

Some Words from the SHHA President

By Richard Krumbain

We live in the most desirable community in Albuquerque. Sandia Heights reputation did not happen by accident. Besides the uniqueness and natural beauty of the area, Sandia Heights has been able to acquire and maintain its reputation and charisma through the efforts and involvement of the community and its strong homeowners association.

Preserving the integrity and desirability of our community and maintaining our property values is every Sandia Heights Homeowner's responsibility. Today, only about 1100 of the more than 1,700 homes have registered as members. Everyone, however, benefits from the work of the Association.

For example, the Architectural Review Committee is constantly ensuring that new projects, remodeling or upgrades are done in conformity with the established community standards and covenants. The Parks & Recreation and the Community Services Committees are continuously working to provide better services and environmental standards. The Government Liaison Committee ensures that our voice is heard at the state, county and city levels.

To be successful in preserving our lifestyle and to present a strong voice to the City, County and State Government, we need everybody's involvement. One of my principal goals during the term of my new presidency of the SHHA will be to encourage a far wider participation from the whole community. The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.



Richard Krumbain

I encourage you to all get involved and join if you have not yet done so. It doesn't cost much (\$3.50 per month) and the benefits are more than worth it. Your support of your Homeowners Association will ensure that your voice and your concerns are heard and that your investment is protected.

This issue of the SHHA quarterly newsletter, *THE GRIT*, is being distributed to all households in Sandia Heights on a one time complementary basis to help encourage that increased membership.

Call Evelyn Patten today and sign up!

THE GRIT

SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

WINTER - 1994



The site of the new Morgan development taken from Tramway Boulevard. 34 of the 52 available lots have been sold and home construction will soon be under way.

Morgan Development Sells Fast

SHHA Invited to Participate in Covenant Enforcement

Over the past few months, the Architectural Review Committee has received numerous calls from neighbors concerning the Morgan Development at San Bernardino and Tramway.

Richard Krumbain, President of the Association and Chairman of the Architectural Review Committee, met several times with the developer, Don Morgan, to review the plans and ensure that they conform to the 1992 agreements between the SHHA and Morgan.

The plans submitted to the County for approval, according to Morgan, received final approval in early January, 1994. The various changes in terrain elevation were required to comply with the drainage plans submitted to the County.

Morgan told Richard that he has already sold 34 lots and that plans are under way for building some homes in the 2,900 - 3,000 square-foot size. The smallest house allowed will be 1,900 square-feet along Tramway Boulevard.

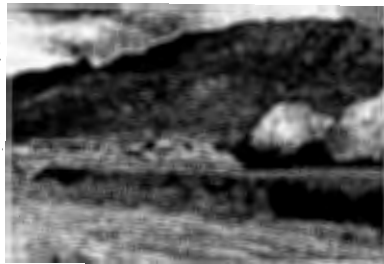
The developer shares our concerns regarding the preservation of the character of Sandia Heights and its natural beauty. To that effect, he has prepared a set of restrictive covenants to ensure that the homes comply with Sandia Heights' high standards. Among the covenants are restrictions on height (17' and 18' depending on row location) which would limit construction to single story or split-level homes. In addition, consistent with restrictions in other sections of Sandia Heights, he is restricting the type of fences, roofs, parking of trailers, set-backs, etc.

To ensure consistent implementation of the covenants, Don Morgan has invited Richard Krumbain to participate in his Covenants Enforcement Committee. This will give the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association a voice in the Morgan Development, and the opportunity to help ensure that the architectural standards are maintained. "Although the Morgan Development subdivision is not formally a part of the area

controlled by the SHHA," said Richard, "this agreement will give the Association some influence on the decision-making process."

As far as the SHHA Architectural Review Committee can determine, the plans for this development are in accordance with the County's building permit and appear to be headed towards the creation of a residential environment which will complement the standards already established in Sandia Heights.

Members who have specific questions or comments to make regarding the development are encouraged to direct them in writing to the SHHA.



