



President's Message

At year end 1988, the Board of Directors wishes to extend to our Homeowner members our thanks for your continuing support. Our membership now exceeds 1100 residences.

Our board consists of a number of individuals who have volunteered and been elected, and have agreed to serve the community, representing your interests for a specified period of time.

Board responsibilities include, but are not limited to, interfacing with all entities that provide services to the community, such as the Tram Co. (Joint Venture), Bernalillo County, Forest Service, Sheriff's Department, State agencies, commissions, etc.

In addition, the Board has specific Directors assigned to activities such as Finance, Parks and Recreation, Architectural Control, Covenant Control, Strategic Planning, Hospitality, Legal, Newsletter, Community Liaison, Treasurer, Secretary....

Many of these assignments, because of their scope and magnitude, have required the additional services of various committees and individuals in support of Board activities, who have spent many long hours in community service with little or no recognition.

On behalf of the Board, as well as the community, we especially want to thank you individually for your devotion to this effort.

As a Homeowner, you are reminded that your Board generally meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Paseo del

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SHHA to Increase Dues

New Agreement Signed With Alvarado Realty

The Board of Directors of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association has approved an increase in the monthly membership dues of \$1.00 per month, effective April 1, 1989.

This increase has been made necessary because of greater Board involvement in a variety of community services which require additional funding.

In this regard, a new long-term management service contract has been negotiated with Alvarado Realty Company (ARCO) setting forth the responsibilities of both parties with regard to some of these services. All services provided by the Board are not covered by this agreement.

Essentially, ARCO shall provide restriction monitoring and administration of a covenant control program, snow removal on a 'best efforts' and 'as needed' basis, billing services (monthly), and lease payments for the park site for a sum of \$975 per month for 1989 with a 5% annual increase, thereafter.

This service contract is for a five-year period but can be cancelled with 30 days notice by either party.

In addition, the Homeowners Association has agreed to maintain the baseball park, including grass cutting, watering, and any necessary repairs, the costs of which have been assumed by the Board on an existing contract for \$300 per month through July 31, 1989. Thereafter, it is the responsibility of the Board.

We have also agreed to provide liaison with Bernalillo County Public Works for street signs, road repairs, weed control, etc.; covenant follow-up; and numerous other incidental activities required by ARCO.

As previously stated, your Homeowners Association is involved in many important activities and services not covered by this service agreement with ARCO. These functions have been essentially outlined in this issue of The Grit, as well as previous publications.

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THE GRIT

The GRIT is the official newsletter of the SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. P.O. Box 20021 Albuquerque, NM 87154-0021

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Increase in Dues

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volvement in covenant and architectural enforcement, coupled with transfer of services to the Board with attending cost increases, has become a reality.

We appreciate your support of these activities and acceptance of our nominal increase.

If you wish to review - or have questions regarding - the new service agreement or need additional information in support of the dues increase, please attend our Board meetings or contact your Board representative.

Thank you for your understanding of these matters. □

Attention Mothers

We welcome you to come and share weekly non-denominational scripture study at Prince of Peace church. Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Child care provided. Call Lydia at 293-1945 or Shiela at 298-6172.

President's Message

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Norte Fire Station at 7:30 p.m. We would welcome your attendance and your input to improve our Community and these programs.

Over the past twelve month period, your Board has been involved in varying degrees with a myriad of issues involving the transition of services from the Tram Co. (Joint Venture) to the Homeowners in the areas of covenant and architectural control, as well as redefining a new service contract; the transfer of road maintenance responsibilities, chamisa control, etc. from the Tram Co. to the County (i.e., the roads are now the responsibility of Bernalillo County); the water intervention program which has long range implications involving water service; security considerations, i.e., the need for a neighborhood watch program and Sheriff's office response; attempted animal control policy (needing additional effort); partial community opposition to the full service liquor license requested by Circle K this month; various threatened legal actions encountered in the enforcement of covenants and architectural control actions; as well as the organization of social functions, publishing and distribution of the directory, welcoming of new residents, our "chicken extravaganza" (Spring Fling), and the publication and organization of the Grit.

Why am I bothering you with all of this detail?

