1060
6201 Sabre Ct NW	611065	\$248,000.00	0.108ac	1554	2-3	2/0/0	2	Sharon Janecka	Keller Williams Realty	271-8200
8913 Guadalupe Trl NW	619364	\$394,500.00	0.380ac	2800	4	3/0/0	0	Joe Schifani	Affordable Realty Services Inc.	899-4565
6021 Redondo Ct NW	619341	\$499,000.00	0.50ac	2188	3	3/0/0	0	Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
4114 Dietz Ct NW	619786	\$530,000.00	0.47ac	2303	3	2/0/0	2	Veoula Chronis	Coldwell Banker Legacy	292-8900
4308 Rio Grande Bl NW	615959	\$599,500.00	1.0ac	2822	3-4	2/0/0	0	Russa M Bates	Exit Realty of Albuquerque	281-0101
7909 Rio Grande Bl NW	619519	\$650,000.00	0.90ac	3889	4	3/0/0	2	Brian Ortiz	B Square Real Estate	921-0852
1017 Salamanca St NW	618173	\$750,000.00	0.689ac	3470	3-4	2/1/0	0	Eloise A Gif	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
1013 Salamanca Cir NW	619854	\$975,000.00	0.741ac	4098	3-4	2/0/1	2	Susan C Feil	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1024 Acequia Trl NW	614728	\$1,079,900.00	0.52ac	3641	3	3/0/1	0	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
1004 Acequia Trl NW	619407	\$1,419,000.00	0.50ac	3800	4	2/1/1	3	Alicia Feil	Maestas & Ward Commercial RE	878-0001
8150 Rio Grande Bl NW	614779	\$1,498,850.00	1.15ac	3903	4	3/1/0	2	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600
700 Mullen Rd NW	618589	\$1,690,000.00	1.0ac	4200	3	3/0/0	3	Mike D Haley	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
8714 Rio Grande Blvd	620937	\$1,695,000.00	2.0ac	3815	5	4/0/1	3	Pat King	Real Estate Group/Pat King Co.	269-1148
6915 Guadalupe NW	504853	\$985,000.00	1.25	3540	4	3	4	Camille Mike	Hurrian Realty	269-2286

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by Tim Tourville, CRS



Although it shouldn't be for most people, the "sub-prime mortgage crisis" is an ongoing concern for those who are looking at buying a home or refinancing their current home. I hear it all the time: "Tim, I really don't want to do anything until the mortgage industry stabilizes." The good news is, banks are happy to give you a mortgage; interest rates are down, and now is a great time to get a loan. In fact, I just refinanced my house and now have an interest rate that is a point lower than my old one. Yes, banks are not as liberal in approving loans as they were in the past; but, as long as your credit score isn't too bad and your income is decent, you should have no problem. To insure that you will be working with a good loan officer, consider asking these questions.

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2. Are the rates good for 60 days?
3. What is your policy if our rate lock expires?
4. What is the index on the adjustable rate?
5. Can you provide a 24-month history on the movement of that index?
6. Is this the best index to have? If so, why?
7. What is the margin associated with this loan?
8. What are the total fees associated with the loan?
9. What is the difference between points and an origination fee?
10. How will this loan affect my financial goals?
11. Are you closing at least 150 loans a year? How long have you been in the business?

