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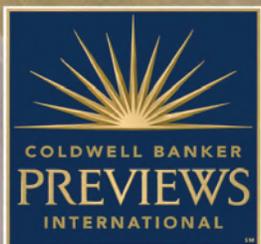
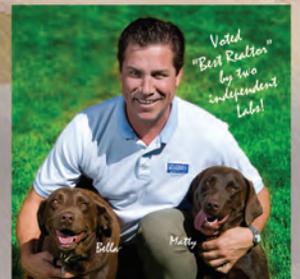
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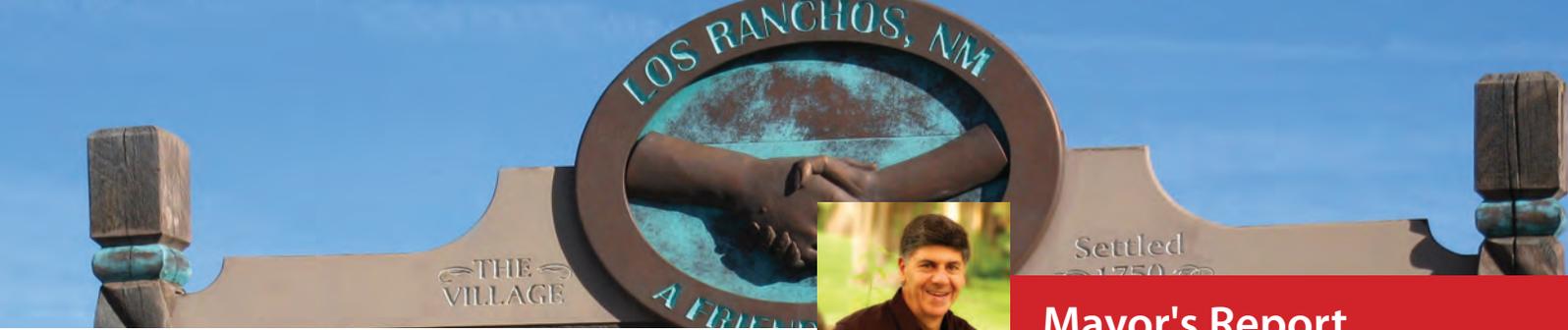
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Mayor's Report

by Larry Abraham

The Village is a Hub of Activity

I am writing this just as construction on the Fourth Street Revitalization project is actually starting. The initial phase of construction is the upgrade and relocation of the utilities, water, gas and electricity. You will see Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, New Mexico Gas Company and Public Service Company of New Mexico crews and contractors working through mid-June. The construction on the roadway will begin as soon as the utilities are completed. We are very excited that the project has gotten under way. We know that with any road construction there will be inconvenience and interruption of our normal routines and travels. The final result will be spectacular. We will do our very best to keep you informed of the progress and traffic impact via Facebook, the Village website, Twitter, informational signs, email, and the Vision magazine. Connect with the Village on Facebook and Twitter; and call the Village Hall to sign up for email notifications.

Fourth Street construction is a significant project for us and will occupy much of our time and energy for the next year. Before we get totally immersed in that, I would like to talk about a two other projects for which we are also excited and proud.

The Code of the West program at the Los Ranchos Elementary School graduated its first class of third graders on March 17. Robin Hopkins, Los Ranchos Public Safety Director and

third grade teachers Sharon Navarro and Cecelia Montano developed and led the program. The two third grade classes, 45 students in total, completed the 10-week program that sought to instill the ethical and life principles found in James Owens book, *Cowboy Ethics – What it Takes to Win at Life*. There were a number of residents and businesses who stepped up to support the program, including Dan’s Boots and Saddles and Papa Burgers. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this very worthwhile program and congratulations to the young graduates.

The Agri-Nature Center remodel design is coming along and we hope to unveil the concept in next month’s issue. We have been working with the Boy Scouts Troup 9, the Los



Ranchos 4-H and Los Ranchos Farm Camp to design facilities that they can use to support and enhance their programs.

In the Winter Issue of the Vision, I mentioned a number of other projects that we have been working on, as you may surmise, we

are fully engaged in the future development and ongoing success of business and living in the Village of Los Ranchos. This is a very exciting time in the Village and I remain proud to serve as the mayor.

Calendar

Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings

Tuesday, April 11 , 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees Regular Meetings

Wednesday, April 12 , 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.

Deadlines: Los Ranchos Vision Magazine

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

Growers' and Arts/Crafts Market

Saturday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. – noon:
Last Winter Market
 Saturday, May 6, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Opening Market of the 2017 Season: National Herb Week
 Saturday, May 13, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets, Spring Planting, Mothers' Day
 Saturday, May 20, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets, Spring Favorites, Guest Chef Fishhugger
 Saturday, May 27, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets, Canine Celebration
 Saturday, June 3, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets
 Saturday, June 10, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets, Old Vehicle Day
 Saturday, June 17, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets
 Saturday, June 24, 7:00 a.m. - noon
Growers' and Arts/Crafts Markets, Solar / Sustainability

Green Waste Pickup

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MRGCD Election Dates

Early Voting: May 22 – May 26, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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 Election Day: Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

Summer Farm Camp: June 5 – June 30

Registration for Summer Farm Camp is open. Please visit www.losranchosnm.gov for additional camp information and registration forms. Sibling and multi-week discounts, scholarships available.

Week 1 (June 5 – 9) Nature, Recycled,
and Upcycled Arts & Crafts

Week 2 (June 12 – 16) Homestead Camp

Week 3 (June 19 – 23) Birds Bees
and Creepy Crawlies

Week 4 (June 26 – 30) Pizza Camp

Lavender Events

This year the Village will celebrate lavender for an entire week! On Saturday, July 8, the Growers' Market will host a special Lavender and Garlic Event with extended market hours. During the week, Los Ranchos businesses will celebrate lavender with their own special shopping events. On Saturday, July 15, Lavender in the Village will conclude the week-long celebration with a full day of lavender themed events at the Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center. Mark your calendars! Updates will be posted as they are received.

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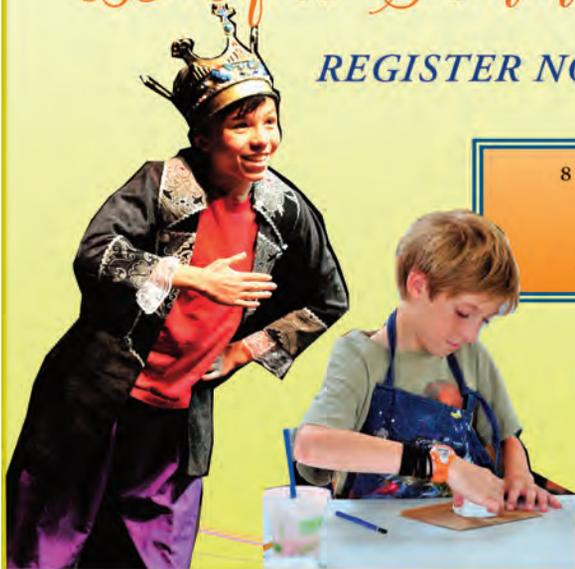
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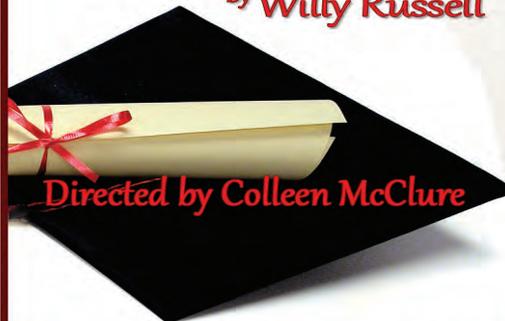
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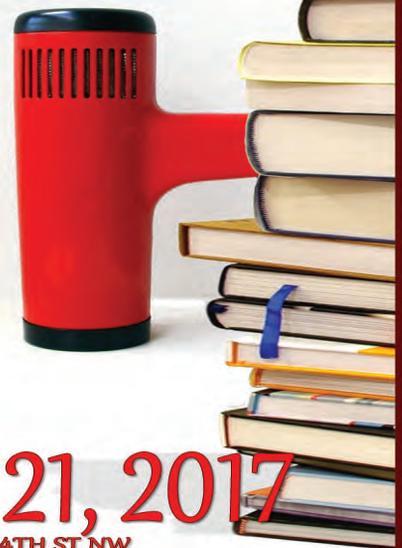


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Gardening: An Extreme Sport

by Staff Writer

Baseball, Daylight Savings Time and Irises breaking ground signal spring has arrived and it is almost time to start digging in the garden. Almost is the operative word here. According to Master Gardeners and New Mexico State University's (NMSU) websites, the last frost in the Rio Grande Valley is, on average, April 15 and can be later in some areas, and planting before that time can be pretty risky. However, there are many things you can do to prepare your garden for a more successful yield.

