



President's Message

The Executive Committee, which consists of the officers of the Board of Directors, has been working on potential revisions to the By-laws

of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association. Although most of the proposed changes relate to ensuring internal consistency and readability, one major change would require ratification of any changes or additions at the Annual General Meeting of the Association membership.

Currently, the By-laws may be changed at either a general meeting or a meeting of the Board. A discussion of the revisions is planned for the February meeting of the Board with action in April and, if the proposed change in the approval process is approved by the Board, final action at the annual meeting in June, 1996.

Plans for the development of the vacant land located on the southeast corner of Tramway Blvd. and Cedar Hill, consisting of 19 housing lots accessed by a paved cul-de-sac have been brought forth. The New Development Committee has been tracking progress on this subdivision and held an open forum meeting on January 25th with the developer, Joe Santangelo of Sunshine Construction, the engineering firm working on the site development plan and Sandia Heights property owners adjacent to or within visibility of the proposed site. The purpose of the meeting was to inform property owners of the plans, provide feedback on the site development plan and determine the position the Association should take with the County Planning Commission (CPC) regarding the proposals. The site development plan is an agenda item for the CPC public meeting on February 7th at 9:00am in the County Commission Room, One Civic Plaza NW.

Way to go Sandia Heights! The SHHA sponsored recycling program in January served 148 vehicles and generated the highest volume of all types of material to be recycled yet. Keep it up!

There are several items of broad interest to the community in this issue of The Grit that I would like to emphasize:

Circle K Proposal - Please review the letter from Carl Bottenus of Circle K Corporation relative to the possible request for a liquor license. Mr. Bottenus made a preliminary presentation at the January Board meeting. The Board has taken no position on the proposal at this time. As many of you know, there have been two previous attempts to gain a license at this site. Both of the requests were opposed by the Board and many members of the Association. However, the operation of Circle K has visibly improved since the arrival of Mr. Bottenus, and in recognition of his approach to the organization prior to application, the Board feels that broad input from the membership is appropriate. Please convey your opinion to Circle K and also to the Association office.

Architectural Review Information - Please note the request from the Architectural Review Committee to comply with the covenants

by submitting plans for all types of exterior modifications to the Committee for review. It appears that many individuals who violate covenants by not submitting plans are simply not aware of the requirement to do so. The Committee and Board are committed to providing information to the membership so that voluntary compliance will increase. It can be a real problem for homeowners to find out after a project has been started that approval is required and a delay will result while the required plans are reviewed.

There is a second category of residents who violate covenants or don't submit plans because they feel the restrictions and architectural review guidelines have not been fairly and equitably enforced in the past - or have had some sort of unpleasant experience with the enforcement process. The current Committee and Board intends to be consistent, reasonable, fair and vigorous in enforcing present covenants. We believe that covenant compliance is important to the majority of residents in order to preserve the unique character of Sandia Heights and our property values.

If you are planning an exterior project or simply want to ensure you are in compliance with the covenants for your Unit, call the Association office for a copy of your covenants. We realize that papers get lost or misplaced and since voluntary compliance benefits the entire community there will be no charge for replacement copies.

Traffic Safety Forum - There has been considerable discussion of speeding and speed limits, pedestrian safety and other related issues in the Sandia Heights community. The installation of three speed humps by Bernalillo County as a way of slowing traffic has provoked quite a reaction - very favorable and equally unfavorable. Both the opponents and proponents of speed humps have strong feelings and there are other issues as well. The SHHA Board will sponsor a public forum which will be attended by representatives of Bernalillo County and will provide information to members as well as an opportunity for all of us to voice our opinions and experiences. While some of you have taken the time to write or call the Association office this will be a convenient opportunity to hear from the County and to directly convey information to County staff. There will be no decisions made at this meeting, but it will be an important part of decisions made in the future.

The meeting will be held at the fire station, February 9th, from 4-6 pm. Please plan to attend; this meeting needs to be as representative as possible of community opinion.

Funding of almost \$700,000 has been approved by the County Commission for irrigation

SPECIAL MEETING

OF SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

SUBJECT: SPEED LIMITS, SPEED HUMPS, ROAD SAFETY

DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

TIME: 4PM (ADJOURN BY 5PM)

PLACE: FIRE STATION-11700 PASEO DEL

systems, erosion control and turf for the Altamonte Little League Field; development of a soccer field at the North Dominga Baca site; and a cafeteria for the new elementary school.

An item of mutual interest to North Albuquerque Acres and Sandia Heights has been favorably resolved. For many years Alameda has been scheduled to connect with Tramway Blvd. Over time, however development has occurred in its path and Paseo del Norte has emerged as a higher priority. In December of 1995, the County proposed and the Urban Transportation Planning & Policy Board voted not to extend Alameda as a four lane facility between Eubank and Tramway.

The District 8 Coalition is comprised of neighborhood associations within the boundaries of City Council District 8 which includes Glenwood Hills, Tanoan, Antelope Run and others. SHHA maintains an associate membership in the Coalition in order to cooperate on issues of mutual interest such as transportation. Our County Commissioner, Barbara Seward also maintains an coordinating relationship with City Councillor, Tim Cummings. We believe that it will prove beneficial to Sandia Heights to align itself with other neighborhood associations and will send a representative to attend their monthly meetings.

Anne Yegge

Here's Your Chance to Voice Concerns about Speed Humps and Limits

By Rob Loughridge - Traffic & Safety

The speed humps installed last summer on San Rafael and on Tramway Lane have produced a full gamut of reactions. Some residents in the immediate area feel that road safety has been improved for all users - motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. Some residents elsewhere in Sandia Heights have asked that speed humps be installed on their streets as well. However, there are others who are unhappy with the speed humps, some alleging damage to their vehicles and/or discomfort to occupants. Many favor an increase in speed limits from 15 mph. to 25 mph. What do you think?