This is a relatively small community that essentially has all of the service requirement of a large city without the benefits of a municipality, i.e., lack of legal standing, governing body, taxing authority, etc. The service requirements that I am referring to

will require ever-increasing attention which can only be accomplished by a totally supported and committed Homeowners Association.

I would like to feel that every Association member, in addition to financial support, would upon Board request, volunteer his time and effort to improve the Community. In this regard, we have a number of Board and committee openings which need immediate support, attention, and a commitment to service. If you are desirous of Board participation, please contact me or any Board representative at your earliest convenience. We need your help!

I am also specifically appealing to those several hundred residences who are not members of the Homeowners Association or who have withdrawn through the years. Please consider rejoining. We need your membership. (If you do not have an asterisk in the SHHA directory or if there is not an asterisk preceding your name on the mailing label of this issue of *The Grit*, you are not a member.) Your community needs your support. If for some reason this support is not forthcoming, I would appreciate a personal letter with whatever specifics or criticisms that you might wish to have conveyed to the Board. You can join the Homeowners Association by contacting:

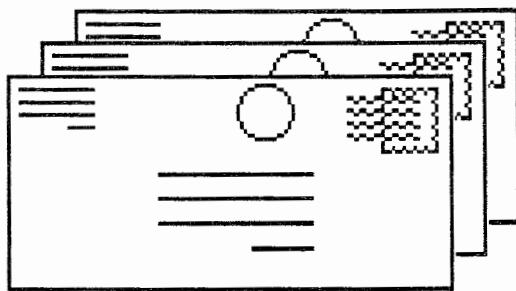
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I will be happy to answer any questions that you might have regarding Board activities and membership.

In closing, I again want to thank all members for your continuing support. Our Board is dedicated to your service. Please advise us if we can provide assistance.

**Leonard DeLue
President**

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.

I am so %*\$@!! mad tonight. I have been crusading against unleashed dogs since I took over as editor of THE GRIT some five years ago. No matter what is said about near car accidents, dead dogs, chased joggers, etc., nothing has changed.

Today it really hit home. My 12-year-old daughter found a dog in our garage, eating our dogs' (who, incidentally, are penned up and are never without their leashes when outside the pen) food. The burglarizing Golden Retriever attacked my daughter. Luckily she had on her winter coat so her skin wasn't touched, but she was frightened out of her wits and was still shaking and crying an hour later.

I shudder to think what might have happened, and here is my message to those who refuse to follow the leash law:

You are stupid, uncaring people, and one of these days you are going to be responsible for a serious accident or even a death. I hope you can live with the senseless destruction you caused -- all because you think the leash law does not apply to you!

JUDY HARRIS

318 Big Horn Ridge Rd.

[Editor's Note: Ironically, shortly after I wrote this letter, a less emotional and certainly more legal article was received.....and is published below.]

...Of Dogs and Cats

For most of us cats and dogs are good and happy parts of our daily existence. Our pets enrich our lives and become our companions, good friends, and, in some cases, our protectors. One man's food can, however, be another man's poison. Unsupervised and unrestrained pets can be a terrible trial for their owner's neighbors. Many cats and dogs display a completely different personality when their owners are away from home, or even just out of sight.

The Board of Directors of Sandia Heights Homeowners Asso-

ciation receives many complaints about cats and dogs owned by residents of Sandia Heights. Most of the complaints are about a very small proportion of the total pet population. As will be explained below, the Board is powerless to force a pet owner to act responsibly in respect to that pet. In some cases the appropriate committee may be asked to mediate a dispute among residents arising out of claimed disturbances caused by pet; however, this will never occur unless (1) the complaining homeowner is a member of the Association and (2) the complaint is in writing and preceded by a

written or oral contact by the complaining homeowner with the pet's owner.

What to do then when your neighbor's dog (or cat) is disturbing your peace or committing a "nuisance" on your property? Our Sandia Heights restrictions and covenants are must unspicific about pets except to forbid any animals on any lot "except domestic cats and dogs".

The covenants also (in most cases) prohibit "...anything...done on any lot which shall constitute an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood". This restriction, if contained in the Declarations filed in respect to your neighborhood, could be the basis for litigation if your neighbor's pet is creating enough of a problem for you to justify this expensive course of action.