Site clearing has commenced at the Morgan Development site. 34 of the 53 available sites are sold.

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Roundhouse Report

The Second Session of the 41st Legislature of New Mexico began at High Noon on Tuesday, January 18th in Santa Fe. This is a "short", or 30-day session. By the terms of our state constitution, the Legislature can only consider fiscal or tax matters, and constitutional amendments, unless other matters are included in the "message" from the Governor. Such issues are normally highlighted in the State of the State address delivered by the Governor on opening day of the Legislature. Other matters considered germane for the 30-day session include any bills or resolutions vetoed by the Governor last year. A veto override requires a two-thirds majority by those present at the time of the vote, in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The major activities expected this session include passage of the state budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 1994. Governor King is expected to recommend a record \$2.6 Billion budget with 500 new state government employees. Meanwhile, General Fund revenues continue to pile up, with recurring revenues, as of October 1993, growing 11.6% over the July-October 1992 period. Well over \$300 Million in recurring surplus revenues will be up for grabs in this session. Conservatives will try and give it back to the taxpayers and liberals will try and spend every penny of it.

We have a number of initiatives we plan to introduce in the House and Senate. Most of these measures will be to exempt gross receipts tax on prescription drugs, non-alcohol food (ie. groceries), and provide permanent reductions in the state income tax. Additionally, the Republicans will launch an all-out effort to repeal the 6 cents gasoline tax.

We encourage our neighbors in Sandia Heights to visit us at the Capitol during the 30-day legislative session. Your views, whether supporting of our own or not, are always welcomed and appreciated. We will provide a wrap-up on the session in the next edition of the ROUNDHOUSE REPORT.



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Sandia Heights Homeowners Association

COMPLIMENTARY NEWSLETTER ISSUE

THIS WINTER ISSUE OF THE QUARTERLY Sandia Heights Homeowners Association Newsletter, *The Grit*, has been mailed to all residents of the Sandia Heights community as a one-time introduction to the benefits of belonging to the SHHA. Of the approximate 1,700 homes in this unique community, about 60% belong to the SHHA and enjoy the many advantages of that membership, some of which are outlined below. Membership is affordable (\$7.50 per month), easy to arrange (one phone call) and uncluttered by extra correspondence (it appears on your utility bill). If your family is not now a part of this dynamic and supportive community group, give some thoughts to the benefits of signing up today.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT & AVAILABILITY

The SHHA has paid and continues to pay many thousands of dollars annually for park enhancement, maintenance, water, trash collection, purchase of equipment and lease of the park site. Picnic tables, children's play equipment, basketball goals, and ball fields, are but a few of the available amenities. While this facility is open to all residents, SHHA members may reserve the park for private functions.

THE GRIT NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is published quarterly and mailed only to members of the SHHA. *The Grit* covers topics of interest to all Sandia Heights residents, including zoning issues, new commercial and residential developments in the area, new home construction in Sandia Heights, neighborhood improvement programs and much more. It offers a free classified advertisement section for SHHA members.

RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

Published annually as a service to its members, the Sandia Heights Residents Directory provides a convenient way to get acquainted with your neighbors. The directory lists all Sandia Heights residents, both alphabetically and by street address. It also contains a comprehensive listing of reference telephone numbers and a detailed area map.

FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

The Association maintains a fully staffed office available to answer questions and coordinate member services of all kinds.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW & COVENANT SUPPORT

Preservation of the unique character and beauty of Sandia Heights is a primary goal and service of the Association. SHHA reviews plans and supervises construction for new homes, additions, renovations and remodeling. Members are invited to attend Architectural Review Committee meetings to review plans submitted for construction which may affect their homes, and have the right to appeal certain aspects of plans which may be in contravention of the covenants for that area. The Association also provides financial support and assistance to members who may wish to pursue enforcement of the deed restrictions in their subdivision through litigation.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

From sponsorship of the annual *Holiday Lights* contest to neighborhood recycling programs, the SHHA strives to foster and enhance the quality of life and community spirit that make Sandia Heights such a desirable place to live.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The SHHA provides regular and frequent opportunities for you to meet new neighbors and visit old friends. The Association sponsors the annual *Spring Fling* members' party and also the November *Holiday Crafts Bazaar* to benefit the County Volunteer Fire Department. Monthly neighborhood coffees, where newcomers and old timers meet at different homes each time, are published in *The Grit*, with their location.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP ARE MANY & VARIED - JOIN NOW.