While some gardeners consider gardening in New Mexico an extreme sport, starting with good soil gives you an edge and be a determining factor between success and failure. The soil in New Mexico is complex. It can vary from sand to clay, with much of it alkaline—very similar to the higher areas of the Mediterranean regions in Spain, Italy and Greece.

Use this down time to have your soil tested. A soil test will shed light on the nutrient status, and pH balance of your soil. The test will tell you what fertilizer or amendments are needed to improve your soil. Master Gardeners and NMSU recommend that you collect a "composite" sample. To collect a composite sample, scoop soil from at least five sites in your garden or yard. Scoop the soil to the same depth in all areas, approximately

six to eight inches deep. Mix together all the samples and scoop two cups out and send to a lab for analysis.

While you are waiting for the test results, clear the garden area of debris and weeds and examine the lines of your drip irrigation system. Make any necessary repairs. Also use the time to clean your garden tools. Be sure to water recently transplanted perennials more frequently to compensate for local spring winds.

Plan your garden to avoid overcrowding and interplant and rotate crops, all of which discourages infestations and pests. Many of today's conscientious gardeners opt to use natural pest control. Natural pest control is safer for the garden, wildlife and the environment. Still, "Each year, American homes use approximately 136 million pounds of pesticides on lawns and gardens, and in the home. Most wildlife pest poisonings, and most surface water contamination from pesticides, come from single-family homes," according to eartheasy.com.

There are many natural products on the market; however, you can also take a few simple steps to create an environment that discourages pests. Start with healthy soil. Use clean mulch to discourage weeds.



Top your soil with compost or natural fertilizer. Plant rosemary, peppermint, radishes and/or marigolds in between vegetables to discourage pests. Also encourage beneficial insects. "Beneficial insects are insects which you can attract to your garden, or buy from catalogues," says the eartheasy site. These insects "prey on harmful insects or their larvae." This includes beneficial nematodes and ladybugs, which can be purchased at many local nurseries.

By the time you are done preparing your garden, you will be ready to sow seeds or transplant your treasures after the last frost. According to the National Weather Service, this is, on average, around April 15 in the Albuquerque area and later in the Valley. It is always a good idea to watch the local weather forecast and adjust planting.

If you just cannot wait to get your hands in the dirt, plants that withstand freezing temperatures include hardy annuals such as pansies, flowering cabbage, kale, snapdragons, sweet alysum and forget me nots. Then, there is a slew of hardy vegetables that can easily handle frost: beets, leeks, parsnips, radishes, rutabagas, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnips, to name a few.

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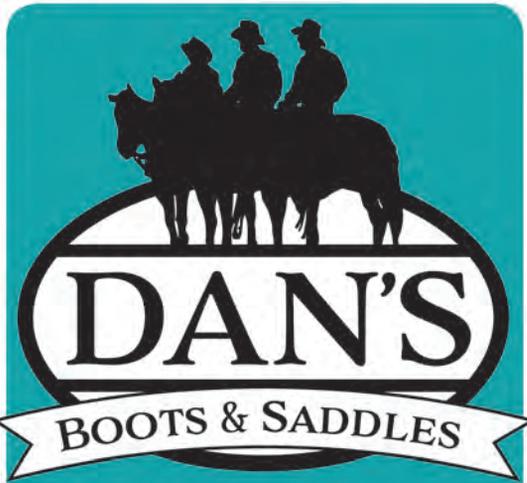
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by Deputy County Manager, Health & Public Safety Greg Perez, Bernalillo County

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This ceremony has its roots in history. Fire brigades used horse drawn wagons to transport water and equipment to a fire, rather than try to make the horse go in reverse

when they returned to the station, the firefighters would unhitch the horses and push the wagon into the station. We continue to enjoy a very positive and productive partnership and feel the relationship between the Village of Los Ranchos and the Bernalillo County is a model agreement for others to follow.





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Ditch Writer

An Agri-highlights Column
by Sue Brawley

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Winter Markets Ends in April and A New Season Begins

The last Winter Markets will be Saturday April 8, 10:00 a.m. to noon. Depending on weather, market vendors may have lots of greens, green onions, green garlic, and root crops that could include radishes, turnips, beets, and carrots. There may be eggs, leeks, honey, and spring lamb. Cold weather bedding plants and some hardy veggie and herb starts will 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. Visit our Facebook page (Los Ranchos Growers' Market) for local product information and to view pictures.

25th Growers' Market Season Begins May 6

The 25th regular market season, starts Saturday, May 6, from 7:00 a.m. to noon. The regular market runs for 28 weeks, every Saturday from May 6 through November 11. Market tables for the April market and then the May markets will have an assortment of lettuces, greens such as arugula, chard, kale, sorrel, and micro greens. There should be green onions, spring green garlic, rhubarb, asparagus, eggs, honey, salmon, beef, lamb, various local food products, breads and pastries. This is a great time to select locally grown bedding plants, such as

veggies, herbs, and flowers. Toward the end of May, fresh peas start at the market tables including snow, shelling, and edible pods.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the market will be unveiling a new logo, and merchandise that will be for sale at the information table. The proceeds from the merchandise will assist with our special event funding.

In May, there are several national food/herb related celebrations based on the abundance of fresh produce and herbs at this time. The first week in May is National Herb Week. May 15 - 21 is National Vegetarian week - there should be lots of delicious choices at the market. May is also National Salad month celebrating the wonderful spring greens, spring onions, and garlic. Guest Chef Kenny, the Fish Hugger, will also help us celebrate May as National Barbeque month.

We are still planning the 2017 season. We will be adding more events with an agriculture theme to highlight the 25th Anniversary. Some of the events will depend on the growing season and what produce may be available. Below is a preliminary list of events for the 2017 season:

- May 6: Opening Day; National Herb Week featuring Artemisia Herbs
- May 13: Mothers' Day / Spring

Planting featuring Jericho Nursery and other growers

- May 20: Spring Favorites with Guest Chef Kenny, the Fish Hugger
- May 27: Canine Celebration with Sandia Obedience Club
- June 10: Old Vehicle Day with Poco Quatros Model A Club
- June 24: Solar / Sustainability Day
- July 8: 16th Lavender & Garlic Celebration
- July 22: Flower Festival
- August 19: Peak of the Season Celebration
- September 2: Fall Favorites with Guest Chef Kenny, the Fish Hugger
- September 23: Chile Celebration
- October 21: Costume Day

Selling Extra Produce at the Market:

As you are planning your backyard garden, you and/or your children may want to plant a little extra to give away, or to sell. Whether you have a basket of peaches or several heads of lettuce, the Growers' Market encourages "backyard growers" and students to sell at the market. If you would like to sell at the market on an occasional basis or regular basis, call Colene Montoya at 610-9591 or send an email to montoya4664@hotmail.com.

Los Ranchos Growers' Market 25th Anniversary

by Lorilee McDowell



Wow! Twenty-five years! Hard to believe that it has been that long since the Los Ranchos Board of Trustees acted on the following statement in the Village's Master Plan: "The Village shall consider agriculture (including livestock raising) to be the "highest and best" use of land in the area and the key to rural atmosphere." Villagers and growers, Dan and Kitty Krivitzky, began the process, in 1992, of organizing a market for the Village by placing an article in the Village News, announcing the formation of a market. Eight residents attended the first meeting of the committee, and agreed on a proposal to the Board, a mission statement, and some rules and regulations, and these were presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 10, 1992. A name was chosen: "Village Growers' Market," and the original location was to be in the north parking lot.



The Board of Trustees adopted the market as a Village Activity, and a market committee was formed. The first market opened on July 11, 1992. The committee decided to limit the sales to agricultural products, and crafts made primarily from or for agricultural activities, such as composting bins. The craft market, selling jewelry, art and clothing, etc., was a later addition. The purpose of the market was to provide an outlet for local growers to sell their produce without overhead costs, and to provide a forum at the market where experts (or non-experts with free advice) could share ideas and practices regarding various aspects of gardening and animal husbandry. It was also

hoped that the market would provide an opportunity for agriculturally interested residents to socialize, promoting a sense of community in the Village.

