

President's Message

My term as President is coming to a close. I will not seek re-election in that position. I want to express my appreciation to the members of the Board and all of the individual community members who have sacrificed their time and energies in support of the Homeowners Association during the past year. The work of the association is extremely important on a long-range basis to this community.

Over the past year, your Board has been blessed(?) with a number of controversial programs resulting in spirited debate, and in some cases, a lack of unanimity regarding some important issues. This has been especially true during the last half of my administration. As President, I have been unable to implement important changes which I felt would benefit the homeowners. Case in point: I feel that the term of office on the Board should be limited to two two-year terms. This would provide greater community participation. Each Board member should be elected by the Homeowners on a yearly basis or confirmed yearly. The voting records and attendance records should be published in The Grit regarding all major issues, and conflicts of interest should be acknowledged by individual members. This will take a change in the By-Laws and should be the legacy of your new board as a first priority, assuming that you are supportive of this change.

Our Board is a very "political group." There exists a wide divergence of opinion as to who and what we represent in the community. That is why we need your participation in defining these parameters.

I would, therefore, urge each Association member to become familiar with the voting records and activities of the Board and to attend the annual meeting on Saturday, 3 June 1989, 10:00 a.m. at the

SHHA To Hold Annual Meeting

All homeowners who are members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association are requested to attend the annual meeting of your Homeowners Association. If you have an interest, complaint, advice, or wish to provide input as to what the priorities of the board should be for the ensuing year, please attend and vote. Board voting and attendance records on various important issues will be provided at this time for last year's Board activities. Board members will be available to answer questions relating to these activities.

A number of Board members will be retiring and new members will be elected to replace them. A retiring Board member may also stand for re-election at this meeting. If you wish to serve on this board, please let us know that you desire to be a candidate prior to 25 May 1989. We would also appreciate a resume - address it to President, SHHA.

Remember, your understanding of Board positions on important issues, coupled with your vote or active participation are crucial to a "representative Board" in the years to come.

If you believe that changes in the By-Laws are required, this meeting will provide an opportunity for that expression. Each Board member will report the status of the areas or programs on which his committee has worked this year.

Paseo del Norte Fire Station. I urge that you give careful consideration to the By-Law changes that I have recommended. Our Board wants to be representative of all of the Homeowners.

Thank you again for your support over the past year. I appreciated the opportunity to be of service. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

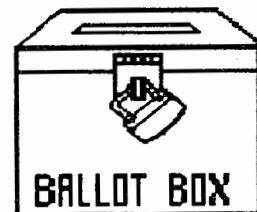
LEONARD DeLUE
President, SHHA

Remember, if you choose not to take part in this important Association meeting, and voting for proper representation, reasonable people believe you sacrifice any legitimate right you may have to criticize or complain. Your attendance and vote is critical.

Saturday, June 3rd, 1989

10:00 a.m.

Paseo del Norte Fire Station
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THE GRIT

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Tramway/Paseo del Norte Project

*From the Desk of
Commissioner
Patricia Cassidy*

It was necessary to delay bid opening for Tramway/Paseo del Norte because several property owners raised objections to our obtaining right-of-entry for construction of the Project. A hearing before a judge is scheduled for April 25th. John Ramsey will set a date for bid opening as soon as the right-of-way problems are resolved.

We now have preliminary engineering about 95 per cent completed for all of Tramway Boulevard from Montgomery north to the Indian Reservation.

The resignation of a staff person resulted in a delay in advertising for bids for small projects. We now have plans and specification nearly complete for bidding the overlay of Tramway Lane from Live Oak Road to Big Horn Ridge Road. We should be accepting bids for this work before May 15th.