In order to evaluate community sentiment, and to acquaint residents with the County's approach to road safety and enforcement issues, a special meeting of the SHHA is scheduled. Representatives of Bernalillo County Traffic Engineering and the Sheriff's Department will be in attendance.

If you would like to learn more about how the system works, or express your views, but are unable to attend this information meeting, call your SHHA District Representative, or the Chair of the Traffic & Safety Committee, Rob Loughridge ("Lock-ridge") at 828-2808.

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ROUNDHOUSE REPORT

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to share our view from the Merry Roundhouse with the citizens of Sandia Heights, which has one of the heaviest tax burdens per individual in this State. With a current shortfall in the General Fund revenues of approximately \$65 million at the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 1995), we are continuing to see a cash-flow shortage as we approach our regular Legislative Session. We try to maintain a reserve margin of 5%, or \$140 million, and one major problem is the massive reduction in our reserve accounts. Although there is always both upside and downside potential to the revenue situation, the effects of the federal budget reductions combined with an extremely low level of reserves puts New Mexico in a risky fiscal position that must be constantly monitored and analyzed. In hindsight, the Governor's vetoes (over 200 bills) resulted in a "savings" to the State of over \$50 million and helped the financial picture.

With all 112 legislative seats up for election in 1996 (70 in the House, and 42 in the Senate), we expect a great deal of activity in the thirty-day Session (beginning January 16th) as the majority party spars with Governor Gary Johnson. Although the state constitution requires lawmakers to limit legislative activity to matters of finance and the State's next fiscal year budget, the Governor can include non-financial matters in his "message to the Legislature." We expect he will do so in the area of education, economic development, crime, government efficiency, welfare reform, gaming, and even some bills that he vetoed last regular session.

We look forward to receiving your thoughts and input prior to and during the 1996 Legislative Session. Please feel free to contact us at your convenience. Once the session starts, all legislators can be reached through the Legislature's main switchboard: 986-4300. Thank you!

Kip Nicely
State Rep/District 31

Tom Wray
State Senator/District 21

Frank Bird
State Rep/District 23

Contractor Evaluation Program for SHHA Members Needs Updating

Stuffed inside this issue of The Grit is a **Contractor Evaluation Form**. The Association office maintains a file of all submitted evaluation sheets, both positive and negative, on various contractors and services, however, many of the files are no longer current. If you have recently used a contractor and would like to inform your neighbors of the type of service you received, please fill in the form and return it to the SHHA office. Better yet, keep this form as a master and use it to make copies for sending in reports whenever you have a service performed. The more information in our files, the better the Association

can serve its members. By submitting the evaluation form, you authorize the SHHA to provide your name and phone number to any member of the association needing feedback on a particular contractor. If you'd like information on an evaluation or need additional forms, contact the Association office at 296-1412.



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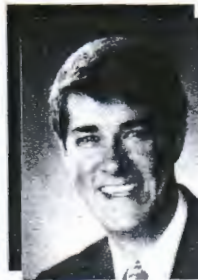
New Mexico State Senator:
Tom Wray
856-1450

Mr. Wray is a senator in the New Mexico State Legislature representing state senate district 21, comprised of over 37,000 people in metropolitan Albuquerque. He is also a founding partner in the energy consulting-project development firm of Groves, Wray & Associates, specializing in the provision of development services for transmission and low-cost, reliable power generation projects. Senator Wray worked at Public Service Company of New Mexico for over 17 years, holding numerous engineering and management positions.

Senator Wray is a recognized proponent of retail competition and the competitive sourcing of electricity. He is a regular spokesman at numerous working groups and conferences on the evolution and restructuring underway in the US electric utility industry.

The senator's firm has led the project development and management for the Navajo Nation, of a 400 mile, 1200 MW, 500 kv transmission facility across Arizona for use by western utilities and others. Known as the Navajo Transmission Project, the ownership structure of this unique independent transmission project is unprecedented in that a major part of the facility is planned to be owned outright by the Navajo Nation. The firm is also involved with other independent transmission development within the WSCC with Dames & Moore, and has established a working partnership with Diamond Energy-Mitsubishi for electric generation development in the western US.

Tom is a member of the Senate Rules Committee and Senate Conservation Committee, as well as interim legislative committees including Indian Affairs, Integrated Water and Resource Planning (Retail Wheeling and Utility Restructuring), and Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy. He holds masters degrees in both business administration from the University of New Mexico, and electrical engineering from the University of Colorado, and is a registered professional engineer in New Mexico.



New Mexico State Representative:
Kip Nicely
296-9277

Kip Nicely is a Financial Advisor for First American Asset Management specializing in investments for corporations, foundations, institutions, and high net-worth individuals. He is the Minority Whip in the House, and serves on the Legislative Council, Education Committee, and Voters & Elections Committee. During the interim sessions, he is a member of the Science, Technology, Energy, and Defense Conversion Committee, as well as the Legislative Education Study Committee.

He holds a Masters of Science degree in Systems Management from the University of Southern California (USC), and a Bachelor's degree in Naval Science from the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis). Kip is also a Commander in the Naval Reserves.



New Mexico State Representative:
Frank Bird
823-4770

Frank is married to the former Jane Trujillo of Raton, New Mexico, They have two children and four grandchildren. He is a 1958 graduate of the College of St. Joseph, Albuquerque. He served in the United States Marine Corps and is a Korean War veteran.

His experience spans a 26 year career with IBM, including several management positions, 18 months as an international business consultant to New Zealand banks, and President of a 50 person precision optical manufacturing company. He grew up working in his family's small farm and ranch business.

In 1980, Frank was State Chairman for the Reagan for President Committee. Previously, he served as Otero County Republican Chairman for six years.