Perhaps of most importance, pet owners and their neighbors alike should try to remember we live in Sandia Heights because we enjoy it here, the life style suits us. Most of us want to get along amicably with each other. If your neighbor's pet is bothering you, consider carefully whether it's enough of a bother to justify the animosity legal action frequently engenders. If you are an animal owner, listen intently and courteously to a neighbor's concerns. Consider carefully whether those concerns are meritorious, and whether your neighbor's peace of mind and just plain neighborliness dictate a more responsible curtailment of your pet's activities.

Residents of Sandia Heights are subject to ordinances adopted by the Bernalillo Board of County Commissioners. County Ordinance No. 83-37 provides for control and care of animals in the County. Sections of the Ordinance of interest in regard to the subject of the article are:

Section V-D Restraint of Animals. Every person owning or

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Non-Commercial Advertising

Non-commercial ads (baby sitting, house sitting, etc.) are FREE to residents of Sandia Heights. These ads will run continuously until cancelled by the advertiser or unless obviously dated.

AAA BABY SITTER - house sitter, pet sitter. Please call Michelle Munson at 299-1400. Experienced, references.

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BABY SITTING - if you're on a trip, I will take care of your pets, plants, mail and/or newspaper. Lindsay Worth (age 11) at 298-6135.

BABY SITTING - plants watered, pet care. Melissa Bova, age 14. Call 292-5246.

BICYCLE FOR SALE - sturdy kid's bike with dual brakes, great condition - \$35.00. Call 299-5560.

CHURCH OF GOOD SHEPHERD - MOTHERS' DAY OUT has just expanded to 3 days a week - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reservations usually needed - call 299-1419, 299-6482, or 275-8541.

CO-ED INDOOR SOCCER TEAM FORMING. If you are under the age of 14 and are interested in playing, call Ginger Dalton at 823-1415.

DO YOU HATE TO IRON or just don't have the time? Well, I can help! Call Valerie at 299-9367.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE to take care of your mail, plants, and/or pets while you are gone on a trip? Well, don't worry - I can. Call Jamie (age 12) at 299-8803. I am also available as a baby sitter.

DO YOU NEED YOUR HOUSE taken care of when you go on vacation? I water plants, take care of animals, and do odd jobs. Call Karen Truesdell (age 12) at 293-5451. I also baby sit.

EXPERIENCED BABY SITTERS - plant waterers, etc. Tamara Eyer, age 14 and Jamie Eyer, age 12. Call 298-4288.

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HOUSE CARE SERVICE - including house plant watering, outside watering, mail and newspaper, feeding cats, dogs, and fish (doesn't do snakes). The prices vary depending on services. Experienced. Call Todd Randall at 298-2695.

NEED A BABY SITTER? Call Jenny Fisher (age 13) at 294-0264. Experienced and reliable! And/or are you going out of town? I can take care of your pets and house.

NEED A BABY SITTER? Call Jennifer or Emily James. You're bound to get a baby sitter because you're reaching two sitters at once! Both girls are 13. We've both taken the Red Cross baby sitting course and many others. Call us at 296-2582.

NEEDED - RESPONSIBLE, RELIABLE, loving person to care for our 15-month-old while mom works part-time. Call 292-5246.

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PURGATORY SKI CONDO - adjacent to the lifts, 30% off regular rates. Call Jim at 298-6060 (evenings) or Iris at 268-4551 (days).

