



President Anne Yeggi and Linda Caldwell, Nominating Committee, conduct new Members' election.

## Annual Meeting a Crowd Squeezer

by Anne Yeggi - SHHA Board President

June 1st was the date of a well attended Annual Meeting of the Association which dealt with a number of issues of interest to the membership, as well as election of new Board members. Many thanks to outgoing Board Members Dave Hursig, Janey Brink and Richard Krumben. And appreciation in advance to new Board Members (see box below), who are just beginning to find out what they have gotten themselves into.



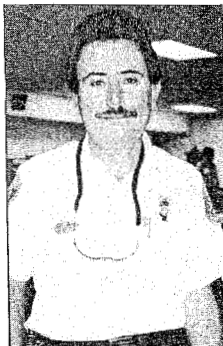
The Albuquerque Public Schools Boundaries Committee was represented at the meeting by the very capable Donna Mazzei, who is a resident of Sandia Heights and was appointed by Don Patterson, School Board Member, who also attended. Current considerations indicate that our area will remain in the La Cueva School district, but there are unresolved issues relative to the new middle school targeted to open in Fall, 1997. A public forum is on the agenda for August or September. Participation in the process along with the Board is paramount, and in our children's best interests. The Boundaries Committee hopes to make a final decision in November. For further information, Donna has made herself available at 856-1725. Don Patterson can be reached at 822-0028. Thanks to both for being concerned and responsive.



SHHA Administrative Assistant Erin Frinkman (standing) coordinated the event. Celeste Loughridge (L) and Marty Hill sign in attendees.



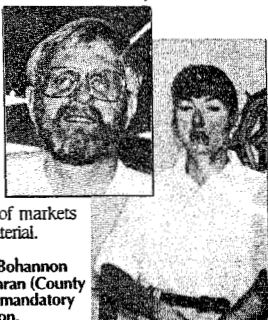
Donna Mazzei discusses the new APS Boundaries affecting Sandia Heights children, as County Fire Chief Santos Baca awaits his turn at the podium.



The County Fire Chief, Santos Baca, made a presentation at the meeting regarding the drought and fire related issues. His professionalism and concern for Sandia Heights' special circumstances certainly made us feel more secure about our fire protection. The department has added new equipment and implemented faster responses to calls to deal with increasing demands. Incidentally, although there was confusion in the media which we tried to correct, the County Commission and Chief continued the ban on fireworks in Sandia Heights and there were fire department staff patrolling the area on the 4th of July.

In response to the presentation on the proposed Mandatory Solid Waste Collection Ordinance, the Board wrote to County Commissioner Barbara Seward, to let her know that residents are satisfied with our current collection system. But there are major concerns that recycling be a part of the new ordinance.

The Commissioner has indicated that she is working on amendments to the ordinance that address these concerns. Recycling is perhaps the more difficult issue, due to lack of markets available for recycled material.



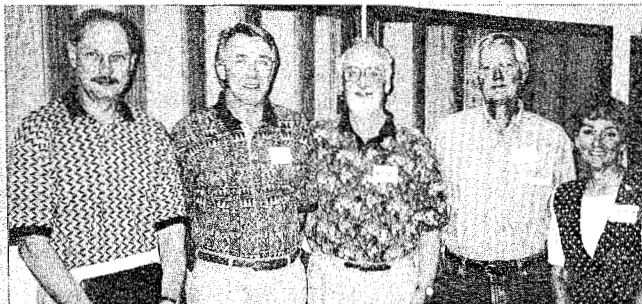
Howard Stone (Bohannon Huston) and Glory Cochran (County Health Dept.) address mandatory refuse collection.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

**MARSHAL AUNGIER** - A new resident of Albuquerque, Marshall is an attorney concentrating in Tax Law and Estate Planning. He graduated from the University of Rochester with a B.A. in Economics and a law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law in Washington State. He took two years off from his law practice in the early 1980's to study violin making after which he attended Graduate Tax Program at the University of Denver, earning an L.L.M. in Taxation.

**LESTER LIBO** - A long time New Mexico resident, Lester has lived in Sandia Heights since 1978. He is a retired clinical psychologist (Ph.D., Stanford), Professor Emeritus of psychiatry and psychology, (1963-1983) and private practice in Albuquerque (1983-1993). He is currently an independent art consultant/dealer. Lester is married with four children and five grandchildren.

**IRENE MIDDLETON** - Irene is a retired dental hygienist who enjoys gardening, birdwatching, fishing and travel. Residents of Albuquerque since 1972, she and husband Phil have lived in Sandia Heights for four years. Their two daughters, Kristin and Jennifer, also live in Albuquerque.



Several new Board Members attending the Annual General Meeting, June 1: Robert Thomas, Marshall Aungier, Lester Libo, Mike Pfeifer and Claire Wilcox.

**MICHAEL PFEIFER** - A Sandia Heights resident since 1988, Michael graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration. He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and three years teaching math in Texas. He retired from the government in 1994 after 25 years as an auditor and price analyst, five of those years in Saudi Arabia and Germany. He has served as Treasurer and member of the NM Orchid Society.

**MARGO ROBERTS** - Margo, married with two daughters, has lived in Albuquerque 15 years, two years in Sandia Heights. She has served on the Corrales Community Library Board for 3 years. Professionally, she is a portrait photographer and mixed-media artist.

**JONATHAN SUTIN** - Jonathan, a New Mexican for most of his life and a Long-time Sandia Heights resident, is a graduate of the University of Colorado and the University of New Mexico School of Law. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve for 7 years. His 33 years practicing law span a wide variety of areas from personal injury and products liability to domestic relations and civil rights, concentrating in commercial law for the last 15 years. He is currently running for the Court of Appeals.

**ROBERT THOMAS** - Robert is a 3-year Sandia Heights resident. He has worked for Sandia Laboratory for 19 years, currently as manager of an engineering computations department. His SHHA interests include architectural review and covenant enforcement, speed limits and opposition to the Circle K liquor license.