Dan Krivitzky was chosen as the first market manager, assisted by residents Dan Gay and Roberta Byers, all volunteers, and the market staff has remained on a volunteer basis ever since. These folks, and many helpers, posted fliers in the Village and in the Village of Corrales. They sent articles to various local papers, asked the vendors to post fliers in their neighborhoods, and after the second week of operation, the Albuquerque Journal carried a lengthy article and pictures about the market.

Soon local musicians and chefs joined in, and this resulted in an increase of both visitors and vendors. Demonstrations and programs related to agriculture were added, especially those using produce from the market; this included chile roasting by Dan Gay, using his own chiles.

During the 1994 to 1997 years, the market experienced tremendous growth. The location had long since moved to the tennis court parking lot, providing more space for vendors and visitors, as well as sanitary facilities. The Village Growers' Market was attracting growers who normally sold in Santa Fe, Portales, and Silver City. The reputation was such that visitors drove from surrounding areas, and many suggested programs that could be added. The Los Ranchos Growers' Market was, and is, a major success! Other managers and volunteers took over from the original Krivitzky team: Ray and Mary Arrowsmith, Phil





Market managers: Left to right (front row) Ray Arrowsmith, Mary Arrowsmith, Sue Brawley, Phil Herlan, (back row) Mary Moses, Cathy Lewandowski, Kitty and Dan Krivitzky, Colene Montoya.

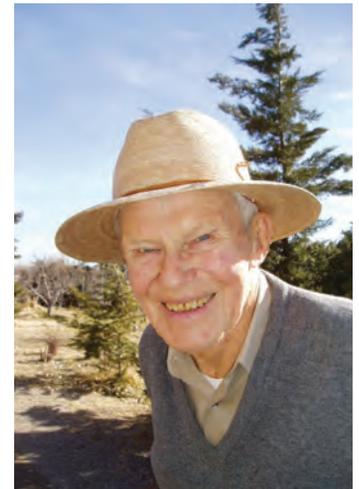
now ranks as the fourth largest market in the state, after Santa Fe, Albuquerque Rail Yards, and Downtown Albuquerque.

and Rhett Herlan, Bill Brockman, Tom Fay, Mary Moses, Sue Brawley, Steve and Cathy Lewandowski, and most recently, Colene Montoya, have stepped up to take on what has become a great responsibility. The market has numerous other volunteers (too many to list here) who make the weekly market viable. The Arts and Crafts Market was added; local chefs, such as Jennifer James, Dennis Apodaca, and Darlene and Jason Yachik, have presented demonstrations; the Lavender and Garlic Festivals have become major area celebrations; the Sandia Dog Obedience Club, and the Poco Quatros Model A Club are annual visitors.

As of now, there are approximately 130 different vendors (not counting Arts and Crafts) who sell during the regular season. Some vendors come once or twice with a seasonal product, such as fruit; others come weekly. There are 28 markets in the regular season, every Saturday from May to mid-November, plus five winter markets held on the second Saturday of each month, from December through April. The market now welcomes more than 25,000 customers in the May through the mid-November time period. July through September is the peak of the season, with more than 1,400 customers per market. Customers spend an average of more than \$500,000 on locally grown agricultural produce during the regular season. The Los Ranchos market

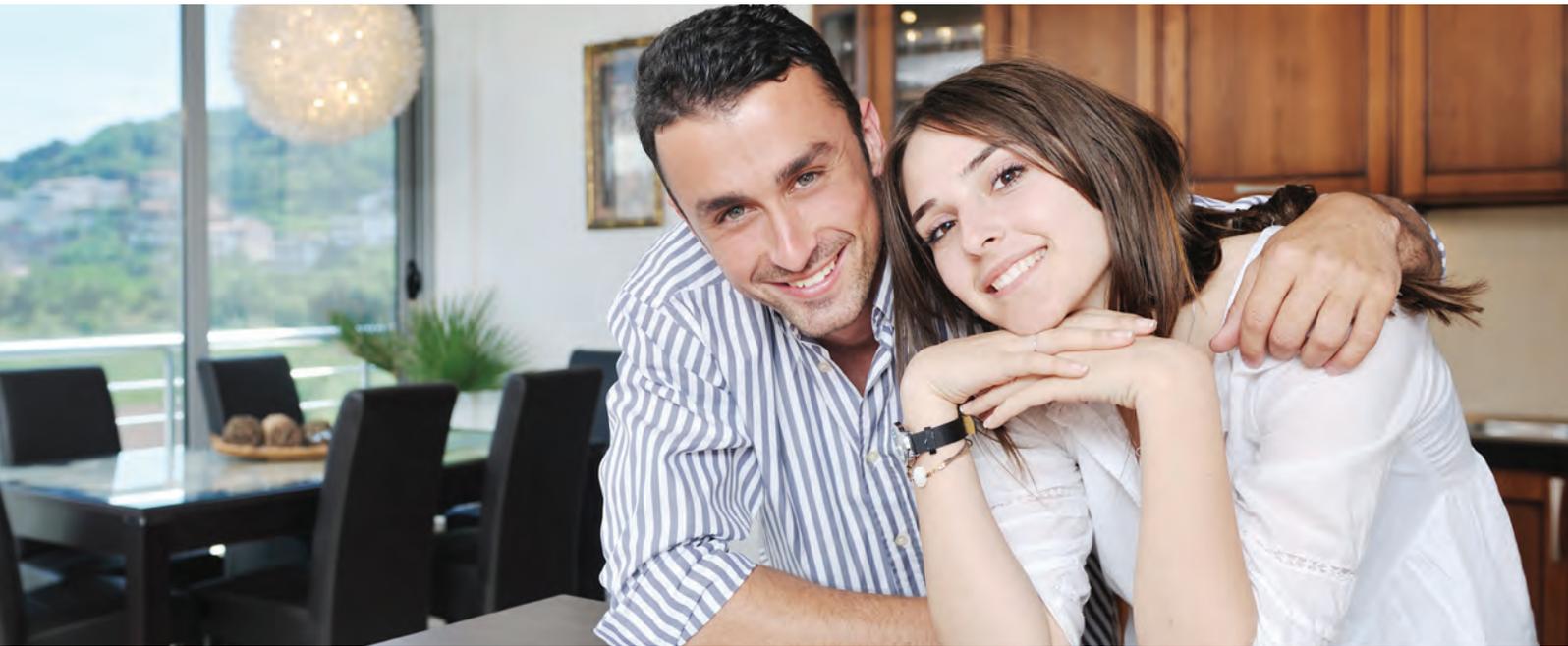
What have I forgotten? My thanks to Dan Krivitzky for allowing me to dissect and shorten his original article from the Spring 2007 Village Vision. Some photos have been added to jog your memories.

Volunteers, who continue to work at making your Los Ranchos Growers' Market the very best, look forward to welcoming you all to the 25th Anniversary Market, opening its regular season on May 6. Please join us, bring your dog along and buy fresh, healthy food, meet your friends and make new ones. We will be happy to see you.



Be sure to check out pages 22, 23 and 31 for additional market photos.

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Rediscover the Village

Tackling the Antique Mile

by Dave Bexfield



"...if I am going to drill down into the heart of the Village, I need to experience all that it has to offer. And part of that is exploring our Antique Mile, arguably the best collection of vintage stores in the state."

Really Dave, "tackle" Los Ranchos' antique stores? You make it sound like a taxing chore, like assembling Ikea furniture or pruning overgrown pyracantha. Hear me out. For starters, I am not much of a shopper. And to make matters more complex, my mobility issues due to my multiple sclerosis make me a very, very slow shopper. But if I am going to drill down into the heart of the Village, I need to experience all that it has to offer. And part of that is exploring our Antique Mile, arguably the best collection of vintage stores in the state.

I was in for a shock.

No, no, I am not talking about antique lamp fixtures with fraying electrical wires. I am talking about each of the 11 shops that make up the Antique Mile. They are individually brilliant. This should not have surprised me. After all, Found on 4th was recently voted Best Vintage Shop by *Albuquerque the Magazine*. But without stopping in, you would have no clue how many vintage and artisan treasures are inside (hello, waist-high leather camels!), much less that the shop offers creativity workshops once a month.