BCFD #5 Auxiliary Group

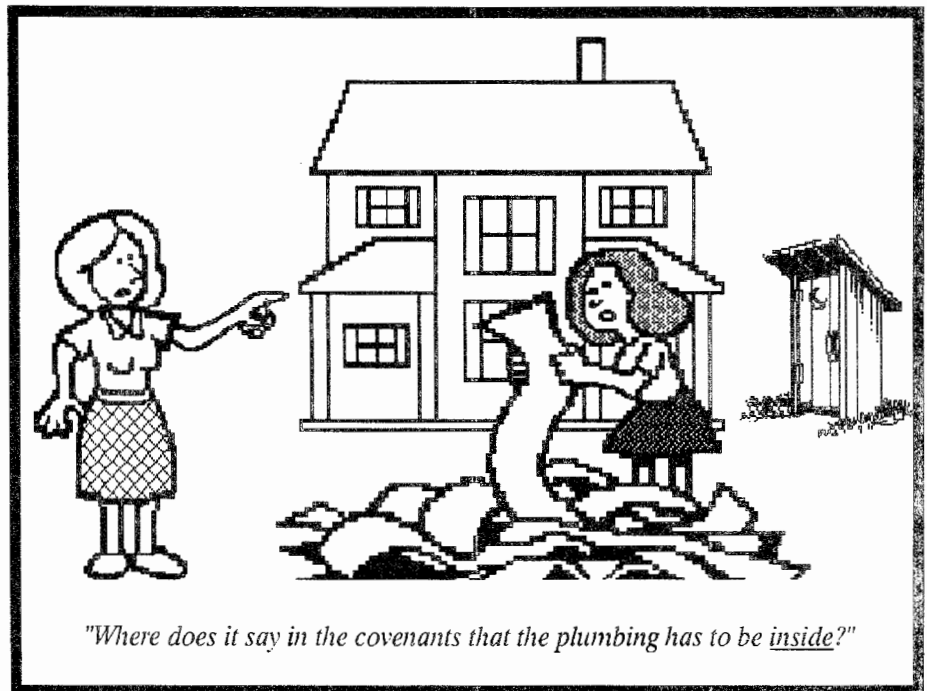
The Volunteers of District 5, Community Volunteer Fire Department, voted at their last business meeting to expand their membership to include auxiliary members. District 5, headed by Chief Clark "Sparkie" Speakman, provides fire protection and emergency medical services for Sandia Heights, Tierra Monte, and North Albuquerque Acres. As part of the Volunteer Department, an active Cadet membership program is already in place.

It is envisioned that the Auxiliary, consisting of both men and women, would assist in, and partake of the non-fire or emergency related activities of the Department, such as the annual picnic, the annual Christmas Eve activities and lunch, and other social functions. Of course the auxiliary would assist the members in these functions as well as others, namely, department record keeping, fund raising endeavors, and other supportive activities. The Auxiliary would function as a permanent committee of the Department, under the guidance of the Chief and the members. The only requirements for membership are to reside in the area, and a desire to provide some of your personal time to assist in the

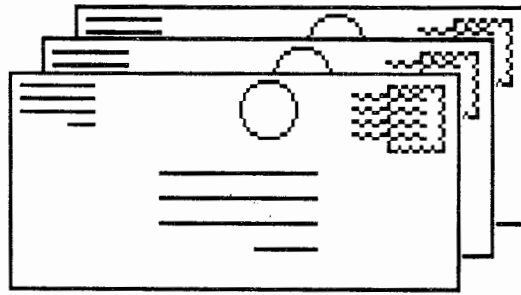
workings of the Fire Department.

As each year goes by and the area increases in population, the number of emergency calls increases, which requires more time of the Volunteers. This, in addition to increased record keeping imposed by Federal, State, and County governments, has placed a tremendous burden on the active members of the Department. A portion of the work load has been relieved by the Cadets who are able to participate in some of the fire emergency and training activities, and they have done an outstanding job in this area to date.

For those of you, who are interested in joining the District 5 Fire Department Auxiliary, and would like to volunteer some of your time for your community, there will be an organizational meeting held at the Paseo del Norte Fire Station on Tuesday, May 16th, 1989 at 7 p.m. If you cannot attend this meeting, please call the station at 293-4275 and leave your name and telephone number so that we can contact you. Refreshments are on tap. We, the members of District 5, welcome you and are looking forward to your support.



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.

My family and I would like to thank the volunteer members past and present for their generous time and effort on behalf of the Homeowners Association.

We have been residents of Sandia Heights since the fall of 1985. We very much enjoy the independent community managed by the homeowners and Sandia Utility. I am confident my home/property are safe and secure in a maximum equity value community. We are very pleased with our Roger Smith home and his company's continued help with service/questions.

I have a problem with my neighbors in the Quail Run area with regard to their dogs' use of my property as a toilet. I am disappointed with this unfair practice of walking the animals in the neighborhood

and using whatever yard they wish as a convenient rest area. Within the same distance there are many open lots of space for this purpose. On a weekly basis, I spend time cleaning the perimeter of my property of the mess. I don't imagine this is a problem of major importance to all of the residents of Sandia Heights; however, those of us in the dense housing area on the southern fringe, find it a nuisance. A neighbor of mine has gone as far as posting a "Keep Off" sign for the animals on his property.

I only wish to inform my neighbors of my objection to this situation and ask them to exercise care and respect for their neighbors.

