



President's Message

During the past six months, your SHHA has been involved in an intervention proceeding with your Water Company. Many members of the community have equated this activity with rate considerations only.

As the legal discovery proceeded, however, far more important issues surfaced which we believe require immediate attention by the community and -- we had hoped -- with the cooperation of the Utility Company and Joint Venture (Alvarado Realty, Tram Company, and Ski Company) as well as the Public Service Commission. The issues involved have not been addressed by this rate case or the Commission. The Utility Company seems reluctant to discuss these remaining issues after being awarded a sizeable increase in water rates. The Commission will enter into a discussion only after all appeal dates have been allowed to expire. We have filed a motion for rehearing with the Commission. If action is not taken by either the Utility Company or the Commission, we have voted to appeal the rate case to the Courts **predicated on obtaining continuing community moral and financial support.**

Our expert witness has cited the Fram Oil Filter commercial, "You can pay now, or pay later." With this Utility Company, you will be doing *both* if these matters are not resolved.

Your SHHA Board has been elected to protect your interests with all entities to the best of our

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**Water Rate Intervention Report
Water Rates Are Not the Only Issue**

As previously reported, the New Mexico Public Service Commission adopted the Commission Staff Stipulation with the Utility Company, granting a rate increase, which is now in effect. **There were, however, many aspects of the Utility Company operation which we believe need to be corrected and were not addressed by the stipulation.** The Homeowners Board has presented these "open items" to the Utility Company. In addition, we have filed a motion with the Commission for reconsideration of certain aspects of the rate case.

If we are unable to resolve our differences with the Utility Company and the Commission, we have authorized an appeal to the Courts *predicated on your concurrence and further financial support.* Our expert witness has concurred that, "...if the Utility Company continues to operate their leasing activities in an essentially unregulated environment, you may experience some of the highest water rates in the State of New Mexico, coupled with possible deteriorating services because of on-going engineering and operational decisions." Commission support to correct these conditions at some later date may not be possible as this leasing activity is held outside of the regulated water company. Legally, total regulation may be difficult.

For example, let us consider some of the most important problem areas.

WHO OWNS WHAT?

Only a fraction of the water system that serves our community is owned by the Sandia Peak Utility Company, the utility that is subject to regulation by the New Mexico Public Service Commission.

This regulated water company owns only the distribution portion of the water system; i.e., the pipelines, valves, fire hydrants, and meters that are involved in delivering the water from the storage tanks to your property.

TANKS, BUT NO TANKS

The other and more important portion of the system (i.e., "the guts of any water utility" - the wells, pumps, booster station, storage tanks, and transmission pipelines that deliver the water

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The Neighborhood Dog...

...was out walking with his family the other night (they didn't have him leashed 'cause they didn't think the leash law applied to them.) A rabbit ran across a field, the dog took off, followed by his mistress - an adorable blond 3-year old. A careful driver luckily hit his brakes just in time---can you not see the tragedy that could have happened and all because the simplest of laws was not obeyed? Must it happen???

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ability. We obviously cannot, nor do we intend to, operate without the support of the community. This has been an expensive intervention involving far more than the present day water rates, vigorously opposed by the Joint Venture (i.e., the Tram Company, Ski Company, and Alvarado Realty) and the Utility Company for reasons that will become apparent.

I feel confident that if you were knowledgeable of these facts you would not hesitate to provide additional financial support to help us to continue our reform program and necessary appeal effort.

Please contact your SHHA Board representative if you desire more information or wish to review any of the discovery materials, or you can contact me directly. In this issue of *The Grit*, we have included a discussion of some of the more important matters outside of the Rate Base Issue.

In this regard, you will be contacted in the near future by telephone to get an expression of your support and to ask for financial assistance. Time is of the essence. If you are able to respond prior to our contact, it would be greatly appreciated. A community meeting is also contemplated to further explain the issues and to answer your questions and concerns.