**CLAIRE WILCOX** - Claire is a new resident of Sandia Heights, coming from Champaign, IL in June of 1995. She and her husband have 3 married children and 3 grandchildren. Claire has a Master's Degree in Nursing from San Jose State University. Over the years she has worked with disabled children, been a public health and school nurse, and an instructor of nursing. She and her husband served in the Peace Corps in Costa Rica in the late '80s. Volunteer activities have included president of the Champaign Urbana Symphony Guild and nurse for Meals on Wheels.



THE GRIT  
is published quarterly  
at the office of association  
of the  
SANDIA HEIGHTS  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
P.O. Box 20023  
Albuquerque, NM 87188-0023  
Phone: 505-296-1117  
Fax: 505-296-2630  
E-mail: SHHA@shha.com  
Homepage: <http://www.shha.com/shha>

EDITOR  
Candice Hinder

PRINTED BY  
Information Color

Advertising Rate Schedules are available  
from the office.  
Call 505-296-1114 Fax 505-296-2630  
Write: The Color Connection Inc.  
1124 MARQUETTE NE. APO, NM 87122

THE GRIT is printed on recycled paper.

## Order Your Speed Humps Now!

By Rob Loughridge – SHHA Traffic & Safety, Outgoing Chair

There has been routine activity in street repair and maintenance. The long-awaited Speed Hump Policy has been approved by Bernalillo County, but copies have not been made available as yet. From press reports, the procedure for requesting speed humps will involve a petition by 50-75% of property owners along a street, whereupon the County would order an engineering study. The person to contact for arranging petitions and follow-ups is Tom Van Etten of the County Public Works Department, 848-1517.

## But is It art?

by Sophie de Los Arboles

Used to be "cul-chuh" was something you caught from long-haired symphony conductors or got on you when you sat too close to the woman with the glasses on a stick. Today, with our increasing awareness of Cultural Diversity, many of us are discovering the pleasure of expanding our aesthetics (and it's cheaper than an expanding waistline). With this in mind, the Sandia Heights Neighborhood Association invited Mike Herrmann from *Fisher Gallery* to bring examples of local artists' work to the next several koffee klatches. His gallery, at 1620 Central SE (one block West of University next to Souper Salad) represents some of the region's and nation's finest artists. We asked Mike some questions about the Albuquerque art scene.

**GRIT:** So, what's the deal? Who cares about Albuquerque when Santa Fe is just up the street?

**MIKE:** Well, it's true, Santa Fe is rapidly acknowledging the fact that they're now passe. With prices higher than most kites and crowds no longer swelling the streets, Albuquerque's extemporaneous coquettishness is even more becoming.

**G:** You're pulling our leg?

**M:** Well, ok, a gentle tug, if you insist. But no backsies! Actually, GENART, an organization representing innovative young artists, just moved their office from Santa Fe to Albuquerque. I have yet to find out why, but it looks to me like they, like everyone else, realized this is where the new work is coming from.

**G:** When you say "new work", whaddya mean?

**M:** Santa Fe has always been kind of a Southwestern Disneyland. It was a fun place to play, but Albuquerque is the place to be if you want to do some work. There's an energy in Albuquerque that fosters new ideas. Artists here tend to produce work that's more original.

**G:** More original than what?

**M:** Than the latest fad. Remember a few years ago when everyone was running around saying painting is dead? It worked pretty well, like the sixties "god is dead" craze to help draw media attention. The point was that most of the art being done had already been done. Art had become booooooring. But lately, as the children of the sixties and seventies have come on-line, they've been creating things with a new aesthetic. And that's happening in Albuquerque.

**G:** Where?

**M:** *Nina Bean's Gallery At Occasions* at Prospect and San Mateo (Ph. 881-8920) is one, *Page Coleman's Gallery* at 311 Broadway SW (Ph. 842-6712) is an avant New York-like space just south of Central. *The Harwood Art Center* at 8th and Mountain has studio and performance spaces and always has something going on. Two restaurants that show interesting work are *Harpers* at the corner of Edith and Central (across from the Artichoke Cafe) and *WC's Cafe* on Mountain near Olde-Town.

**G:** What distinguishes this new work?

**M:** There's a strong appreciation of color. The human figure is becoming popular again and issues are being taken up with enthusiasm. For example, Albuquerque United Artists have a show coming up titled *Rethinking Beauty*. In the past this might have been kind of dark, but the artists I've talked with seem to be taking a more positive approach.

**G:** So, what are you going to be showing at the Sandia Heights coffees?

**M:** I represent Russ Ball, the illustrator for the *Albuquerque Journal*, so I'll have some of his work. And Mary Sweet's slickrock landscapes. She's being considered for an article in *Southwest Art Magazine*, and has work at the Albuquerque Museum. And possibly Marcine Tint. She's a famous New York artist I just started working with, but her work is pretty large.

**G:** Well, thanks for sharing. Any last words?

**M:** A really cool way to enjoy the visual arts scene is with the ARTSCRAWL. Every month the galleries in one of the three art districts have their openings on the same night. People go from gallery to gallery noshing, meeting artists, watching art demonstrations and generally having a good time. The openings are advertised in the *Journal* and *Tribune's* art sections. Or you can get on their mailing list and they'll send a listing of participating galleries and a map of their locations. Just send a check for \$5.00 to ARTSCRAWL/AABA at POB 31052, Alb NM 87190. Or call 881-8920 for information. It's Sponsored by The Albuquerque Art Business Association. Thanks.

Stevens Arch by Mary Sweet  
- Acrylic on canvas



Incognito by Russ Bell - Acrylic on canvas



Hired Hands  
by  
Michelle  
Cook  
- Serigraph



Wednesdays 10am - Noon

August

(no coffee)

September 4th

Peggy Owens  
1434 Honeysuckle NE  
856-1496

October 9th

Celeste Loughridge  
246 Spring Creek Place NE  
828-2809

November 6th

Jo Cheney  
1461 Bluebell NE  
821-4493

All SHHA members welcome!