Stores that look modest from the outside, like A Few Old Things and Antique Co-Op, are anything but. Heck, I would argue that A Few Old Things should be renamed An Unbelievable Amount of Old Things. And the time I was at the

Found on 4th can be found, appropriately, on Fourth Street.

Antique Co-op, I found it was so big that I had to sit down and rest mid-visit. Fortunately, they were providing free bottles of water. To entertain myself while I recuperated, when other customers took a bottle of water that they presumed (rightly) to be free, I immediately chimed up, "that will be three dollars" and held out my hand. The joke and the shocked expressions never got old.

The more I explored, the more fun I had, and the more I discovered these were not just antique shops. Copper Bell Antiques also designs and fabricates custom furniture, from rustic to industrial. Legacy Antiques of Distinction—you can't miss their historic 1914 home—features lighting and lighting repair as well as porcelain and pottery repair. Legacy even does doll repair and restoration. The trendy Porch & Twig has a mix of indoor and outdoor urban funk—as they describe it, "casual vintage living inspired by nature." And do not overlook the eclectic Plumed Serpent, tucked in on the east side of Fourth. You will be delighted with their mid-century collectibles and colorful Mexican folk art.

There are four other stores on the Antique Mile—Rustic Home (9304 Fourth Street), Grey Tree (9131 Fourth Street), La Parada (8917 Fourth Street) and Apples of Gold (6211 Fourth Street #24)—but technically they are not in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Besides, by then I was totally bushed. It is another brilliant day in the Village.



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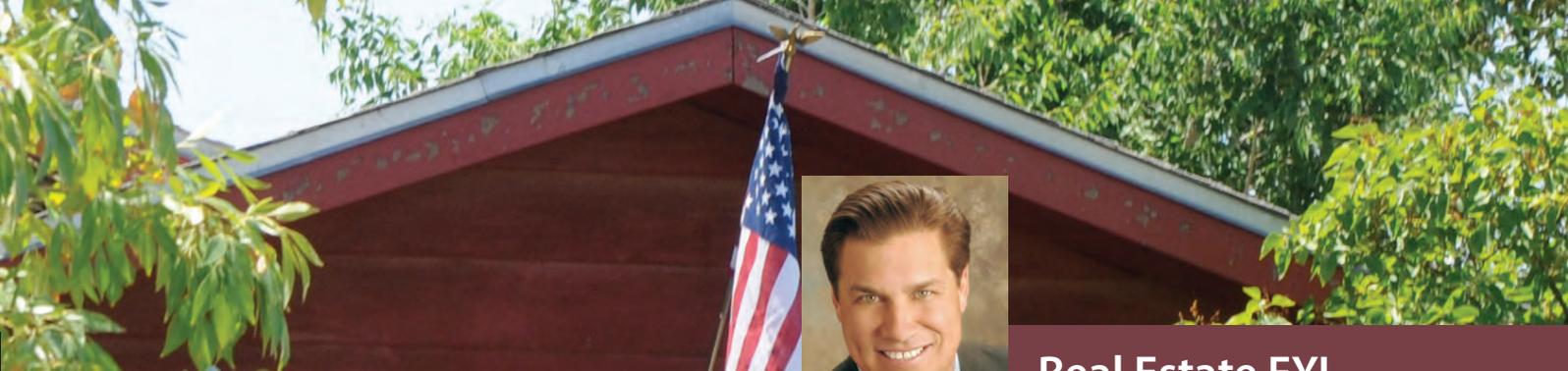
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6930 Rio Grande	851114	\$2,200,000.00	6.92	vacant land				D'Nette Wood	Avio Real Estate, LLC	(505) 463-2910
8817 Fourth Street	882552	\$1,500,000.00	5.92	vacant land				Richard Jackson	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
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6502 Fourth Street	846437	\$215,000.00	0.58	vacant land				John Yost	Jackie Fisher Realty	(505) 285-6800
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7412 Rio Grande	882776	\$2,750,000.00	3.81	6400	5	6	6	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
5425 Eakes	871425	\$2,000,000.00	2	6800	3	6	4	Joseph Maez	Keller Williams Realty	(505) 897-1100
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8714 Rio Grande	876653	\$1,100,000.00	2.19	3815	5	5	3	Donald Martindell	American Realty	(505) 897-3657
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
4611 Rio Grande	882436	\$990,000.00	2.98	3755	4	4	7	Suzanne Kinney	Coldwell Banker Legacy	(505) 293-3700
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Real Estate FYI

by Tim Tourville, CRS

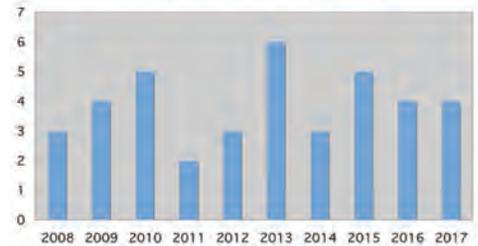
State of the Village Real Estate Market

It is that time of year again when I share the state of the residential real estate market for the Village of Los Ranchos. Over the past 12 months, we have seen a 25 percent decrease in the number of homes sold, a 6 percent increase in the average price per square foot, a 14 percent increase in the average sale price, and a 48 percent increase in the median sale price. Median being the price at which 50 percent of properties sold are greater and 50 percent are lower. Using averages can skew the numbers by a few high end/low end sales; therefore, the median is typically a more accurate depiction of the market.

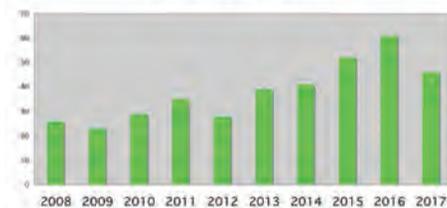
In the past, it was difficult to get statistics on real estate in the Village as the Southwest Multiple Listing Service did not have a means to search for properties exclusively in the Village. About ten years ago, Mayor Abraham and I approached the Greater Albuquerque Association of Realtors and the collaboration resulted in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque's designation as a city in the SWMLS. It has been my ongoing passion to ensure that listings in the Village are properly identified

as Los Ranchos de Albuquerque and not simply Albuquerque. If you list a property in the Village please make sure your Realtor enters it correctly. It is exciting to know that we now have an on-going database for homes sales "exclusively" in the Village. I hope you find this information useful, and as a Village resident and Realtor, I am proud to be able to present it to you.

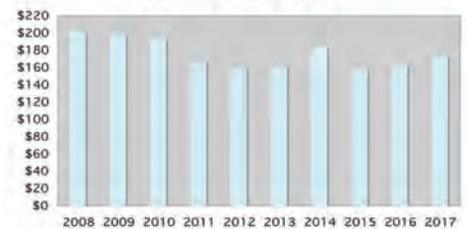
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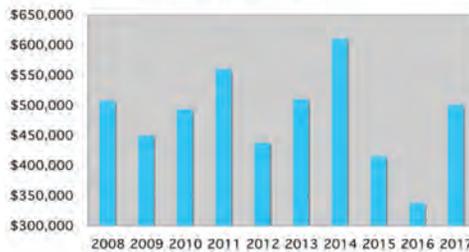
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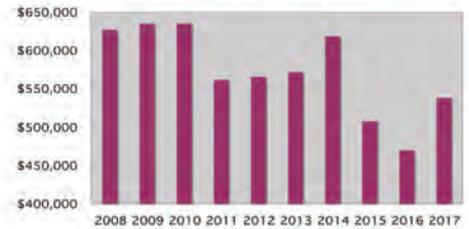
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In Memoriam

Paul John Matteucci

Paul John Matteucci, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away March 13, 2017 at age 79. He is survived by his wife, Judy (Christianson) to whom he was married for 54 years with the hope of many more to come. Paul was born in Albuquerque on November 18, 1937. He graduated from Albuquerque High School in 1955, University of New Mexico in 1959, and University of Wyoming School of Law in 1962. He went on to practice law with his father, Gino J. Matteucci, for many years and became a well-respected member of the legal community. Later in life he worked at developing commercial real estate in Albuquerque.