We urge you to participate in this important community matter. Cost and quality of water services and the availability of same may be seriously affected in future years if these issues are not properly addressed at this time.

Many volunteer workers, including your neighbors, have contributed hundreds of hours of community service to carry forward this intervention. There has

been considerable expert engineering analysis provided free of charge. Over three hundred families have contributed funds to what they considered an important community matter.

Frequently in an intervention, opposing parties, sometimes supported by Commission action, will purposely "string out" the hearing by opposing discovery material and delaying the proceedings in an effort to test intervention resolve and financial resources. Has this happened in this case? Please review the record.

I want to thank the many families and individual volunteers that have been supportive of this community effort. However, we have not finished.

Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope. We would appreciate your consideration of a twenty-five dollar contribution at this time. Of course, larger contributions will also be appreciated. If you are unable to contribute, please send us a letter of support or a smaller amount. We need maximum participation from the community to carry forward this effort to a conclusion.

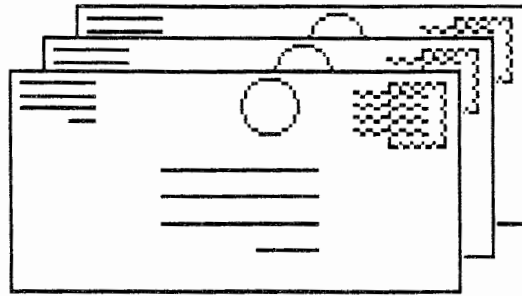
Thank you for your assistance.
Leonard DeLue
President

P.S. You should also expect a letter from the Utility Company opposing this effort. Don't be misled. They want to take no further serious action on the "open items." Their assertions will not hold water if you review the complete record of this case. They want no further audit.

November "Grit" Deadline

The deadline for submitting ads or articles for the November issue of "The Grit" is October 12th. Please submit all materials to Judy Harris, 318 Big Horn Ridge Road NE, Albuquerque 87122, 299-8803.

Gritty Letters



Letters to THE GRIT should be original, brief, and concern current topics in the news. Letters must include full name and signature of the author, address, and telephone number (though these can be omitted from the printed copy, if requested). Editors reserve the right to edit or condense any letter. Address letters to: Letters - THE GRIT, P.O. Box 20021, Albuquerque, NM 87154-0021.

It is a pleasure to advise you as Editor of "The Grit", as well as other home owners, that the newly elected members of the Architectural Committee are functioning effectively in exercising their authority for the benefit of all residents.

When it was found that a builder on a neighboring lot did not observe the 15 foot setback from the property line, Mr. Bob Fitzgibbon visited the site to observe, first hand, to determine if the building was being constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications which were formally approved by the Architectural Committee. Mr. Fitzgibbon advised the Committee of his finding and they took appropriate action immediately.

We believe that all residents in Sandia Heights owe a vote of thanks to these dedicated persons who serve as the watchdog for compliance by all builders, who are required to build in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Committee. We are sure that all residents respect the need for such a committee to function effectively. We join others in offering our sincere gratitude to them for serving in this capacity.

ALLEN L. WICKS

1515 Eagle Ridge Road

Iwould like to express my appreciation to Leonard DeLue and the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association for the hard work they put in on the water rate intervention effort. The notices and updates I received from the SHHA appeared to be factual, objective, and consistent with accepted scientific and legal standards. The Tram Company, on the other hand, issued several notices that bordered on name-calling, emotionalism, and scare tactics.

Whatever the outcome of the water rate intervention effort, the fact that SHHA did not merely "rubber stamp" the Tram Company's request for a rate increase represents a real breakthrough. Perhaps this is the beginning of real representation of the interests of the residents of Sandia Heights by the SHHA.

HARRY CRIEL

326 Paintbrush Dr.

The last issue of "The Grit" notified us that the County was going to clear their "right of way" along the shoulders of our roads.