# 1996-97 SHHA Directory and New Web Site Get Finishing Touches...

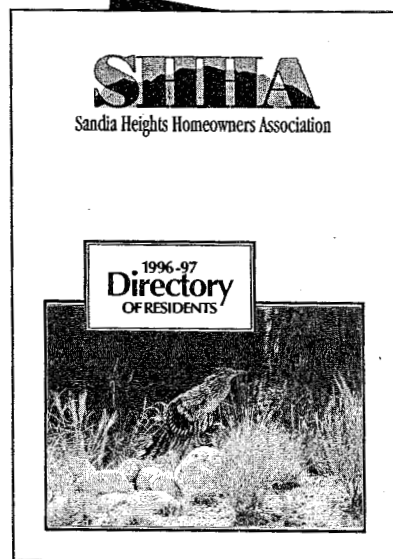
By Charlotte Zerof - SHHA Communications, Chair

The Communications Committee work was put into high gear last year under the leadership of Janey Brink. The 1996-97 Sandia Heights Directory has been revised and will be mailed to you shortly. The Sandia Heights Homeowners Association Handbook has been revised by our administrative assistant, Erin Frinkman. And the editor of The Grit, Carolyn Hindel, wants to hear from you! Have any photos relating to Sandia Heights that could be shared through our community newspaper? An article of interest? An issue that deserves attention? Give her a call at 856-1868 or fax at 856-1792. And don't forget you can advertise your business to our residents for as little as \$25 an issue or use the Classifieds for non-commercial information, free. It works!

SHHA went on The Internet in May with its own "homepage" that will provide information about the Association and upcoming events.

The new address is: <http://www.nmia.com/shha>

So get online and check it out. The handbook and some articles from the GRIT will be available on the homepage. In the interest of protecting the privacy of Sandia Heights residents, no phone numbers or addresses will be listed. Therefore, the Directory will not be available online, but we hope to have the covenants available electronically. This very large task will take some time to complete. Stay tuned.



It's in the Mail!

## ...and a New Face Brightens Community Services

By Claire Wilcox - SHHA Community Services, Chair



Claire Wilcox

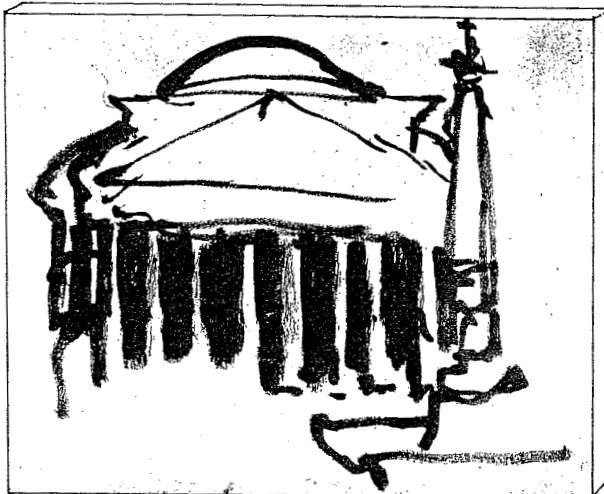
I am one of the new members of the board and am also new to Albuquerque. Putting together a SHHA community events calendar with activities that are popular and include our youth as well as our homeowners is something I'd like to do, but I need your suggestions.

I will begin work on The Craft Show this month but are there other events you would like to see scheduled? Is there a particular interest group you would like to lead or be part of? My bet is that we have such a diversity of knowledge in our homeowners association that whatever interest you have there is likely someone who would either like to join you or learn from you.

Let me know. You can reach me at 856-6282.

## ART BY ARCHITECTS

Sept 20 - Oct 12



Pantheon, Rome by Antoine Predock



**1620 Central SE**  
(one blk W of Univ next to Souper Salad)

**Opening Reception**  
**Sept 20 5 - 9 pm**

**Please Join Us**

Gallery Ph. 248-0612

Have you been thinking about  
"getting back to church"?

Come Join Us Sunday Morning!

## Sandia Presbyterian Church



Worship Services:  
8:10am, 10:30am

Sunday School:  
All ages; 9:00am

**Rev. Dewey Johnson, Pastor**

Nursery (newborn-3) available  
from 8:00am-noon

Discovery Time (ages 4-10)  
available at both worship services

Counseling service available  
to the community

Continuing Education classes  
offered; call for more information

Very active youth program and  
extensive adult activities

**Our church is growing rapidly;  
Come be a part of it!**

10704 Paseo Del Norte NE, Alb., NM 87122  
(just east of Eubank),  
856-5040

HOUSE CLEANING?  
MOVING?  
NEED STORAGE SPACE?  
NEED BOXES?

COME BY

**BEAR CANYON  
SELF STORAGE**

4730 TRAMWAY, NE  
(Just North of Montgomery  
Next to Giant & Smith's)

**292-2300**

Bring This AD for SUMMER SPECIALS!

**BMC**

**ROOF MAINTENANCE**

NM Licence # 30878

- \* preventive maintenance
- \* remedial repairs
- \* roof restoration
- \* roof replacement
- \* maintenance agreements

Call Mike at 897-3766 for your  
**FREE ROOF INSPECTION**

**Serving Sandia Heights  
since 1989.**

## County Of Bernalillo

### Summer Report



On Thursday, June 6th, Bernalillo County held a ground breaking ceremony for the **Lt. William Sibrava Northeast Heights Sheriff's Substation**, located at the northeast corner of Holly and Eubank NE. It was a joyous occasion culminating the Cooperative efforts of several agencies and individuals. The substation will house a traffic unit, criminalistics and the new communications center - the first joint effort to bring law enforcement and fire public safety dispatch under one roof. The substation is scheduled to open in March '97.

The County Planning and Zoning Department is prepared to begin work on a **lighting ordinance** for Sandia Heights and North Albuquerque Acres. The staff will be working with your Board during the creation of the ordinance; and a rough draft should be ready for community input within three months. If you have ideas or suggestions for the draft, please contact your Board. We want this ordinance to reflect your priorities.

**The Environmental Health and the Zoning, Building and Planning Departments will be moving from Government Center to Plaza Del Sol, located at 600 2nd Street NW.**

Environmental Health will be open for business at their new location on Monday, July 8, 1996. They will occupy the 5th floor, Suite 500. Services provided to the public include ground water and liquid waste permitting; program, plan and plat review; environmental impact review; mosquito and rodent control; plague surveillance; pool permit and inspection; and general public information and education. The new phone number is 924-3650.

