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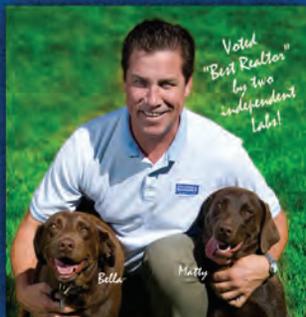
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Mayor's Report

by Larry Abraham

I Assure You, It Will Happen

I have to start this month's column with an apology. The design team was being optimistic last month in that they had anticipated that the Fourth Street project would be well along by now. I have been hearing from a few residents that they are anxious for us to get started. This will happen, I can assure you of that. The utility coordination and the actual work of the utility upgrades and relocations has taken quite a bit more effort than we anticipated. The upgrades to the water and gas lines and the relocation of the PNM power poles is very important so we are making sure this is done correctly and with three separate entities, who do not want to be crawling over one another. We are having to learn some patience.

Based on further detail from the utilities, it looks like they will be working into the second week of May. We are adjusting our schedule accordingly and will publish the update as soon as we have it all worked out. We have included in this issue a rendering of the promenade with the water feature and one of the bus stops. We are very excited about how Fourth Street will look after the improvements have been completed.

We want all our residents to keep shopping on Fourth Street through the construction phase of the project. Although we will do our very best to make sure traffic flows and access is clearly marked to all businesses in the construction area, our businesses will need your support and your loyalty through the construction.

Our project is not near the breadth or intensity of the City of Albuquerque's ART project along Central Avenue, we still want to make sure that our businesses are not left behind. We are hearing the horror stories out of the ART project and we want to mount an all out effort to give support and attention to our terrific businesses

We will have links to the businesses and information about construction status on our website and Facebook pages. Whether its meals, entertainment, gifts, supplies or services, I encourage you to not let the slight inconvenience of the construction project deter you from shopping and dining on Fourth.

Finally, you may have noticed the new fire engine at the Los Ranchos Bernalillo County Fire Station at Fourth Street and Schulte Road. The engine was welcomed to the station with a traditional push in ceremony. The crews are getting used to and enjoying the new equipment. It was purchased through the combined efforts of the Village of Los Ranchos and Bernalillo County Fire Department. We have ordered a new brush truck for the station which should be in service in the coming months. Next on the replacement list will be a rescue unit.

Calendar

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.

Deadlines: Los Ranchos Vision Magazine

Advertising and Article Submissions Due
 Friday, March 3, Spring Issue (April/May)
 Friday, April 21, June Issue
 Friday, May 19, Summer Lavender Issue (July/August)

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m. – noon
 Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. – noon
Winter markets, second Saturday of the month
 Saturday, May 6, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Opening of 2017 Market Season
 Saturday, May 13, 7:00 a.m. - noon
 Saturday, May 20, 7:00 a.m. - noon
 Saturday, May 27, 7:00 a.m. - noon

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2017
Village office closed



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Village at-a-Glance

Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 15

Come meet the Easter Bunny! It is almost time for the Village's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please join us at 10:00 am at Hartnett Park (next to Village Hall) for family friendly fun. Arrive on-time and be ready to find some Easter eggs. Eggs will go quickly. We will have an area set up for younger children.

Growers' Market

Visit the Growers' Market for a selection of seasonal fruits and veggies, unique handcrafted items, and baked goods. The Market is held the second Saturday of each month and every Saturday beginning May 6th. Be sure to introduce yourself to Colene Montoya, the new Market manager, during your visit.

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Public Safety

by Robin Hopkins,
Director of Public Safety,
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If You See Something, Say Something™ is a national campaign that raises public awareness of the indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime, as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

It is easy to take for granted the routine moments in our every day lives, going to work or school, the grocery store, the gas station, etc. Your every day activity is filled with the moments that make it uniquely yours. So if you see something you know should not be there—or someone’s behavior that does not seem quite right—say something.

Alert residents play a critical role in keeping our community safe. When you “observe and report” you are playing an important role in protecting you and your neighbors from a variety of illegal activity.

One of the reasons the Village of Los Ranchos has the lowest crime rate in the area is because of caring concerned neighbors. Recently a Village resident made a difference with just a phone call.

She observed what initially looked like a young lady with car trouble, but the resident took a moment to look again, and noticed that something about the lady and her vehicle was suspicious. The resident called the Sheriff’s Department deputies, and as it turned out, the driver was intoxicated. She had hit a sign and curb down the road that had disabled her vehicle. It cannot be over stated enough, “If you see something, say something.”



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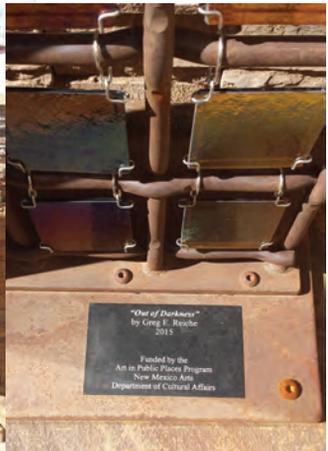
by Deputy County Manager, Health & Public Safety Greg Perez, Bernalillo County

New Art and New Engine for the Fire Station

We are happy to unveil the newest addition to the Village of Los Rancho Fire Station. In 2015 as part of the Art in Public Places Program, the Village was asked to select a piece of art from over 400 pieces on display from local artists. This piece of art was to be displayed at the Village Fire station located on Fourth Street. The selected piece is a beautiful 70" x 30" black granite, steel, ironidized and dichroic glass sculpture

with a large black granite rectangle entitled "Out of Darkness." The artist is Greg Reicl of Santa Fe. This beautiful piece of art is currently on display in the back courtyard of the fire station for all who pass by to enjoy.

In addition to stunning art work, a beautiful brand new fire engine will make its way to the streets of Los Ranchos. The new piece of equipment will be officially



placed into service with a traditional "pushing in" ceremony towards the middle of February. The engine

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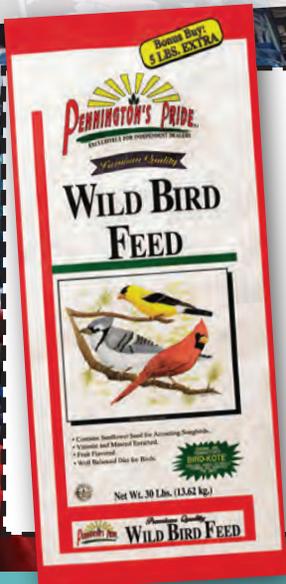


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Ditch Writer

An Agri-highlights Column
by Sue Brawley and Lorilee McDowell

New Market Manager on Board

Colene Montoya is the new volunteer manager. Montoya, a Los Ranchos resident, has been a vendor for more than ten years. Ziggy, her golden retriever, is always at the market with her and loves customer attention. Montoya uses a raised bed system to grow a wide range of vegetables and fruits such as onions, potatoes, tomatoes, greens, strawberries, as well as other seasonal items. If you are interested in being a vendor at the market, call Colene Montoya at 505-610-9591 or send an email to montoya4664@hotmail.com. See the article on page 12 on the retirement of Sue Brawley and Cathy Lewandowski.

Winter Markets

The Winter Markets are the second Saturday of each month from November to April, 10:00 a.m. to noon. The markets will be held outside in the regular location, except in the case of inclement weather when the market will be held in the adjacent community barn. Depending on weather, market vendors may have lots of greens, root crops could include radishes and carrots. There may be eggs, leeks, honey, and spring lamb. Cold weather bedding plants and some hardy veggie and herb starts may be available. There will

also be burritos, hot coffee, pastries, and music. Check out our website for more information about what local produce and products will be at the market: www.losranchosgrowersmarket.com. Or visit our Facebook page (Los Ranchos Growers' Market) for local product information and to view pictures.

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From Market to Your Table

by Lorilee McDowell

Beautiful Bok Choy

Among other tasty ingredients at the market in early spring, you can usually find baby bok choy. Here is a great recipe: wash the bok choy and dry well. Trim the ends and chop the stems into bite-sized pieces. Cut a skinless, boneless chicken breast into small chunks, and slice the white parts of several good-sized leeks.