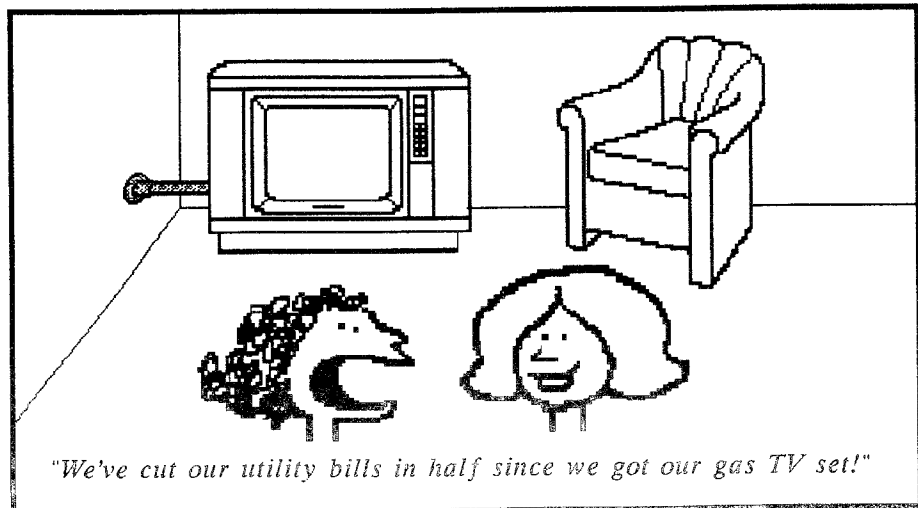
RELIABLE, RESPONSIBLE BABY SITTER - experienced with babies. Call Mary Richardson at 298-3770.

SINGLES GOURMET DINNER CLUB - Anyone interested in forming this kind of group, please call me - Anne McKinney - phone 275-8541.

TIRED OF DRIVING ALL AROUND TOWN? Licensed "Errand Person" will run your errands. 7 days a week. Call Joel at 296-8915. Rates: Mileage plus.

WANTED -- RELIABLE, EXPERIENCED person to care for our 2-monthold baby. 4 days/week during the day. Call Sheila at 294-0356.

ZZZZ TERRIFIC TEENAGE TWOSOME available for baby sitting bambinas. Call Pamela (age 15) or Naomi (age 13) Havlen at 293-9253.



No-Burn Law in County

Albuquerque's mandatory no-burn law is now in effect in Sandia Heights. Violators could be fined up to \$300 and jailed for up to 90 days.

The law went into effect late in January, after a decision last year by the Albuquerque/Bernalillo Air Quality Control Board that the ban needed to be extended to into the County.

The wood burning ban goes into effect on calm nights when smoke is not expected to disperse.

GRIT Circulation

This issue of *The Grit* was mailed to all 1363 residents of Sandia Heights.

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Sandia Heights Homeowners Mourn the Death of Bill Jackson

We regret to announce the death on January 10, 1989 of W. B. M. "Bill" Jackson. Bill was 71 and is survived by his wife, Maxine, three children and five grandchildren. Bill's death was a great loss to citizens of Sandia Heights and Bernalillo County because he was a great role model for civic service. It is a time of mourning for Bernalillo County Volunteer Fire Department, District 5, because they have lost a dedicated firefighter and committed teacher. The Albuquerque Police Department mourns the loss of a crusader for bullet-proof vests for their police officers through the "Vest-A-Cop" program. And the Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque mourns the loss of a valued board member and leader of their Balloon Fiesta Parking Program.

But, it is also a time to rejoice in Bill's life of unselfish service in the many aspects of our public life for which we are better off because Bill Jackson

came our way, touched our lives, left his mark and gave us joy and a challenge to emulate his dogged determination to make better any condition he encountered.

Bill was born in London and educated at the University of London, but we think of him as our beloved Aussie, because he was reared in Australia. Upon graduation from university, Bill began a life of distinguished and heroic service which earned for him decoration with the Cross of St. George from his grateful Australia. Bill Jackson was a consummate naval officer with service in the air over the sea, on the surface of the sea, and beneath the sea - a feat rarely occurring in the uniformed service of any nation.

After the war, Bill joined the Anglo Iranian Oil Company and soon thereafter he met and married a daughter of New Mexico, Maxine Kastler of Raton.

Bill joined Conoco and brought his new bride to the U.S., where he became a citizen - and what a

citizen he was! Bill spent 28 years with Conoco, 15 of which were in Ft. Worth, Texas, where he was an active supporter of scouting. The Jacksons were enroute to retirement in Colorado when they paused...and remained in Albuquerque.

Bill never did anything half way. Whether he was distributing directories to Sandia Heights homeowners, participating in the District 5 Volunteer Fire Fighting program, marshalling support for APD, or directing Balloon Fiesta parking for Kiwanis, Bill was an all or nothing man - and inspired others to follow his course of community commitment.