Zoning, Building and Planning Departments will be ready to provide service on Monday, July 15, 1996. The three departments will offer a one-stop shop for customers. The new phone number is 924-3700 and the offices are located on the 4th floor.

Following the State Corporation's **statewide ban on fireworks sales** because of the extreme fire danger, the County Commission voted not to allow the use of fireworks in any of the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County. When the State Corporation reversed their decision and allowed sales from July 3rd through the 6th, the county followed suit and permitted use except in the East Mountain Area, the Bosque and ALL OF FIRE DISTRICT 5. I have had a mixed reaction to this decision and would appreciate additional input through your Board.

I send my very best wishes to you for a safe and happy summer. We are so very fortunate to live in such a special place.

*Barbara J. Seward*  
Bernalillo County Commissioner  
District 4



## A View from the Ranger's Station

### Fire Season Isn't Over

*Bequi Livingston - Sandia Ranger District*

From fire restrictions to forest closures to floods... during this past summer the Sandia Ranger District experienced some of the most severe fire conditions in over a century. Thanks to the efforts of cooperating agencies, residents, media and US Forest Service firefighting personnel - the Sandia Ranger district and adjoining Wildland/Urban Interface pulled through with little incident.

Although the potential was there, the only real threat happened on May 29th in the Evergreen subdivision on the west side of the Sandia Mountains. Thanks to the quick response by supporting agencies

and USFS firefighters, the blaze was quickly extinguished and the threat along with it.

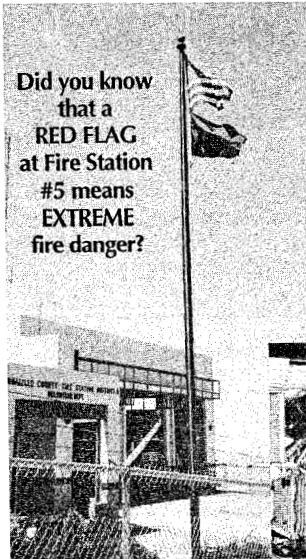
Through the course of this critical fire severity situation, the region received additional funding to provide needed equipment and personnel. With more engines and fire crews, the Sandia Ranger District was able to provide needed support during the fire restrictions and forest closure implementation. Even without a major incident, the added security and support was a welcome addition to the District.

On June 27, 1996, the Cibola National Forest closed areas in the Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts to the public to assure resident and visitor safety. And as Murphy's law predicts, once the implementation took place, the rains came.

Throughout the summer drought, our message was loud and clear: "Wildfire Strikes Home." Our emphasis was on education and personal responsibility. Now that we are all able to relax a bit and ponder nature's fury, it is crucial to remember the risks associated with living in the Wildland/Urban Interface. Those risks can be lowered if everyone is willing to participate, whether it be individually or as a neighborhood, and assume responsibility for one's property. Education and communication is still the key. There is an abundance of information offered by many of the local, federal, county, state and city offices that specifically address these issues.

We would certainly like to extend our appreciation to all those residents living near the National Forest for your support and consideration during this past summer. Enjoy the rest of the year and "Think Fire Safety!"

## "Sparkie" Speakman Day Declared by County



Did you know that a **RED FLAG** at Fire Station #5 means **EXTREME** fire danger?

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners has recognized the considerable achievements of County Fire Department Volunteer, Clark "Sparkie" Speakman by declaring July 23, as SPARKIE SPEAKMAN DAY. The well known and liked volunteer firefighter recently received both the Governor's EMS Award and the Robert Sabin Memorial Award at the Emergency Medical Services Conference.

Clark has served as Volunteer Chief of Fire District #5 for the last 20 years, and has broken new ground by being one of the first licensed Emergency Medical Technicians in the State of New Mexico. He also established the first Automatic Extrication Program for the EMS Bureau. He is a dedicated and proven educator who has trained over 10,000 emergency medical personnel and was the driving force behind the building of the New Mexico Firefighter Training Academy where he is still an adjunct instructor. Congratulations Sparkie! And many thanks to all our community emergency volunteers.



Volunteer firefighters/emergency personnel, (l-r) Nicki Jorgensen, Steve Foster and Kelly Bryant on call at the Fire Station.

## Sandia Tram Closes for Repairs

The Sandia Peak Tramway will close for a week November 4th - 8th as maintenance workers replace one of the hauling cables that move the tram gondolas up and down the mountain.

Then in the spring starting April 1, the tram is scheduled to close for nearly two months as all four "track ropes" from which the cars are suspended are being replaced for the first time since the service was opened in 1966. Officials have picked these times to take advantage of light ridership between ski season and summer tourist season.



**RON GRENEMYER**  
Agent



12408 Menaul N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112  
Bus.: (505) 293-3734

- 18 Year Sandia Heights Resident
- 15 Year State Farm Agent
- 10 Years at Tramway & Menaul

I can provide you with  
"Good Neighbor" service.  
Just call me at  
293-3734 or 856-1314.



**MAX SANCHEZ, MBA CRS**  
Sandia Heights Resident  
Direct Office: 880-2211  
Residence: 856-2211  
Main Office: 883-6161  
E-Mail: maximum@hparnegg.com



**S**ome people say I work too hard...

but if you choose me as your real estate representative, you'll be glad I do!

...how about some persuasive statistics:

- 18 years of real estate experience
- Residing and specializing in Sandia Heights for over 7 years
- No other Realtor/Resident of Sandia Heights sells more real estate in Albuquerque
- Over 127 homes sold and closed in 1995!