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Foothills Access Traffic Is a Problem for Homeowners

By Pete Alexander
Parks & Recreation, SHHA

Sandia Heights residents are presently limited to accessing the Sandia foothill hiking and biking trails through 4 well-used points ... the tram parking lot, the top of



Pete Alexander explains trail access problems to SHHA board members

Cedar Hill, the north end of Honeysuckle and through the park entrance at Elena Gallegos. With the exception of the tram parking lot, there are no authorized (or suitable) parking areas for access at the other two points.

A number of other access points have been utilized -- often contrary to the wishes of the adjacent homeowners -- along Big Horn Ridge and Tramway Lane. These access points also lack any suitable (or authorized) parking areas, a fact that does not prevent countless hunters and others from doing so, especially at the end of hunting seasons. Unfortunately, there is little we can do to enforce any parking restrictions and prevent individuals from using these trail access points in general.

In an effort to mediate the situation and develop a good policy on the matter for the future, the Parks & Recreation Committee of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association has undertaken the task of attempting to identify any additional access points that may exist which would be acceptable to the residents in the area.

Our first step was to physically identify all known existing access points and determine which residents' homes are affected. Our next step will be to contact each of these homeowners and enquire, through a brief survey, into their positions on the matter.

Once collected and analyzed, we will follow up with those residents who are not entirely averse to the idea and who might be willing to assist us in our efforts. In turn, we would promise to discourage parking in the area, through any means possible and, if necessary, provide some form of compensation or remediation in an effort to minimize the impact on the area (such as planting vegetation, handling watering, etc.).

Because a number of Sandia Heights residents utilize the trails and, as a result, the various access points, the Homeowners Association feels an obligation to locate, if possible, one or more additional points to compensate for those residents who do not live at the extreme north or south ends, where the principal access points are currently located.

We wish to establish an open line of communication and are not adverse to any suggestions. Should you, or someone you know, have any ideas or input on the matter, please do not hesitate to contact:

Pete Alexander, Parks & Recreation, SHHA
856-0303

The results of our survey will be published in the next issue of *THE GRIT*, along with any determinations or policy made as a result.

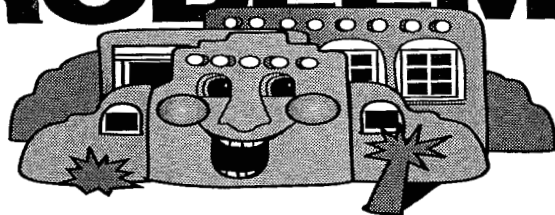
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In order to improve response time and provide a local presence, the Sandia Heights community might get a Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department Substation, if funding efforts are successful in the Legislature.



Senator Tom Wray

County Commissioner Barbara Seward and State Senator Tom Wray are collaborating on an appropriation request that would allow construction of a substation near the District 5 Fire Station on Paseo del Norte. The building would be sized to include a large community meeting room for area groups to use.

The increase in violent crime throughout the metro area make this project an urgently-needed one and Commissioner Seward and Senator Wray are committed to working the request through the legislative session. Representatives Caruso and Nicely are supporting the initiative in the House of Representatives. In addition, Senator Janice Paster

has indicated her support.

Land acquisition is expected to cost \$100,000; engineering/architectural design, \$26,700; construction, \$354,300; computers, furniture, communications equipment, \$105,000; and annual operating, maintenance cost, \$54,000. The estimated size of the building is 3,975 square feet, with a 16,000 square foot parking lot.