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Love Your Little (3/4 lb.) Feathered Neighbor

My favorite neighbor is a native homesteader who is frequently misunderstood and under appreciated. Most people in the Southwest know that a favored food of the Greater Roadrunner is lizards. But do you know what else they eat? Twelve reasons why I appreciate my feathered neighbor is that some of its favorite



foods are: 1. small snakes, including rattlesnakes, 2. scorpions, 3. tarantulas, 4. spiders, 5. mice, 6. rats, 7. gophers, 8. grasshoppers, 9. centipedes, 10. millipedes, 11. crickets and 12. caterpillars. This native exterminator dwells, at no extra charge, in Sandia Heights and we should do everything we can to see that they continue to thrive here. However, humans are not known for being good neighbors to native animals and birds, but we have the power to change that.

Geococcyx californianus have lived in the Southwest for at least 100,000 years as evidenced by fossils found in the Rancho La Brea and McKittrick asphalt beds in California. Even back then, they preferred to exercise their expertise in being fleet of foot rather than flying for their primary mode of transportation. This makes good sense when you think about it. Looking at their favorite fare, you note that most of their food lives on the ground. Running on the ground not only brings them close to their prey, but by skillfully using their wings as they run, they flush insects from their hiding places perched on plants and stems. These birds earned their common name of roadrunner back in the early days when they were most often seen running down the road in front of horses or horse-drawn vehicles.

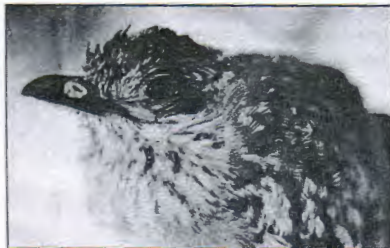
The natural habitat for roadrunners is what we see here, namely desert with sparse vegetation. They also live in thickets and even on the fringes of woods or forests. Roadrunners are found from sea level up to 7,000' and rarely at 8,000' elevation. Contrary to popular opinion, roadrunners do not nest on the ground. Instead, they nest from three to fifteen feet above the earth in some large shrub, tree or cactus. Although roadrunners do not usually nest in chamisa and Apache plume, the small shrubs do provide shelter from the sun, wind and other elements for adults and short term homes for juvenile roadrunners who are out of the nest, but not mature enough to live on their own.

Roadrunners are ground cuckoos, and all members of the family are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act between the United States, Canada and Mexico. Because their food consists largely of insects, they also come under the protection of the state law which protects all such insectivorous birds. Greater Roadrunners live west of the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean and from northern California into the middle of Mexico. Roadrunners are most common in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, California and Mexico. As the population increases in these areas of North America, with more sprawling urban areas and irrigated farms, the existence of roadrunners is threatened as their habitats disappear. A hundred years ago roadrunners were commonly seen by travelers in California, but since the Sacramento Valley has been converted to farming and large cities taking more and more land, now they are

rarely seen. The covenant in Sandia Heights of leaving the area in its natural vegetation state is vital to their continued population with us. Roadrunners rarely migrate, so we need to protect the ones we have.

Each adult male establishes his territory which he monitors and patrols with regularity. Those of us who watch roadrunners know that we can set the clock by them as you can a security guard as he makes his rounds. "Our" roadrunner comes at noon or at three in the afternoon. When does yours come? As he covers his territory he is looking for food, prospecting for a mate and keeping other male roadrunners from his territory. Female roadrunners are not often seen. They hunt enough to feed themselves and locate shelter, but do not travel far from where they hatched and fledged.

Roadrunners mate in the spring and early summer. Males can be seen perched on the edge of a house, cooing for his mate to come to him. The average clutch size of the white eggs that are a little smaller than pullet eggs is three to five. Of



those, the pair will be lucky if two or three survive to fledge from the nest and fewer live to become juveniles making it on their own. Scarcity of food and predators, including man, are the greatest threat to roadrunners. As roadrunners are known to eat snakes, the snakes return the favor and eat roadrunner eggs or nestlings if the opportunity presents itself.

Warner Brothers did not do the roadrunners any favors when they conceived their cartoon of Roadrunner and Wylie E. Coyote. A roadrunner does not look like an ostrich or emu as depicted on the screen, nor do they cry "Beep, beep," nor do they eat bird seed. Other misconceptions, myths and legends have also gained popularity.

We have the "corral myth." It has been said that if a roadrunner spies a sleeping snake (the story sounds better if it is a large rattlesnake), he will run and work and tug to build a corral of cholla segments around the slumbering reptile. Upon awakening, the snake will impale itself on the thorns, killing itself in its efforts to become free.

In reality, roadrunners do kill snakes even rattlesnakes, but this is usually done by eating young snakes that are up to 20" long. There are several written accounts, related by J. Frank Dobie in 1939, of the legendary life and death battles between mature roadrunners and rattlesnakes. The descriptions vary, but all tell of the roadrunner dancing and darting at the reptile. With outstretched wings dragging in the dust, the bird runs at the snake, aiming for its head. The snake strikes at the rapidly moving target that flies and twists out of range. The battle rages on and on. Dust thickens as the war dance continues and in all accounts related to Mr. Dobie, the roadrunner was the winner. "Without hesitation the bird attacks, head feathers fanned and wings tensely spread. Like a matador, it lures the snake into striking easily swings out of reach. Like a matador, it waits and feints till the enemy tires: then kills with swift skill." It is difficult for the snake to sink its fangs into the tough bird

through the layers of feathers, but the roadrunner's heavy bill can crush the reptile's skull.

A misconception dating back almost one hundred years, is that hunters claimed that roadrunners killed large numbers of quail, snatching young ones from their parents broods or stealing eggs from their nests. The men became so incensed that they killed roadrunners on sight, because the hunters wanted to kill the quail themselves for game. Several ornithologists became irate over the bounties being placed on roadrunners so the contents of stomachs of over a hundred roadrunners were inventoried. The major remains in the digestive tracts were listed previously: lizards, snakes, grasshoppers, crickets, spiders, mice, etc.