JEFF AND KELLY BENNEWITZ
1936 Quail Run Loop

More Animal Problems

There have been reports that people are placing poison out on their lots in an attempt to kill coyotes and other wild animals. As a result, pets have eaten the poison and have died. If you are having a wild animal problem, notify the Environmental Health Department, Mr. Curt Montman, 768-2600. Residents are reminded that County Ordinance 83-37 prohibits animals to run at large or to disturb the peace by barking and howling. Violation of the Ordinance is punishable by a fine of up to \$300 and/or imprisonment of up to 90 days. County Animal Control can be contacted at 843-7895.

Architectural Control

Mr. Jack Wirtz has been appointed the new Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee for the following subdivisions: Sandia Heights Addition, Lots 1 through 40; Sandia Heights North; North 2; Sandia Heights South and South Units 2 through 19 excluding Cedar Canyon Subdivision; South Units 25, 27A and 28A. Plans for new construction, renovation, walls/fences, swimming pools, or other construction within the above cited subdivisions are to be submitted to Jack Wirtz at 418 Live Oak Court NE, 293-1013.

Subdivisions other than those identified above remain under the jurisdiction of the Sandia Peak Tram Company for Architectural Control.

- URGENT - ATTENTION JOGGERS

Young couple jogging west on Live Oak toward White Oaks around 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 8th, with a light colored dog - your dog attacked our black cat. We have urgent health information concerning your dog!!! Call Dr. Vic Strasburger (W) 277-5551 or (H) 292-7943.

New Number for Sandia Heights Security Patrol

Effective 6 March 1989, the Sandia Height Services Security Patrol Service will have a new mobile telephone number. **THAT NUMBER IS 269-3991.** This upgraded system will have a call waiting feature, thereby enabling the Security Patrol to respond more timely to incoming calls and will eliminate the annoying and frustrating busy signal.

25 French Students...

...will be visiting Albuquerque August 2 through 23, sponsored by EuroLangues, a non-profit student exchange organization. Host families are being sought for students ranging in age from 14 to 18 for this three-week homestay program. To volunteer to host a student, please call Dyne Macha at 298-6583.

Families of all ages are eligible to participate. Host families act as good will ambassadors, greeting students who arrive by charter plane, attending a Welcome Party, and providing room and board. Itinerary for the students during their three-week stay includes these weekend activities:

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SANDIA HEIGHTS WILDFLOWER GROUP...



...held their first business meeting on Monday, April 3rd, at the Paseo del Norte fire station. Sara Warford conducted the opening minutes and the following officers were elected:

President - Jean Heflin
Vice-President - Mary Colton
Secretary - Jane Stabler
Treasurer - Glenna Pierce
Directors at Large - Bev Grady
and Jean Price

The guest speaker was Susan Wachter, landscape designer and master gardener. She talked about Xericape, a very interesting and timely subject - encouraging limited watering, a plan needed for the western states.

There will be a garden tour to be held on Saturday, June 3rd. Please check your neighborhood bulletin board (located behind the Circle K at the skating rink) for time and location, or call Mary Colton at 294-5510 or any Wildflower board member.

If you are interested in attending meetings or exchanging plants and seeds, please join us.

Memorial Day Refuse Pickup

A reminder for those who have a Monday refuse collection day - there will be no collection on Monday, 29 May 1989, Memorial Day. Refuse will be collected on the following day - Tuesday, 30 May 1989.

Special Refuse Pickup

The week of 15-19 May 1989 is designated Sandia Heights Clean Up Week. Special provisions are being made for an extra service pickup of all materials, properly boxed which you have discarded. This includes organics from the yard or other disposables from your house or garage. No large metallic items, batteries, etc. Please have this material at curbside. Thanks.

SHHA To Publish Directory

The Homeowners Association will be publishing the 1989-1990 Sandia Heights Directory in early July. The Directory will be distributed, free of charge, to all SHHA members.

The information to be contained in the Directory is shown on the mailing label of this issue of the *Grit*. Please take a moment to look at your mailing label to be sure that the information is correct. Any changes or corrections should be sent to SHHA, P.O. Box 20021, Albuquerque, NM 87154-0021, no later than May 31, 1989.