Currently, the nearest Sheriff's substation serving Sandia Heights is in the North Valley. The



Commissioner Barbara Seward

response times on calls that cannot be handled by our own security guard can be quite long. From 1980 to 1990, the area that would be served by the proposed substation doubled in population, with 1993 estimates at 11,375 people. Not only will response times be greatly improved, but the substation will increase law enforcement visibility in our community, while improving accessibility and enhancing community-based policing.

New Elementary School Plans

Four sites are being considered by Albuquerque Public Schools for a new elementary school location to serve the North East Heights communities. Local homeowners associations, including SHHA, have been contacted with a request for input.

The sites being considered are: San Diego & Ventura, San Francisco & Eubank, Carmel & Barstow, Lowell and Eagle Rock (closest to Sandia Heights).

The other sites are closer to Sandia Heights, but present problems in providing water and sewerage facilities within a reasonable time frame.

Meetings were held at two separate locations on 25 and 31 January. Your Association distributed a flyer during the week of 16 January, announcing these meetings and urging residents to attend, consider the alternatives and react accordingly.

Board member Toni Seidel, 360 Juniper Hill Road, is representing Sandia Heights on this issue. If you would like further information, she can be reached at 821-1791.

Help Wanted in Santa Fe Legislature

Senator Tom Wray and Representative Kip Nicely are both looking for a few good people to assist them in their duties in the Santa Fe Legislature.

Both Senator Wray and Representative Nicely have asked **THE GRIT** to publicize the need for this assistance in the Sandia Heights community.

Work is available, one day at a time, to youths at least 9 years of age who are able to make transportation arrangements to and from Santa Fe, during the current session, so as to be available from 9 AM to 4PM.

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What is a Baha'i?

One Who Believes in the Unity of Mankind

The Baha'i Faith is the newest world religion, dating from 1844. It currently has some six million followers residing in more countries of the world than any other religion except Christianity.

The word Baha'i comes from the founder of the faith -- Baha'u'llah (which means "The Glory of God"). Baha'i simply means a follower of Baha'u'llah.

Baha'is believe Baha'u'llah is the Promised One foretold by all previous religions.

The purpose of his coming is to unite mankind. He says, "Ye are all fruits of one tree, the leaves of one branch, the flowers of one garden".

The Baha'i Faith offers a clear pattern of world order. It does not have any secret doctrines or ritual. It does not have any professional clergy or priesthood. Baha'u'llah declared that each person should seek the truth for himself without human intervention between the believer and God.

For Additional Information please call 856-1655

SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL RESPONSES 1993 - 94

TYPE OF CALL	1993	1992
Alarms	654	573
Motorist Assist	181	193
Breaking & entering	17	10
Attempted breaking & entering	15	6
Construction site burglary	3	8
Suspicious vehicle	214	145
Suspicious person	108	56
Animal control assist	30	30
Lost & found pet	32	114
Snake	24	17
Family dispute	13	6
Loud/disruptive party	33	49
Fireworks complaint	19	11
Vandalism (general)	64	72
Mailbox vandalism	26	45
Speeding vehicle	16	16
Unusual special request	170	183
Salesman problems	26	15
Phone problems	7	5
Car accident	24	27
Fire	60	46
Rescue	65	40
Utility Company assist	127	75
Construction sites	1	13
Vacant houses (for sale, etc)	14	46
Specials (extra patrol observations)	129	81
Homeowners on vacation	1,929	1,459
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SHHA Covenants Are Enforced

By James Nachbar
Covenant Support, SHHA

Sandia Heights remains a beautiful and unique community, in part because of the covenants. At the January meeting of the SHHA Board, the Board reaffirmed the importance of covenant enforcement to the members of our community. Among the highest priorities in covenant enforcement is the *storage of boats and motor homes on property in Sandia Heights*. There are misconceptions about this issue.