12. Can I be pre-approved prior to purchasing the property?
  13. What is the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) on this program?
  14. What percentage of your loan applications "close"?
  15. Can you provide the names of 5 past customers I can contact who have used your services?
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<b>PENDING</b>										
124 Nara Visa NW	609286	\$165,000.00	0.33	VACANT LAND				Maureen Marcilla	Re/Max Alliance Realtors	298-9999
4629 Los Poblanos Cir NW	528087	\$429,000.00	0.56	VACANT LAND				A.J. Yarbrough	AJ Yarbrough Realty	858-1800
6025 Redondo Ct NW	533269	\$295,000.00	0.533	VACANT LAND				Rebecca Langton	Langton Realty	344-4336
6716 Edgewood Dr NW	512476	\$309,900.00	150x125	2918	4	1.75	2	M. Theriot & J. Szklarz	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1034 Pueblo Solano Rd NW	514458	\$499,000.00	47916sf	2209	4	2/1/0	0	Lynn Johnson	Keller Williams Realty	897-1100
4139 Dietz Farm Circle NW	514975	\$797,800.00	0.68	3203	3	2.5	2.5	Lynn Martinez	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
806 Salamanca	509494	\$890,000.00	0.76	4809	4	2.25	2	Nancy Banes	Coldwell Banker Legacy	828-1000
1002 Acequia Trail NW	524472	\$985,000.00	3585	3	3					
700 Ranchitos Rd NW	515992	\$599,000.00	0.26	2899	4	2	2	Kurstin Johnson	Vista Encantada Realtors LLC	884-0020
533 Roehl Ct NW	606188	\$735,000.00	.527ac	2456	3-4	4	2	Marsha A Adams	Coldwell Banker Legacy	293-3700
364 Los Ranchos NW	614926	\$290,000.00	unk	2332	3	2/0/1	2	Denise Long	Broekrage of New Mexico	298-1322
192 Salamanca NW	618075	\$979,000.00	0.60ac	4065	4-5	3/0/1	2	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	244-1600



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## Avoiding Check Altering

By Barbe Awalt

This incident got our attention. We own LPD Press/Rio Grande Books and Tradicion Revista Magazine. A lot of checks for books, ads, printing, supplies, subscriptions, and booths come in and out of our mailbox.

On Wednesday, March 5, 2008, we put out our mail in the mailbox in the morning. It was made up of three checks to authors. We noticed that later in the morning the mail disappeared without new mail being put in its place. That was strange and we took note. Later

that day the mail did arrive.

So my husband, Paul, started watching those checks online. Ten days later the check going to Santa Fe had been cashed to a Joseph Gonzales in Albuquerque for the same amount of \$750, and it was cashed at a Bank of America branch on March 7, 2008. He didn't have an account at Bank of America, so they took his fingerprint and identification. The altered check was sitting online as big as day. When you try to cash a legitimate check, especially at a bank that isn't yours, you have to jump through hoops. But thieves seem to

have no trouble.

The signee name and bank routing number are very important and have to stay the same on a stolen check. Our check was scanned by computer for the bank routing number and the rest was forged.

There are rules to follow if you are a victim. First, you have to report the incident to the police and fill out the appropriate paperwork. Second, you have to report the theft to the Postmaster and fill out the appropriate paperwork. And third, you have to report the checks to your bank and, yes, fill out the appropriate paperwork. We also reported the incident to our letter carrier. He needed to know that someone was working his route. Ours was not the only incident in our neighborhood.

We first went to the bank and Sonny Lujan was great! He closed the business account, called bank fraud, and stopped direct deposits. Officer Lett filed the police report and gave us a copy. The bank fraud people called right away and credited the amount. If you don't report check fraud within thirty days after receiving your statement, the bank doesn't have to cover the check.

We have learned: don't put up that cute flag on the mailbox when you put mail out! It is a beacon to dishonest mail grabbers. Second, we now put checks in the mailbox at the Post Office. Third, everyone needs to have a great identity theft service. When the economy is bad, more people steal. Fourth, talk to your letter carrier. Fifth, when ordering new checks, see if you can pick them up from the bank. New checks are like Christmas to a thief.

The thieves are out there and they are grabbing your information right out of your mailbox. The safest way to pay bills might be online!

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## Clean and Protect Your Air Conditioning

By Mayor Larry Abraham

It's that time of year again! The female cottonwoods and willow trees can be magnificent to look at, but they can also severely affect the efficiency of your air conditioning units.

Both evaporative coolers and refrigerated units can only work properly if their airflow is not restricted. The cotton from these trees is sucked into the air filters and can actually ruin an air conditioner if the filters are not cleaned routinely.

Even if you do not have one of these trees in your yard, you will be amazed at how much cotton can accumulate in your filters from a neighbor's trees. The slightest bit of cotton or debris can hamper how well your cooling units work.

This time of year, I recommend checking your units every couple of weeks when you can see cotton flying in the air. A stiff brush or a vacuum will be needed to help your air conditioning unit work more efficiently.