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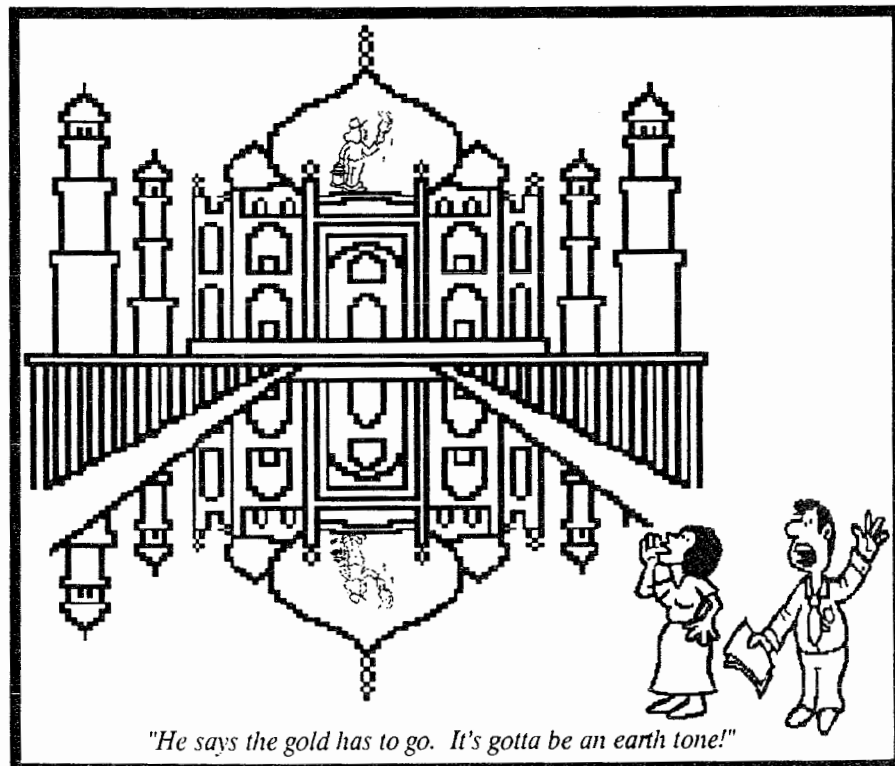
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Deadline for August "GRIT"

The deadline for submitting ads or articles for the August GRIT is Wednesday, July 12, 1989. Please submit all materials to Judy Harris, 318 Big Horn Ridge Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122, 299-8803.

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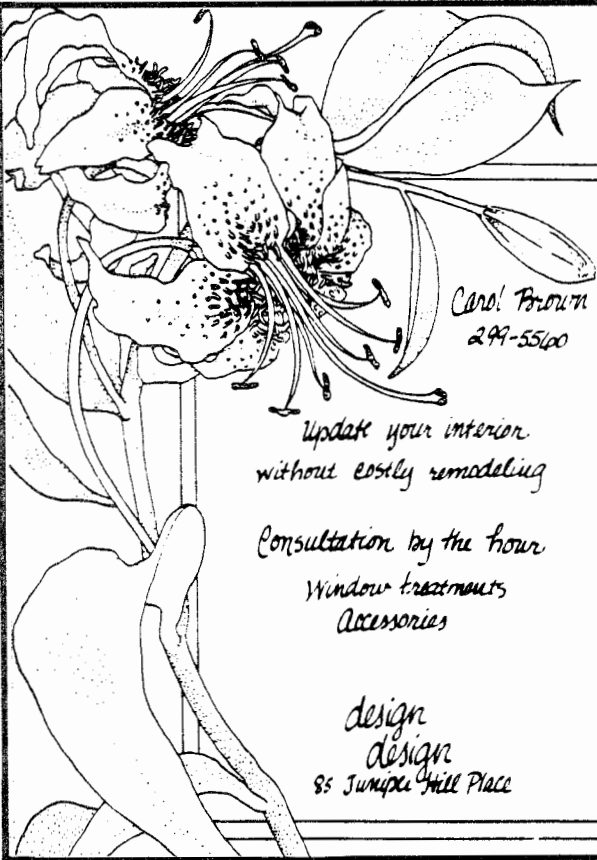
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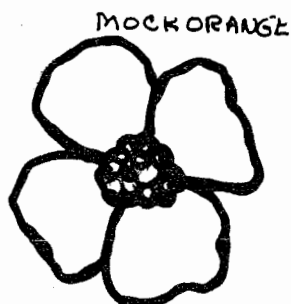
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All around us in the Sandias, shrubs are growing that are adaptable to our gardens and that live happily here in our dry climate and sandy Sandia soil. Two favorites are large saxifrages - cliff fendlerbush (*fendlera rupicola*) and our fragrant native mockorange (*philadelphus microphylla*). Saxifrage means rock breaker and in spring you can see these good-sized shrubs with their large white blooms growing in the rocks in Juan Tabo Canyon and beneath the tram as you ride up the mountain. Both are handsome shrubs with large (1") flowers in the spring, the shape of the fendlerbush flowers being unusually attractive. The lovely wild currants and gooseberries are also

in this family. Six are listed for the Sandias, but the native *ribes* found most frequently in the nurseries is the attractive golden currant with profuse small yellow flowers and golden fruit. It has been a successful landscape plant.