Although many covenants do not specifically mention *motor homes* because they became popular after the writing of some covenants, they are covered under the word *house trailers* and are prohibited.

The covenants require that motor homes, house trailers and boats, if stored on the property must be completely enclosed in a garage or other approved structure. Parking behind a fence, or using a canvas cover, does not meet the requirement. Instructions on applying to the Architectural Control Committee for approval to build such a structure may be obtained from the SHHA Administrative Assistant.

There has been confusion on the issue of whether or not SHHA has the legal authority to enforce all covenants. As the representative of homeowners in Sandia Heights, SHHA can (and regularly does) take action to enforce the covenants.

Enforcement of the covenants is one of the most important missions of the SHHA. Most homeowners voluntarily comply with the covenants when asked by SHHA. Most of the rest do so after they talk with their own attorney when contacted by SHHA's legal counsel.

SHHA appreciates the cooperation of those homeowners who voluntarily comply with the covenants, and pledges to the homeowners of Sandia Heights that it will continue to take the action necessary to enforce them.

Phone Number Heartburn?

SHHA has been in continuous contact with US West, regarding the impact of the telephone number changes on the Sandia Heights Community. The dialog has, so far, been productive, but there are more hurdles to cross before the system becomes smooth and efficient again.

The Association would like to hear from Sandia Heights residents concerning this conversion. Your comments (pro & con) will help us in future negotiations with US West.

Please put your comments in writing and mail (or FAX) them to SHHA (see address details at top left of Page 2). We will compile all the comments and forward them to US West and the State Corporations Commission.

Any questions may be called to Janey Brink, 823-1705, or Charlotte Zerof, 856-7757.



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Community Services Report

By Barbara Bensonhaver

This is the time of the year to start thinking about *Spring Fling*. Anyone interested in helping out, please call me at 856-9110.

The neighborhood coffees continue every month. The dates are on Page 2 of this issue of *THE GRIT* and will continue to occupy that position from now on. Check the dates and plan on attending.

It has been suggested that we have some events at night that both men and women could attend. I am looking for ideas!

The Eisenhower mid-school collaborative committee is off and running. We meet once a month and plan activities to keep mid-school students busy and involved after school. We need a new representative from Sandia Heights. If you, or any of your friends and neighbors, would like to get involved please let me know. This is a worthwhile endeavor.

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The main advantages of the new layout are:

- ECONOMY** - More available space within the same amount of paper.
- GRAPHICS** - Improved ability to use graphic material and more appealing layout.
- READABILITY** - Page design becomes more flexible and produces a more readable format.

THE GRIT is distributed quarterly in February (Winter issue), May (Spring issue), August (Summer issue), and November (Fall issue). It is mailed during the early part of each of those months to approximately 1,100 members of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association.

This issue has been mailed to ALL of the approximately 1,700 residents of Sandia Heights as a promotional offer intended to introduce some of the benefits of membership to the 35% of the homeowners who do not belong (see Page 3).

The purpose of the newsletter is to provide a

device wherein the SHHA Board can communicate with members and vice versa. Input from the membership is welcomed, as is free non-commercial advertising and/or letters.

Commercial advertising is accepted, subject to available space, and the revenue derived from that source generally pays the total cost of production and mailing.

Material for publication may be mailed to the editor at the address shown at the top of Page 2.

Directory Delay

Publication of the 1994 Residents Directory has been delayed due to difficulty with US West Communications in getting together an accurate listing of the new telephone numbers. Although a computer printout of names and new numbers was obtained in August, there were a number of entries missing from it, originally assigned numbers have been changed at the request of homeowners, residents have moved out and in and it has so far not been possible to issue a directory with which the Association could have a high level of confidence in its accuracy.