*If you haven't met me yet, these statistics might convince you... call me! I am incredibly prompt, thorough and get stunning results!*

# SANDIA HAPPENINGS

By Grit Editor

## NEW DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The application by **Mr. Don Maestas**, Sandia Heights resident, to the Bernalillo County Planning Commission for development of a **Day Spa/Hair Salon and three homes at the northeast corner of San Rafael and Tramway** was approved by the commission during its regular meeting on June 5, 1996. The approval was contingent upon submittal of a grading and drainage plan to the County Public Works Department, AMAFCA, and the City Floodplain Administration; and prior to site development, the submittal of a traffic impact analysis to the planning commission, and consultation with SHHA regarding lighting, signage, trail location, school bus stop location, and hours of operation. Previously, on May 30, the New Development Committee hosted a meeting at the Fire Station with the nearby residents in Unit 16 to hear Mr. Maestas' presentation of the proposed development and to discuss neighbors' concerns. SHHA has architectural review authority over the development, and construction plans must be submitted to the Association for approval. An appeal of the Planning Commission's approval by a neighboring resident is scheduled to be heard by the County Commission on the afternoon of August 27th.

On June 25, The Bernalillo County Commission approved the **3.75-acre Cedar Hills Subdivision at the southeast corner of Tramway and Cedar Hills**. It will consist of 19 single-family residences. SHHA was able to work with the developer and the planning commission to limit the construction to single story houses with a height limit of 18 ft. over existing grade in order to preserve views from exist-

ing homes in the vicinity. The developer also agreed that SHHA would have architectural review authority. His next stage is obtaining subdivision approval from the County Planning Commission based upon more detailed plans. It is intended that neighboring residents will have an opportunity to review and comment on these plans, by means of a neighborhood forum if necessary.

There is no further information from **Circle K regarding its proposed request for a liquor license**. It is our understanding that a license application has not yet been filed with the appropriate state authorities. The response to the survey in the previous edition of the Grit showed overwhelming opposition to liquor sales at Circle K by a 107-16 margin. A straw poll taken at the June 1, 1996 annual meeting also showed strong opposition. In addition, an opposing petition signed by 140 residents in the Circle K vicinity was received earlier in the year. Accordingly, the SHHA Board of Directors during the regular board meeting of June 12, 1996 voted to take a position opposing the granting of a liquor license at this location. A letter to this effect was delivered to the office of the new Circle K Regional Manager, **Mike Sommerford**, on July 16.

On June 5, a meeting was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd for neighbors to discuss the proposed **expansion of the Outpost Ice Arena**. Owner of the Outpost, **Bob Martin**, presented his plans for an additional building for a second ice sheet to be constructed adjacent and immediately

south of the present building; a two-level parking structure to be located on Tramway Boulevard between Circle K and the County Line restaurant; and widening the entrance road to the area from Tramway Lane. Preliminary drawings for the expansion were presented.

Property owners near the Outpost Arena expressed their concerns which centered around fears of increased noise from the parking lots, additional traffic through the residential area, effects on views, and architectural design of the parking structure including lighting and landscaping. Mr. Martin stated that he would provide a sound barrier along the eastern end of the existing north parking lot, and, in order to minimize increased traffic at the Tramway Lane entrance, would investigate the feasibility of providing a car bridge to the County Line restaurant and/or an entrance to the parking structure from Tramway Boulevard. With regard to the latter, discussions are being held with the State Highway Department to ascertain the possibility of opening another entrance directly onto Tramway Boulevard from the expansion.

The SHHA will continue to inform interested residents of developments as they occur. It is important to note that, although SHHA has architectural review authority over commercial developments such as the proposed Outpost Ice Arena expansion, the Association has no veto authority or legal intervention potential over developments that are in compliance with county zoning ordinances and applicable covenants.

By Don Hooper - SHHA New Development, Chair

# LINDA CALDWELL DOES HOUSEWORK!

Year round. Seven days a week.

Any time, day or night, Linda Caldwell is on call.

No house too big, no house too small.

She's worked them all and has been doing it successfully in Sandia Heights for over 18 years.

It's that savvy that got her into the *Who's Who* in New Mexico Residential Real Estate, the Elite 25 of Albuquerque Realtors and made her one of the top 5 Metro 100 Realtors. And as a long-time Sandia Heights resident, Linda knows the territory.

When you're ready to buy or sell in Sandia Heights, make it easy on yourself.

Let Linda do your housework. She's already done the homework.



**LINDA CALDWELL**  
CRS  
Direct line  
**269-3635**  
**METRO 100**  
828-1000



**SCHEDULE OF BUS STOPS**

**SCHOOL: DOUBLE EAGLE ELEMENTARY** AM BELL: 9:00 / PM BELL: 3:30  
**ROUTE NO: 328-04** AM BUS: #197 / PM BUS: #197

STOP:	LOADING LOCATION	TIME:
1	Tierra Monte	8:04
2	Spring Creek Dr. & Spring Creek Pl. NE	8:16
3	Spring Creek Dr. & Spring Creek Ln. NE	8:17
4	Eagle Nest Dr. & Juniper Hills Rd. NE	8:20
5	#17 Sandia Heights Dr. NE (Turnaround)	8:23
6	Juniper Hills Rd. & Cedar Hill Rd. NE	8:25
7	Juniper Hills Rd. & Big Horn Ridge Rd. (West) NE	8:27
8	White Tail Rd. & White Oak Dr. NE	8:28
9	Juniper Hills Rd. & Live Oak Rd. NE	8:29
10	Juniper Hills Rd. & Big Horn Ridge Rd. (East) NE	8:30
11	Big Horn Ridge Rd. & Big Horn Ridge Pl. NE	8:31
12	377 Big Horn Ridge Rd. NE	8:32
13	Big Horn Ridge Rd. & Tramway Ln. NE	8:33
14	Big Horn Ridge Rd. & Paintbrush NE	8:34
15	Live Oak & White Oak NE	8:35
16	Live Oak & Black Bear Lp. (East) NE	8:36
17	Black Bear Lp. & Black Bear Rd. NE	8:37
19	Bluebird Ln. & Blackhawk Dr. NE	8:39
20	Cedar Hill Rd. & Bluebird NE	8:40
21	Cedar Hill Rd. & Roadrunner NE	8:41
22	Arrival at School	8:55

The new Double Eagle Elementary School at 8901 Lowell St. will open for classes on August 19th.