Put the chicken into a small bowl and add a few tablespoons of soy sauce, a little minced fresh ginger, a small toe of minced garlic, ½ tsp. of sesame seed oil, and a spoonful of chili garlic sauce. Marinate for twenty minutes. To a wok (or a big non-stick frying pan), coat the pan well with a couple spoons of wok oil. Grape seed oil also works. Do not use olive oil. Add a small spoon of minced ginger and heat until



it turns fragrant – a minute or so. Add the chicken chunks, with the marinade, and stir until the chicken is half done. Toss in the bok choy, and continue to stir. The bok choy can be pretty tough, so you need to gauge how long to cook it. Add the leeks and continue to stir. You may also add snow peas and/or spinach. If may also need more soy sauce, add a little at a time. Finally, add one packet of stir-fry noodles and stir for a couple minutes until hot. Serve immediately. If you have never tried stir-fry noodles, they are soft Chinese noodles, cooked, and packed in a plastic bag. Not refrigerated. They can be found in the Asian food section of any well-stocked store.

Growers' Market Managers Retire

Even though Cathy Lewandowski and Sue Brawley retired as co-managers of the Los Ranchos Growers' Market, they will be back as vendors. "After 16 years and approximately 528 markets as market co-managers, it is time for us to turn over the reins to someone else," said Brawley. Lewandowski and her husband are going to devote more time to farming and will be regular vendors. Brawley and her husband are going to rebuild their house, let most

of their fields go fallow to rebuild the soil for the year, and become part-time vendors.

Colene Montoya, is the new manager. The market will continue in its current location, and there will be winter markets. "We appreciate all the loyal vendors, customers, and community partners and look forward to seeing you at the market in 2017," said Montoya.



Mayor Abraham recognized both Sue Brawley and Cathy Lewandowski at the Village of Los Ranchos Holiday Open House.

Institute for Lifelong Learning for New Mexicans Spring 2017 Semester

by Jon C. Stott

Alexander Graham Bell, Luke Skywalker, Johann Sebastian Bach, Tarzan of the Apes – these four very different individuals, (two historical and two fictional), share something in common. Each will be discussed in courses offered by the Institute for LifeLong Learning for New Mexicans this spring.

The Institute for Lifelong Learning is a private, nonprofit organization that offers academic-style courses of up to five two-hour sessions to provide members with intellectual stimulation, expanded horizons, and camaraderie with like-minded individuals. The classes are small, with no more than 35 students per course. There is no homework and there are no final exams. Classes meet in the morning or afternoon and are held at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque and The Rio Grande in Rio

Rancho. The semester begins March 20 and ends May 24.

In addition to courses about the four individuals mentioned, this spring semester will include, among others, courses about 21st Century Opera, Myth 'n Movies, Fossil Collecting, Income Inequality, Hitchcock movies, American Women Poets, and The Gospels that Didn't Make the Cut. There are also a number of one-day field trips. You can find a complete listing with full descriptions of each course or field trip at www.lifelonglearningnm.org.

You may know something about several of the course subjects. We have all used Mr. Bell's invention, but did you know that he was also involved with many more inventions? You have read and seen Shakespeare plays – but do you know *Cymbeline*? And, you can learn

about the history of printmaking, fossil collecting, and space travel research in New Mexico.

The instructors are experts in their fields and, although most are retired, they are lifelong learners themselves and enjoy sharing what they have learned with others. Among them are a handful of professors, a pastor, and a paleontologist, a couple of engineers, a musical conductor and a theatrical director, some chemists and an architect.

The courses are not expensive – from fourteen to forty-four dollars; field trips are ten dollars each. Advanced registrations must be postmarked no later than February 24. After that registration is by walk-in on the first day of class. For information, contact: Jon C. Stott, at 255-2325, jstott@ualberta.ca.

North Valley Academy Anticipates Springtime

The first sign of spring at NVA is our annual Doorway to the Arts, art and dessert night. It is open to all and includes a chocolate fountain, live jazz with the Richmond Street Jazz band, and display and potential purchase of student art. Fine caliber of art work at that.

Our Spring Break will be the week of March 20 through the 24. NVA will be sending a delegation of middle school students to Washington D.C. and we are very excited about this. Students have participated in their own fundraising, many of them taking on neighborhood

chores and other creative ways to fund their trip. The delegation will visit the Capitol, Arlington, Williamsburg and a few other side trips. We are very proud of these students and are sure that they will represent North Valley Academy well.

Springtime brings renewed work in the gardens and hopefully phase two of our Amass the Grass campaign to complete the sod work on our playing field. Thank you to all our community members that support us so enthusiastically.



In Memoriam

Nigel S. Hey

Nigel S. Hey, science writer, journalist, author and public relations specialist for Sandia National Laboratories, died December 21, 2016 in a local hospital of a severe respiratory infection. He was 80. Nigel was born in northern England on June 23, 1936. His parents, Margery Kershaw and Aaron Hey, left their strong Yorkshire roots and emigrated to the American west in search of a healthier environment to raise their son. Graduating from the University of Utah, Nigel worked as an international journalist and expanded on his already deep interests in philosophy, science, writing and travel. Nigel moved to New



Mexico in the 1960's working for small newspapers in and around Albuquerque before being recruited to Sandia Labs in 1966.

He enjoyed acting and performed in early productions with Classic Theatre. Nigel succeeded in publishing three books early in his writing career and went on to publish the books *Solar System and The Star Wars Enigma* before retiring from Sandia. In 2012 he published *Wonderment: A Love Affair with*

Adventure; a personal memoir and finalist in the NM-AZ Book Awards. Nigel was also a Fellow to the AAAS and a member of the NASW since 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen D. (Dee) and son, Jonathan of Albuquerque; his daughter, Jocelyn, wife of David Armitage, two grandchildren, Edward and Elizabeth Armitage of London, England; his son, Brian and wife Melanie of Hythe, Kent, England and the many friends and colleagues worldwide who cherished his engaging mind, his cultural openness and his unbounded intellectual pursuits.

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Rediscover the Village

The Dark, Dark Skies

by Dave Bexfiel



"Light pollution is any adverse effect of artificial light including sky glow, glare, light trespass, light clutter, decreased visibility at night and energy waste."

On the first night I was driving to our new home in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, I was just plain giddy. Giddy over our new house. Giddy over our new community. Giddy over living in the country in the middle of the city. And then in the middle of all that giddiness, I managed to go for an unplanned tour of the El Camino Motel parking lot. Huh? How did I get here?

I got here because it is dark in Los Ranchos. I mean dark, dark. I was supposed to turn left on Tyler off of Fourth Street. So I turned on my blinker where I anticipated Tyler was supposed to be. And then turned left because Tyler was right there, or so I thought. But no—I was now in a parking lot. I circled the El Camino and tried again to find my way home in the pitch black. And I could not have been happier.

Having lived in Albuquerque proper for 20 years, I was used to the ever-present nighttime glow—the bright street lights, the bright spotlights in new car lots, the bright signs beckoning me to

eat fast food—all blotting out the nighttime sky and its evening star show. Wow, what a difference in the Village. And it is intentional.

The New Mexico Night Sky Protection Act was introduced in 1999 and Los Ranchos de Al-

buquerque was one of the early adopters in the state to enact more stringent regulations with its own Dark Skies ordinance (available online at losranchosnm.gov). The purpose of the ordinance: "to maximize the preservation of the 'valley' character of the Village and to minimize light pollution for the enjoyment of the citizens of the Village."

What exactly is light pollution? Dark Sky NM, a working group of night-sky advocates, put it simply. "Light pollution is any adverse effect of artificial light including sky glow, glare, light trespass, light clutter, decreased visibility at night, and energy waste." Their rule of thumb? "Determine if it is really necessary to be lit and then apply these four elementary concepts: shield it, point it down, do not use more than you need, and turn it off when you are done and not there."