During the absence of an assigned Administrative Assistant, a backlog of amendments built up. The

residents list had, during previous years, been in the hands of an independent contractor which, the Board believed, contributed to the difficult bureaucratic process involved in coordinating data changes between the agencies involved (ie. Sandia Peak Tram Company, US West, and the SHHA). Concurrently with the assignment of a new Administrative Assistant, a new data base was created within the SHHA office and all changes are now entered directly as they are known, saving considerable time, effort and paper. This data base is now in place and awaits only verification with US West on the telephone numbers.

The Residents Directory has, until 1994, been published coincident with the changing of the Board of Directors in October. When the telephone number change was announced, the Board decided to reschedule the directory to appear at the beginning of each calendar year. The 1994 issue should be available before mid-March.

Readers are asked to check the address box on the front of this newsletter (which should also contain a telephone number) and, if not correct, to call Evelyn Patten, 296-1214 to amend the data base and ensure accuracy in the directory when it is published.



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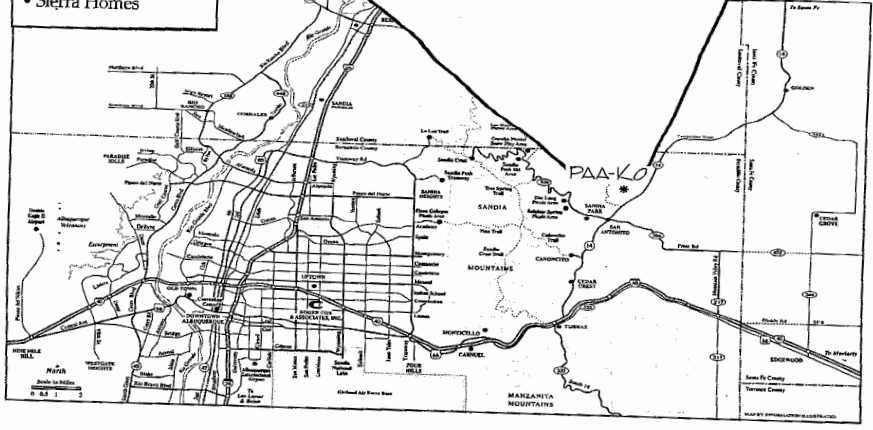
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A View From the Ranger's Office

1993 is now history. 1994 is well underway with many new challenges and opportunities awaiting us as we continue our stewardship programs for the Sandia/Manzanita Mountains within the Cibola National Forest. Our new chief, Jack Ward Thomas, offers us a new voice in Washington, DC, "mapping our future in ecosystem thinking and providing a few simple *one Liners* to guide our every day thinking", to quote Aldo Leopold.

We receive many letters from people who say their activity and needs are pre-eminent over all others, or that some users threaten them or cause them to yield to another's activity or special place. Our understanding of the history and heritage of these places help us gain respect and the ability to share our common resources. Wilderness has been designated to help zone some uses that intrude on animals, while providing sanctuary for some who wish to take their sacred journeys. However, not all the land can be segmented to accommodate singular uses. Today it seems we behave as young children when we come to the Mountain. Is it not odd that perhaps we have not matured past childhood when it comes to sharing this Mountain resource? We can walk in space, yet not walk on the land in harmony with one another. Some food for thought in 1994

One of our long-range goals at the Sandia Ranger District is to restore some of the wildlife species like Merriam's wild turkey and blue grouse to Sandia Mountain. This is quite within the realm of

possibility but will require support for forest users who impact their habitat. To start the ball rolling, we need to record the varied wildlife sightings in the Sandias. Please share these sightings with us ... especially the bighorn sheep and turkey observations.

Believe it or not, we are already starting to plan for our upcoming **FISHING CLINIC** to be held next summer. We have traditionally co-sponsored the clinic with the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation, the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and Ti Piper. We will be providing more details about the clinic as we get further along in our planning. They have really been fun in the past and a great way to get kids interested in fishing and aquatic resources.