The homeowners of Sandia Heights owe a great debt to Bill for his service to our community. We extend our sympathy to Maxine and their children and grandchildren in this time of their loss.

ROD STEWART,
Speaking for all of us

...Of Dogs and Cats

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having charge, custody, or care or control of any dog shall keep such animal exclusively upon his own premises either by 1) an enclosure surrounding the perimeter boundaries of his property or 2) on a chain or leash not less than eight (8) feet in length. Dogs are permitted on the streets or public places of the County only if on a secure leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length and under the immediate physical control of the person having custody thereof....

Section V-F Number of Animals Permitted. No household or member thereof, is allowed to own, harbor or keep dogs or cats, or any combination thereof, over four (4) months of age totaling

more than four (4)....

Section VI. Prohibited Activities

A. Animals Running at Large. It is unlawful for any person to allow or permit any animal to run at large in or on any street, alley, sidewalk, vacant lot, public property, other unenclosed place in the County; or private property without the permission of the owner thereof. Any animal permitted to run at large in violation of this section is declared to be a nuisance, a menace to public health and safety, and shall be taken up and impounded....

C. Animals on Unenclosed Premises. It is unlawful for any person to chain, stake out, graze or herd, any animal on any unen-

closed premises in such a manner that such an animal may go beyond the property line.

D. Vicious Animals. It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a vicious animal in the County of Bernalillo. Any person attacked by a vicious animal which on public property may use reasonable force to repel said attack. After a judicial determination that an animal is vicious the owner or keeper of such vicious animal shall destroy it humanely or turn such animal over to the County Manager for destruction.

E. Animals Disturbing the Peace. It is unlawful for any person to allow any animal to unreasonable bark, howl or make

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noises common to their species, or otherwise disturb the peace and quiet of the inhabitants of the County of Bernalillo, or to keep or maintain in such a manner as to disturb by noxious or offensive odors, or otherwise endanger the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the County of Bernalillo.

F. Animal Nuisances on Sidewalks, Public Parks, Alleys, and Other Places Open to the Public. It is unlawful for the owner of any animal to permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any such animal to commit any nuisance upon the sidewalk or public park...or upon any private property other than the owners of the animal.

Section I-J defines "Nuisance"...means but is not limited to defecation, urination, disturbing the peace, emitting noxious or offensive odors or otherwise endangering or offending the well being of the inhabitants of Bernalillo County.

Section XI of the ordinance calls for fines of up to \$300 or imprisonment of up to 90 days for each day such offenses occur.

We suggest that if you are having trouble with a barking dog or a neighbor's pet committing a nuisance on your property - and you find this behavior on the part of the animal to be objectionable - you discuss the problem, in a low-key and courteous way with the animal's owner. If this fails to resolve the problem, you may consider a request for assistance for a County Animal Control Officer (843-7895). These officers have authority to issue citations for violations of the ordinance. Citations will not normally be issued unless the officer personally observes the activity complained of or you or your neighbors are willing to bring the charge (The SHHA

cannot and will not instigate a citation).

Animal Control officers work hard in an unappreciated job; however, if for some reason you are unsatisfied with the response from this office, complaints may be directed to our County Commissioner, Pat Cassidy at 768-4217.

Before bringing such a charge you should arm yourself with sufficient evidence of the offending activity to support the charge. For example:

a) take a picture of an animal trespassing, wandering loose, or committing a "nuisance" on your property.

b) keep a log of all such activities personally observed by you, particularly the time and duration of unwanted barking. Be sure to identify the animal and location of the offense.

c) locate and identify others who will support your observations. The Sandia Heights Patrol Service may be able to assist you in this regard.

d) restrain or hold a trespassing animal and immediately

call the Supervisor of Bernalillo County Animal Control to have it picked up. This is covered by Section IV ordinance reading:

A. No person shall, without the knowledge or consent of the owner, hold or retain possession of any animal of which he is not the owner, for more than 24 hours without first reporting the possession of such animal to the Supervisor of the Bernalillo County Animal Control, giving his name and address, and a true and complete statement of the circumstances under which he took up the animal, a description of the animal and the precise location where such animal is confined.

