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What's New? Third phase of development has begun

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LAS CRUCES — Work on the third phase of The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch is about to begin, according to John Moscato with Bright View Land Company.

The planned community, located on the east side of Las Cruces along Northrise Drive, has already sold hundreds of lots in the first two phases and is starting to sell them for the third phase.

Moscato said that the company wanted "a specific kind of neighborhood," for the development.

"We came in and we said, 'We want gated internal streets for traffic control.' We wanted to have a different lot design, to have more attractive ways to design the neighborhood. There are over 40 acres of open space that weaves between the lots."

A pool facility has just been completed in the first phase. Pools are also planned for Phase 2 and Phase 3.

"It's about a half-a-million-dollar pool complex with a 75-foot pool," he said. "There are lockers and a bathroom and a shower."

A neighborhood-wide open house is scheduled for 1 to 5 p.m. on July 15.

More information can be found at www.brightviewland.com/alameda-ranch.htm.

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A new store is set to open Friday in Mesilla. Called Anazazi Traders — yes, that is the proper spelling of the store's name because "Anasazi" is already in use by another business — the store will be on the Mesilla Plaza at 2339 Calle de Guadalupe, upstairs from Stahmann's.

The store's general manager, Kathy Lawitz, checked in with me to report that the owners of the

store are John and Marita Terrell who live in Pie Town when they are in New Mexico and also live in Ecuador.

Terrell, an El Paso native, "took his love for Southwest art to Ecuador, where he discovered artists who could reproduce his favorite ancient Native American designs on items that are both useful and decorative," Lawitz reports.

"We took designs from 19th and 20th century Native American rugs and had them reproduced by hand in pure wool by South-American Indians who have a tradition of weaving going back hundreds of years," Terrell said via a release.

The store will also carry wooden carvings, from busts to life-size pieces. Anazazi Traders is scheduled to be open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The store's phone number is 523-1645 and the Web site is www.anazazi-traders.com.

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Another feather in Las Cruces' cap comes the way of Sonoma Ranch. The community on the east side of the city has been named one of "America's 100 Best Master-Planned Communities" by Where to Retire magazine in its July/August issue.

The publication reports that, "Nine months ago, Where to Retire editors started evaluating several hundred communities across the nation. Those chosen for the '100 Best' vary in cost, location and the range of lifestyle amenities. The selection contains communities in 31 states, including places beyond the traditional retirement havens."

The magazine's Web site is www.wheretoretire.com.

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