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2009 Newly Elected Officials

Swearing In Ceremony January 1, 2009



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS (from left to right)

- Commissioner Michael C. Wiener, District 4
- County Clerk Maggie Toulouse Oliver
- Commissioner Deanna Archuleta, District 3
- County Treasurer Patrick J. Padilla
- Commissioner Art De La Cruz, District 2



**DEANNA ARCHULETA
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 3**

Deanna Archuleta was elected to serve a second term representing District 3. During her first four years, she was instrumental in acquiring legislative funding and agency coordination allowing Bernalillo County to open the Metropolitan Assessment and

Treatment Services center that provides substance abuse treatment for thousands of residents. She developed a cooperative working relationship with UNMH to provide extensive and additional healthcare services through a community based model. She led the way for the purchase and ongoing renovations of the historic Hiland Theater and pushed for local and national businesses to invest resources in the County, creating local jobs and stimulating the economy.

She was elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission in 2008 and also served as Chair of the Water Utility Authority, overseeing the historic opening of the San Juan Chama Drinking Water Project. She is a member of the Metropolitan Detention Center Operation Subcommittee, the Legislative Committee, the Regional Juvenile Detention Committee and the Board of Finance. Deanna Archuleta is also the Southwest Regional Manager for the Wilderness Society, a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and protecting America's wilderness areas. She most recently served on President Elect Obama's Transition Team in Washington, DC.

She was elected to serve as chair of the County Commission in January 2009. She has two sons, Alec and Andy.

**ART DE LA CRUZ
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2**

South Valley native Art De La Cruz was elected to serve as Commissioner for District 2 in 2008. A life-long South Valley resident, he has also worked in County and City government for 34 years. As a 25-year County employee, he spent much of his career developing programs, overseeing land and facilities acquisitions and enhancing the quality of life through expanded community services. As Bernalillo County's Director of Parks and Recreation, he brokered the 640 acre Mesa Del Sol Regional Park project and worked to establish the Rio Grande Swimming Pool Water Park Slide and Fitness Center. He instituted a variety of youth activities at all the community centers including before and after school care, literacy instruction, the largest state youth basketball program and senior meal sites at Rio Bravo and Pajarito.

He also worked closely on the original open space mil levy that allowed the County to purchase property for preservation including the historical Hubbell House which was recently renovated and the Serna property. He went on to teach business and management courses at CNM and was appointed by the Mayor as Deputy Director of Solid Waste for the City to lead sustainability efforts. He graduated from the University of New Mexico and later received a Master of Arts in Management from the University of Phoenix.

He and his wife, Annette, have two children, Reyes and Alejandra.



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MICHAEL C. WIENER **COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4**

Michael C. Wiener was elected to serve District 4 as a County Commissioner. He also served as an Albuquerque City Councilor from 1985 to 1989 and as a New Mexico State Senator from 1992 through 1995. He is the first Bernalillo County Commissioner to have served in all three of these government offices.



As a City Councilor, he enacted the first bullet-proof vest program for all APD officers, wrote the first law to protect the Petroglyphs and started the Office of Recycling in Albuquerque. As a State Senator, he led the fight for a concealed weapon carry law in New Mexico, secured funding for the APD Foothills substation and reformed real estate licensing laws. He was one of the original founding members of the first MADD chapter in New Mexico in 1983.

Michael was born in Liberty, New York. After graduating high school and touring through 25 states, he eventually made his way to the University of New Mexico, graduating in 1976. He has worked as a real estate broker for over 25 years, co-founded and managed a retail business for four years, has written and edited articles and books and provided consulting services. His love of geography and travel and his hobby of collecting license plates has inspired him to travel to all 50 states and to 62 foreign countries. As a result of his interests, he was profiled in New Mexico Magazine, featured on the HGTV "Offbeat America" television show and on MSNBC News with Brian Williams. Michael also made his acting debut in two episodes of the TV Show "Real Stories of the Highway Patrol."



MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER **COUNTY CLERK**

Maggie Toulouse Oliver was elected in 2008 to serve as Clerk and has held the position since her appointment in 2007. During her first year as County Clerk, she implemented a comprehensive poll worker training program, analyzed and improved early voting and absentee processes and successfully administered the 2008 primary and general elections.

She received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Political Science from UNM and during that time, worked as a volunteer on local political campaigns as an intern and eventually became a campaign manager for a wide variety of issues

including the CNM Governing Board and the US Senate. In 2004, Maggie was named New Mexico State Director and then Southwest Region Campaign Manager for the League of Conservation Voters (LCV), the Independent Political Voice for the Environment. At LCV, Maggie conducted a number of electoral, issue and advocacy campaigns geared at educating and mobilizing New Mexico's voters on environmental issues. Under her direction, LCV campaigns registered thousands of New Mexico voters. She also served as a member of the New Mexico Sentencing Commission and as an alternate member to the Bernalillo County Board of Voter Registration.

Maggie was raised in Albuquerque and attended Highland High School. She is married to Alan and has a son, Christian.



PATRICK J. PADILLA **COUNTY TREASURER**

Patrick J. Padilla was elected to a second term as Bernalillo County Treasurer in 2008. During his previous term, he focused much of his attention on improved customer service and efficiencies in property tax payment options. He implemented a new on-line tax payment system that is used by many residents and recently implemented monthly property tax payments. Patrick also helped Bernalillo County receive a prestigious AAA bond rating.