With recent events in Southern California and the devastation caused by Wildfire, there is a surge of new information on how to protect homes from these types of wildfire. Lessons learned can be useful to us here in New Mexico. The possibility of wildfire causing this kind of destruction increases every year with accumulation of fuels in the forest and more homes built near forest land. There are precautions which should be taken now to change the fuel load in the forest and around homes to lessen this danger.

For more information or any questions about fire, give Jerome Macdonald District Fire person a call.

If you are interested in having someone come out and talk about fire with your group, just call 281-3304.

Oh! Wilderness! National policy has guided us to examine the issue of fixed anchors in Wilderness. Jane Cropp will be working closely with local climbing groups to inventory existing climbing routes and discuss the future of new fixed anchor routes. Any rock climbers interested in *Climbing in the Sandia Mountain Wilderness* can contact Jane at the Ranger Station for more details.

The dispersed recreation shop is also working on updating the Wilderness Implementation Schedule this Spring. Anybody who would like to comment on how the Sandia Mountain Wilderness is being administered can direct written comments to Jane at the Sandia Ranger Station. The Wilderness Implementation Schedule is available for viewing at the district.

In the volunteer arena, I want to extend this message. There will be a mandatory Spring training meeting for all new and presently enrolled volunteers. The training is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, at the Sandia Ranger District Office. This includes volunteers for the Tijeras Pueblo, 4-Season Visitor Center and Wilderness Information Specialists. Jane or Dana at the Ranger Station can give you more details. Call them at 281-3304.



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Futures for Children Learning Center To Open Soon

New Center will Benefit Native American Cultural Development Throughout USA

A \$2 million Learning Center, created by **Futures for Children**, a private non-profit organization, based in Albuquerque, is rising in the Sandia area. Ground-breaking ceremonies were conducted on 18 November, 1993, on a four-acre site west of Tramway, opposite the County Line Restaurant. It is scheduled to open in mid-July.

As reported in *THE GRIT* in May, 1993, the 16,000 square-foot building, designed by the firm of

Flatow, Moore, Bryan, Shaffer, McCabe, Inc., will have the appearance of a kiva, resulting from the construction of rounded patios surrounding the basic 2-story structure. Design input was provided by the mainly native American staff who will man the center after it is completed.

Futures for Children was founded by Dr Richard P Saunders over thirty years ago with the objective of motivating Indian groups to start,

plan, get funded and finish hundreds of exciting projects. "People everywhere will do remarkable things when asked to work together for their children's future", says Dr Saunders. "**Futures** works with American Indian communities and communities of the poor in Latin America to channel that concern for children into action."

The Learning Center will be the focus of projects to be launched throughout the country in native communities. The Center will "serve as a greenhouse" **Futures for Children** president, Ruth Frazier said at the ground breaking ceremonies in November. "Representatives from Indian communities will bring seeds of ideas to the center, where staff will help nurture them into projects that can be taken back to the communities.

"The essence of **Futures** is about learning in its purest form" said Frazier.

The non-profit organization accepts no government funding and is building the center with private and corporate donations, including a \$250,000 grant from Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. **Futures** works with the 19 pueblos in New Mexico, the Jicarilla, Apache and Mescalero Apache tribes, and the Navajo and the Hopi, involving teens in leadership programs, advising communities on self-help projects and matching children with adult sponsors who encourage them to stay in school.



Work in Progress on the **Futures for Children** Learning Center on Tramway Boulevard. Scheduled to open in mid-July.

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In the more than thirty years of its existence, **Futures** has seen great success with communities building libraries and playgrounds, organizing parent skill programs, and 98 percent of the students with **Futures** sponsors go on to graduate from high school.

The learning center will allow the group to reach more people with its practical advice and encouragement and let Indian communities learn from the successes of other Indian communities.

Indian tribes will send community organizers, educators, and other leaders to the center to participate in week-long training programs. There they will see new ways of planning, of solving problems, of dealing in a multi-cultural world, and of recognizing the talents they possess and need in order to assure the future of their children.