Any of our gardens can use the New Mexico native sumac, lemonade berry (*rhus trilobata*). It has a variety of names -- oakbrush sumac, skunk bush. I planted a 1-gallon lemonade berry, gave it water from time to time the first year and have forgotten it since. Now two years later, it is a respectable 3' shrub that turns a nice gold and red in the fall before it drops its leaves. So far, it has been ignored by the bunnies, but is beloved by the birds who take its berries before I ever have a chance to see them turn red. Eventually it should be 5 or 6 feet tall and at least as wide. Its pleasant cousin, the wooly sumac (*rhus trilobata pelosissima*) grows in many of our draws; look along lower Live Oak Road for them. It turns a soft yellow in the fall. Though it seems happily impervious to drought, it also apparently thrives on extra water. One of mine got the drainage from a new patio and had spread to about 12' across while staying about 6' tall. In summer, it is usually filled with birds that love its cover.

And, do you have a shady spot that freezes hard in the winter that you have despaired of planting? You might want to try the native red-twig dogwood. It is especially beautiful in the winter against the snow and is handsome the rest of the year as well, having white flowers in the spring and a nice red color in the fall. It comes from the high mountains so needs a bit more water than some plants from lower elevations; it would be happy on drip watering on a north side.



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FENDLERBUSH

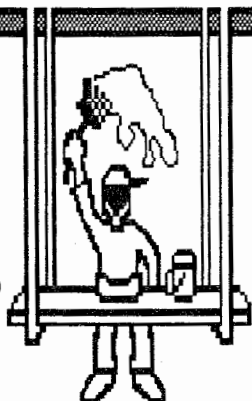
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Circle K Liquor License Hearing

The final hearing on 22 March 1989 at the City and County Building opposing this license by a group of dedicated homeowners, was a resounding success. Win, lose, or draw, this was an outstanding community effort. As of this date, no ruling has been made by the hearing officer. Attorney Anita Miller, supported by Kathleen Lebeck, presented an excellent opposition case to Tito Chavez, hearing officer for Bernalillo County. Our case was further enhanced by Eric Doremus, who made a video presentation regarding traffic considerations. These presentations, coupled with a number of vocal residents, and a well-attended meeting, should make our community proud of this individual effort. Thanks to everyone involved in this effort and all those individuals who signed and collected petitions, including Bill Jackson, posthumously. Special thanks should be given to Eric Doremus for his total commitment, Alicia Snyder for involving MADD and SADD entities, Kathleen Lebeck and Anita Miller for their excellent legal work, and to Julie and Don McBride for providing the organization to this protest. Thanks again, everyone, for an outstanding effort.

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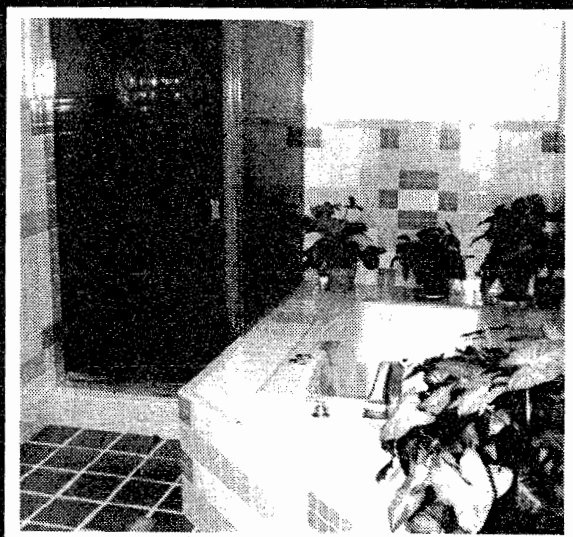
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Spring



Time again for the annual Sandia Heights Home-owners Association's sponsored Spring Fling.