To that end, the Village has thoroughly embraced the dark skies precept with a host of easy-to-follow regulations to protect our onyx evenings. For example, street lighting in residential areas is prohibited and all illuminated signs for advertising purposes have to be turned off between 11:00 p.m. and sunrise (unless the business is open during those times).

Nowadays, when Laura and I invite newcomers to our home, we try to make sure they arrive during the daytime ... or on nights of a full moon (werewolves be damned). Shoot, even experienced spelunkers might get turned around after dark in our star-friendly community. But that's yet another reason living here is so special. It's another brilliant day, er night, in the Village.



Historic El Camino Hotel located on Fourth Street.



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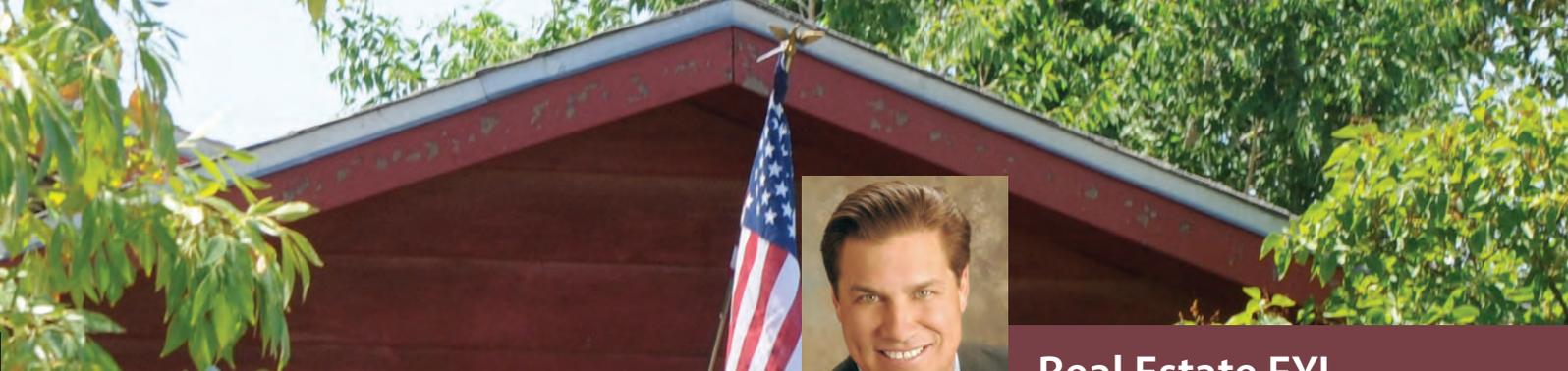
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6930 Rio Grande	851114	\$2,200,000.00	6.92	VACANT LAND				D'Nette Wood	Avio Real Estate, LLC	(505) 463-2910
8817 Fourth Street	882552	\$1,500,000.00	5.92	VACANT LAND				Richard Jackson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
8721 Rio Grande	880539	\$825,000.00	3.5	VACANT LAND				Janis Fensterer	Realty One of New Mexico	(505) 883-9400
2251 Rio Grande Ct	880775	\$720,000.00	3	VACANT LAND				Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
1023 Cottonwood	859138	\$490,000.00	1.08	VACANT LAND				Marlene Vance	Advance Realty	(505) 203-1097
6921 Rio Grande	859140	\$450,000.00	1.22	VACANT LAND				Marlene Vance	Advance Realty	(505) 203-1097
6901 Rio Grande	859142	\$450,000.00	1.52	VACANT LAND				Marlene Vance	Advance Realty	(505) 203-1097
6500 Rio Grande	878999	\$443,900.00	1.47	VACANT LAND				Cindy Chavez	Realty One of New Mexico	(505) 883-9400
585 Alma Encantada Ct.	861098	\$329,000.00	1.55	VACANT LAND				Susan Nelson Anderson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
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6502 Fourth Street	846437	\$215,000.00	0.58	VACANT LAND				John Yost	Jackie Fisher Realty & Assoc.	(505) 285-6800
8830 Fourth Street	866842	\$185,000.00	0.63	VACANT LAND				Jeanette Raver	Realty One of New Mexico	(505) 554-2213
2000 Los Poblanos	871923	\$2,950,000.00	3	8295	6	73		Susan Feil	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
5415 Eakes	880134	\$2,895,000.00	2	6153	6	74		Jeannine DiLorenzo	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
7512 Rio Grande	848674	\$2,400,000.00	2	6866	4	613		Susan Nelson Anderson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 828-1000
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8643 Rio Grande	870111	\$1,995,000.00	2.57	7138	5	73		Angela Lang	Q Realty, Inc	(505) 750-0059
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5715 Tinnin	867589	\$1,070,000.00	1.16	5516	5	5	3	Leah Rush	Rush Home Real Estate	(505) 620-0767
4601 Rio Grande	853216	\$990,000.00	2.5	3502	3	4	1	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
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1422 El Portal	876495	\$925,000.00	1.12	5750	3	5	3	Kavan Salas	Realty One of New Mexico	(505) 883-9400
4608 Los Poblanos	878655	\$910,000.00	1.24	4282	3	4	6	Nancy Mead	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
6409 Avenida La Cuchilla	876777	\$899,000.00	0.93	4156	4	4	3	Billingham Team	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 271-8200
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509 Los Ranchos	875942	\$825,000.00	1.18	4180	4	4	1	Dee Dee Cordova	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 892-1000
707 Alondra	872084	\$769,000.00	0.47	3186	3	3	3	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
8203 Guadalupe	879256	\$725,000.00	1.04	4096	5	3	2	Max Sanchez	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
208 Nico	859469	\$699,900.00	0.77	3805	4	3	4	JoAnn Brown	Brown & Associates, Inc.	(505) 883-1674
925 Pueblo Solano	879197	\$692,500.00	0.72	3083	3	3	2	Sherilyn Lucas	Re/Max Elite	(505) 798-1000
8312 Guadalupe	862787	\$680,000.00	2.73	2208	5	1	0	Daniel Martinez	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 897-1100
1924 Ave Las Campanas	876649	\$650,000.00	0.9	3516	4	3	2	Bridget Hazen	Nest Realty	(505) 977-4719
827 El Alhambra	861123	\$649,000.00	0.98	3444	4	3	2	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
316 Nuevo Hacienda	880634	\$625,000.00	0.22	2673	4	4	3	Joseph Maez	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 897-1100
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300 Enchanted Valley	874242	\$215,000.00	0.36	1726	3	2	2	Timothy Tourville	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 292-8900
333 Vineyard	881925	\$205,000.00	0.46	1700	3	2	0	Silesha Montano Naden	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 292-8900
513 Los Ranchos	876022	\$175,000.00	0.32	1538	3	2	1	Dee Dee Cordova	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 892-1000

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Real Estate FYI

by Tim Tourville, CRS

Smart Moves

Today's buyers want move-in-ready homes, and a new survey points to exactly what that means.

More than 70 percent of buyers want a move-in-ready home, and that ultimately breaks down to a home that has updated heating and cooling and an updated kitchen and bathroom. More than 80 percent expect those features to qualify as move-in ready and they want new appliances (74 percent). To a lesser but still notable degree, buyers feel a move-in-ready home has smart-home technology installed (44 percent).

Additionally, 57 percent of those buyers who want a move-in-ready home would consider an older home updated with smart-home technology.

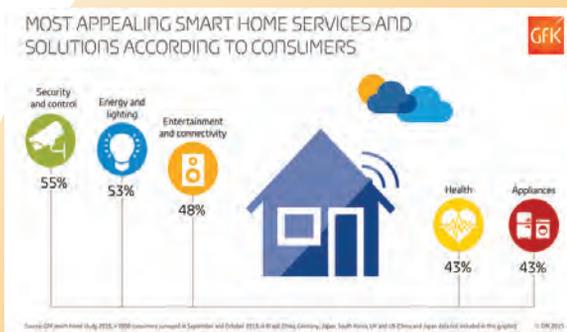
Apparently, survey respondents want the technology, but they really do not want to sift through the options and install it themselves. Thirty-six percent of all respondents believe that having smart technology is a major selling point when buying a home, but 32 percent feel they are too intimidated to install it themselves.