B. It is unlawful for a person taking up an animal to fail to give the notice required above, and for any person having such animal in his possession to fail or refuse to immediately surrender such animal to an Animal Control Officer upon demand thereof.

The owner of the animal must then reimburse the Animal Control Facility for animal boarding or other costs.

SANDIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are a new church looking forward to meeting our neighbors and being of service.

If you are currently not attending a church, please visit us. Come see if we aren't a warm, caring group that you might like to be a part of. New churches are exciting places! Important decisions must be made. There is much to do. If you are the pioneering, adventurous sort, we might be the church you have been looking for!

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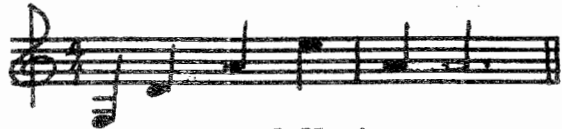
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Circle K Liquor License

The Homeowners Association has been advised that Circle K, 9500 Tramway Blvd. NE, has received initial approval from the Alcohol and Gaming Department of the State of New Mexico for a full service liquor license at that location.

This license was opposed by the Board of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association in support of a petition by hundreds of homeowners at a hearing with the Alcohol and Gaming Department.

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SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1988-1989

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BOB FITZGIBBON	666 ROADRUNNER LANE 292-1045	ASSISTANT, ARCHITECT. CONTROL	1989
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JACK WIRTZ	418 LIVE OAK COURT 293-1013	ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL	1991
NEEDED:	1 MEMBER SERVING UNTIL JUNE OF 1989 3 MEMBERS SERVING UNTIL JUNE OF 1991		

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

JUDY HARRIS	318 BIG HORN RIDGE ROAD 299-8803	THE GRIT
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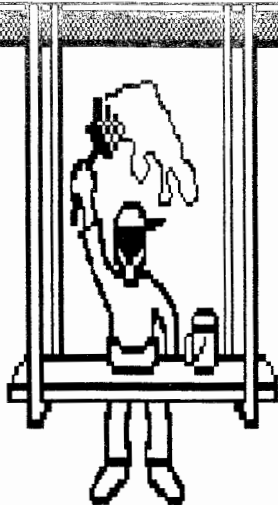
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(\$65 per half-page.
\$125 per full-page)

Business card size - \$35 per three (3) issues

House cleaners - \$5 per issue



ALL ADS MUST BE CAMERA-READY AND CORRECTLY SIZED*

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL COMMERCIAL ADS

*Advertising Artwork and Layout Service Available - Call 247-4011

Deadline for May "Grit"

The deadline for submitting ads or articles for the May GRIT is Wednesday, April 5, 1989. Please submit all materials to Judy Harris, 318 Big Horn Ridge Road NE, Albuquerque, 87122, 299-8803.

"The Grit" to be Quarterly

Beginning with this issue, The Grit will be published four times per year, as opposed to the previous bi-monthly schedule.

Quilting Anyone?

If you quilt or are interested in joining a group in the neighborhood that quilts, please call Jane Mullins at 291-9984. If there is enough interest, we'll get together and work out the details. Thanks!

Sandia Mountain Coalition Report

[The following is a letter which was sent to SMC Members in late January, 1989. We thought it would be of interest to all SHHA members.]

Dear SMC Member:

The Sandia Mountain Coalition (SMC) is pleased with the December, 1988, decision of the Secretary of the Interior rejecting the Pueblo of Sandia claim to some 9,400 additional acres of land.

SMC wishes to heartily thank its many supporters. SMC considers this a major victory for environmentalists, open space advocates, hikers, birders, home and land owners and lovers of Sandia Mountain who supported the legal and research efforts that resulted in this decision.

In issuing the 36-page legal opinion, Solicitor Ralph Tarr of the Department of Interior stated in the clearest and strongest possible language that the claim had no validity whatsoever. The

Legal Committee of SMC believes this closes the door on any further action whatsoever by the Pueblo. The opinion itself states that the Pueblo should be restrained from seeking any further remedy regarding this claim including the "administrative, legal or congressional" paths....

The Secretary's report cites the effective and thorough historical, archaeological and survey documents submitted by SMC and supported with your contributions.