How is the County going to find their way here? They certainly can't ask their snowplow drivers or their road repair crews! They

could ask the Sheriff's Department, but then it would take an hour or so to get here.

For years, the County has cried "poor," and road maintenance, snowplowing, and security have been handled by the Tram Company -- and financed by the residents, either by direct billing or through the SHHA.

If the County clears their "right of way," can we assume that they will begin providing *all* the services that we, as taxpayers, are entitled to?

TWO-WAY STREET
Sandia Heights

Welcome to New Board Member, Jane Stabler

Jane Stabler and her husband, Bill, have lived in Sandia Heights for 12 years. Jane recently retired from her job a manager of the Old Town Christmas Shop and Bill retired as Regional Engineer for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They are both very involved in civic affairs and agreed to spend some of their newly acquired spare time working for their neighborhood. Jane, as a newly elected SHHA board member, will chair "direct services to members"; Bill, an associate member of the board, is serving on the newly formed Architectural Control Committee and has been actively involved in the water rate intervention.

They love to play bridge and also do a lot of recreational flying in their airplane. Bill also does air search and rescue with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

New Look for "Grit"

This issue of THE GRIT has a "new look." Let us know how you like it. Please send your comments, suggestions, or criticisms to THE GRIT, P.O. Box 20021, Albuquerque, NM 87154-0021.

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Water Rate Intervention

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from the ground to the storage tanks, as well as the underlying water rights) are not the property of the water company, but are owned by other entities, primarily the Joint Venture, or entities thereof, consisting of the Tram Company, Ski Company, and Alvarado Realty. The Sandia Indians own the "Indian Wells." The Tram Company leases the Indian Wells and then "subleases" to the water company. This entire system, and its relationship with the water company, has similar characteristics to GENCO/DISCO recently proposed by PNM, i.e., only the activities of the water company appear to have been regulated. The transmission system, or all the leased equipment controlled by the Joint Venture, appears to lack regulation.

How much the Utility Company pays for purchased water (Indian Wells) and for usage of the leased equipment (which the Utility Company is required to maintain) is all governed by contracts/leases entered into by the Utility Company and essentially the Joint Venture or components thereof, i.e., the Tram Company, Ski Company, and Alvarado Realty. Since most of these entities involve essentially the same active managers/officers, we do not believe that these leases were properly definitive nor have they been arms-length business transactions.

Although the Utility Company has represented that it has never made a profit with the exception of one year, 1982, it certainly cannot say that all entities of this operation (i.e., the Joint Venture) have not benefited through profits, rate of returns, increased assets, etc. It should also be noted that the Utility Company shows \$112,000 in retained earnings on

their 1985 Income Tax returns -- hardly consistent with their assertion of losses.

With regard to the lease activity, an especially troublesome provision contained in these leases allows the Joint Venture and affiliates, upon six months' notice to the water company, to withdraw from the leases. This would include all transmission equipment, wells, water rights, etc. Our community could be required to find alternative sources of water and equipment to pump the same. Or in the event of a sale or reorganization, a reevaluation of this equipment to include the water rights could be contemplated.

Do we need an attorney to help correct or establish the necessary safeguards against these deficiencies?

We think so -- and we will need additional funding to help pursue this reform effort.

ALL'S NOT WELL WITH THE WELLS

In 1986, the test year for this rate case, the Joint Venture up-

dated the Love Well site at a cost of \$123,000 (unaudited by intervenors) in order to increase the gallons-per-minute that could be pumped. If the water company is able to fill the storage tanks during "off-peak" hours, or at night, pumping electrical costs are greatly reduced. If they have to pump during "on-peak" hours or during the day, electrical costs can triple. Apparently, this expensive update did not produce the desired results for 1986 and 1987, because the Joint Venture has recently been drilling a new well at the Love Well site and adding a storage tank, the costs of which will surely be reflected in the next rate case which can be anticipated at any time. Although the Utility Company, in its announcement of the stipulation, indicated to the community that it had agreed with the Commission not to seek another increase for several years, they have quietly removed this part of the stipulation without announcing it to the community.