And while the millennial generation certainly leans hardest toward this technology with 61 percent interested in it, 52 percent of GenXers and 50 percent of baby boomers do as well. Most of the new homes built in the Village over the last several years have inte-

grated smart technology, however, many older homes in the Village do not. If your home falls into this category, and if technology is not your thing, I suggest contacting a company that will come out to your house and give you a free consul-

ation. Taking that first leap and making the investment in smart home technology may wind up being an investment in your home's value.



Charts from GfK presentation. The GfK SE, established in 1934 as Gesellschaft für Konsumforschung (Society for Consumer Research) is Germany's largest market research institute, and the fourth largest market research organisation in the world, after Nielsen Company, Kantar Group and Ipsos.

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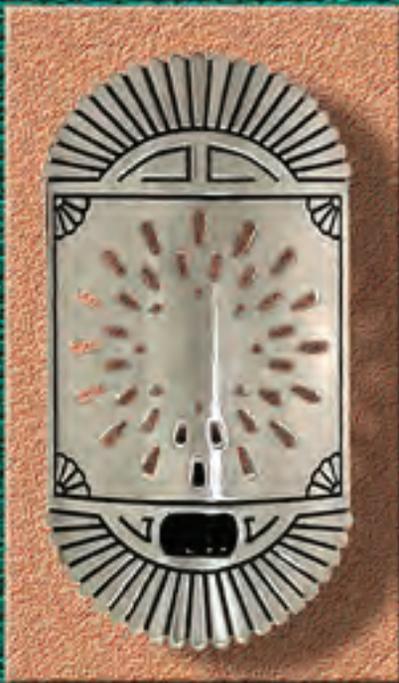
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Taft Middle School Tennis Club

by Coach Jake Martinez Jr.

It is my absolute pleasure to introduce to the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque the new United States Tennis Association, Northern New Mexico Tennis Association's 2016 Middle School Tennis League (Full Format Flight 2) Champions: our very own Taft Middle School Trojans.

At the end of the summer my daughter Emily announced she wanted to play tennis at Taft Middle School. I dutifully called the school to get information about the team. There had been a team three years earlier when our son was at Taft. That was the last year they had a team and this year, as in the previous, they were having trouble finding a coach. After a meritorious military career, I completed graduate studies to become a high school teacher and coach. I had just left education to pursue my business interests. With previous successes as a varsity high school tennis coach: A Singles State Champion and 2nd and 3rd place Team finishes State Finals; I was not about to tell my baby girl there would not be a team because the school did not have a coach.

I volunteered and recruited a great Assistant Coach in my son Joseph who plays Tennis at Valley. Although I was told only a handful would show up, we recruited 33 middle school students to the team, ending the season with eighteen.

This team was started from scratch the first week of September, 2016. Only three members of the team had ever picked up a tennis racket and only one of those three had played more than a year. It was not easy. Long practices in the sun and wind and rain. It was not all work either – these are preadolescents high on hormones, with energy and emotions on turbo. Some of the most memorable moments were those days it rained and we decided to keep playing until we were too drenched. If there is any thing I have learned in traveling the world, in peace time and during war and all the experiences leading up to now is that



effective leadership is very much about perspective. I use the athletic team format as a classroom to teach the importance of self-reliance, intrinsic-motivation, team dynamics, goal setting and life planning. After all, the difference between where we are at today and where we want to go is simply a road map or plan. This coupled with the belief that no-matter-what we will get to our destination with the willingness to show up day after day and do the work required. We taught that there is little difference between how we compete on the courts and how we are to live our lives. This team got that, internalized that message, and did something great.

We won the first three contests of the regular season against some very good schools and one tennis dynasty – the Bosque School coached by Jerome Romero and coaching legend Klaus Weber. Our last three matches of the regular season were losses. One was very close to the team we would meet in the finals, Desert Ridge Middle School which is coached by another legendary coach, Richard Johnson.

The Taft Trojans team dug deep inside at the finals to climb from the bottom of the seeding on the bracket. We beat Tony Hillerman Middle School in the first round, and then Washington Middle School in the second. In the finals, we met the only undefeated team left, Desert Ridge. We gave our best with every swing of the racket, believing we could win. The result: We are the Champions.

The team, Joseph and I, are already

looking forward. The program is self-supported with help from the United States Tennis Association and some parents. My son and I volunteer often digging in to our own pockets to buy needed rackets, balls and snacks. In order to extend this wonderful opportunity to learn life lessons through tennis to other youth in the North Valley, we desperately need financial support. Too many of our families are in need. Without you this opportunity is out of reach. Please choose to be part of this new North Valley Legacy.

For information on Spring Tennis opportunities for youth in the North Valley call or text (preferred) 505-459-8220 or email coachjakejr@yahoo.com.

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Fourth Street Improvements Coming Soon

by Sites Southwest



View looking North along the Fourth Street promenade and acequia feature from Green Valley to Tyler Road.



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What is an Exchange Traded Fund?

In the last issue, we reviewed mutual funds, which are extremely common tools for everyday investors. However, more and more people are now using exchange-traded funds, or ETFs. In this article, we will take a quick look at what these are.

As a reminder, with a mutual fund, the investor buys a share of an investment company and participates in the gains or losses of the investments held in the portfolio of that company.

Likewise, an ETF is a basket of stocks, bonds, or other holdings that tracks an index, such as the S&P 500. The ETF is created, and then whole shares are actively traded on the open market. Thus, ETFs have price changes through the day as shares are bought and sold. This contrasts with mutual funds that are all priced and redeemed by the investment company at the end of the day.

Many mutual funds are actively managed in order to beat the performance of the index it is tracking, the fund manager is buying and selling to boost the returns of the fund. Most ETFs are created and then passively managed. The managers aim to mirror

the index they are tracking rather than outperform it. This is known as passive management.

Using an example of the S&P 500, an active mutual fund would have stocks that are found in the S&P 500, but the managers of the fund would be trying to outperform the S&P 500. An index mutual fund, as we discussed before, would be an investment company that holds a portfolio that more closely matches the components of the S&P 500. These funds provide lower costs and lower turnover, which can decrease tax implications.

An ETF that tracks the S&P 500 would also have a portfolio built to mirror the S&P 500. However, it would be traded on the open market; and it may have less turnover than even an index fund, which may lead to lower taxable consequences.

Passive management of ETFs leads to lower fees since they take less man-power to manage, and it can also have some tax advantages. The active trading, or buying and selling, of equities in a mutual fund can lead to capital gains or losses. Mutual funds may trade to raise cash for redemption

of shares, even in a passively managed fund. ETFs are bought and sold on the market, eliminating the need to trade to raise cash.

Since they have boomed in popularity, ETFs have emerged that track all sorts of indexes, such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average; the Nasdaq 100; commodities including oil and gold; sectors, such as financials and biotech; and foreign markets.

Along with their increased popularity, ETFs have become more complex. There are now actively managed ETFs. These have higher fees and more turnover, which blurs the distinction between a mutual fund and an ETF.

One caution with ETFs is that when investors buy or sell them, it may generate trading costs, or commissions, not seen with some mutual funds. So, investors must discuss the use of ETFs versus mutual funds carefully with their financial professional to see which is the better option for their portfolio.

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Life in Images

Thank you to all the photographers who have submitted images for the Vision magazine. Your images are capturing the eclectic character of our community from varied and unique perspectives.

We encourage more of you to submit your images. Remember the images submitted are used either in the magazine as a photo essay, on the cover or as filler. Images may also be used on the Village's website or Facebook page.

The photographs throughout this issue were submitted by Lillian Derwelis, Keen Heinzelman, and Cathy Ruhl cottonwood. The cover image, was submitted by Lillian Derwelis. The full, uncropped image is shown on page 2. An image by Cathy Ruhl cottonwood is used on page 24. An addition image by Keen Heinzelman is used on page 38.