Matteucci is also survived by his son, David, and his wife, Kendra, and their children, Kayla and Seth; his son, Brian, and his wife, Mary, and their children, Tiffany, Madeline, Megan, and Luke; and his daughter, Paula, and her husband, Sam Maclay, and their children Will and Jane. He is survived by his brother, Raymond Matteucci and wife, Lisa and their son Mark and family, and was preceded in death by their parents, Gino and Lidia Matteucci. He is also survived by his beloved cousins, Edward Matteucci, Renzo Petroni and wife, Norma and family, Derek Matteucci, Thomas Matteucci,



and Gary Chorre. He was blessed to love his parents and brothers-in-law, HL and Lorraine Christianson and Val and Eric Christianson and family. Paul treasured the closeness he shared with the parents of his children's spouses, Tony and Joan Lucero, Nancy Covalt and Bill and Marilyn Bademan.

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Gardening: An Extreme Sport

Normally perennials will not be harmed by a light frost; however, tender annuals may need to be replaced. Slightly damaged annuals may put out new growth, but it will take at least a week to know if they will survive. Petunias are surprisingly frost hardy and many will survive a light frost or a hard freeze.

The leaves on plants damaged by late freezes will look wilted and brown. New growth may be damaged, the tender growth tip inside may have been protected. "After a freeze wait for at least a week or two to see if new growth emerges. If a branch fails to revive, it may be necessary to prune again; however, wait until

the next apex bud begins to emerge," according to UMSU.

They also advise to prune spring-flowering shrubs as they finish blooming. "Cut back enough to leave lots of room for new growth so you will not have to prune them again until next spring."

Get your new perennials in the ground before it gets hot; however NMSU still recommends that you "...wait until Cinco de Mayo before planting anything tender." According to weather records for the area, frosts may occur any time into the first week of May. So, if you did not wait, be prepared with frost protection for your tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and chiles.



Once the threat of frost is well past, plant strawberries, raspberries, grapes, asparagus, dahlias, cannas, lilies, and gladioli, summer annuals and perennials.

Do not forget the birds. Make your own hummingbird solution at home. It is less expensive and easy to do. Mix together one cup of sugar and four cups of water. Boil the mixture for at least 30 seconds for sanitation. Allow to cool and fill your feeder. Change the solution every two to three days and sanitize the feeder. It is recommended that you scrub the feeder with a vinegar solution; rinse the feeder with boiling water.

In Memoriam

Margaret (Peggy) Gerety

Margaret (Peggy) Helen Gerety passed away on February 9, 2017, three days after her 94th birthday. She left this life in her North Valley home of the last four decades, in the company of many members of her family, her dog Lilly, and her wonderful caregivers.

Gerety was born in Joliet, Illinois, the only child of Frederick Roberts Schneider and Helen Cecilia (Riley) Schneider. Her father's work as a machinist with Burroughs Equipment Company provided the family a good living through the depression years and took the family to nearly every corner of the country. The frequent moves made Gerety the perennial "newcomer," and intensified her natural love of animals. Wherever they roamed, the family also spent time exploring the great outdoors—hunting, fishing, clamming, birding, and camping. The love of nature that these expeditions inspired stayed with Gerety until the very end, when she still spent hours sitting outside, admiring the perfect New Mexican weather and the mountain view from her home.

She learned to ride horses when she was thirteen. In high school, she got her own horse, Comanche, and learned the pleasure of Western riding in open spaces. By the time Gerety graduated from high school, she was an expert horsewoman. She spent the next few years breaking the hearts of many young suitors while working as a bookkeeper for a local drug store. Then, as war broke, she decided to forge her own path and at age 20, became the youngest woman from Nevada to enlist in the Marine Corps. On December 27, 1943, she went on to become the youngest female officer commissioned in the Corps. It was while stationed at Camp Pendleton in

Oceanside, California that she met Lt. Edward Joseph Gerety, a handsome young fighter pilot. On September 4, 1945, they were married in full uniform at the Camp Pendleton chapel.

After leaving the Marine Corps, the couple moved to Fairfield, Connecticut, where they started their family and Ed returned to the construction business. He built their first house on Beach Road, and where they lived while Ed started back to college in preparation for medical school. By the time Ed was done with medical school, they had a grand total of seven children.

After discovering that he couldn't sustain his family on the salary of a family physician, the family moved to New Mexico for a surgical residency.

Gerety lived life to the fullest. After moving to Albuquerque, she returned to school to study art history. She volunteered for the League of Women Voters, working on water and land issues in New Mexico. After she and Ed could finally build their dream house with stables in 1969, she returned to her roots as a horsewoman, becoming one of the founding members of the Juan Tomas Hounds, and riding regularly into her 80s. She learned to ski at Sandia Peak and skied into her 80s. She played tennis. She swam. She hiked. She was always ready to go and always enjoyed herself, making many fast friends in the more than 50 years she spent in Albuquerque, and continuing friendships with many more from the different parts of her life. Those lucky enough to count her as a friend invariably felt better for the experience.

Gerety taught her children how to live life with poise and strength. She shouldered life's burdens with

quiet determination, taking care of obligations—"first things first"—but always leaving enough time to hit the slopes, go on the hunt, meet up with friends, and then go home to read a good book. Her resolve to "go for it" in whatever she did was infectious, and she intentionally infected her children with that resolve, pushing them to stay active and engaged. She also modeled healthy living for her children far before it became a widespread trend, and in many ways she was well ahead of her times. She insisted on natural childbirth with six of her seven children, and rode her exercise bicycle at home until she was 92. She knew how to have only one can of Tecate and one chocolate (and only with a square meal), keeping herself healthy enough to enjoy life for more than nine decades.

She felt strongly that her children should all have the physical, mental, and social skills to be successful and happy in life, and gave them both the opportunities to learn, and the space to test themselves. Most of them ended up with some bruises, but Peggy's legacy lives on in their ability to handle the sometimes unpleasant vagaries of life—sometimes with calm resolve, but sometimes with the gritty determination to be the last one standing when push comes to shove. And perhaps most importantly, Peggy taught them the importance of enjoying life beyond work. First things first, but always take the time for fun things after that.

Without exception, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will remember her engagement with life as an inspiration to stand up and be counted. She was loved and admired, and will be deeply missed.

A Celebration

The Los Ranchos Growers' Market celebrates its 25th year this season. On page 12, Loriless McDowell takes us on a journey through the history of the market with her words and pictures.

The photographs on these two pages capture the community and the culture the market has built over the 25 years and highlights the events that has build the market into one of the top growers' markets in the state.

Please join us in congratulating all the past and present market managers and volunteers that have contributed to its success.

We would also like to take this opportunity to correct an error in the last issue of the Vision. We had mistakenly identified an image attributed to Cathy Ruhl cottonwood; the image should have been attributed to Cathy Ruhl.

We look forward to seeing your images and using them in the Vision and on the Village's website. Please continue to send your 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.





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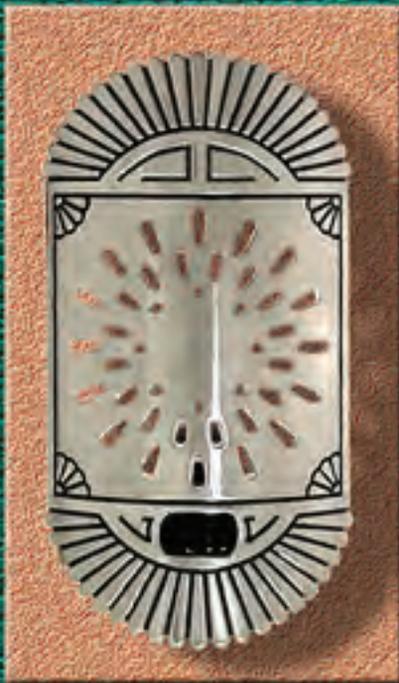
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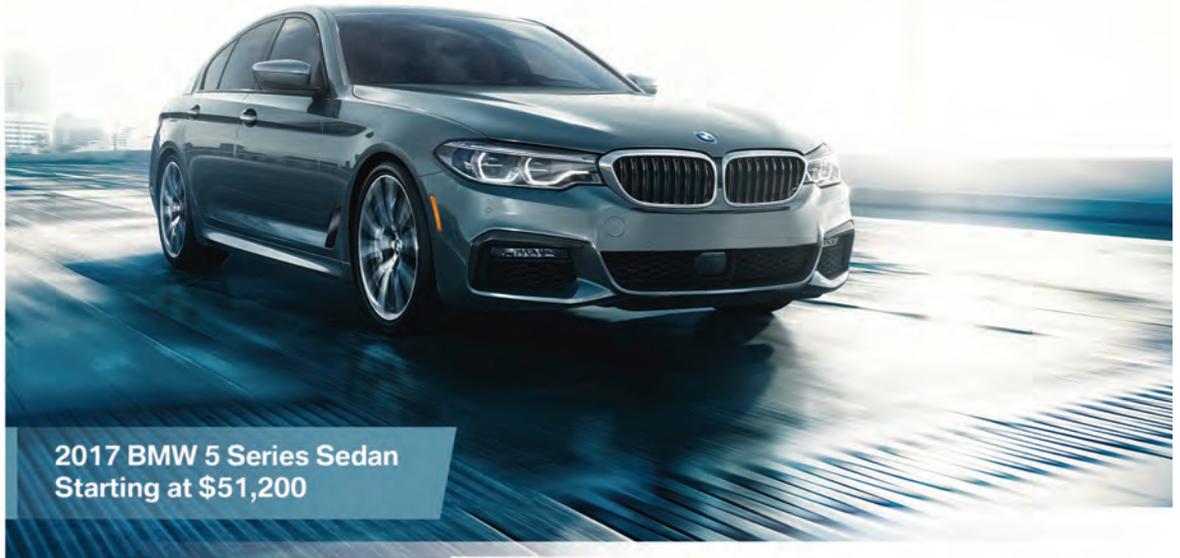
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Planning & Zoning Meeting