If your unit constantly needs cleaning, I recommend devising a screen to go in front of your air intakes; the screen can be taken off for easy cleaning. Any window screen material from a hardware store will work, and can be held in place with a few bungee cords, or you can build a simple frame to hold the screen material in place.

These simple steps will not only save you money but will keep your home cooler in the summer.

**Top:** cotton snagged in the trees.

**Middle right:** cotton trapped in one of the Mayor's air conditioning units.

**Bottom right:** a section of window screen makes for excellent improvised protection for one of the Mayor's air conditioning units.





## Photo Feature

The Poco Quatros Model A Club toured The Service Station in Los Ranchos on a recent sunny Saturday. The Club also displayed its cars at the Growers' Market on Saturday, May 17th.

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# Planning & Zoning Commission Summary

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON

**TUE., JULY 8, 2008**

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## May 13, 2008 - Action Report

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Hunter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll call – Commissioner Radnovich, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Hunter, Commissioner McDowell, Commissioner Simon, Commissioner Crawford present. There was a quorum.

B. Approval of Agenda - Agenda approved unanimously (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.

A. Oath of Office, Commissioner Brawley – Attorney King swore in Commissioner Brawley. The record reflected that there were seven commissioners present.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting – March 11, 2008 - Minutes were approved unanimously (6-0)

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

### 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATION

A. V-08-04 A request by Mark Stephanz for a variance from the ten foot side yard setback to allow for an 8.28 foot side yard setback in the R-3 Zone of the Chamisal Character Area. The property is located at 313 DelAker and is legally known as Tract E-1, of the plat of Land of C.F. and Lena M. Bishop, being a replat of Lots E and F, Land of C.F. and Lena Bishop filed January 22, 1959 in Volume B 3 folio 94 within projected Section 21, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M. 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 May 20, 1993 in Volume 93C folio 141. The property contains .3708 acres more or less.

The application for Variance was approved unanimously (6-0).

B. S-08-03 A request by Jim Strozier, Consensus Planning, Inc. Agent for SCM Property Company, LLC for a sketch plat review for a major four (4) lot subdivision in the A-1 Zone of the Fourth Street Commercial Character Area. The property is located at 4th and Rancho Road and is legally known as Lot lettered “C-1” of the plat of lots A-1, B-1, C-1 and D-1 of Rancho Acres, within projected Section 21, T11N, R3E, N.M.P.M., Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Bernalillo County, New Mexico on June 10, 1996 in Plat Book 96C, page 252. The property contains 1.8038 acres more or less. THIS ITEM POSTPONED INDEFINITELY BY REQUEST OF APPLICANT.

C. ACA-08-01 A request by Montano Land Company for an Amendment to Conditions of Approval for SUP-04-03 A Special Use Permit for a Museum and accessory uses in “Unit A” and administrative offices and accessory uses in “Unit B”, Tract 2-B, to eliminate Unit A and Unit B from the scope of the afore-mentioned permit. 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.

D. CU-08-05 A request by Montano Land Company for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a charter/private school in Unit 2 of Tract 2-B 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.

E. SDP-08-01 A request by Montano Land Company for preliminary Site Development Plan for Unit 2, a charter/private (Cottonwood Preparatory) school. The property is located at 1776 Montano Road and is 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.

Items 5C, 5D, and 5E have been postponed until a Special Meeting on June 3, 2008 in order to give the applicants the opportunity to address issues raised by the Commission.

F. SUP-08-01 A request by Montano Land Company for a Special Use Permit to allow a Challenger Learning Center in Unit 3 on Tract 2-B, 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 POSTPONED INDEFINITELY BY REQUEST OF APPLICANT.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

## 7. NEW 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.

No action was taken.

## 8. REPORTS

A. Planner's Report - Planning Director Nighbert announced his retirement from the Village Planning and Zoning Department effective May 15.

- We wish you all the best, Terry with much appreciation for all you have done for the Village.-

## 9. COMMISSIONER'S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

10. ADJOURNMENT -The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 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.