Your image could be on the cover of the next issue. Send images to losranchosimages@gmail.com. Include location of image, a caption, and contact information. Images must be suitable for print (300 dpi at 100 percent). If you have any questions, contact, Ashley Stokes at the Village office



*Image right and below
by Keen Heinzelman*



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Changing jobs or being laid off can cause you to look at your retirement plan savings.

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Each of these options has advantages and disadvantages and the one that is best depends on your individual circumstances. You should consider features such as investment choices, fees and expenses, and services offered. Your Financial Advisor can help educate you regarding your choices so you can decide. Be sure to speak with your current retirement plan administrator and tax professional before taking any action.

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Pablo Rael, Donald Lopez, Mayor Larry Abraham, Mary Homan and Allen Lewis

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next regular meeting
will be held on
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

December 14, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Board moved approval of the agenda as presented. The motion carried, 4-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Keith Baird said I appreciate the Mayor purchasing the assisted hearing devices. The subject I would like to discuss is the issue of speakers using the microphones. If speakers do not speak directly into their microphones, I am unable to hear clearly. My suggestion is that the Village purchase lapel microphones for the Trustees, Village staff, and public speakers.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: REPRESENTATIVE SARAH MAESTAS BARNES, REPRESENTATIVE DEBORAH ARMSTRONG, SENATOR-ELECT CANDICE GOULD, AND SENATOR BILL O'NEILL.

Representative Sarah Maestas-Barnes, Senator-Elect Candice Gould, and Senator Bill O'Neill provided an overview of the upcoming 2017 New Mexico State Legislative session.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- A. MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING.

The Board moved approval of the consent agenda with the discussed corrections. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

5. REPORTS

- A. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abraham reported on the following:

- Stop and Shop was very successful.
- Growers' Market managers Sue Brawley and Cathy Lewandowski are retiring, their dedication and service was recognized at the open house earlier this evening.

- B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ward reported on the following:

- Attended the final inspection of the new fire engine for Station 30. The fire engine was purchased in conjunction with Bernalillo County and will be delivered at the end of January.

C. **PLANNER'S REPORT**

Planner McDonough reported on the following:

- Keen Heinzelman, Code Enforcement Officer, is addressing overgrown weeds on several properties.
- Submitted the stormwater management and annual plan to the EPA.

D. **LEGAL REPORT**

Attorney Chappell reported on the following:

- Reviewing property purchases.
- The issue of the type of development that can occur on Rio Grande Blvd behind the 280-foot setback was discussed with Planner McDonough. The issue will need to be addressed by the Board at some point.

E. **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Public Safety Director Hopkins reported on the following:

- The total number of calls for the month of November was 463, which includes traffic stops.
- Currently working on an initiative for third graders called the Cowboy Code of Ethics at Los Ranchos Elementary.

6. **FINANCIAL BUSINESS**

A. **CASH REPORT – NOVEMBER 2016.**

The Board moved approval of the November 2016 Cash Report as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS**

- A. A REQUEST By RHB INVESTMENTS, DOING BUSINESS AS LA BELLA VINO WINERY, LOCATED AT 6136 C FOURTH ST. NW, LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, NM FOR A WINE GROWER LICENSE - OFFSITE LOCATION WITH ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION WITH PATIO SERVICE AND PACKAGE SALES, MASTER LICENSE NO. 60015, APPLICATION NO. 1009013, NM ALCOHOL AND GAMING DIVISION. THE OFF-SITE LOCATION WILL BE LOCATED AT 6855 FOURTH ST. NM, SUITE C-1, LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, NM IN THE C-1 ZONE OF THE FOURTH STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR AND CHARACTER AREA, AND IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS LOT B, PLAT OF LOT A AND LOT B LANDS OF FRESQUEZ, BEING A REPLAT OF MRGCD TRACT 188-A-3-B MAP NO. 27 AND TRACT 1- B LANDS OF FRESQUEZ, SEC. 21, T. 11N, R. 3E, NMPM VILLAGE OF LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF BERNALILLO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON OCTOBER 6, 2005, BOOK 2005C PAGE 322. THE PROPERTY CONTAINS 1.534 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

The Board moved to approve the wine grower license with an offsite location with on premise consumption and sales for RHB Investments, dba La Bella Vino Winery. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE FOURTH STREET REVITALIZATION AND REDESIGN PLANS AT NINETY PERCENT (90%) COMPLETION, AUTHORIZING SITES SOUTHWEST TO PROCEED TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) PLANS AND PREPARE REQUEST FOR BID DOCUMENTS.

George Radnovich, Sites Southwest, said we have not finalized the landscaping and lighting plans. We met with PNM this afternoon and have a good direction to be able to finalize landscaping and lighting plans. Present with us this evening is Terry Brown and Ron Bohannon. An updated cost estimate was also provided; we did find a few formula errors in the estimate provided last month.

Trustee Lopez said we are now looking at a ten-year flood design, it was indicated that there was a cost estimate for the one hundred-year design.

Ron Bohannon, Tierra West, said the cost difference is approximately \$400,000. The percolation rates were such that we do not have to design for the one-hundred-year volume. We are still working with PNM to finalize the locations of power poles

and potentially raise them to sixty-five feet.

Mayor Abraham asked what is the benefit of raising the height of the power poles.

George Radnovich said the benefit of sixty-five feet poles is to enhance the view of the streetscape. The estimated cost of raising the poles to sixty-five feet is \$100,000.

Ron Bohannon said the Water Authority will be replacing water lines through phase one of the project. The replacement of water lines will begin in January.

George Radnovich said we are still working with a few business and property owners to ensure that we are making all residents as happy with the plans as possible. In terms of landscaping maintenance, this project may be beyond what Village staff can handle. We suggest that the Village consider adding a one or two-year maintenance period requirement to the plans. This will give the landscape time to mature and it will provide a transition to maintenance by Village staff. We suggest that the Village consider developing a streetscape management plan which can be used as a bidding document for maintenance.

Trustee Rael said plan C104 depicts three different types of sidewalks, and the labeling of Enchanted Valley Road needs to be corrected on plan C101. The plans also show roundabouts that narrow the roadway.

George Radnovich said the sidewalks are comprised of three different materials, most of the sidewalks will be brick. The handicap ramps will be constructed with concrete, and the third type of walk is the crosswalk. The roundabouts are faux roundabouts that are designed to be traffic calming. The paving of the faux roundabouts is colored and there is a slight elevation of about 1.5 inches. The faux roundabouts are designed to be driven over.

Trustee Homan asked if the faux roundabouts will cause any issues for bicyclists and if they are ADA compliant.

George Radnovich said we will review the ADA compliance question, but we do not anticipate any issues since the faux roundabouts are in the roadway.

The Board moved to approve the Fourth Street Revitalization and Redesign plans at ninety percent completion, authorizing Sites Southwest to proceed to one hundred percent plans and prepare request for bid documents, subject to the review of a memorandum addressing Trustee and staff comments. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11 DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11-1 ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE 53rd New Mexico State LEGISLATURE, First SESSION, 2017. * Deferred to the December 14, 2016 Board of Trustees Meeting.

The Board moved to approve Resolution 2016-12-1, Establishing the Village of Los Ranchos Legislative priorities for the 53rd New Mexico State Legislature, First Session, 2017. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

10. TRUSTEES Round Table (INFORMAL) DISCUSSION

Members of the Board discussed various informal topics. No action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Trustees on January 25, 2017.

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Want a Great Spring Break? Sign Up for Farm Camp

by Julie Hirshfiel

The Swahili word safari means “long journey.” People in Kenya and Tanzania often walk for miles to spot elephants, lions and tigers. At the 2017 Los Ranchos Spring Break Farm Camp, we will explore the 20+ acres of the Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center and nearby bosque to discover the fascinating creatures that call this area home. We will hone our urban tracking skills to find insects and evidence of other amazing garden creatures such as bees and hummingbirds. We’ll help build a healthy garden habitat by planning and planting the spring organic gardens, and make and keep a garden journal to track our discoveries as we go.