SMC is proud of all its members who were there when they were needed. We wish to thank publicly the following individuals for their untiring efforts and professional demeanor through a difficult and very long struggle: Anita Miller, attorney and Chairman, Legal Committee; Shannon Gurbaxani and Dean Constantine, Co-Chairs of SMC; Tom Herrlinger, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Vi Miller, City of Albuquerque Open Space

Task Force; Pat Cassidy, County Commissioner; Kurt and Edith Kubie of the Finance Committee; Eileen Bromberg, Research; Linda Zemke of the Legal Committee; Leo Kruez, Roy Miller, Chris and Arlen Cooper, Bob Wolf, Elizabeth Craine, Sue Ottinger, and Brewster and Sandy Ely.

Should the Pueblo decide, despite the circumstances of the Secretary's report, to pursue the claim through the courts, we will get in touch with you immediately.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

LYNNE BEHNFIELD
Co-Chairperson

[The entire SHHA membership wishes to add their thanks and appreciation to the Sandia Mountain Coalition and the individuals involved.]

Circle K Liquor License

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ment in Santa Fe last month. Although a very forceful presentation was made in opposition to the license, coupled with the petitions, Circle K prevailed at the initial hearing as evidenced by the approval from the Hearing Officer.

A final hearing on this license is tentatively set for 22 March 1989 at the City and County Building, 5th and Marquette, 10th Floor Conference Room, at 1:30 p.m. Tito Chavez will be the Hearing Officer. This is a County hearing.

This will be the community's last chance to register opposition. Maximum attendance and additional petitions will be needed to attempt a reversal of the initial ruling.

As the petitions are being gathered, please assist this effort. Indicate if you will attend the hearing or volunteer to gather signatures.

Walking around the subdivision, we have noticed a number of beer and liquor bottles dumped along the side of the road. This liquor license will only enhance that activity. Both the Sheriff's Department and the Forest Service are opposed to this license. Please assist by attending the hearing and registering your protests. Verify the hearing date as it can be changed.

Obviously, this licensing procedure can be influenced politically. This may have already been the case with the original grant. Please write Patricia Cassidy or other County Commissioners or representatives regarding this matter to enhance your opposition, if you so desire.

For further information, if needed, please contact:

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I thank all of the families who entered the Christmas Lights contest this past Holiday Season. Our area was so beautiful this year and I was proud of the effort made by so many of our friends and neighbors.

I also appreciate the calls and notes regarding the contest. The judges were able to view all the homes in the area, and believe me, it was a difficult task to determine the winners from so many great displays. I have a feeling that next year it could be even a tougher job and that there will be a completely different set of winners. The chosen displays are:

- 1st place - 315 Big Horn Ridge - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy
- 2nd place - 1514 Eagle Ridge - Mr. and Mrs. Max Sanchez
- 3rd place - 18 Juniper Hill - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson
- 4th place - 213 Spring Creek Place - J. R. Dotson
- Honorable mention - 318 Big Horn Ridge - Jim Harris

Thanks to Ben at the County Line Restaurant for being a contest sponsor. Next year I hope to expand the contest with more sponsors and bigger prizes. Have a great New Year. --Mike Cox



NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEES

Wednesday, February 8th, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
at the home of Jo Chaney
18 Cedar Hill Road
293-2516

Wednesday, March 8th, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
at the home of Janie Mullins
350 White Oaks Drive
291-9984

Wednesday, April 5th, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
at the home of Billye Gamsby
412 Live Oak Loop
298-2189

Remember to call your hostess so that she can plan accordingly. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see some husbands joining our get-togethers!

We had a wonderful Christmas coffee and good turnout at the Freeman home - thanks very much, Rab, for a delightful morning.

If you are interested in having a coffee, please call Jane Stabler at 298-8525. (If you need a ride, call Jane.)

Sandia Heights Stitchery Group

...for anyone interested in sewing and fellowship. Bring your favorite project to work on and enjoy the company of your friends.

2nd and 4th Mondays, 11:00 a.m.

Bring your brown bag lunch; the hostess will furnish beverages and dessert. Call Eileen Ryan at 294-5830 or Shirley Calhoun at 294-8130. Everyone is welcome!