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# Board of Trustees Summary

## May 14, 2008

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING  
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**WED., JUNE 18, 2008**

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

#### A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Several residents stated their concerns with traffic on Pueblo Solano and indicated that the stop signs placed by the Village were not enough. They would like to see speed humps placed on Pueblo Solano.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. MINUTES – April 9, 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: Verizon has been added to our cell tower and will go live next week; currently negotiating with AT&T as the next provider to be added to the cell tower; the Summer Growers' Market has begun; construction continues on Rio Grande Blvd. and currently looking for a surface color for the bike lane; and he has been nominated as Chairman of the Mid Region Council of Governments serving on the Board and the Executive Committee..

#### B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Ward reported on the following: the Route 66 Car Show will be held on June 21st beginning at Lomas and Wyoming and will stop somewhere in the Village with sponsorship through the Oldies Radio Station mentioning the Village; the Lavender Festival will be held July 12th and 13th; the budget was included in the Board packets for comments; the Coop Agreement was approved by the County so that the Village can pay for the bike lane; waiting on comments from AMAFCA and the County regarding the AMAFCA Agreement for Garduño Rd; will be responding to an RFI from Energy Minerals & Natural Resources for a Land Wildlife and Conservation Project; and have been meeting and discussing the Village Center with Village Center area property owners.

#### C. PLANNER'S REPORT

Planner Nighbert reported on the following: the Planning staff presented to the Board the Sign Ordinance and the Floor

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Area Ratio Ordinance that includes all zones in the Village; have been coordinating with NMDOT on road projects in the Village; will be receiving funding for the bike path along Rio Grande from Montañño to north of Chavez; and that effective May 30, 2008 he will be resigning as the Planning and Zoning Director.

#### D. LEGAL REPORT

Attorney King reported on the following: she has worked on the Neff and Landau appeals; several motions; and research for the Planning & Zoning Department.

#### E. FIRE DEPT. REPORT

Fire Chief Perez reported on the following: he had six individuals assisting in the Trigo Fire and spent a total of 12 days at the fire; had 69 calls for the month of April; had numerous training sessions with live burns in Socorro, New Mexico; and continues to perform bike patrol in the Village.

### 5. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

#### A. CASH REPORT - APRIL

The Cash Report was approved as presented. The motion carried 3-0

#### B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED BUDGET [FY 2008/2009] TO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The budget was approved as presented. The motion carried 3-0.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

A. A REQUEST BY M2 BUILDERS, LLC FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR A MAJOR THIRTEEN (13) LOT SUBDIVISION IN THE R-3 ZONE OF THE PASEO CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8312 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 3.4449 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 1.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. SUP-07-06. [DEFERRED FROM THE APRIL 9, 2008 BOARD MEETING]

The Special Use Permit for the Planned Residential Development was deferred to the June 18, 2008 Board Meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

B. A REQUEST BY M2 BUILDERS, LLC FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR A MAJOR THIRTEEN (13) LOT SUBDIVISION IN THE R-3 ZONE OF THE PASEO CHARACTER AREA. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 8312 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 3.4449 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 1.31 ACRES, MORE OR LESS. [DEFERRED FROM THE APRIL 9, 2008 BOARD MEETING]

The preliminary plat approval was deferred to the June 18, 2008 Board Meeting. The motion carried 3-0.

### 7. OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31, IMPLEMENTING A VIL-  
LAGE WIDE FLOOR AREA RATIO [PROPOSED ORD. NO. 216]

The Board approved adoption of the ordinance implementing a Village wide floor area ratio. The motion carried 3-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31, SECTION 21, SIGNS [PRO-  
POSED ORD. NO. 217]

The Board approved adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 31, Section 21, Signs with an amendment of adding Osuna Road as a location for political signs and adding language giving staff the authority to revoke a permit. The motion carried 3-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31, SECTION 24, APPLICA-  
TION AND APPROVAL PROCESS [PROPOSED ORD. NO. 218]

The Board approved adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 31, Section 24, Application and Approval Process with an amendment of adding language giving staff the authority to revoke a license and including that Fire Inspections be held on all Bed and Breakfasts. The motion carried 3-0.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-5-1 - ADOPTING A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR SIGNS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS

The Board approved Resolution No. 2008-5-1. The motion carried 3-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-5-2 - SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOP-  
MENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Board approved Resolution No. 2008-5-2. The motion carried 3-0.

C. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2008-5-3 -TO SUPPORT AND TO APPROVE THE  
LOCAL SHARE OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RIO GRANDE BIKE LANES FROM  
MONTAÑO TO CHAVEZ ROAD WHEN THE GRANT IS AWARDED.

The Board approved Resolution No. 2008-5-3. The motion carried 3-0.

D. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO REPAVE THE INTERSECTIONS OF LOS RANCHOS, RANCHITOS AND  
EL PUEBLO

The Board approved the repaving of the intersections at 4th Street and Los Ranchos, Ranchitos and El Pueblo. The motion carried 3-0

E. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE IN SUMMARY 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), SEC-  
TION 11, (D), PROVISIONS RELATING TO LIVESTOCK AND ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (D, E and G) TO  
SECTION 11

The Board approved advertising the Animal Welfare Ordinance amendments in summary. The motion carried 3-0.

F. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE IN SUMMARY AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER  
11 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ORDINANCE 169, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, SECTION 5, DEFINITIONS,  
SECTION 6, GENERAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 7, ADMINISTRATION AND ORDINANCE 185

The Board approved advertising the Flood Damage Ordinance amendments in summary. The motion carried 3-0.

G. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE FINAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION AND THE

VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE FOR THE MADE IN THE LAWS OF 2008, CHAPTER 92, OF THE LEGISLATURE

The Board approved authorization for the Mayor to execute the final agreement for the 2008 Legislature appropriations. The motion carried 3-0.

H. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO APPOINT KELLY WARD AS THE ALTERNATE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MRCOG

The Board approved the appointment of Kelly Ward as the alternate Village representative to the Transportation Coordinating Committee of the MRCOG. The motion carried 3-0.

I. FORMAL ACTION ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN RETAIL ONE VS. VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS. DEFERRED FROM THE APRIL 9, 2008 BOARD MEETING.

The Board approved giving authority to the Mayor, staff and administration the ability to negotiate with Retail One and any other property owners in the VC Zone. The motion carried 3-0.

**9. TRUSTEES INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

There was no informal discussion.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m



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by Phil Bock



## Yellow Cab

Men and women who drive taxis at night see a side of the city that few daytime citizens experience. **YELLOW CAB** is a wonderful book by UNM anthropologist Robert Leonard who, during the late 1990s, drove a taxi in Albuquerque. (UNM Press, 2006) His social and poetic observations about the people of the night scored a hit with readers. Now, former colleague Phil Bock has adapted the book for the stage, and the play, "Yellow Cab," will be presented at the ADOBE Theater, opening on May 30th.

Cab drivers must learn to judge the safety (or danger) of various situations and individuals. In the play, as they

trade anecdotes and deal with various riders, their humor and strengths are revealed. (Some strong language is used, but always to good effect.) The simple staging lets the audience focus on the characters and their feelings. If you have read the book, you will want to see this production and, if not, you will quickly be introduced to its richness.

Phil Bock has had other works produced at the ADOBE. His plays "So Who Is This Anne Frank?" and "Peregrina" treated important social issues, while his satirical musical, "Cat on a Streetcar Named Iguana" delighted audiences a few years ago. "When I

read Bob's book I could immediately see how it could be staged. I'm grateful that he let me draft a script and then approved what I wrote," says Phil, who will also direct this first production. "We plan to have real taxi drivers at some of the performances for discussions after the play."

"Yellow Cab," by Robert Leonard, adapted for the stage by Phil Bock, opens May 30th at the Adobe Theater, 9813 Fourth St. NW, playing Fri. and Sat. at 8:00 pm, Sun. at 2:00 pm, through June 22nd. Tickets are \$12, seniors and students \$10. For reservations, call 898-9222.

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## Phil Bock

Phil Bock is a multi-talented gentleman, as I quickly discovered when he invited me to his home for an interview. With my first cup of coffee, Phil presented me with a resume of his accomplishments in the theatre, and a draft release about his newest play, **YELLOW CAB**, which opened at the Adobe Theatre on May 30th. Well, I knew about Phil's interest in the theatre, but I didn't know about the Air Force, or the anthropology, or the music!