In the meantime, it has been necessary to pump the Indian



Well (a backup which is more expensive to operate) during "on-peak" hours in the summer months. Operating costs at both wells have accelerated significantly. However, the Utility Company apparently did not notify the Commission in 1986 or 1987 of the problems encountered with the Love Well. Nor did the Utility Company nor the Commission notify intervenors of this significant occurrence at the time of filing.

The original well, or Indian Well, Lease Agreement, which we were unable to review because it was marked "Confidential," allows the Sandia Indians a right to 50% of water drawn from that well. If the Indians choose to take that amount of water, Sandia Heights water delivery could be significantly jeopardized.

These are just several examples of areas of concern that we are attempting to resolve with the Utility Company and the Commission.

Since the Utility Company now has a rate increase, they are very reluctant to have any further auditing of the physical plant or activities of the transmission system and are asserting - as they have throughout this rate case - that these activities are not part of the water company. The Utility Company is essentially seeking to close the door on any further reform or attempts to improve water company operation.

IT'S THE LEASE OF OUR WORRIES

The Utility Company will claim that the Commission carefully reviewed this leasing activity for years 1981 - 1986 and approved it by allowing a rate of return in their final Order. However, some members of the Commission Staff were confused as to how the water company was organized and had no knowledge of the leasing activity. We invite you to

review the depositions and testimony, as well as the rate case microfilm as to our assertions with regard to this leasing activity for the years 1981 - 1987. We believe that it has been unregulated. If allowed to continue, we further suspect that the company and its affiliates will always keep the water company "unprofitable."

The Utility Company and its affiliates feel that the community was only concerned with rate-setting matters and that support for other reforms will not be forthcoming.

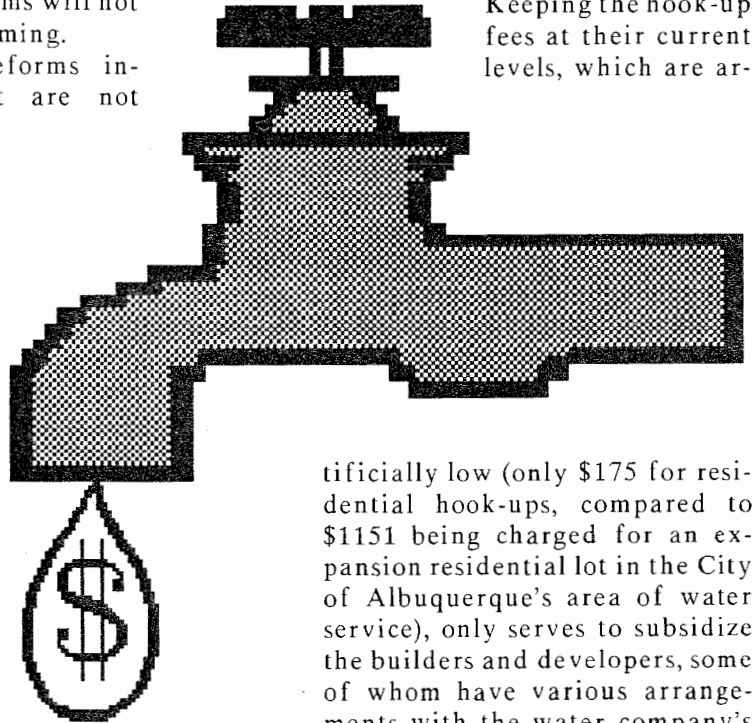
These reforms include, but are not limited to:

1. Leasing activity placed under greater regulation to include a complete independent audit and evaluation of all transmission equipment, addition and deletion accountability. The consumer wants to know what is happening throughout the water system that can significantly affect water rates and water availability.