The next regular meeting
will be held on
Tuesday, April 11, 2017

February 14

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. ROLL CALL- COMMISSIONER CRAIG WAS EXCUSED. THERE WAS A QUORUM PRESENT.
- B. AGENDA
 - 1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended and then approved (6-0).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

There was no public comment.

3. 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.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2016

There was a notation about the October 11, 2016 meeting, where a correction was made.

The December 13, 2016 minutes were approved as presented with a vote of 6-0.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

There were no public hearings or applications.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMERCIAL ZONING CODE

A series of discussions of the Commercial Zoning Code lead to the following motions:

MOTION: Commissioner Tourville moved to approve the statement “Under the C-1 Zone the lot sizes are irrelevant there is no minimum or maximum lot size.

SECOND: Commissioner Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: the vote carried unanimously (6-0).

The second discussion was on density for commercial and the following motion was made.

MOTION: Commissioner Phillips moved to approve a density of twenty (20) dwelling units as a maximum per acre in the C-1 Zone.

SECOND: Commissioner Tourville seconded the motion.

VOTE: carried unanimously (6-0).

A lengthy discussion was on the residential commercial density and then the following motion was made.

MOTION: Commissioner Colman moved to approve in the C-1 Zone it includes an allowable twenty (20) dwelling units per acre for residential commercial.

SECOND: Commissioner Riccobene seconded the motion with the inclusion of “maximum”.

VOTE: carried unanimously (6-0).

The next discussion was on the setbacks and the following motion was made.

MOTION: Commissioner Riccobene moved that the front setbacks that abut a commercial property would be five (5”) feet plus a seven (7”) foot dedication to the Village for those properties abutting 4th Street. Side setbacks are zero (0) and rear setbacks are zero (0). For Commercial properties abutting residentially zoned lots the Front setback is five (5”) feet plus a seven (7”) foot dedication to the Village. Side setbacks are ten (10) feet and rear setback of fifteen (15) feet.

SECOND: Commissioner Colman seconded the motion.

VOTE: carried unanimously.

The final discussion was on the height and the following motion was made.

MOTION: Commissioner Phillips moved to approve the height for residential commercial building was thirty-nine (39) feet.

SECOND: Commissioner Colman seconded the motion.

VOTE: carried unanimously (6-0).

7. REPORTS

A. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no Planning Department Report.

8. COMMISSIONER’S INFORMAL DISCUSSION

There was no informal discussion.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.



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, April 12, 2017

January 26, 2017

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

None.

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. FOURTH STREET REVITALIZATION AND REDESIGN UPDATE - PRESENTED BY SITES SOUTHWEST.

George Radnovich, Sites Southwest, provided an update on the status of the one hundred percent complete designs. Sites Southwest is working with PNM to determine the final placement of power poles, which is delaying the completion of the plans.

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 – DECEMBER 14, 2016 – REGULAR MEETING.

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

5. REPORTS

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Abraham reported on the following:

- The Growers' Market in January was very successful. This year the Growers' Market is celebrating their 25th season.
- The Attorney General is reviewing the initiative to provide video doorbells to Village residents.
- Bernalillo County is improving bike lanes on Rio Grande near Alameda.

B. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Ward reported on the following:

- Reviewed new finance options on the outstanding Government Obligation Bonds.
- Recently closed on the Cooper Property (6535 – 6548 Fourth Street).
- We are working on demolishing two properties on Osuna Road.

C. PLANNER'S REPORT

Planner McDonough reported on the following:

Planner McDonough was absent.

D. LEGAL REPORT

Attorney Chappell reported on the following:

- Reviewing several ordinances and property purchases.
- Working with Administrator Ward on several franchise agreements.

E. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Liaison Hopkins reported on the following:

- Working with residents if they “see something, say something”.
- Administrator Ward and I will be routinely meeting with Area Commander Josh Kingsbury.
- The Code of the West program at Los Ranchos Elementary is very successful.

6. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

A. CASH REPORT – DECEMBER 2016

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

**B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1-1
MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR FY 2016/2017.**

The Board moved approval of Resolution 2017-1-1, Mid-year Budget Adjustments for FY 2016/2017. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPLICATIONS

None.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6530 FOURTH STREET NW, LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY NOT TO EXCEED THE APPRAISED VALUE, \$1,430,000, PLUS CLOSING COSTS.

The Board moved approval to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and execute the purchase of the property, not to exceed the appraised value of \$1,430,000, plus closing costs. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

B. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6780 FOURTH STREET NW, LOS RANCHOS DE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE PURCHASE OF

THE PROPERTY NOT TO EXCEED THE APPRAISED VALUE, \$220,000, PLUS CLOSING COSTS.

The Board moved approval to authorize and provide the authority to Mayor Abraham to negotiate and purchase the property located at 6780 Fourth Street, at the appraised value plus closing costs. 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.

* Minutes pending final approval from the Board of Trustees.

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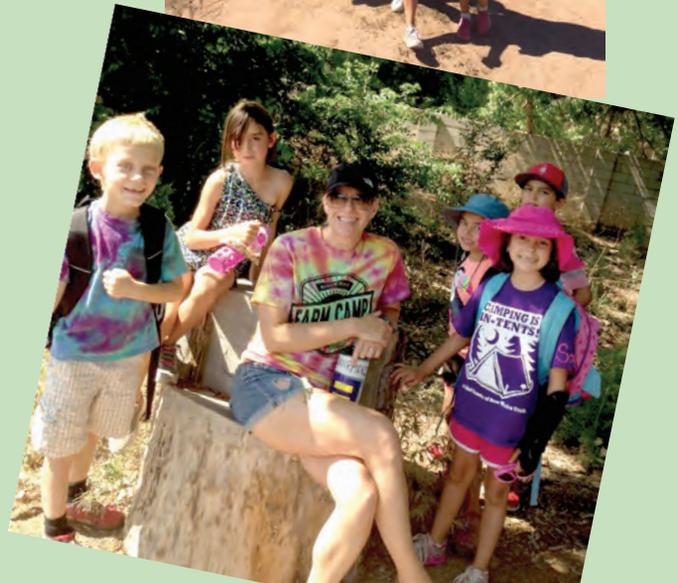
by Julie Hirshfield

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.