Reserve Memorial Day, May 29th, to join us in a family celebration. Festivities will begin at the ballfield at 10:15 a.m. where we plan a softball game and other athletic events for the entire family. Join us at the Four Seasons Club for a Spring Splash. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a lunch of fried chicken, potato salad, beans and soda pop for members of SHHA. Lunch is sponsored by the Association. This is an opportunity to review the Four Seasons Club and renew acquaintances. REMEMBER --

MONDAY, 29 MAY 1989

10:15 a.m. - Softball, games and swimming
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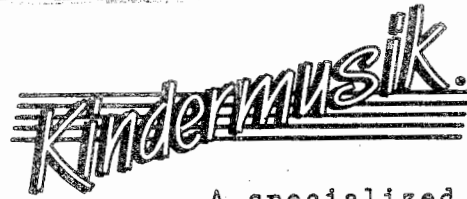
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Non-Commercial Advertising

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.

ALL-AROUND GOOD QUALITY WORK. We do everything - take care of children, mail, plants, yard work and odd jobs - while you're at home or on a trip. Experienced and with references. Call Scott (age 14) at 298-3843 or Tim (age 14) at 275-3508.

BABY SITTING - 21-year-old, home from college - lots of experience - own transportation - loves kids! Call Lori at 291-0317.

BABY SITTING - dog walking, plants watered. Please call Tyson, age 18 (with car), Kerri, age 14 and Katie, age 13 at 292-8002.

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.

BMX RACE BIKE, GT Pro Series, limited edition, like new. Half price of new bike. Will negotiate. Call Scott at 298-3843.

BRIDE TO BE? NEW PARENT? New citizen? Just moved? Having a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary? Welcome Wagon has a basket full of useful gifts for you. Call Karrie at 275-3366.

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.

EXPERIENCED HOUSE AND ANIMAL SITTER - Lisa Cole (age 27). Call at 293-6751. Sandia Heights resident. References available.

GOT ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED HELP WITH???? Please try me...Jessica Solie (age 10) 275-0309

HANDY BOY SPECIAL! No job too small, from yard work to baby sitting and anything in between. Daryl Mhoon, 294-3870.

HELP WANTED - INSURANCE SALES - learn about and sell insurance - must have outgoing personality. Contact John Gabaldon - State Farm at Quail Run - 293-9300.

HOMEMAKER WOULD LIKE TO HELP clean your house and/or run errands, such as grocery shopping, feeding animals while you're away or whatever your needs may be! Excellent references. Caring, trustworthy, efficient and very dependable. Call Errands Express at 298-2027.

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.

PLAYGROUP FOR 1 MORNING a week. Age range 15 to 20 months. Call Eva or Kathy at 298-0169.

PLEASE SAVE ALUMINUM CANS for Keith and John Gallow. Call us and we will come by and pick them up. Our phone number is 296-4959. Thank you!

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.

SEARS CARPET STEAM CLEANING MACHINE - used once. Includes chemicals. \$125. 299-5560.

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

TAKE A HOLIDAY IN NEVIS, the "undiscovered" island paradise of the Caribbean. Beautiful, completely furnished 4 bdrm home available by the day or week with swimming pool and fantastic view of St. Kitts Island and the sunsets. Snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, and sailing available. Excellent American Airline connections. Call 292-3922 or 294-4088 for information.

THE NICE FOLKS at the SANTA FE DELI (corner of San Rafael & Tramway) would be happy to loan you their facilities for meetings, bridge games, parties, etc. Call 294-7551 for details.

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-month old baby. 4 days/week during the day. Call Sheila at 294-0356.

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

Sandia Heights Social Bridge



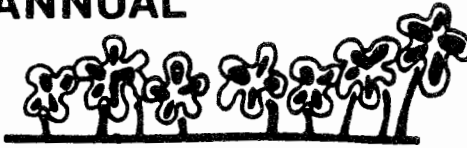
Ladies Daytime Bridge
 3rd Mon 12:30 pm 3 tables
 2nd Thurs 12:00 Noon 2 tables
 2nd Fri 12:30 pm 2 tables

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, call Sara Warford at 293-4367.

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arts and crafts

EXPO 89

STATE FAIRGROUNDS

April 28 - 10:00 - 8:00

April 29 - 10:00 - 6:00*

April 30 - 10:00 - 6:00

SEE WORKS OF OVER 150 ARTISTS FROM NEW MEXICO,
ARIZONA, TEXAS, COLORADO, OKLAHOMA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA

Admission
\$2.00

***SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE EXPO**

A special time to visit with your favorite artist
while enjoying a complimentary glass of wine and
hors d'oeuvres!

April 29th 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Admission \$3.00
Tickets available at the door.

Parking
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