Students will participate in hands-on garden activities, including making com-

post, direct seeding, and transplanting plants. Students will explore the native plants and animals of Albuquerque’s bosque, and experience the connections between growing and eating healthy foods and taking care of our bodies and our land.

In addition, students will prepare healthy treats, create beautiful nature-based art, sing fun camp songs, learn about cool plants and animals, and have the time of their lives on the Garden Safari. On the final day of camp, the campers will host their families to a fun end-of-camp fiesta.

The 2017 Los Ranchos Spring Break Farm Camp will take place March 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center at 4920 Rio

Grande Blvd NW. Children currently registered in grades K-5 are encouraged to join us for a Spring Break like they have never experienced before.

Cost is \$250 per child. A limited number of need-based scholarships may be available to students that qualify for free lunch. If your child qualifies for free lunch and you would like to apply for a scholarship, please include proof of your child’s lunch status (available from the school cafeteria manager) with your registration. Scholarship applications without this document will not be considered.

Please visit www.losranchosnm.gov and click the “community” tab for detailed information and registration forms.

2017 Farm Camp Summer Program

June 5-9 – Nature, Recycled, and Upcycled Arts & Crafts Camp. Campers will spend the week foraging for interesting items around the property and creating beautiful nature-based, recycled, and upcycled art and crafts. They will tie-dye, use found items to use as weaving looms and for collages, make beautiful mosaics, and learn nature still-life painting and drawing. Campers will curate an art show and invite their families and friends to celebrate their artistic accomplishments, complete with homemade food and drinks, on the final day of camp.

June 12-16 – Homestead Camp. Do you dream about farm life, living off the land and gaining homesteading and survival skills? Have you ever wanted to build a fire without matches, make your own soap, and preserve food for the winter in the traditional ways? If so, join us at Homestead Camp. We will spend the week making things with our own two hands, learning how things work, and enjoying the satisfaction of gaining useful skills.

June 19-23 – Birds, Bees, and Creepy Crawlies Camp. In partnership with the University of New Mexico’s Department of Elementary Education, the coolest teachers around will work with Farm Camp educators to give campers an in-depth knowledge of birds, bees, bats, snakes, and important garden insects. This collaboration, a highlight for campers, provides a huge variety of fun, hands-on activities and scientific explorations for each child. Campers will be introduced to a variety of bugs and insects, reptiles and birds. Each day will highlight a different creature and local experts will explain their animal’s ecological importance to the farm. Highlights of the week include observing closed bee hives and having a local honey tasting, having one-on-one experience with a gorgeous, docile bull snake, and dissecting owl pellets and reassembling the skeletons from our resident owls’ lunch.

June 26-30 – Pizza Camp. Campers will spend the week learning how every part of a pizza is made; they will grind wheat and hand make pizza crust, harvest tomatoes and make sauce, try their hands at making homemade pesto, and create other tasty Italian treats. Campers will assemble a pizza bar on the final day of camp and invite their families to join them at a Farm Camp Pizza Party.

Combine the Ritual of Spring Cleaning with Charitable Donations

by Staff Writer



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Everyone from Oprah to Martha Stewart, Good Housekeeping to Reader's Digest and every other blogger on the web has an opinion, a list or a plan for spring cleaning, or not. One list had the audacity to suggest that an entire house can be spring cleaned—carpets and all, in just eight hours. *Spring-Cleaning That Won't Take Over Your Life: 8 Hours, Start to Finish, Go beyond the weekly dusting, sweeping and mopping to get your home deep-cleaned – all in just one day*, by Lynn Andriani, even gives you times for groups of tasks. Bedrooms, for example, are allotted two and one-half hours to vacuum and dust all walls, dust all surfaces, open windows, wash drapes, linens and sheets, clean window treatments, wash mirrors, clean windows—inside and out, and shampoo/steam carpets and rugs. The author allots the same amount of time to clean and degrease the inside and outside of everything in your kitchen, including

the walls and ceiling.

A traditional rite of spring, spring cleaning brings great satisfaction to many who use it to declutter and clean house by going through each room and setting aside items that they no longer want or need. While some individuals plan an annual neighborhood garage sale to dispose of these items, others opt to donate the items to charity.

According to charitynavigator.org, charitable giving has continued an upward trend. "In 2015, an estimated \$373 billion was given to charitable causes. For the second year in a row, total giving reached record levels, and taking 2014 and 2015 together, charitable giving increased over 10 percent (using inflation adjusted dollars). This increase and the overall size of charitable contributions is further testament to the integral role charities play in our society, a role which continues to grow."

However, not everyone is ready and willing to accept non-cash donations or items that hold little value. It is always good to check with the charity before "showing up with a bunch of items you wish to donate. Let them know what you have to offer, so that they can decide if the donation is something they find useful," according to tips on charitynavigator.org. They

also suggest that "A cash donation is far superior to a non-cash one (especially when responding to disasters). Monetary donations give charities the flexibility to spend on what they need, rather than forcing them to use items that may not be ideal." The solution: donate the proceeds from the neighborhood garage sale directly to the charity.

When considering which charity to donate to, think local. There are many local organizations that support families, women and children, as well as veterans that could benefit from your generosity. Children's Clothing Closet, Children Without Shoes, and Coats for Kids are organizations helping children. It often helps to find organizations whose model is based in clothing donations, such as these children's clothing charities, according to charitynavigator.org.

Many organizations are in need of reading materials for underserved populations. So while you're dusting the bookshelves, consider donating books.



Most libraries have a Friends of the Library Society. These societies hold book sales and other fundraisers to benefit the libraries. The groups use donated books to stock library shelves or resell the books at fundraising events. Typically, library societies accept like-new and gently used book donations. Then there are organizations such as the Reading Tree.

The Reading Tree has book donation centers throughout the U.S. The charity collects used books and donates them to underfunded libraries and schools, both in the U.S. and overseas. Books for Soldiers is an organization that provides books to deployed soldiers overseas. There is also two more organizations: Books for Africa and Books Through Bars. Books For Africa looks for reference books and recent textbooks, both primary and secondary educational levels. Books Through Bars collects donated books and distributes them to inmates. Having access to reading material helps prisoners who aspire to higher education and helps them adjust to outside life at the end of their sentences. Paperbacks are preferred since most prisons do not allow hardcover books.

Along with warmer weather comes flowers, baseball, spring cleaning and the opportunity to help others with your donation.

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How much do we give?

- Total giving to charitable organizations was \$373.25 billion in 2015 (2.1% of GDP). This is an increase of 4.1% in current dollars and 4% in inflation-adjusted dollars from 2014. This is the sixth straight year that giving has increased and the second straight record-setting year, following 2014's total of \$358.38 billion.

Who is giving?

Giving increased in every category of giver (individual, foundation, corporate and bequest). The majority of that giving came from individuals. Specifically, individuals gave \$264.58 billion, accounting for 71% of all giving and representing a 3.8% increase over 2014 (3.7% when adjusted for inflation).

Historically, donations from individuals account for over two-thirds of all donations. If you add in gifts from bequests and family foundations, which are essentially gifts from individuals, then the category accounts for nearly 80% of all giving.

Where do the donations go?

Giving to Education charities was up 8.9% (8.8% inflation-adjusted) to \$57.48 billion. Donations to Human Services charities were up 4.2% (4.1% inflation-adjusted) to \$45.21 billion. Foundations saw a decrease of 3.8% (4.0% inflation-adjusted) to \$42.26 billion. Health charities experienced an increase of 1.3% (1.2% inflation-adjusted) to \$29.81 billion. Charities that focus on the Environment / Animals saw an increase of 6.5% (6.1% inflation-adjusted) to \$10.68 billion. Public-Society Benefit charities saw an increase of 6.0% (5.9% inflation-adjusted) to \$26.95 billion. Arts, Culture and Humanities saw an increase of 7% (6.8% inflation-adjusted) to \$17.07 billion. Giving to International charities increased by 17.5% (17.4% inflation-adjusted), to \$15.75 billion.