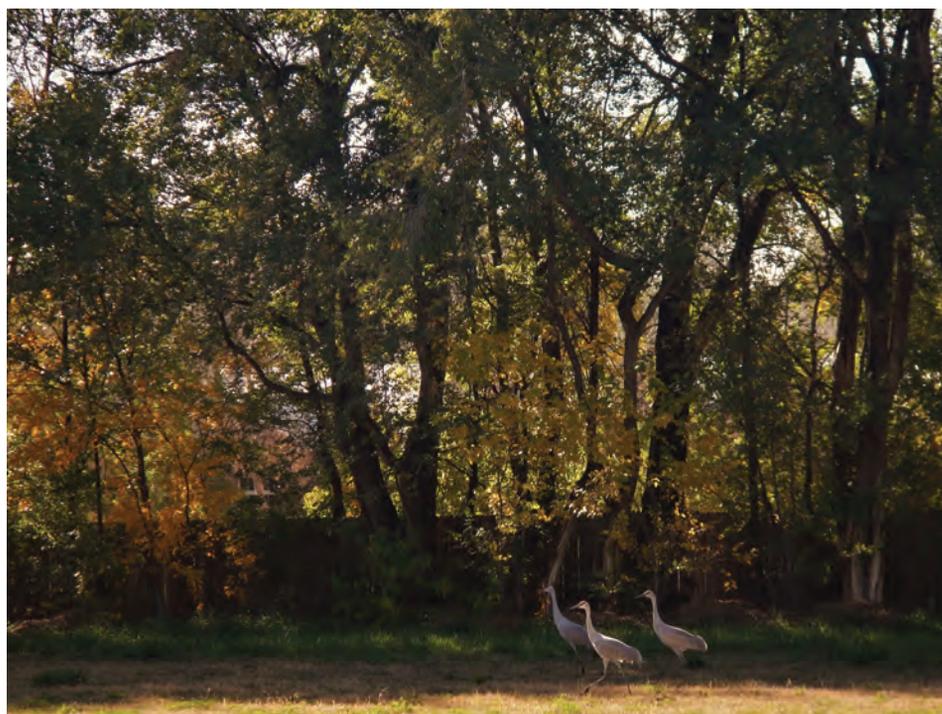
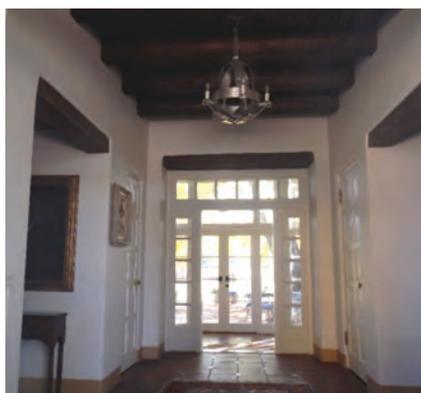
June 19-23 – Birds, Bees, and Creepy Crawlies Camp. In partnership with the University of New Mexico's Department of Elementary Education, the coolest teachers around will work with Farm Camp educators to give campers an in-depth knowledge of birds, bees, bats, snakes, and important garden insects. This 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.



Protecting a Farming Heritage in the Midst of Urbanization: A Model Going Forward?

*by Connor Jandreau, Stewardship Coordinator,
New Mexico Land Conservancy*



Staying true to its roots and sense of place in New Mexico history, since incorporation in 1958 the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque has been committed to the preservation of an agricultural legacy sown on the banks of the Rio Grande. The bucolic nature of our community, nestled, as it is, within the burgeoning urban corridor of Albuquerque, is a vision hard won by folks wedded to the historical romance of this place which includes productive, local agriculture, a rural lifestyle, and the co-existence and collaboration between people, culture, and land that has evolved here over time.

Contributing to such a legacy, Bonnie and Hank Kelly, residents of Los

Ranchos de Albuquerque since 1993, have recently donated a conservation easement on their nine-acre property in the heart of the Village. The land, most of which is under irrigation, is a relic of what was once a magnificent hundred-plus acre farm owned by the Nordhaus Family in the early to mid-1900s.

The property is now under a conservation easement held by the New Mexico Land Conservancy (NMLC), a New Mexico non-profit organization. NMLC holds the development rights on the land in trust in perpetuity, thereby ensuring that the land will only be used for farming and as open space. If one passes the property in the late fall and winter months, it is a rare day



when the fields are vacant of activity. Instead, overwintering sandhill cranes, Canada geese and other wildlife take up residency within the Kelly's "island" sanctuary, attracted by available forage, reprieve from disturbance, and invited by the network of neighboring agricultural properties that together weave a patchwork of urban habitat critical for wildlife in this human-dominated ecosystem.

Just as important to the preservation of New Mexico heritage, the Kelly's have included in the easement the preservation of their residence, a John Gaw Meem house built in 1936, as a symbol of New Mexico's unique architectural history. Bonnie and Hank, at considerable effort, restored the residence in accordance with the original blueprints envisioned by Meem. Their home is listed on both the state and national Registries of Historic Places. This designation, combined with the protection endowed by their conservation easement donation, means the structure will be maintained in perpetuity as a symbol of



a period of renaissance in Southwestern architecture. The protection of a rich tapestry of history, culture and open space afforded by dedicated stewards such as the Kelly's, we hope, will serve

as a model for other residents in Los Ranchos, and landowners across the state, who want to see the continuation of New Mexico as a place of living history embedded in ecological integrity.

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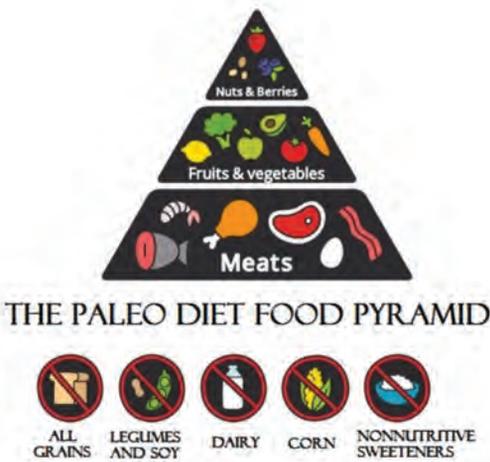
by Dustin Melville

Is the Paleo Diet the Right Diet for You?

The idea behind the Paleo diet is simple. In order to get leaner and healthier you must eliminate junk food, colas, fast food, and sugar from your diet. In addition, since your physiology is basically the same as your Paleolithic ancestors, you should eat like a caveman because your body cannot handle modern foods.

Besides eliminating the obvious foods that makes you fat, most Paleo eaters also up their protein intake, lower their carbs and reduce their overall calories. The quality of their foods certainly improves as well since things like sugar and wheat are removed from the ingredient list. Paleo dieters also replace their corn and vegetable oils with coconut oil and other quality choices which are much healthier.

Limiting food choices with this type of diet inevitably leads to a decrease in overall daily calories. This reduction in calories is why Paleo dieters and most vegans lose weight initially – there is not much left on the menu to eat. However, much like veganism, the downside to this type of diet is the fact it limits many types of food groups.



Most Paleo diets fail to promote healthy foods such as beans, rice, oatmeal, potatoes, and dairy products. Many beneficial supplements are also considered off limits because they do not fit the Paleo diet requirements. Surprisingly, the Paleo marketplace is full of foods that nutritionally can be just as unhealthy as a candy bar. Foods such as Paleo flours, honey and date infused food bars are considered acceptable menu choices even though they are typically high in sugar and calories.

For some, Paleo just became another low-carb diet with a few new twists. The bottom line is weight trained

muscles need carbs, not just fats and proteins. Workouts eventually suffer and it will become extremely difficult to build lean muscle and lose fat on a regular basis without a variety of healthy foods, including carbs. Eating healthier and incorporating more food choices is a better alternative to restricted diets that lack overall nutritional support. A lot of former Paleo dieters have begun to incorporate foods such as beans, rice, and oats into their meal plans which has invoked the term “hybrid Paleo.” No matter what label or catchy name you assign to a diet, the end result should always be a focus on creating and implementing healthier eating habits.

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Theater News

by George Williams, Board President, Adobe Theater



Ko-Ko, Yum-Yum, and The Lord High Executioner

It has got to be Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado*.