On a rare occasion a roadrunner may kill a quail, other baby bird or swallow an avian egg, but this is not normal behavior. Only when very hungry or other unusual circumstances, does a roadrunner eat other birds. Man sometimes upsets the balance of nature by creating unusual situations. Here in the populated foothills if food is scarce and a roadrunner sees a bunch of small birds, easy prey, feeding on the ground under a feeder filled with seeds, a bird may be snatched. The roadrunner cannot be blamed for taking advantage of such a situation. Their good deeds far outweigh the bad.

Roadrunners provide the best pest control we could request to rid our yards and the arroyos of snakes and mice. Yet, in New Mexico I have heard of youth and adults persecuting and killing our state bird for sport or in anger because they blame roadrunners for killing other birds, such as quail and juncos. Surely none of our Sandia Heights residents are guilty of such illegal, cruel and counter-productive behavior.

South of our southern border in Mexico the roadrunner is called Paisano which means



"countryman." Dobie also wrote, "An old Mexican in northern Coahuila told me that one time he found four paisano eggs in a nest and put them under a hen and hatched them out. They grew up to be pets around his lone cabin out in the chaparral. One time after dinner, he said, he went to take a siesta under a runty mesquite tree not far from the cabin. He was sleeping soundly when the noise made by the paisanos awoke him, impatiently, he gave them a scare; then he discovered that they had three medium-sized rattlesnakes cornered. He was convinced that the birds had saved his life."

Recently, I asked my doctor how much it costs to treat a patient bitten by a rattlesnake. He replied, "Treatment of a minor rattlesnake bite costs between two hundred and five hundred dollars. A more serious bite cost varies, depending on how elaborate of a funeral the family wants." Rattlesnakes do live among us in Sandia Heights; my husband and I have seen them on some of our long walks, within a foot or two of the road. Can we afford not to have the roadrunner as a neighbor? The next time you see a roadrunner, tip your hat or wave your hand and say "Greetings, good neighbor and varmint hunter!"

Nancy Olsen lives in Sandia Heights and is researching a book on roadrunners.

All Exterior Modifications Must Be Approved by ARC

By Bill Stabler and Jon Cashwell - Co-Chairs, Architectural Review Committee



The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) of the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association, wants to remind all Sandia Heights residents that the Deeds of Restrictions (covenants) for each of the approximately 30 units in Sandia Heights state that all exterior alterations to any residence or property requires review and approval by the ARC before any construction or site preparation can commence.

Many residents are not aware that in addition to major remodeling projects, this covenant applies to many smaller projects such as re-stuccoing; re-roofing; landscape projects; new fencing; painting; garage conversions; installation of sheds, decks, pools or equipment such as solar panels and air conditioners; and all other exterior alterations or additions.

Preservation of the unique character, quality and beauty of the Sandia Heights community is dependent on our adherence to the covenants and also on a neighborhood spirit of pride and cooperation. Each unit within Sandia Heights has its own set of covenants.

Copies of the covenants or applications for plan submittal can be obtained by calling the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association office at 296-1412. Residents are advised to plan ahead. While every attempt is made to expedite the review process, committee members are all volunteers, many with full time jobs, and the committee has only 30 days from the date of receipt of the complete plan application to review and respond.

Thanks, Sandia Heights residents, for a great turnout last Recycle Saturday! We need your support.

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On the Wild Side

By Mark Birkenhauser — New Mexico Department of Game & Fish

Note from the Editor: Sandia Heights residents living along the border of the Cibola National Forest have experienced the tragic loss of beloved pets in recent months due to our wild inhabitants. They wish to warn other residents about the dangers of letting pets roam free in our unfenced mountainous terrain. Please report any problems to NM Game & Fish.



My first encounter with a wild bobcat was a memorable experience, and a pleasant one. Most recently, one Sandia Heights couple had an encounter that was neither pleasant nor one they would like to remember. Their first meeting with a bobcat was tragic, and resulted in the bobcat being trapped and relocated to a mountain range far away from Sandia Heights.

In New Mexico, the bobcat is listed as a protected forbearer. That means all residents aged 12 or over and all non-residents must have a trapper's license before hunting or trapping bobcats. Until recent slowdowns in the fur market, bobcat pelts were prized, since other spotted and striped cats are rare and protected from trapping.

How about a little bobcat biology? Bobcats are normally solitary animals except during breeding time in the spring. One to four young bobcats, called kittens, are born in May or June in a secluded den of dried vegetation. Often these dens are located on the edges of riparian areas.

The bobcat is most active at night, resting by day in any convenient shelter, such as a rock ledge, brush pile, hollow tree or log. Many people never see bobcats because of their nocturnal habits and the fact that their fur blends in with its background during both day and night.

Although it is capable of climbing, the bobcat feeds primarily on the ground level. A majority of the bobcat's diet consists of cottontail rabbits. When numbers of rabbits decline greatly, bobcats feed on mice, rats, voles, squirrels, chipmunks and all kinds of birds, especially ground-nesting birds. Not a swift animal (top speed about 15 mph), the bobcat must rely on stealth to get close enough to its prey to suddenly pounce on it, killing it with a bite to the neck. The bobcat's outstanding eyesight is certainly its most important sense, but it also uses its keen sense of hearing in hunting prey.

Similar to house cats, bobcats have sharp, curved, retractable claws. Usually withdrawn, the claws extend for grabbing and slashing. They sharpen their claws like domestic cats do, by scratching them on wood to remove dead material. Adult bobcats have very few natural enemies, however, some adults cats are occasionally preyed upon by mountain lions. Kittens are a different story, and are frequently taken by mountain lions, coyotes and owls.

New Mexico's bobcat population has been estimated at 50,000 animals. In the past, trappers were taking about 6,000 bobcats per year. However, due to decreased demand and lower market prices, the number of bobcats harvested every year is dropping.

I will never forget the first bobcat I ever encountered. The way it moved, how quickly it approached, and how quickly it disappeared. Maybe someday you will be as lucky, and have a pleasant encounter with New Mexico's only spotted cat.