2. Pumping Policies: Indian Well - Love Well - "Time of Day." Indian Well water is more expensive. Should pumping from that Well be controlled? Why would it be, if we ignore this issue?

3. Circumstances relating to Love Well Update. Why were further new capital improvements necessary after an expensive update that was performed in 1986 (i.e., new Well and tank)? The consumer/rate-payer has a legitimate interest in these and similar matters.

4. Substantially higher charges for new hook-ups are in order. Hook-up fees have not changed since their inception. Each new addition accelerates the requirement for major capital improvements. Keeping the hook-up fees at their current levels, which are ar-



tificially low (only \$175 for residential hook-ups, compared to \$1151 being charged for an expansion residential lot in the City of Albuquerque's area of water service), only serves to subsidize the builders and developers, some of whom have various arrangements with the water company's affiliates.

5. Fire hydrant and water pressure considerations. Hydrant pressure is low in some areas. In case of fire, will the water supply be adequate?

6. Establishing some practical guidelines or limitations on future expansions of the water company's service area. Will the Indian lands be developed? Can the present system support large additions without significant capital improvements? Who will have to pay for such expansions - the developers who profit from

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selling lots and homes in those areas or the current rate-payers who stand to gain nothing other than higher water rates?

7. Open book policy - Joint Venture and Utility Company. Why should the conduct of this water system be secret?

8. Dedication of water rights to water company and integration of leasing activity. At the present time, the water company has no water rights. These rights are held by the Joint Venture. Unless this problem is remedied, the water company (and, therefore, the rate-payers as well) can only look forward to being assessed more and more for these rights through higher and higher lease rates being demanded by the Utility Company affiliates.

9. Greater control to reduce lost water (32,000,000 gallons in 1986). Even during the intervention, Bernalillo County was taking water from hydrants for dust control and grading activities in North Albuquerque Acres, a portion of which they were not paying for. Approximately 15,000 gallons per day were being taken for many months. Has this activity been going on for years? You are paying to pump this water through this rate increase. Is this conservation?

WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT?

Do you feel that these issues should be addressed by the Commission, Joint Venture, and Utility Company?

Your further financial support is needed, as an appeal to the Courts may be necessary.

Without sufficient funding, our appeals will not be heard.

-Leonard DeLue

WHAT HAS THE WATER RATE INTERVENTION EFFORT ACCOMPLISHED?

1. An awareness by the Utility Company that the community has serious concerns relating to water services, and that we are prepared to seek improvement.

2. A complete understanding of the organizational structure and leasing activity and problems associated with same. This activity was obscure due to financial reporting. Very few people in the community had knowledge of these activities.

3. A completed hearing with an expert witness concerning important rate base matters. Establishment of a completed record and a Commission decision which can be appealed.

4. Improved water pressure in higher areas of the subdivision. Not so in 1986 and 1987.

5. Establishment of a comprehensive discovery record which fully reveals company and Commission attitudes and actions, or lack of same, which can be utilized in future rate cases. You have to start somewhere.

6. Correction of Love Well deficiencies. A new Well and tank were installed during the intervention. Would this have happened or would these deficiencies have gone unaddressed?

7. Commission Staff investigation resulting in improved financial reporting and segregation of Class I transactions; i.e., cross-charging by affiliates. Review of depreciation practices and reduction of taxes allowed in the rate case.

8. A significant rate reduction for small or average water users below the original proposal.

9. A comprehensive understanding of the open problem areas that exist with a presentation of same to the Utility Company and the Commission.

10. An awareness of our need for defining the service areas and/or controlling how it expands; i.e., further expansion could require significant capital improvements.

Again, the intervention involves many issues over and above rate matters. We believe it has been a worthwhile effort and will help bring necessary improvements.