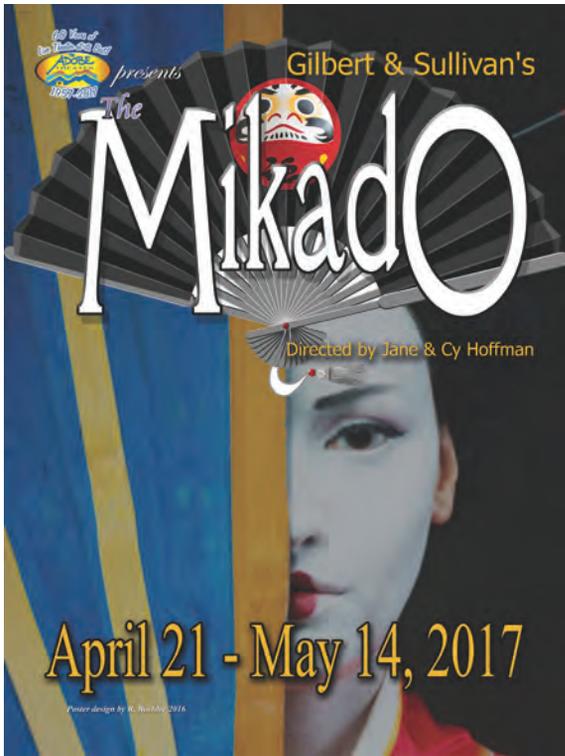
An old story about the origin of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado* that goes like this: Sir William Schwenck Gilbert was pacing the floor in his library in his Harrington Gardens house, searching for inspiration for a new musical opera. Suddenly, a huge Japanese sword decorating the wall of the study suddenly crashed to the floor. As soon as Sir Gilbert picked it up, he knew his search for a new idea was over. He replaced the sword on the wall, picked up his quill pen, and began work on *The Mikado*.

It is a nice bit of Gilbert & Sullivan lore, but it probably never happened. Sir Gilbert was interviewed twice about his inspiration for *The Mikado*, and while he did mention that the sword on his wall provided an idea, he never said it had fallen from the wall or that it prompted the full-blown plot for *The Mikado*. Even in 1885, it seems, a little journalistic 'spin' helped sell tickets.

The Mikado is a world famous two-act operetta by Sir W.S. Gilbert (who wrote the libretto) and Sir Arthur Sullivan (who wrote the music). It premiered at London's Savoy Theatre on March 14, 1885 and ran for 672 performances. By

1886, about 150 theaters were performing the operetta in England and the United States.

The story is simple. A young man named Nanki-Poo has banished himself from the little town of Titipu because he has fallen in love with the beautiful Yum-Yum, who is engaged to be married to her guardian, Ko-Ko. (With me so far?) When Nanki-Poo hears Ko-Ko has been condemned to death for the capital crime of flirting, he returns to Titipu, only to learn that Ko-Ko has not only been granted a reprieve, but has been promoted to the post of Lord High Executioner. *The Mikado* (The Emperor of Japan), however, soon takes notice of the lack of executions in Titipu and decrees that if no executions take place within the time of one month, the city shall be reduced to the status of a village. Ko-Ko, who wants to save his own head, vows to find a substitute. That's when Nanki-Poo wanders onto the stage with a rope determined to take his own life rather than live without Yum-Yum. (Still with me? Try to keep up.) Ko-Ko



seizes this opportunity and offers the Nanki-Poo one month of luxurious living before he is executed. Nanki-Poo agrees on the condition that he be married to Yum-Yum right away so that he can spend his last month in wedded bliss. (Simple, right? Not so fast...) But just as the wedding celebration begins, a law is discovered which decrees that

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by Staff Writer

Lemon Olive Oil Cake with Lemon Cream

Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup (189 grams) sugar
- 2 cup (250 grams) all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ cup olive oil
- 4 teaspoons finely shredded lemon peel
- ½ cup lemon juice
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Directions

Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease three 6x2-inch round cake pans. Line bottoms of pans with parchment paper; grease the paper. Set pans aside.

In a large mixing bowl beat the eggs and sugar with an electric mixer about 5 minutes or until pale and thick ribbons form.

In another large bowl whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. In a medium bowl combine the olive oil, lemon peel, lemon juice, and buttermilk.

Beat the vanilla into beaten egg mixture on low speed. With mixer on low speed, add the dry and wet ingredients

in three additions, starting with dry and ending with wet. After the last addition, turn mixer off and whisk until combined. Divide batter among prepared pans, filling each half full (1 2/3 cups batter each).

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the centers comes out clean and cakes are golden and pull away from sides. Remove and cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes. Remove from pans. Cool completely.

To assemble: place one cake layer on a serving plate. Spread top of cake with ½ cup of the cream. Place another cake layer on top. Spread with another ½ cup cream. Top with remaining cake layer. Spread with another ½ cup cream. Spread ½ cup frosting on the sides of cake to make a light crumb coating. Spread any remaining frosting atop of cake.

To Decorate:

Remove peel from 1 to 2 lemons using a vegetable peeler. Cut the peel into thin strips. Place in a small bowl. Sprinkle with 1 to 2 tablespoons sugar; toss to coat. Let stand for one to four hours, tossing occasionally. Pile lemon peel strips atop cake just before serving.



Lemon Cream

- 1 cup ice-cold whipping cream
- 2 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 tablespoon finely shredded lemon peel
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

Directions

In a large bowl beat cream, sugar, peel, and juice with an electric mixer or large whisk until soft peaks form. Cover and chill up to 4 hours ahead. Whisk before serving.

To store cake, loosely cover and store frosted cake in the refrigerator for up to three days. or wrap unfrosted baked cake layers and freeze for up to one month. Thaw and frost as directed.

Recipe by Beth Kirby of Local Milk and Better Homes and Gardens

Ko-Ko, Yum-Yum, and The Lord High Executioner

a condemned man's wife (Yum-Yum in this case) must be buried alive with his corpse. And then things really get complicated.

The Mikado is the most frequently performed G&S comic opera, and is especially popular with amateur and school productions. The work has been translated into numerous languages and is one of the most frequently played musical theatre pieces in modern history.

Directors Cy and Jane Hoffman have



returned to The Adobe for *The Mikado*. Cy and Jane were both introduced to Gilbert & Sullivan as children, and have loved the plays ever since. Growing up in New York City, they had the opportunity of seeing several G&S productions. Then, as adults, Cy & Jane were part of two G&S productions (*The Mikado* and *HMS Pinafore*) with the Los Alamos Light Opera. "When we got involved with Opera Unlimited's Summer Opera Camp in Albuquerque," Cy said, "Gilbert & Sullivan shows were wonderful vehicles for the kids - the music is very good, but not too hard, and the kids love the humor and the costumes." Cy and Jane have directed abridged G&S operas for 15 years including our own abridgments of *The Gondoliers*, *Iolanthe*, and *Ruddigore*.

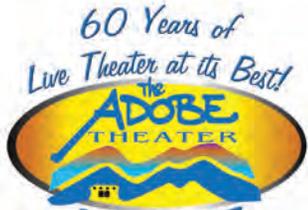
"We love putting on modern musicals, too," Jane said, "especially relatively unknown ones - for example, *The Hatpin* (from Australia), *Sundown, My Favorite Year*, *Apple Tree*, and *Lucky Stiff*. We also did the quasi-musical Sullivan and Gilbert at The Adobe, which we, our cast and the audience loved. Doing a full production of *The Mikado* for The Adobe sounded like too much fun to resist!"

The Hoffmans have produced and abridged *The Mikado* three times over the years with their summer students opera workshops. "This past summer we did *The Mikado* with over 70 kids! "They were wonderful," Jane said. "The audiences were entranced by what kids can do when you give them the right guidance and a chance to do something meaningful." Cy added that several of their older summer students have auditioned The Adobe show. "And," he said, "I believe some will be in the cast!"

For The Adobe presentation, Cy and Jane have adapted *The Mikado* to a simple set and a cast of only 12 people! The cast includes Hi Tillary (The Mikado), Jack Litherland (Nanki-Poo), Tim MacAlpine (Ko-Ko), Christina Nuki Akerson (Katiska), Warren Asa Wilgus/(Pooh-Bah), Brian Lambe (Pish-Tush), Madi Frost (Yum-Yum), Kiersten Johnson (Pitti-Sing), Casey Hennigan (Peep-Bo), and Michelle Boehler, Patrick Kirby, and Steven Weitz (Ensemble).

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The Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque together with Bernalillo County welcomed the newest fire engine to the fleet.

Individuals gathered for the traditional "Pushing in Ceremony" marking the official first day in operation for the new fire truck.



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The Los Ranchos Growers' Market celebrates its 25th year as it opens this years season. Be sure to check out the photo essay on pages 22 and 23 that captures the community that the market has built over the 25 years that has made it one of the top growers' markets in the state.



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The new Growers' Market logo celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Los Ranchos Growers' Market is on the cover of this issue of the Vision. The design is based on the existing Village logo. It will be used in all market promotional materials throughout the year to commemorate this significant milestone.



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