To begin, Phil was born in New York City, and there are not a great many people who can say that they were actually born in Manhat-

tan! And he grew up in the area, too, until he turned twelve, when his family moved to Fresno, California. He went to school at Fresno State, and then went on to a fellowship at the University of Chicago, where he received his MA degree. Then came a change from his academic life, when he joined the Air Force, and remained in the service until he was discharged with the rank of Captain.

Back to academics, this time to Harvard for a Ph.D. in social anthropology. By this time, he was married and had three daughters, and in 1962, the family moved to Albuquerque where Phil taught in his field, which, as he told me, "Is closer to Sociology - I like my

natives alive, rather than as bones!" He did research in Quebec, and in the State of Morelos in Mexico, but he also became involved in the theatre, and in 1968, he joined (or helped organize) a small group in Corrales, which presented plays at the Church of San Ysidro. The group put on four or five plays per year, and Phil acted, and also played the piano, which, it turns out, he had done all his life.

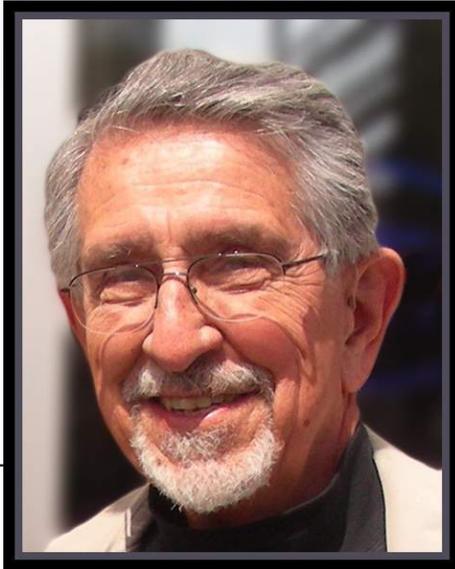
And, oh yes: for ten years, Phil researched William Shakespeare - from an anthropological point of view! The research resulted in a book, and one of these days, I need to find time to read it, Shakespeare being one of my all time loves. And at the same time, Phil wrote a textbook on, of course, social anthropology. (By now, we were eating an excellent lunch of tuna salad and toasted muffins - it seems that Phil Bock is also a highly proficient cook!)

As we ate, I listened as Phil talked of his interest in theatre: acting, then directing, at ACLOA, and the Little Theatre. He was much involved with the Vortex, and put on a few productions at UNM. He started writing for the theatre, and this interest has carried him and his wife, Barbara, over into retirement. That little theatre group in Corrales grew up to become the Adobe Theatre in Alameda, where Phil and

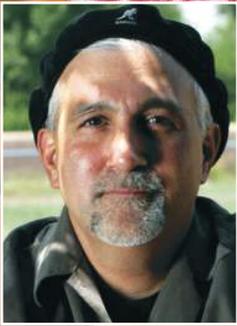
Barbara produce plays, also acting, directing, and Barbara, a fine artist, contributes set and costume design. Phil will be remembered for "So Who Is This Anne Frank?", and "Peregrina", both of which treated important social issues, as well as his satirical musical, "Cat on a Streetcar Named Iguana."

Phil's latest effort opened at the Adobe on May 30th. It's called **Yellow Cab**, and it grew out of a book written by one of Phil's colleagues, an archeologist named Robert Leonard. It seems that Mr. Leonard also had a second job as a cab driver, and he described his experiences as a night shift driver in his book. Phil said he could immediately visualize the book as a play, and with his friend's permission, has written what sounds like a very interesting work. The play is in twenty-four scenes, and should make a nice evening of theatre.

In his resume, Phil listed the parts he had played, plays he had written, directed, and/or produced, and those for which he had been sound designer, and at the bottom there was a line called "Skills". It said: "Appearances with Música Antigua (Old and Middle English), plays piano (well), composes (quickly), speaks French, Spanish, Italian". Multi-talented doesn't even begin to describe this fascinating man!