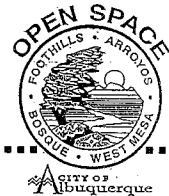


**ROUTE NO: 328-05** AM BUS: #199 / PM BUS: #199

STOP:	LOADING LOCATION:	TIME:
1	Sandia Heights Academy, 12700 San Rafael NE	8:22
2	Quail Run Dr. & Quail Run Lp. NE	8:24
3	Quail Run Lp. & Tramway Terrace Lp. NE	8:25
4	Tramway Ln. & Antelope Av. NE (North)	8:29
5	Tramway Ln. & Chamisa Park NE	8:33
6	Tramway Ln. & Tramway Vista Dr. NE (South)	8:34
7	743 Tramway Ln. NE	8:35
8	Tramway Ln. & Cedar Canyon NE	8:36
9	785 Tramway Ln. NE	8:37
10	Tramway Ln. & Live Oak NE	8:38
11	Tramway Ln. & Tramway Ln. Ct. NE	8:39
12	Tramway Ln. & San Bernardino Av. NE	8:40
13	Tramway Ln. & Antelope Av. NE (South)	8:41
14	Tramway Ln. & Lynx Lp. NE (East & West)	8:42
15	Tramway Ln. & Red Oaks Lp. NE (West)	8:44
16	Tramway Ln. & Red Oaks Lp. NE (East)	8:45
17	Arrival at School	8:55

**ROUTE NO: 328-03** AM BUS: #200 / PM BUS: #200

STOP:	LOADING LOCATION:	TIME:
1	Eagle Ridge Rd. & Eagle Ridge Ln. NE	8:11
2	Rockrose Rd. & Marigold Dr. NE	8:12
3	Rockrose Rd. & San Rafael Av. NE	8:13
4	San Rafael Av. & Bluebell NE	8:14
5	Bluebell & Morning Glory NE	8:15
6	Bobcat Blvd. & Morning Glory NE	8:16
7	Laurel Lp. & Laurel Lp. Ln. NE	8:17
8	San Rafael Av. & Marigold Dr. NE (North)	8:18



For More Information Call: 873-6520  
TTY 873-6623

Presents The  
**1996 Summer Fireside Chat Series**

All talks are free and will be held at the Open Space Elena Gallegos Double Shelter Picnic Area (off of Tramway, north of Academy)

**SATURDAYS at 7PM  
June 15 - October 12**

- August 3 - "Black Bears of New Mexico"** with Don Jones. He has been working with the New Mexico Game and Fish Department over 10 years studying the black bears of New Mexico.
- August 10 - "Songs & Stories of the Old West"** by Joe Deidrick.
- August 17 - "The Mexican Wolf: Biology, Natural History and Recovery of an Endangered Species"** by Wendy Brown, wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- August 24 - "Appreciating Archaeological Sites"** by Dave Phillips of SWCA Inc.
- August 31 - "Reintroduction of Bighorn sheep in the Sandia Mountains"** with Dr. Wes Wilkening and Ray Churan of the NM chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.
- September 7 - "Birding in Central America"** with Jim Black of Chupaflores Tours will share slides and stories of his birding excursions in Costa Rica.
- September 14 - "Stories About Nature,"** an interesting evening for adults and kids, as we listen to stories about nature spun by story teller Jim Orand.
- September 21 - "Dinosaurs In New Mexico"** by Dr. Tom Williamson of the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science. He will give a presentation of the exciting new dinosaur discoveries that have been made in New Mexico.
- September 28 - "Native Seeds,"** Brett Baker from Native Seed Search will discuss how they help to preserve southwestern agricultural seed varieties.
- October 5 and 12 - To be Announced**

**Get Acquainted with Futures For Children on September 11th**



Allan Houser's sculpture "My Future" graces the entry courtyard of Futures for Children and keeps the focus on our future — children.

The Friends of Futures for Children, a local volunteer group, invites you to get involved with an international organization headquartered right here in your neighborhood — Futures for Children. On Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm the Friends of Futures will host a "Get Acquainted Meeting" at the Futures' Learning Center at 9600 Tennyson, NE.

Futures for Children is a private, non-profit organization based in Albuquerque that has been working effectively with Native American children and their families in the Southwest for the past 28 years and in Latin America for 35 years.

Futures for Children advocates for the well-being of children through an intergenerational community education program. Through training programs and community exchanges, Futures works directly with children and their families to encourage new approaches

and solutions to problems that impede the ability of children to reach their full potential. Futures currently serves 25 Native American tribes and four, independent sister organizations in Latin America.

Please join the Friends of Futures on September 11 to hear more about Futures work with Native American children and their families and the various ways you can get involved. Dessert and coffee will be served. For more information, call Carolyn White at Futures for Children 821-2828.

## UPDATE:

## Action Certain in Sandia Pueblo Land Claim

By John Thomas - Sandia Mountain Coalition

After many months of waiting, some judicial action will finally be taken on the case involving Sandia Pueblo's attempt to expand its original land grant. The judicial action may be a ruling on some initial motions, according to co-chair Anita Miller, also head of the Sandia Mountain Coalition's Legal Committee. While the action(s) may not eliminate all problems emanating from the Pueblo, Miller said, there is now light at the end of the tunnel. The catalyst is Sandia Pueblo's recent motion for a summary judgment. The motion, which attempts an end-run around several other pending motions, asks the court to decide on the merits of *Sandia v. Bruce H. Babbitt, et al*, originally filed by the Pueblo on December 7, 1994.

"The United States Department of Justice, with the support of the Sandia Mountain Coalition, the Sandia Heights Homeowners Association and the Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners, maintains that disposal of the Pueblo's motion by the Federal District Court is improper because it lacks jurisdiction to hear the case, based on the *Quiet Title Act*. This federal law requires that all claims against the United States be filed within 12 years of when they arose. Time to file this claim was up years ago and they can't use courts to decide this matter now," said Miller. In addition, according to Miller, a decision on the case's merits would mean first addressing the US Dept. of Justice's motion to dismiss the case for lack of Federal District Court jurisdiction. The Department of Justice is reportedly disturbed because Sandia Pueblo filed this motion before the jurisdiction issue was resolved.