BearWatch Honored with Award

Jan Hayes, founder and President of BearWatch, accepted an award for the Ojo Grande Neighborhood Association for Networking and Communication. It was presented by the League of Neighborhoods at their annual awards banquet. The League is sponsored by the city of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. "BearWatch was kind of an odd fit," Hayes said, "because most of the awards were for interaction within a neighborhood and BearWatch reaches out to the whole community."

Since its inception a year ago, BearWatch has grown to a membership of 500 people. "The purpose of the organization is to educate people who live near wildlife haunts and habitats, so that people can coexist with the animals who were here first, rather than eliminating them from the forest environment." BearWatch sends out quarterly newsletters, organizes seminars, works with both state and federal officials to promote educational programs to the public, and trains "stewards" to share wildlife information with their neighbors. Other areas of New Mexico with similar wildlife/human conflicts have shown considerable interest in the BearWatch program.

For just \$5.00 a year, you can learn how to love and live with our Sandia Mountain black bears!

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A survey by American Demographics Magazine lists the Sandia Heights neighborhood among the top 101 "smartest Spots" in the United States. A publication recently released a list of boroughs, cities, towns and villages with the highest proportions of people age 25 or older with bachelor's degrees, including those who went to graduate school. Sandia Heights was No. 68.

Our community has 2,512 residents age 25 and older according to 1990 census data, and 65.5% of those adults fit the educational criteria described

above. Bob Murphy, chairman of Alvarado Realty, said his company and Sandia Peak Tram Co. were the original developers of the community during the 1960's. He said the area has become a hot spot for professionals in recent years. "A lot of people here are with Sandia Corporation, or they are other scientific or digital people. There are a lot of doctors and higher education people here."

Sandia Heights also ranks 13th in the survey's "Restless and Smart" category, which lists 20 places with the lowest percentage of people who were born in their current community. Only 22.3% of residents were born in the area. "Mobility clearly is a trait of the residents of the best-educated places," said American Demographics.

The list is limited to communities with at least 2500 residents and does not include places that are subdivisions of other communities already on the list, the study found that most educated Americans concentrate in college towns and upscale suburbs. Those on the list collectively account for less than 2% of the nation's college graduate population.

From an article in the Albuquerque Tribune - 10/31/95

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A focus group for Sandia Heights residents is planned for:

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A group size of 10-12 is desirable.
 Please call Corinne at 292-5899 to confirm your attendance.
 We would like to hear from you.

SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL RESPONSES

January - December 1995

TYPE OF CALL:	NUMBER:
Alarms	708
Open Door/Window	30
Motorist Assist	130
Breaking & Entering	12
Attempted Breaking & Entering	12
Construction Site Burglary	7
Vehicle Burglary	3
Vehicle Burglary (Tram lot)	5
Suspicious Vehicle	136
Suspicious Person	92
Peeping Tom	9
Theft (Larceny)	30
Animal Control Assist	13
Lost/Found Pet	60
Pet Nuisance	25
Snake	25
Family Dispute	12
Neighbor Dispute	11
Loud Disruptive Party	21
Loud Music	6
Fireworks Complaint	6
Vandalism (General)	69
Mailbox Vandalism	52
Mailbox Stolen	8
Lost/Found Items	11
Deer Hunters	0
Speeding Vehicle	7
Assault/Battery (Fight)	8
Death Threat	6
Unusual Special Request	35
Salesperson Problems	22
Phone Problems	14
Front Office	36
Car Accident	23
Motorcycle Nuisance	3
Fire	56
Rescue	48
Utility Company Assist	62
Construction Sites	33
Vacant Houses (For Sale, etc.)	35
Specials (Extra patrols/observation)	70
Homeowners on Vacation	2184
TOTAL CALLS	4128
Total Mileage	48600
Days Security Vehicle in Shop	8.5

Please note: You can see by the above statistics that 1995 was a busy year for the Security Patrol. As a result of input from residents, patrol frequency has been increased and two new patrolmen have been added to the staff. For those homeowners who have had difficulty contacting Security in the past, your patrolman can always be reached at 269-3991 (mobile) or at 856-6347 (office) when not on patrol.



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Its hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Fridays and 8:30am to 3:30pm Saturdays. The center will return to its weekly operational hours in March.

For more information, call the Household Hazardous Waste Hotline at 345-1650 or the ABQ Environmental Health Department at 768-2600



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Sheriff Department - 768-4160	Poison Info Center - 843-2551
Sheriff Bowdich - 768-4100	Environmental Health Dept. - 768-2600

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A View from the Ranger's Station

By Floyd Thompson III - District Ranger

It is good to be officially back to work. I regret having to close many sites we normally have open in the winter, but budget negotiations directed otherwise. Fortunately, our concession partners were allowed to continue their operations under permit which meant the Ski Area, Tram, Crest House and Capulin Snow Play Area stayed open for business. We are thankful we experienced no major vandalism during the furlough period, except for a few concentrated incidents in Juan Tabo Basin and Las Huertas. There was a lot of trash everywhere.

I have been meeting with several groups and individuals lately to begin a dialogue on whether the time has arrived to form a non-profit group to help support and guide our volunteer programs and other projects on the Mountain. I have always liked a term I picked up from Senators Bingham and Domenici - that the Sandia District is one large potential living classroom for the Albuquerque metropolitan area and the surrounding communities. Our District enjoys a tremendous array of volunteer help currently, but those volunteers take support, time and on-the-ground leadership. We also have a booming program of outreach with schools and educational groups, but our resources are stretched to the limit. Is there a place for a local non-profit organization whose mission is to support the vision of the Sandias as a dynamic "Living Classroom" that is actively involved in shaping the character of young and old alike? Should some of our local community support be directed homeward to our backyards which are crying out for attention?