Historically, Religious groups have received the largest share of charitable donations. This remained true in 2015, and the sector saw an increase for the second year in a row. With the 2.7% increase (2.6% inflation-adjusted) in donations this year, 33% of all donations (\$119.3 billion) went to Religious organizations. Much of these contributions can be attributed to people giving to their local place of worship.

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Fitness/Health Column

by *Dustin Melville*

New Diet? Use a Food Journal to Track Progress

If you have made a resolution to start eating healthier this year then congratulations. Whether your goal is to lose weight, gain muscle, or just have more energy during the day, the most important aspect of any nutrition plan is consistency. There will definitely be times when you can not eat exactly how you planned due to time constraints, schedule changes, etc. but it is important to remember that all is not lost with one small misstep. Over the course of the first few weeks if you diligently track your calories and macronutrients (protein, carbs, and fats) you are much more likely to see consistent and lasting results. Keeping a food journal is important while tracking your intake.

Here are four reasons why it makes sense to keep a journal.

1. Education. From a qualitative perspective, you will identify the highest-level habits you can improve to get progress jump started. From a quantitative perspective, it will show you how the typical foods and meals you eat impact your average nutrition

numbers. You can then adjust portion sizes in order to hit your target fat loss numbers.

2. Awareness. It can show you the difference between “health” foods and “fat loss friendly” foods. Yes, nuts are healthy, but if you are taking in 1,000 extra calories a day by nibbling on them, it will be difficult to consistently get into that calorie deficit necessary for fat loss.

3. Objectivity and accountability. If you are not losing fat and are only hitting your target numbers 80 percent of the time, you need to bump that average up. Fat loss requires discipline and consistency.

4. Fine tuning. Sometimes subtle shifts are all that is necessary to start the fat loss process, or to keep it progressing. Some people will jump to extremes when it is not necessary. Maybe all you need is to cut your carbs down by 10% to spark some fat loss. By tracking, testing, and assessing, you can do that instead of cutting your calories in half and carbs to zero, then

suffering all of the negative metabolic and hormonal consequences of those extremes.

The whole point of a food journal is to teach you enough about nutrition so that you can eat more intuitively while still reaching your physique goals. It is definitely not something you will need to do forever. You will soon know the numbers of your typical meals and will be able to eyeball portion sizes without measuring everything each time. A food journal should be a source of reference as well as motivation as you continue the journey towards your health and fitness goals. Good luck

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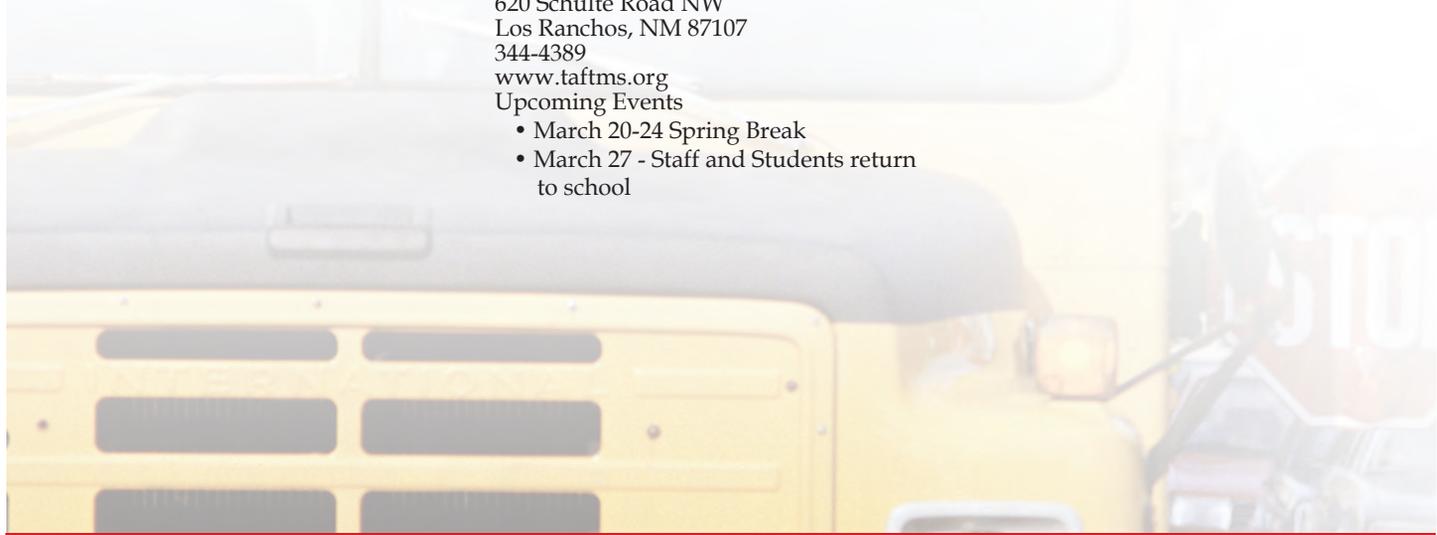
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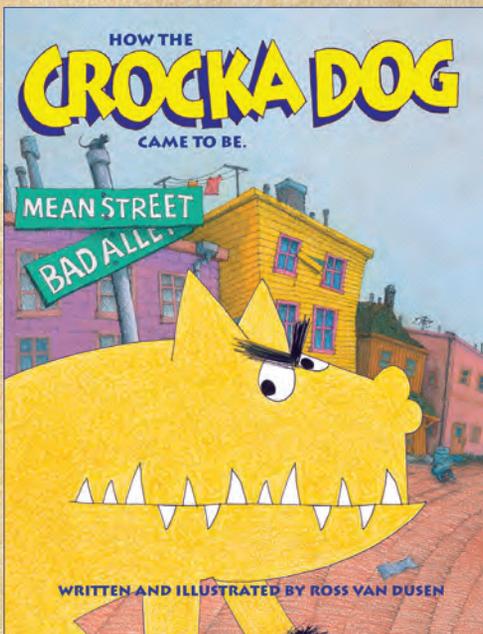
- February 28 - ACSI Raise UP! Giving Day
- March 7 - End of Third Quarter
- March 8-9 - NMMEA District Choir
- March 10 - ACSI Regional Math Olympics
- March 13 - No School - Frey Day
- March 29 - Secondary Christian Service Day
- April 1 - Drama Flea Market
- April 2 - Spring Recital (2:00 PM)
- April 6 - Student Council Elections
- April 7-8 - NMAA State Choir
- April 8-16 - No School - Easter Vacation



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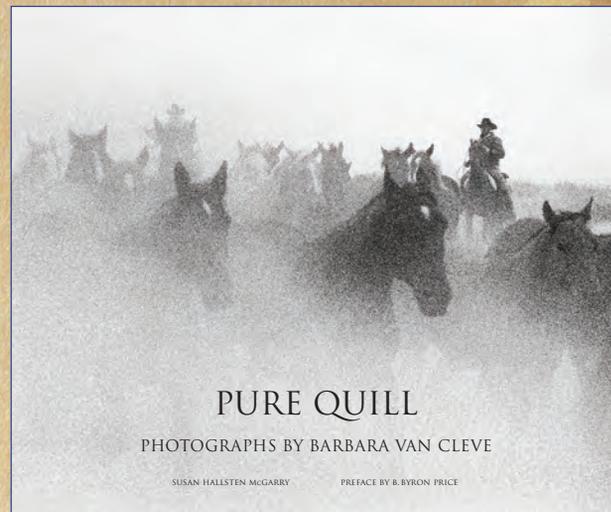


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Theater News

by George Williams, Board
President, Adobe Theater



Award Winning Play *The Shadow Box* at the Adobe

Hello, Village of Los Ranchos. My name is George Williams, I have the honor of being the Board President for The Adobe Theater and the pleasure of being the new writer of The Adobe's update articles for the Village Vision.