He previously served two terms as Bernalillo County Treasurer from 1988-1992, 2005-2008 and as a Bernalillo County Commissioner from 1983 to 1986. Serving as a Commissioner, he was twice elected President of the National Association of Hispanic Elected Officials for the National Association of Counties and was twice elected President of the New Mexico Association of Counties.

Patrick was born in Albuquerque, graduated from Rio Grande High School and TVI, now CNM. He successfully completed numerous business courses at the University of Albuquerque before founding the accounting and income tax firm, Padilla and Company, PA. Patrick is an Enrolled Agent licensed to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

He is also a member of the National Association of Public Accountants, the New Mexico Society of Public Accountants and serves on the Board of Directors for the National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers.

Patrick and his wife, Cheryl, have seven children and fourteen grandchildren.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS

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PREPARE A WINTER STORM PLAN AT HOME:

- Have extra blankets.
- Ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, and water-resistant boots.

ASSEMBLE A DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT CONTAINING

- First aid supplies and essential medications.
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- Canned food and can opener.
- Bottled water (at least one gallon of water per person per day to last at least 3 days).
- Extra warm clothing

STAY TUNED FOR STORM WARNINGS. . .

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information.

WHEN A WINTER STORM WARNING IS ISSUED

- Stay indoors.
- If you must go out, several layers of lightweight clothing

will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.

- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, sidewalks.
- After the storm, if you shovel snow, be extremely careful. Take frequent breaks. Avoid overexertion.
- Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must...
 - Carry a Disaster Supplies Kit in the trunk.
 - Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
 - Let someone know where you're going, your route, and when you expect to arrive. That way, if your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent to find you.

IF YOU DO GET STUCK

- Stay with your car.
- Tie a bright cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see.
- Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes won't back up in the car.
- Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen.
- As you sit, move your arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.
- Keep one window away from the blowing wind slightly open to let in air.

TAKING CARE OF ANIMALS IN THE COLD

Top Ten Cold Weather Tips for Pets

1. Keep your cat inside. Outdoors, felines can freeze, become lost, stolen, infected with rabies, injured or killed.
2. During the winter, outdoor cats sometimes sleep under the hoods of cars. If there are cats in your area, bang loudly on the car hood before starting the engine to give the cat a chance to escape.
3. Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice--dogs can lose their scent and easily get lost.
4. Thoroughly wipe off your dog's legs and stomach when he comes in out of the sleet, snow or ice. He can ingest salt, antifreeze or other potentially dangerous chemicals while licking his paws, and his paw pads may also bleed from snow or encrusted ice.
5. Never shave your dog down to the skin in winter. When you bathe your dog in the colder months, be sure to com-

pletely dry him before taking him out for a walk. Own a short-haired breed? Consider getting him a coat or sweater.

6. Never leave your dog or cat alone in a car during cold weather. They can freeze to death.
7. Puppies do not tolerate the cold as well as adult dogs and may be difficult to housebreak during the winter. If your puppy appears to be sensitive to the weather, you may opt to paper-train him inside.
8. Does your dog spend a lot of time outside? Increase his supply of food, particularly protein, to keep him--and his fur--in good shape.
9. Like coolant, antifreeze is lethal for dogs and cats. Be sure to thoroughly clean up any spills from your vehicle.
10. Make sure your Bruiser or Princess has a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is perfect.

NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

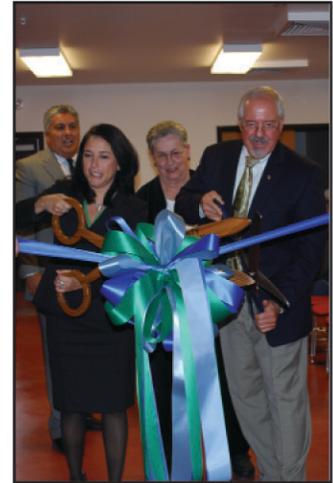
MATS Transitional Housing Unit Open Doors

Bernalillo County Commissioner Deanna Archuleta and other dignitaries officially opened the newly completed 82 bed transitional housing unit that will be used in coordination with the existing detox programs at the County's Metropolitan Assessment & Treatment Services (MATS) center in October. The facilities are located at 5901 Zuni SE in Albuquerque at the site of the former Charter Hospital.

"MATS and the transitional housing unit represent critical components in a continuum of care and will provide the help that people need to solidify their sobriety," Commissioner Archuleta said. "This is the only facility that offers this type of comprehensive and successful treatment in the nation. Each component builds on the other and assures proper placement and a level of care which, in turn, increases success in recovery."



Existing programs at MATS include a 45 bed social model detox program, the 34 bed Turquoise Lodge Specialty Hospital and Rehabilitation treatment program, and community case management services. MATS, in collaboration with the NM Department of Health, is also working to provide a 24-hour "Urgent Care" component for public inebriates and other community outreach services.



BCFD Shows Off New Pumper Trucks

The Bernalillo County Fire Department is proud to present three new additions to the fleet. Three new Pierce Quantum Pumper Trucks, manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wisconsin, were officially put into service on November 21, 2008.

These are front line units equipped for four person crews and they allow for all the equipment to be on board to handle fire, medical (EMS) and extrication. They pump 1500 gallons per minute and are shorter in length and height than the old units which will enable easier maneuvering, particularly in some of the more narrow roads located in the unincorporated areas of the county. The new trucks also meet new emissions standards and will be the most modern and reliable units in the fleet.

The average life expectancy of a pumper truck is 10 years. These new trucks are replacing two trucks that were originally purchased in 1985 and one that was purchased in 1990.



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