Phil Bock's  
**Yellow Cab**  
 runs May 30-June 24  
 at the Adobe Theatre



## An Ode to the Apricot

Envisioning the apricot in its full ripeness, I am reminded of the glorious Los Ranchos sunsets from my backyard on Guadalupe Trail. This certainly gives me wonder to plant some stone-fruit tress of my own. But, I ponder the time while living in Southern California waiting for my first apricot harvest from a lone tree that took much attention to finally bear fruit. After a bit of coaxing and a few prayers, two apricots made it to maturity. I gave it an extra day before the ceremonial picking to be assured of full development, but to my dismay, one of them was ferociously eaten by birds and the other completely gone. Perhaps it was my neighbor who might have picked it out of spite, since he often complained that the tree hindered the direct sunlight for his sunbathing activities.

Of the summer stone fruit harvest natural order, the apricot is the first to appear as the "precious" little lady. Albeit, California is prodigious for their apricot yields, there are a handful of local purveyors who bring to the Growers' Market these fine little gems, which conjures up a variety of uses. In the 15th Anniversary Los Ranchos

Growers' Market Favorite Recipes Booklet, Lorilee McDowell provides a nice apricot jam recipe, adapted from The Provence Cookbook, which calls for using the nut inside the stone. The nut ultimately adds an almond-like flavor to the confection. The jam would be ideal as a bottom spread to an apricot frangipane tart.

The apricot growing season seems to come and go before our very eyes, so you may want to try an apricot-based glaze laced with crushed red pepper flakes on grilled pork chops or even on some red snapper filets. Surely, a few fresh local apricots and a sprinkling of blueberries on top of your morning granola can start the day off just right, and it's certainly a tasty way to get some good fiber. Apricots also enhance a smoothie with a velvety tang, sweetened with the addition of Bee Chama Honey (also found at the Growers' Market) and you'll be humming along all day.

Apricots truly make an ideal sauce for a variety of desserts, such as yellow pound cake topped with sweetened whipped cream, or for drizzling on an angel food cake. One of my other favor-

ite ways to utilize these little beauties is in a pandowdy or cobbler. Either paired with strawberries or raspberries or by themselves, it makes for a delightful after-meal treat. If one is so inclined to get a little fancy, a flambé of fresh apricots and apricot brandy works nicely over Tahitian vanilla ice cream served with a few cinnamon- sugar coated snickerdoodles, as an accompaniment.

Like a summer affair, the apricot is something in which we should take pleasure in indulging, certainly while they are abundant and readily available.

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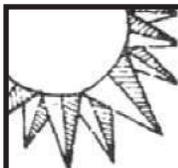


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# Casa Rodeña hosts Artists 4 Autism event

On the evening of April 19th, a new event took place in the Village. The First Annual Artists 4 Autism was presented by the Center for Development and Disability at UNM, by Cate McClain, M.D., P.T., CDD Director, and by John Calvin, Proprietor of Casa Rodeña Winery. This glittering event was held on the lawn and in the great hall of the winery, and the place was packed! Casa Rodeña's wine flowed, of course, and delicious food was supplied by four restaurants: Zinc, Savoy, Seasons, and Scalo Northern Italian Grill.

Following wine, food, socializing, and speeches came the main focus of the evening: the live auction of art from New Mexico and beyond. Hosted by Steve Stucker and auctioneer Lorraine Sachs Garcia, the bidding was lively on twenty-four lots of a variety of art, including jewelry, paintings, sculptures, and photographs. After the fun was over, I was told that over \$20,000 was raised for the cause of autism research!



This very successful fundraiser was a success due in great part to **John Calvin, Julia Bursum-McNaney, Maryellen Missik-Tow, and Dr. Catherine McClain**, shown here (left to right). They and all their volunteers are due hearty congratulations for this inspiring evening!

## Jennifer James 101

For all you fans of Jennifer James' cooking, the chef has opened her next restaurant! In case you haven't read about it, Jennifer's newest place is at 4615-A Menaul NE, in a newly redone spot next door to Top Dog (no connection!). Bright in contemporary décor, 101 seats only about forty diners, and boasts a large kitchen. If you're addicted to watching Jennifer and Chef Nelle Bauer preparing their specialties, ask for one of the tables along the rear wall which allow a view of what's happening.