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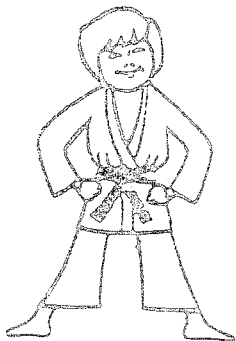
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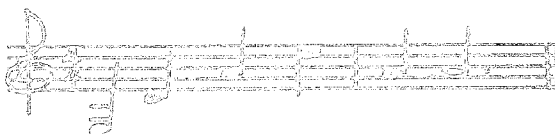
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Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, November 13th
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fire House on Paseo del Norte

Be sure to mark your calendar and attend the holiday bazaar. It's a perfect time to purchase those extra Christmas gifts and visit with your neighbors. In addition to getting a jump on the holiday, you will be supporting your Volunteer Fire Department which will receive a percentage of the proceeds.

Call Sara Warford at 293-4367 or Jane Stabler at 298-8525 if you have any questions.

Sandia Heights Social Bridge

Ladies Daytime Bridge:

1st Monday	12:30	3 tables
2nd Friday	12:30	2 tables
3rd Tuesday	12:30	2 tables

Couples Evening Bridge:

1st and 2nd Saturday
2nd and 4th Tuesday
3rd Friday

If you wish to play bridge with any or all of the above groups call Sara Warford at 293-4367.

SHHA Skating Party

The Hospitality Committee is planning to have a skating party here in Sandia Heights for the neighborhood. Please let us know how many are interested in joining us for a fun evening. We are thinking about a Sunday evening in November. Call Ellen Cox at 293-7417 any time during the day or call Jane Stabler at 298-8525.

"Grit" Circulation

The September issue of *The Grit* was mailed to all 1347 residents of Sandia Heights.



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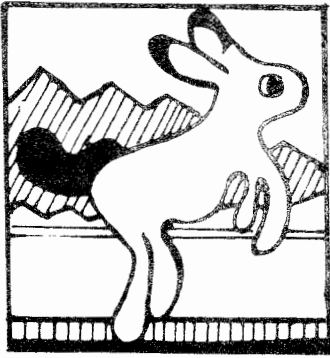
Wednesday, September 14th, 10:00 a.m. - noon
at the home of Jaya and Venky Narayanamurti
645 Cougar Loop
299-8199

Wednesday, October 12th, 10:00 a.m. - noon
at the home of Lucy Russell
613 Cedar Hill Road
294-3583

Sunday, November 20th, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
at the home of Vern and Kathie Peterschmidt
549 Black Bear Road
293-7023

Please call the hosts so they know how many to serve. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see several "couples". Please call Billye Gamsby at 298-2189 or Jane Stabler at 298-8525 if you would like to entertain or if you have any questions. Many thanks to Mary Ann Syroid, Francine Cogen and Virginia and Ed Fultz for opening their homes to us the past three months. Everyone attending thanks you for your hospitality.

THE VIEW FROM JACK RABBIT HILL



A SANDIA MOUNTAIN ROSE GARDEN

What's in a rose garden besides roses? Our wild Sandia Mountain rose garden has two flowers that we think of as roses, but many of our most beautiful shrubs belong to the rose family. The familiar shrub of our arroyos, apache plume, may look like grey dead twigs all winter but in summer its 1" white single rose blooms followed by the lovely pink plumes that light up in the sunlight make it a star.

Its cousin, the cowania or cliff rose, often appears to grow out of pure rock but can grow up to 20' tall. In July I saw several acres of it at the north rim of the Grand Canyon. Covered with small fragrant creamy yellow roses, it is often twisted in form, but there's a question whether this is "natural" or pruned by browsing deer. I think the latter since at the Denver Botanical Garden I saw several perfectly symmetrical plants. (By the way, most of the plants in this article are lunch for the deer and would have to be protected from them in your garden until well established.)

Serviceberry is another delightful shrub that can, if protected, grow into a small tree. Its small white bunches of blossoms are followed by berries that birds and animals like. (People, too. They were an ingredient of the Indians' pemmican.) Three varieties grow in our mountains.