Sandia Heights Social Bridge

Ladies Daytime Bridge

3rd Monday, 12:30 p.m.	3 tables
2nd Thursday, 12:00 Noon	2 tables
2nd Friday, 12:30 p.m.	2 tables

Couples Evening Bridge

1st Saturday
2nd Saturday
Last Saturday of each month

There are new groups forming each week; if you would like to play in any group or join a new group, please call Sara Warford at 293-4367.

Sandia Heights Garden "Groupies"

The Sandia Heights Garden Club held its organizational meeting on January 23rd. About twenty enthusiastic gardeners attended. Another meeting is planned for late March or April. If you are interested in being listed on the "to-be-called" list, please call one of the following:

Jean Heflin at 291-0489

Bev Grady at 275-0798

Sara Warford at 293-4367

The purpose of the club will be to share our experiences with each other so that we can assist our residents in becoming knowledgeable about planting and landscaping in our area, with the hope that eventually we can share plants and seeds and sponsor garden tours and field trips.



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CHOICE PLANTS AND RABBIT FOOD

Do you love those jack rabbits that seem able to leap tall buildings in a single bound? And those cuddly cottontails that look so timid but will wait for you to walk on top of them before they deign even to move, let alone stop munching on your favorite plant? Is there any way to coexist peacefully with them and still have a garden in area that by covenant protects its wildlife?

My friends in the know say that rabbits will eat ANYTHING at one stage or another, no plant is really rabbit PROOF. However, clearly they prefer plants that you just put out, young, tender and well watered. When you put out plants in an unprotected area, cover them with wire mesh till they've grown a bit and, when

THE VIEW FROM JACKRABBIT HILL

their leaves are older and tougher, maybe the bunnies will let them be.

When you feel the need to add some plants around your home and don't want to add another fence or wall to the landscape, maybe you can outwit our fluffy little friends. Rabbits seem to have some favorites on their list and some things they like less. The bed in front of my house has had bulbs, cotoneasters, annuals, ox-eye daisies and succulents grazed to the ground while lemonade bush, lambs ears, wild onions, barberries, snow-in-summer, and bush mint have been ignored. I've had pretty good luck with some penstemons. The desert varieties are not eaten but the strictus and whippleanus with their nice green leaves were attacked in the winter, often just cut down and then not even eaten. Bearded iris seems to be immune, too (so far).

The rabbits are sensible to the desert plant protection of thorns but there isn't just cactus and yucca to choose from for the garden. Consider barberries. There is a beautiful big native, called algerita (berberis trifoliolata), that is appearing in nurseries. There are large old plants on

Hwy. 14 that are covered with yellow flowers in the spring. Some of its nonnative cousins blend into our landscape very satisfactorily as well.

Plants with strong or bitter taste are low on Lepus' and friends' favorite food list. Why else is the snakeweed so common on our land?...it tastes **TER-RIBLE**. (Though the Albuquerque Journal recently reported hopefully that camels might like it!) Sages, too, are common on the desert for good reason. The artemisias are not called wormwood for nothing and the wild (and domestic garden) sages are pretty much left alone after they are established. Yarrows and mints are possibilities, too. There is a beautiful bush mint (Poliom-inthat incana) with pale to sky blue flowers that I saw blooming near the Zia pueblo that looks like a good bet. Again - once it's established.

Our friend says she has had good luck using rabbit repellent on her plants. I haven't tried it much - I's still looking for local answers, if any. Meanwhile, as Marie A. would have said if she's lived here, "Let 'em eat rabbit-bush!"

--Jean Heflin

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Please take a moment to examine the mailing label on this issue of *The Grit*. If your name is preceded by an asterisk (*), it means we have you on file as a dues-paying member of the SHHA. First, if you feel our records are in error, please let us know. Second, if you are not a member, won't you please reconsider joining us? We need your support.

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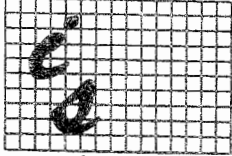
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12	13 Stitchery	14	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18
19 Palm Sunday	20 Ladies' Bridge 1st Day of Spring 	21	22	23	24  Good Friday	25 Couples Bridge
26  Easter	27 Stitchery	28	29	30	31	

APRIL

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