I recently saw where Mayor Chavez of Albuquerque asked for comments on what

the vision of Albuquerque should be in the future. I applaud this effort and hope you will make an effort to provide input. I learned that the East Mountain Area Association, headed by Mr. Fred Rael, has asked for similar input from East Mountain residents. Just recently I also learned Placitas residents and the Greater Bernalillo Chamber of Commerce have started to band together to ask what they can do as a community to make a difference in our own backyard. These are outstanding trends - what a way to start 1996. Forest Supervisor, Jeanine Derby, has initiated a similar effort for the Cibola National Forest by asking for input on how the Sandia, Manzanita, and other mountain ranges in Central New Mexico should be managed.

Folks, there is a new spirit in the land. I say it is time we celebrate our common heritage in the land and find strength in our own community. Too often I feel our community takes the mountain, and land in general, for granted. This is dangerous thinking. Some far-sighted people who preceded us made sure all people would have a chance to know wildness and the beauty of nature right at our doorstep. What metropolitan areas of our size can boast of such beauty so close to their homes - only a handful. National Forests preserve and conserve our heritage and our future.

As we enter the new year, we will need to remember another man's words of almost a century past. Especially when it comes to issues on how public land should be managed, we will need to think like a mountain as well as a community - not just me, myself and I. It could be Aldo Leopold, but no, this time I am remembering the words of our Regional Forester, Chip Cartwright, hanging in his office from our first Chief, Gifford Pinchot. On June 14, 1907, Pinchot wrote:

"There are many great interests on the National Forests which sometimes conflict a little. They must all be made to fit into one another so that the machine runs smoothly as a whole. It is often necessary for one man to give way a little here, another a little there. But by giving way a little at present they both profit by it a great deal in the end. National Forests exist today because the people want them. To make them accomplish the most good, the people themselves must make clear how they want them run."

To realize that vision we must have informed and involved citizens who are will-

ing to think as a community in concert with the land. I think helping build the vision of the Sandias as a "Living Classroom" goes a long way to actualize that vision. As a first step, make your comments known - send in your thoughts on how we can continue to make the Sandia/Manzanita Mountains a rich and vital part of Albuquerque and surrounding communities. Send them to Mayor Chavez, the East Mountain Area Association and to me here at the Sandia Ranger's District Office in Tijeras. As you have time, give some thought to what type of non-profit organization could best compliment our existing volunteer efforts on the Mountain and the work of existing groups such as: Friends of Tijeras Pueblo; Friends of Placitas Escarpment; Sandia Mountain Coalition; Sandia BearWatch; New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors; HawkWatch, International; Sandia Mountain Wildlife and Conservation Association and countless others. Thank you.

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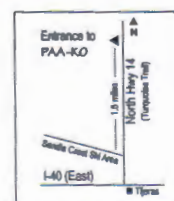


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By Harry Beckoff - Sandia Heights Resident and SHHA member

One of the features which enticed me to settle in Sandia Heights in October 1986, was its proximity to the beautiful open space area of Albert G. Simms Park - Elena Gallegos Picnic Area and its access to the Sandia Mountain wilderness trails. During the years that followed, I frequently hiked the various trails; taking for granted their well-maintained status. Subsequently, I learned that our enjoyment of this area, as well as many of the recreational areas contained within the public lands of New Mexico, is dependent, to a great degree, upon a unique volunteer group; the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors (NMVFO).

NMVFO is an all volunteer, action oriented organization which, since 1982, has been coordinating groups of volunteers to work on trails and other outdoor improvement projects on New Mexico public lands.

On June 3, 1995, NMVFO co-sponsored and coordinated the 1995 National Trails Day in Albuquerque with a project in the Sandia Mountain foothills and wilderness. I joined in with about 100 other volunteers who spent the day repairing and improving trails and park facilities. It was a way of giving back something to the environment from which we derive so much enjoyment. As a consequence, I was "hooked" and became a member of NMVFO.

Projects undertaken by NMVFO (which is predominantly centered in Albuquerque) range

from local projects at such sites as the New Mexico Natural History Museum's Environmental Education Center in Cedar Crest and the ruins at Coronado State Monument, to state-wide projects at such sites as Chaco Canyon National Park and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Most projects usually take place over a weekend. Projects may vary from one day to one week in duration. They generally involve trail work but there are other types of projects as well. Everyone works at their own level and are encouraged to have a good time while helping out.

There are approximately 25 projects currently under consideration by NMVFO for 1996, beginning in March and continuing through October. Among them are the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Three Rivers Petroglyph Site, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic Rivers Recreation Area, Sugarite State Park, Heron Lake State Park, City of Rocks State Park, Chaco Canyon National Park, Caballo Lake State Park and the Very Large Array (VLA) Radio Telescope Facility.

If you enjoy the outdoors, and protecting the environment, NMVFO offers you a unique opportunity. You will be joining a wonderful group of people and will be able to experience, as an "insider," areas of New Mexico not generally accessible to the public. If you would like more information about NMVFO call 884-1991.

Bighorns are Back

What a great year for New Mexico sheep. Desert Bighorns will be back in the Sandias, thanks to all those who worked so diligently to make this happen.



On August 19, 1995, the State Game Commission signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (NMRFS). This very significant event entails the reintroduction of Desert Bighorn to the Fra Cristobals as of October of 1995 with hunting permitted for the first time in 16 years. This is a giant step forward in the eventual goal of having 500 plus free ranging Desert Bighorn and having them removed from the state endangered species list. As this develops, volunteers will be sought to assist New Mexico Game and Fish in the transplant. The \$123,000 bid for the permit at the FNAWS convention set a record and will surely leave a legacy for our sheep.

Ray Churan continues to orchestrate the Sandia Mountains transplant effort. The target date for this event will be the summer of 1996. The U.S. Forest Service, Sandia Pueblo, N.M. Game & Fish and New Mexico FNAWS are all working to make this happen.

The U.S. Forest Service has finished the water catchment and fencing at Kiwanis Meadow, partially funded by FNAWS. It looks great. Thanks to the whole USFS for their aggressive role in making the mountain ready. Think sheep!