Chokecherry is a small charm-

ing small tree from above the 7500' level but it might do all right in the upper section of Sandia Heights with some extra water. (It's the capulin of Capulin Springs.) Its lovely racemes of tiny white flowers are followed by small dark red berries beloved of the birds and in the fall its foliage turns mixed yellow, oranges and reds. And, there's a beautiful little hawthorn tree that I saw one spring making a beautiful show in Las Huertas Canyon.

Another common family member adapted to garden use is the cinquefoil or potentilla. Eight varieties grow in the high Sandias, with all single yellow flowers. I have had the 3' p.fruticosa growing in my garden for several

years. It didn't like the dry side of the path (it is native to the higher mountains) but after I moved it to receive more regular water it blooms from early spring to frost. Nurseries have a number of improved varieties of potentilla and there is even a low growing variety that can be used as ground cover.

And, among others in our Sandia Rose Garden, there's nine bark, rock spiraea, thimbleberries and strawberries and one species of mountain mahogany which is generally available in nurseries along with cousin from a distance, curleaf mountain mahogany, both handsome large drought tolerant shrubs. It's a pretty distinguished family!

-Jean Heflin





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The deadline for the November issue is Wednesday, October 12th. Please submit articles and ads to Judy Harris, 318 Big Horn Ridge Road NE, Albuquerque 87122, 299-8803.

A Reminder...

The SHHA has a bulletin board located just west of the skating rink (behind the Circle K). It is for your use. If you have a event or meeting you would like announced, or any item of interest to the Sandia Heights Homeowners call Jane Stabler at 298-8525 for posting. Don't forget to check this bulletin board for information you might have missed in our paper, THE GRIT.

Help! Help! Help!

The SHHA Board is actively seeking a new editor for THE GRIT. If you have a word processor in your home, have 2 to 3 days every other month to spare in typing, layout, going to the printer, and doing the mailing, please contact Judy Harris or any SHHA Board member. We do have a list of persons who are willing to help - so you don't have to be totally alone!



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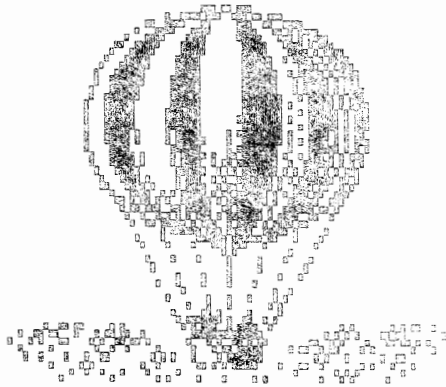
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4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 NM State Fair (Roger Miller)	9 Ladies Bridge NM State Fair (Charlie Daniels Band)	10 Couples Bridge NM State Fair (T. Graham Brown)	
11 NM State Fair (Hispanic Heritage Program)	12 NM State Fair (Waylon Jennings)	13 Couples Bridge NM State Fair (Tanya Tucker)	14 SHHA Board Meeting Nbrhood Coffee NM State Fair (Charlie Pride)	15 NM State Fair (Highway 101)	16 Couples Bridge NM State Fair (Bellamy Bros.)	17 NM State Fair (Michael Martin Murphy)	
18 NM State Fair (Ricky Van Shelton)	19 NM State Fair (Lee Greenwood)	20 Ladies Bridge NM State Fair (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band)	21 NM State Fair	22 First Day of Autumn NM State Fair	23 NM State Fair	24 NM State Fair	
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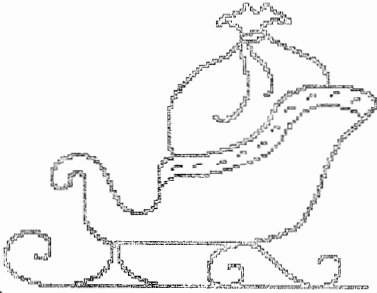
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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