And what's happening is, as usual, spectacular! The style is clean and precise, ingredients are fresh, and there's always a little something special and unusual on offer. Soups are amazing! If it's on the menu when you visit, try the fried oysters with fried pickles - to die for!

Jennifer James, Nelle Bauer, and Kelly Burton are the proprietors. Dinner only, for now. (For lunch, go to Chef du Jour if you want these ladies to feed you!) And the ladies will be on hand at the Los Ranchos Growers' Market on Saturday, August 9th, to demonstrate their skills with our produce. **Call 884 - 3860.**

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A Village resident's crossing sign for Guinea hens

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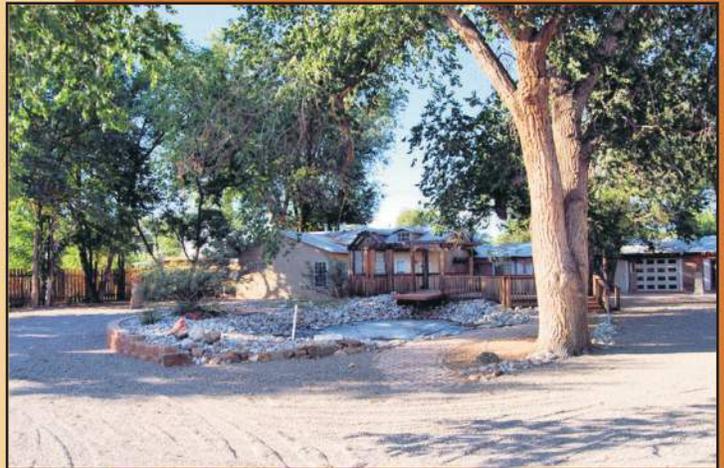


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## Sewer Construction Update

Thank you for your continued patience! We realize this project is messy and inconvenient. We are working as quickly and safely as possible. The Contractor is actively trying to keep the dirt watered so as to avoid the excessive dust created by the spring winds. Sometimes this feels like a losing battle...

The Area I&J project is beginning its 5th month and we are moving along slightly ahead of schedule. The side roads get a little narrower the further north we go, and construction may go a bit slower in these areas. It is anticipated that this month will be spent installing sewer line in Rio Grande and the side roads north of Green Valley. I do not anticipate that we will be north of La Senda Lane until early summer.

Please be prepared for delays and shut downs on Rio Grande over the duration of the project. The Village website, [www.losranchosnm.gov](http://www.losranchosnm.gov), is a good way to stay abreast of road impacts. As always, you can call Rodrigo or me for assistance. Additionally, the County has contracted with Wilson and Company to assist with inspection services. The inspectors are familiar with the project and can answer most questions. Don't hesitate to contact any of 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 four to seven days prior to the start of construction on your road.

The system being installed is a gravity sewer system, run by a series of

lift stations. Because of this, we have some flexibility when it comes to the placement of your sewer stubs. Please review the information below and contact the County prior to sewer installation on your road. If you do not contact us, we will install the stub six feet deep somewhere along your front property line.

### SEWER STUBS

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

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

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 six feet below the street. This depth is usually deep enough to maintain proper yard line slope and keep yard trenches as shallow (less expensive) as possible. If needed, in many cases, we are able to provide a deeper stub. A deeper stub may be required for:

A home that sits far back from the street

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

A home that sits below the street.

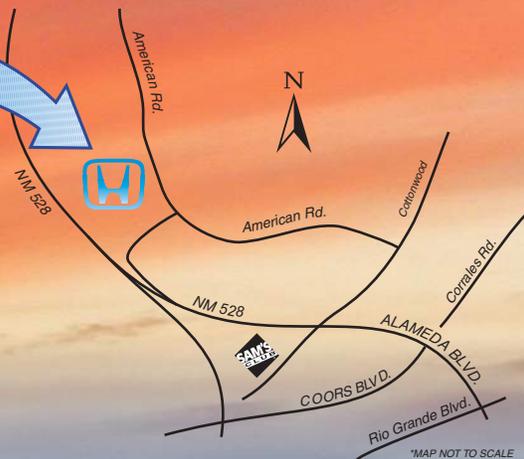
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