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Should Sandia Hts. Phone Home?

By Charlotte Zerof - SHHA Board Member

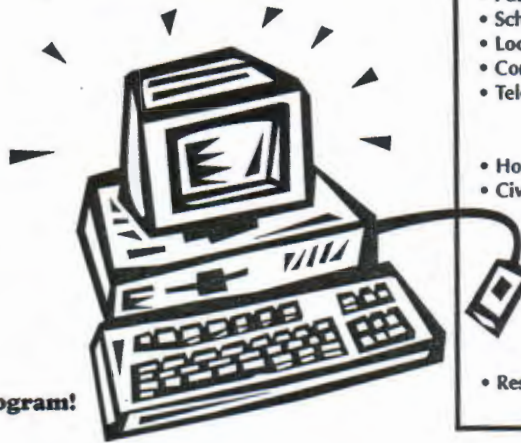
At the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association last month, it was proposed that we explore the feasibility of creating a Sandia Heights presence on the Internet. In looking into the suggestion, we discovered 100 web pages devoted to neighborhood issues. For example, Irvington Community Association of Portland, Oregon, has a web page that links to other neighborhoods as well as pages supplied by local residents and businesses. Information about neighborhood issues and links to city, state and national web pages is possible by computer.

We have many such local sites available in Sandia Heights:

- The Rio Grande Library System which now has the capability of catalogue search.
- The City of Albuquerque is coming on line.
- APS, UNM, TVI and other state schools are up and running.
- The New Mexico Legislature is under construction, but valiantly working to get proposed bills online as well as committee meetings and floor schedules.
- The governor has a homepage and an email address.

This time next year, the capability of communicating with local and state officials via email will have greatly expanded. Having information organized through a neighborhood homepage which provides links to timely sites might prove very useful.

What do you think? We'd like to hear from you. And you can email your opinion to me at lwvabc@nmia.com, call Erin at the SHHA office or any Board member. Do let us hear from you. Would you find it useful? Would you like to work on the project? Graphics are always a welcome addition!



come'on.let'sGetwith>>the program!

Here's an example of what other Neighborhood Associations can access by e-mail over the Net.

Irvington Community Assn. Portland, Oregon

Community Resources

- Government & Representatives
- Libraries & Bookstores
- Museums & Art Institute
- Community Recycling
- Cable Access
- User Supported Community Radio
- Colleges
- Public Schools
- School Newspapers
- Local Newspapers
- Community Centers
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Other Neighborhoods

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Pondering Problem Pets



By Chelle Schumann

- VCA Veterinary Care Animal Hospital

Pets are an important part of our society and family life. There are approximately 52.5 million dogs in 35 million households and 55 million cats in 28 million households in the United States. Ideally all pets would behave as their owners would like, but many of our expectations are unrealistic. In many cases the "problem" pet is created by the owner's misunderstanding of normal behaviors. Unfortunately, 7 million animals are put to death in animal shelters for these "problems". Veterinary guidance in pet selection, training and behavior patterns can help prevent many needless deaths.

Prevention of behavior problems begins with pet selection. Making an informed decision concerning the acquisition of a pet makes it less likely that a problem will arise. The needs and behavior characteristics of a potential pet need to be thoroughly understood. Any behavior exhibited by a pet is the result of inherited response, learned behavior, current internal motivation (i.e. feeding, territory or mating) and external stimuli. The only way to control the variable of inherited behavior pattern is through initial pet selection. The other variables can be modified through behavior modification and other techniques. The owner's life-style, personality and expectations need to be matched with the needs and temperament of the pet.

If you are currently experiencing a behavior problem with your pet there are several areas of professional help. There are several trainers and veterinarians in our area that take a special interest in behavior problems and their solutions. Many problems are easily corrected by teaching the owner about animal behavior and how to adjust their actions to that behavior. Before considering a less desirable option for you and your pet, consider some pet behavior counseling... it may save a life.

HAWKWATCH INTERNATIONAL will begin a spring count for birds of prey or raptors in March. Volunteers and visitors are welcome to participate. The count site is located in the south Sandia Mountain Wilderness. Call HawkWatch at 505-255-7622 for further information.

Like Mouthwatering for Chocolate

~Food of the gods~

By Patricia Aaron - Home Economist,
NMU Cooperative Extension Service

roasted and hulled. The meat of the beans is ground into a liquid paste, Cocoa butter is squeezed from this liquid paste leaving solids which are formed into a cocoa cake.

The form of chocolate most familiar to us is unsweetened Cocoa powder. The best is Dutch process; the cocoa has been treated with an alkali to reduce bitterness. Cocoa can replace unsweetened chocolate; 3 Tbs. cocoa and 1 Tbs. butter equals 1 square of unsweetened chocolate.

Unsweetened chocolate is 100% chocolate liquor, the pure essence of the cocoa bean, hardened into cakes. Sweet, semisweet or bittersweet chocolate is made with chocolate liquor, sugar, lecithin to emulsify and vanillin. Liquid chocolate in foil envelopes is a combination of cocoa powder and vegetables oils.

Milk chocolate is chocolate liquor combined with extra cocoa butter, milk or cream, sugar and flavorings. White chocolate contains milk powder and sugar like milk chocolate. It does not contain chocolate solids and is not officially considered "chocolate" in America. Here it is labeled as a "coating." "Real" white chocolate should have cocoa butter, not palm oil or vegetables shortening listed as an ingredient.

Heat and moisture rapidly destroy the gloss on the surface of a cake of chocolate. A mottled or gray surface known as "bloom" develops. The chocolate is safe to eat.

To melt shaved or chopped chocolate, use a low to moderate temperature. Heating chocolate over hot water lessens the danger of overheating. Chocolate is easily melted in a microwave oven.