If you have not seen W.G. Allen's newest play *Sanctuary: A Medieval Murder Mystery*, there is still time. Performances continue through March 5. The show is set in the year 1349. It deals with a young man accused of murder who swears his innocence, but cannot prove it. It is a rare glimpse into medieval life and justice. The remaining performances are Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4. at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 5., at 2:00 p.m. You can buy tickets on at www.adobe-theater.org.

Opening March 17th is *The Shadow Box* by Michael Cristopher. It debuted on Broadway in 1977, and won that year's Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play. A 1980 television adaptation, directed by Paul Newman, was nominated for three Emmy Awards - Outstanding Drama Special, Best Television Adaptation, and Best Director. In 1981, *The Shadow Box* won the Golden Globe for the year's "Best Motion Picture Made for Television."

The nine-person play uses a deceptively simple setting to tell three powerful stories. *The Shadow Box* takes place in three hospice-like cottages on the grounds of a large hospital. Each cottage is occupied by a very different type of family whose only commonality is that each has one member facing the end of their life. Every member of every family, though, has to grapple with the inevitable and try to make sense of it all; some are successful, and others less so.

The term "shadow box" can be used as both a noun and a verb. As a verb, the phrase means "to spar with an imaginary opponent." As a noun, it describes "a display case." In a sense, the small cottages of *The Shadow Box* are the noun, and the character's actions are the verb. The audience sees the characters "on display" in a specific setting as they "shadow box" with an irresistible opponent in a match that can have only one ending.

The Adobe's presentation of *The Shadow Box* is being directed by Frederick Ponzlov, who relocated from Los Angeles to Albuquerque about a year ago. Tackling a play that won so many awards might give many potential directors pause, but Ponzlov relishes the opportunity.

"I saw the original production on Broadway in 1977," Ponzlov says. "When the curtain fell, I could barely leave my seat. It had such an incredible impact, and thoroughly altered my viewpoint on the end of life. I believe most of the people who left the theatre that night were changed, too. That's the power of theatre, and the kind of theatre I want to do. It provides incredibly powerful roles for actors. The performances I witnessed that night 40 years ago have lived with me as if I saw the play yesterday."

Born and educated in Wisconsin, Ponzlov studied acting in New York at the prestigious Neighborhood Playhouse. After graduating he appeared in many off-Broadway and off-off-Broadway theatre productions. As with many fledgling actors, the occasional roles did not pay the rent, and Ponzlov wryly lists a number of "survival jobs" that included, being a cab driver, locating former heroin addicts for a long term drug study, chauffeuring for a, penthouse occupying, Lebanese family on Park Avenue, being a waiter in thirty-two different restaurants, teaching ballroom dance at Arthur Murray, and his baseline job that he compares all other jobs to, reading the Baltimore phone book.

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Food Column

by Staff Writer

Overnight Blueberry French Toast

The celebration of Easter is just around the corner. Gathering families and friends will share time and meals. A favorite meal of gathering friends and families is breakfast. Instead of spending your time over the stove, here's a delicious and quick to make casserole dish that will impress a crowd.

A favorite in many home, there are many variations on this basic recipe starting with the bread. The recipe calls for day-old white bread. For a slightly different flavor try Italian or French bread, croissants, wheat bread or left over rolls. Blueberry lovers insist on doubling the amount of blueberries both inside the toast, as well as in the topping sauce. Adding a dash of nutmeg, cinnamon is a nice touch. Many cooks cut the amount of cream cheese in half and make smaller cubes, while others cream it with 3/4 cup of sugar, 1 egg, and 1 1/2 tsp lemon juice and spread it throughout the bread mixture.

Whatever variation you choose, you and your guests will rave about this simply elegant breakfast or brunch recipe that is perfect for a group or family gathering.



Ingredients

- 12 slices day-old white bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
 - 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, cut into 1 inch cubes
 - 1 cup fresh blueberries
 - 12 eggs, beaten
 - 2 cups milk
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/3 cup maple syrup
 - 1 cup white sugar
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 cup fresh blueberries
 - 1 tablespoon butter
- Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish. Arrange half the bread cubes in the dish, and top with cream cheese cubes. Sprinkle 1 cup blueberries over the cream cheese, and top with remaining bread cubes.
- In a large bowl, mix the eggs, milk, vanilla extract, and syrup. Pour over the bread cubes. Cover, and refrigerate overnight.

Remove the bread cube mixture from the refrigerator about 30 minutes before baking. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Cover, and bake 30 minutes. Uncover, and continue baking 25 to 30 minutes, until center is firm and surface is lightly browned.

In a medium saucepan, mix the sugar, cornstarch, and water. Bring to a boil. Stirring constantly, cook 3 to 4 minutes. Mix in the remaining 1 cup blueberries. Reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes, until the blueberries burst. Stir in the butter, and pour over individual servings.

Health Benefits of Blueberries

Labelled a "superfood," blueberries are low in calories and incredibly good for you. Blueberries are among the most nutrient dense berries. A one cup serving of blueberries contains:

4 grams of fiber

Vitamin C: 24% of the RDA.

Vitamin K: 36% of the RDA.

Manganese: 25% of the RDA.

They are 85% water and a cup contains only 84 calories, with 15 grams of carbohydrates.

Regular blueberry intake has shown to lower blood pressure and research suggests that anthocyanins in blueberries can have beneficial effects on insulin sensitivity and glucose metabolism.

Recipe from: <http://allrecipes.com/recipe/15057/overnight-blueberry-french-toast/>
Resource: <https://authoritynutrition.com/10-proven-benefits-of-blueberries>

Award Winning Play

The Shadow Box at the Adobe

Upon relocating to Los Angeles, one of Ponzlov's first jobs was as an assistant to the late actor George C. Scott (Patton). That led to a series of similar jobs; as an assistant to producer Peter Greenberg at ABC Circle Films and then as assistant casting director at HBO. There were still a few 'survival jobs,' including being a meeting planner at IBM, working as a foreclosure officer at Bank of America, managing the construction office of a forty-five story high rise in downtown Los Angeles, and selling season tickets for the Hollywood Bowl.

Since that time, Frederick Ponzlov has worked as a stage and screen actor, director, screenwriter, and acting teacher. You might wonder why a man with a pedigree like that would move to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ponzlov says it's really rather simple:

"After spending thirty-five years in Los Angeles area, I knew it was time for a change. I narrowed my search for a new residence down to three cities: Portland (too expensive), Chattanooga (too high of a crime rate) and Albuquerque. What attracted me most about Albuquerque, besides it being such a beautiful city,

was the incredible amount of theatre that existed in a city this size. I lived in Long Beach the last ten years, a city comparable in size, and Albuquerque has five times the number of theatre companies. That did it for me." He went online and bought a house - sight unseen - in Cedar Crest. "I have been here a year and don't have a single regret," Ponzlov says, smiling. "It's where I am meant to be." We're certainly glad to have him at The Adobe.

The Shadow Box opens on March 17 and runs through April 9. Friday and Saturday night performances begins at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2:00 p.m. All tickets for opening weekend are \$10. Ticket prices after opening weekend are \$17 general admission, with various \$3 discounts for seniors, students, member of The Albuquerque Theater Guild, active & retired military, and first responders. Group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased at: www.adobetheater.org or through Brown Paper Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com. The Adobe Theater, called "a little hidden treasure in the North Valley," is located at 9813 Fourth Street NW. I hope to see you there.



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happenings

Welcome aboard the new Growers' Market manager, Colene Montoya. Montoya, a Los Ranchos resident, has been a vendor at the market for more than ten years. As a grower, she uses a raised bed system to grow a wide range of vegetables and fruits such as onions, potatoes, tomatoes, greens, strawberries, as well as other seasonal items.



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Fourth Street: Visit page 22 for renderings from Sites Southwest. The Village is excited for progress to be made on the Fourth Street project. We are eager for new growth and development.



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The 2017 Spring Break Farm Camp will take place March 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center at 4920 Rio Grande Blvd NW. Children currently registered in grades K-5 are encouraged to join us for a Spring Break like they have never experienced before.



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