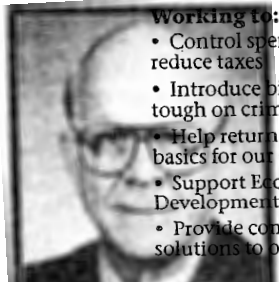
Carol Dinkins, Tom Bartman and Kim Lesniak of Vinson & Elkins, have decided to join the government's position on behalf of the SMC and SHHA. The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners will probably also join, Miller said. The SMC's motion to intervene in the case as a group affected by any resolution of it (filed January 1995 and joined by the County Commissioners) will also need to be addressed. "They should rule on that first," said Miller. "How can you decide on a motion or rule on a case until all the parties involved are before the court (and have been heard from)?"

A meeting is being planned for August 21 at Firehouse #5. Miller said she would have "a lot to report" at that time. "We are coming to some sort of resolution. It may not be an end to our battle to prevent loss of the claim area to the Pueblo, but at least there will be action."

## FRANK BIRD

### YOUR DISTRICT 23 STATE REPRESENTATIVE

It is my privilege  
to represent you in  
Santa Fe



#### Working to:

- Control spending and reduce taxes
- Introduce bills that get tough on crime
- Help return education to basics for our children
- Support Economic Development in the state
- Provide common sense solutions to our problems

7300 LEW WALLACE DR. NE  
PHONE 823-4770/FAX 822-0784

Serving the Sandia Heights area north of  
San Bernardino NE ~ Precincts 539 & 569

ASK FOR YOUR VOTE AND SUPPORT

IN THE GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 5TH!



## HOME REMODELING

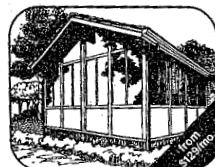
"The Best New Home May  
Be the One You're Living In."



Spacious Kitchen



Deluxe Master Suite



Comfortable Patio Great Room



LIC #21850

**DESIGN BUILD** means our clients receive professional design, careful planning, detailed specifications, firm pricing and quality construction for over 15 years.

**DESIGN TO FINISH — All In One Place!**

No Down Payment / No Equity Required / 0% Down, 10.99% APR on approved credit. 180 months.

*You're Gonna Love The Change!*



Call Today! 883-4040

or Visit our Design Center

2426 Washington N.E.

(Just South of Menaul)



REPUBLICAN  
Leadership Fighting For Us

Experience  
Integrity  
Creativity  
Commitment

Steve S. Torres

For New Mexico

State Corporation Commissioner

#### EDUCATION

1954 Graduate of Socorro High School, Socorro, NM  
1958 B.A. University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.  
1972 M.A. Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont

#### EXPERIENCE

1965-1995 Over 25 years as a successful New Mexico businessperson  
(owner of various business & real estate interests)

#### PUBLIC SERVICE

1963-1965 State Representative  
1966-Present Member of Board of Regents, New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology. Currently serving as Chairperson of the Board.  
1983-Present Member of Board of Directors, New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation. Currently serving as chairperson of the Board.  
1995 New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award Recipient in the State Government & University category.

#### GOALS FOR STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

It is time to provide the people of New Mexico a more responsible and accountable State Corporation Commission.

Commissioners and Commission candidates must be prohibited from receiving contributions from companies and industries they regulate. I will not knowingly accept contributions from companies and industries that the Commission regulates and I challenge my opponents to do likewise. The Commission has become the handmaiden of the businesses it regulates. I will be a full-time commissioner and will not conduct private business from the Commission Office.

The regulatory process must be made more open to the public. We must place the consumer before special interest groups. Commissioners must look after the public welfare and safety, not private demands.



SHHA Recycling Program ended July 6, 1996. Recyclables can be taken to the following locations:

## BERNALILLO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



.....  
**A RESIDENT'S GUIDE  
TO RECYCLING  
AND SOLID WASTE RESOURCES**

### RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

**GLASS:**

- 1) Solid Waste Department  
City of Albuquerque  
4600 Edith Blvd. NE  
7 days a week
- 2) Smiths Grocery Store  
Central & Tramway Blvd. SE  
7 days a week
- 3) Bag Center at Animal Shelter  
8920 Lomas Blvd. NE  
7 days a week
- 4) Taylor Ranch Fire Station  
6100 Taylor Ranch Rd.  
7 days a week
- 5) Loma Linda Community Center  
1700 Yale SE  
7 days a week
- 6) Eagle Rock\*  
6301 Eagle Rock Rd. NE  
Hours: 8-5 / Wed. to Sun.
- 7) Don Reservoir\*  
11711 4th St. SW  
Hours: 8-5 / Wed. to Sun.
- 8) Montessa Park\*  
3512 Los Picaros Rd. SE  
Hours: 8-5 / Sat. to Wed.
- 9) Wild Oats  
6300 San Mateo NE  
7 days a week

**OTHER RECYCLABLES:**

- Wild Oats**  
6300 San Mateo NE  
Phone: 823-1933  
accepts: newspaper, corrugated cardboard, office/computer paper, tin cans, aluminum cans, plastics #1&2, paper egg cartons, plastic grocery bags, packing peanuts
- Osuna Trading Co.**  
5926 2nd NW  
Phone 345-9136  
Hours 9-5:30, M-F / 10-4:30, Sat.  
accepts: aluminum cans, scrap aluminum, copper (clean)
- Acme Iron & Metal Co.**  
6144 2nd NW  
Phone 345-2457  
Hours: 8-12 & 1-4:30, M-F  
8-11:30, Sat.  
accepts: aluminum cans, scrap metals, batteries
- Sandia Metals**  
2701 2nd NW  
Phone: 873-7227  
Hours: 8-4:30, M-F / 8-12, Sat.  
accepts: aluminum cans, batteries, scrap metal
- Capital Recycling**  
2330 2nd. St. SW  
Phone: 247-0117  
Hours: 8-12 & 12:30-4, M-F  
accepts: newspaper, corrugated cardboard, office/computer paper, magazines, carpet padding, aluminum cans, plastics #1&2

\*Call center for costs/handling of volume residential and commercial wastes.