Hot cocoa is a blend of cocoa and milk which produces a very appealing beverage. To prepare a memorable cup of hot chocolate, heat 1 ounce unsweetened shaved chocolate and 2 Tbs. water over hot water until chocolate melts. Stir in 1/4 cup sugar, 2 cups milk and 1/4 tsp. vanilla. Whisk until frothy.

Dark chocolates will keep up to one year at 70 degrees F or in the refrigerator. Milk chocolates will keep up to six months and filled chocolate candy up to three months. All chocolates will keep for 12 months in the freezer.

Enjoy every bite of your Valentine's Day candy. Give me a call at 243-1386 if you need further information. Chocolate is a favorite topic.

The Lowdown from High Desert

Front and Center

Scott Patrick Homes plans to have town-home and residential models open soon at the new Desert Sky community in High Desert. Twenty-six pueblo style townhomes are being built and will range from 1500 to 2200 sq. ft. with prices from \$175,000 to \$230,000. Sixty residential houses are also being constructed featuring soft, muted colors. Homes will be placed on lots so resident's views are maximized.

Midway to the Mountains

Trammel Crow continues construction on The Pinnacle, its 430-unit luxury apartment complex. Amenities include a computer room, periodical room, theater, two pools, jacuzzi, fitness room and a 5000 sq. ft. clubhouse. Apartments are one to three bedrooms, each with one or two car garages. Rents range from \$675 to \$1300.

Bordering Cibola National Forest

Tillium is a three-petaled, multi-colored wildflower. It's also Stone & Associates' residential 127-lot gated community. Five floor plans will be offered, ranging in size from 1851 to 2819 sq. ft. and prices from \$215,000 to \$300,000. There will be a neighborhood park and easy access to High Desert's extensive trail system for biking, running and walking.

Ali Baudoin created the two controversial, 22-foot-high, brushed stainless steel sculptures that now stand at the Academy and Spain entrances to High Desert. He was awarded \$100,000 in private commission for "Shrine to the Bear" and "Dance with the Planter's Moon."

Baudoin sees Shrine to the Bear (north end) as a children's monument because each year a poetry contest will be held for local students. The winning poem will be attached by plaque to one of the many boulders surrounding the sculpture. Planter's Moon (south end) has a bent, plant-like stem that seems to withstand the wind and weather. Baudoin feels that the steel reflects the changing colors of the mountains and the clouds and the earth tones of the grass and soil.

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For those of us who think chocolate is a separate food group, February holds special appeal. With any luck, on Valentine's Day we can look forward to a box of chocolate candy. We prefer not to think of ourselves as chocoholics, but as chocolate connoisseurs.

Do you know that chocolate contains phenylethylamine (PEA), a substance that also occurs naturally in the brain and reaches higher levels in people who are in love. Researchers once speculated that eating chocolate could trigger passion; unfortunately they were proved wrong by studies showing that chocolate does not increase PEA levels in the brain. That means that Montezuma was a victim of false optimism when he downed a beaker of chocolate before visiting his harem. Even when eaten in large amounts, chocolate is not an aphrodisiac.

The good news is that cocoa contains tannins that tend to block plaque formation on teeth. However, the good is more than offset by the sugar in chocolate.

The bad news is that chocolate is more than 50 percent fat. Opening a 1 lb. box of chocolate-covered creams guarantees you almost 2000 calories and 75 grams of fat (80 calories and 3 grams of fat per piece.) How many of us have demolished an entire box at one sitting.

According to the USDA Food Pyramid, chocolate is listed among foods to be consumed sparingly. It recommends keeping portions small and limiting their serving to two or three times weekly.

Chocolate comes from the bean of the tropical cacao plant. Cacao beans are fermented, dried,

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MAKE A NOTE: MAY '96 GRIT

Deadline for articles, advertising, classifieds, letters to the editor:
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Call for a new 1996 ad rate sheet and get noticed in The Grit!

THE GRIT

SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WINTER ~ 1996

Open Letter to All Sandia Heights Residents

Over the past two years we have come a long way at Circle K in becoming a better neighbor in the Sandia Heights community. Some of our accomplishments include the recycling program that takes place on the first Saturday of every month to help us better our environment. In addition, this will be our third year sponsoring the annual Spring Fling Picnic. It has been our pleasure the past two years to not only supply all the food for this event, but also the chefs to cook so that members of the community may truly enjoy themselves. Some might see this as a chore, but we view it as an opportunity to thank those people most important to us, our customers.

There are other great things soon to arrive at your local Circle K. Effective in January, we installed a cardboard recycling bin in the rear of our store. This is for all residents to help us reduce the cardboard in our landfills. Coming this spring we will be installing credit card readers at our gas pumps for your convenience. These will give two benefits to you our customers. First, you will be able to purchase gasoline 24 hours a day without the store having to be open. Second, you will be able to purchase gasoline without having to leave your vehicle. A definite advantage if you have small children traveling with you.

Terry Sanchez, your store manager has also become very involved with making the store a better place to shop. Terry believes that being part of the community is what makes a successful store. Whether it's dressing in costumes and giving out candy for Halloween or inviting your children to visit Santa Claus at Christmas, Terry finds it very fulfilling to give back to the community.

With all this going on at Circle K we have a favor to ask the community. In our efforts to remain a profitable and competitive business, we would like to place a liquor license at our location. Knowing that there are concerns, we have agreed to put in writing certain conditions if you will support us in our endeavor. These conditions would include:

- We would not change our hours of operation
- We would not sell any single beers
- We would not sell any quart beers
- We would not sell any alcohol miniatures
- We would not sell any fortified wines (i.e. M.D. 40/40, Thunderbird)

In addition we would like to offer a fine wine selection for your convenience.

We at Circle K hope you will consider this request as not only a convenience for the community but as a continued partnership between Circle K and the Sandia Heights Homeowners. If you have thoughts or concerns on this issue, please contact either the Circle K office, Circle K store or the Homeowners Association no later than February 29, 1996.

We look forward to your continued support at Circle K.

Sincerely


Carl Bottenus
Vice President of Operations



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