"The center is the only logical path for **Futures**", says Ruth Frazier. "It is the only way we can answer the call we have received to be of service in a wider world. This may be its heartland, but Indian country is all over the nation."

A slightly expanded staff (no more than 35 in the foreseeable future) will continue current programs -- sponsorship, leadership, community development and business opportunity -- and will join local role models and volunteers in sessions designed to intensify talents and skills.

"The secret of **Futures**," says Glen Randolph, Chairman of the Board, "is its intimate, hands on involvement with real people with real needs and goals. So many have now asked us to join them in their optimism for the future. The center now makes that possible."

"Many individuals, foundations, corporations and

other groups have lent their support," Randolph says. "They know it is the only place in the country doing this for any and all Indian tribes as well as communities served by our sister organizations in Latin America".

Communications

By Dick Stumph - Vice President, SHAA

We are all very sorry to see our recent president, Lou Mande, leave Albuquerque for his new home in St Paul, Minnesota. During the past few years, Lou and his wife Deb have generously contributed their time and effort to the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. Under Lou's leadership, the SHHA has continued to mature and refine its activities to better serve the residents of Sandia Heights. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lou for his contribution to our community, and to extend our best wishes for a very successful new career in the "north country".

The new 1994 residents directory is presently undergoing the final touches and we still anticipate publication and distribution during the first quarter. Reconciling the telephone number revision and updating for new and departed residents has been more complicated than originally anticipated. Moreover, we are striving for a high degree of accuracy in this edition. Your patience is appreciated.

Just a reminder -- you can help combat crime in Sandia Heights by organizing a **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** in your area. Contact Deputy James Monteith at the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department (768-4332) for more information.

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The View from Jackrabbit Hill

By Jean Hefflin

MORE RIGHTS FOR JUNIPERS

Epilogue to the last column on junipers. NMSU Cooperative Extension with the New Mexico Association of Nursery Industries and the New Mexico Urban Tree Council has issued a pamphlet *Plants & Pollen* on "choosing plants to reduce the sneezing". I picked mine up at Rowland's Nursery but you can probably get one through any of the issuing agencies if your local nursery is out.



The pamphlet includes a section about junipers since the pollen from male junipers cause a lot of suffering for allergic residents (including our household). They suggest buying junipers in the summer rather than spring to be sure berries are forming so that you are only buying female plants. Without the berries, it is difficult to tell whether the plant is male or female. Included are lists of female, male and those cultivars whose sex is difficult to determine.

Since our area has a great many plants that cause allergies naturally (major culprits are amaranthus, ragweed, pigweed, kochia, and tumbleweed), it seems like a good idea not to introduce more sneeze causers. Tucson has had such a problem that the city has prohibited the planting of junipers and other allergen producers. Hopefully, we can avoid that problem with foresight.

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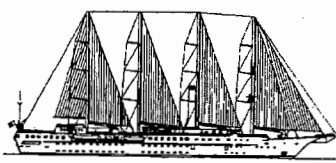
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Dick Stumph, SHHA Vice President hands Lou Mande an appreciative plaque after his last Board meeting.

Mande Leaves Town Former SHHA President Heads North

Lou Mande, popular president of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and prominent Albuquerque Prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office, told his fellow board members, at their last meeting on 12 January, that he was leaving town. He had accepted a position with the County Prosecutors Office in Minneapolis - St Paul. Within days the temperature in the twin cities dropped off the thermometer.

"I've gone to see the film *Crummy Old Men* three times to get the feeling of my new home", said Mande. "Since taking the job, I've learned that Minneapolis is the coldest metropolitan area in the world, including Moscow," he went on. "The good news is that the headlines are in the heated Skywalk."

Both his former colleagues at work, as well as the remaining board members were sympathetic to his cause. "Be sure you get a picture of the sun, Lou, before you leave Albuquerque," commented Richard Krumborn, who had just been elected as Mande's replacement.

Notwithstanding the flippancy, Lou will be missed by all of his associates.

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