- Universal Recycling**  
1829 Commercial NE  
Phone: 246-0075  
Hours: 8-4:30, M-F  
accepts: newspaper, corrugated cardboard, office/computer paper, phone books, aluminum cans, tin-steel cans, plastics #1&2
- Master Fibers**  
116 Industrial NE  
Phone: 345-6413  
Hours: 8-5, M-F / 8-12, Sat.  
accepts: newspaper, corrugated cardboard, office/computer paper & colored paper, phone books, magazines, carpet padding
- Albuquerque Metals Co.**  
3339 2nd SW  
Phone: 877-6110  
Hours: 8-4, M-F  
accepts: aluminum cans, scrap metals, batteries
- McKinley Paper**  
104 Barr St. SW  
Phone: 271-7500  
Hours: 8-5:45, M-F  
accepts: newspaper, magazines, office/computer paper, corrugated cardboard, phone books
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES:**
- Rinchem, Inc.**  
6133 Edith Blvd. NE  
Phone: 345-3655  
Hours: 8:30-4:30, Fri. / 8-3, Sat.  
accepts: poisons, insecticides, polishes, paint, cleaning solvents, automotive wastes

### SANDIA HEIGHTS SECURITY PATROL RESPONSES

January - June 1996

TYPE OF CALL:	NUMBER:
Alarms .....	310
Open Door/Window .....	32
Motorist Assist .....	90
Breaking & Entering .....	7
Attempted Breaking & Entering .....	8
Construction Site Burglary .....	2
Vehicle Burglary .....	11
Suspicious Vehicle .....	97
Suspicious Person .....	47
Peeping Tom .....	5
Theft (Larceny) .....	17
Animal Control Assist .....	20
Lost/Found Pet .....	27
Pet Nuisance .....	13
Snake .....	7
Family Dispute .....	8
Neighbor Dispute .....	7
Loud Disruptive Party .....	10
Fireworks Complaint .....	3
Vandalism (General) .....	41
Mailbox Vandalism .....	52
Mailbox Stolen .....	6
Lost/Found Items .....	2
Deer Hunters .....	0
Speeding Vehicle .....	5
Assault/Battery (Fight) .....	2
Death Threat .....	2
Unusual Special Request .....	29
Salesperson Problems .....	11
Phone Problems .....	2
Car Accident .....	10
Motorcycle Nuisance .....	5
Fire .....	24
Rescue .....	29
Utility Company Assist .....	29
Construction Sites .....	6
Vacant Houses (For Sale, etc.) .....	13
Specials (Extra patrols/observation) .....	24
Homeowners on Vacation .....	1152
<b>TOTAL CALLS .....</b>	<b>2161</b>
<b>Total Mileage .....</b>	<b>134791</b>
<b>Days Security Vehicle in Shop .....</b>	<b>2.5</b>

**SHHA BOARD MEETINGS** ← **THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH - PASO DEL NORTE FIRESTATION - 7:00PM**

**AUGUST 14**    
  **SEPTEMBER 11**    
  **OCTOBER 9**

## The Prosperity of Humankind

"As the twentieth century draws to a close, it is no longer possible to maintain the belief that the approach to social and economic development (to which the materialistic conception of life has given rise) is capable of meeting humanity's needs. Optimistic forecasts about the changes it would generate have vanished into the ever-widening abyss that separates the living standards of a small and relatively diminishing minority of the world's inhabitants from the poverty experienced by the vast majority of the globe's population.....Burdened by traditions of paternalism, prevailing religious thought seems incapable of translating an expressed faith in the spiritual dimensions of human nature into confidence in humanity's collective capacity to transcend material conditions."

*Excerpts from "The Prosperity of Humankind" published by The Baha'i Faith and available free by calling 856-1655.*

For recorded information about **The Baha'i Faith** call 856-2911, (out of area 800-684-4393).

## RESIDENT PROFILE: The Birdman Of Sandia

By Carolyn Hindel - Grit Editor



Roger K. Hoppe is a Research & Development Engineer, hot-air balloonist and wildlife consultant -

who created a natural backyard bird habitat that has been recognized by the National Wildlife Federation.



What was it about Sandia Heights that inspired an Air Force Major who'd lived all over the world to settle down and begin to build his dream. Well longtime resident Dr. Roger K. Hoppe will tell you without missing a beat, that this area promised "a dramatic difference in every aspect" of his life.

His military career had taken him from a farm in Iowa to Nevada, Denver, Ft. Gil, Biloxi and then to Albuquerque in 1971, where he worked in laser and optics technology and didn't plan on staying long. But his interest in ballooning, hunting, hiking, wildlife and the environment soon made him appreciate the ideal conditions here. He became a civilian in 1975 and went to work for BDM Company, helping to design and build the first air-to-air missile laser weapon with a team of engineers.

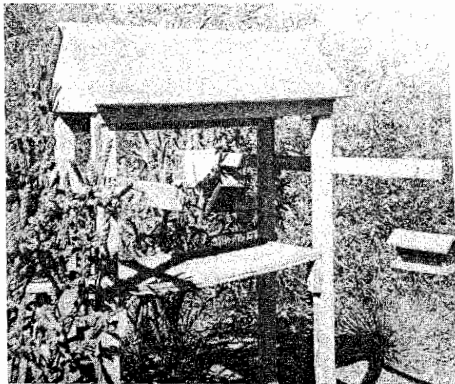
Early mornings, he'd walk the Piedra Lisa Trail, balloon over Los Lunas and Rio Rancho, birdwatch in the Sandias and seek out the beauty of the surrounding high desert. On the advice of a local realtor, Roger began looking at land in the Sandia foothills when there were very few households. There was this magnificent 1.5 acres skirting the Cibola National Forest on one side and the North Pino Arroyo on the other, teeming with birds and wildlife. The property was on a cul-de-sac which would ensure the privacy he desired. Roger would bring a lawn chair and sit under the sprawling live oaks and cottonwoods with a splendid view of Baca Canyon and the longest tram in the world. But it was when he saw a Townsend Solitaire, an avid birdwatcher's delight, that he began to design a home in his head. He saw what he hopes other Sandia Heights residents see - a golden opportunity to "live in balance with nature" and counter the encroaching noise, pollution and asphalt of expanding development.

He wanted his house to feel "like you're living outside while actually protected inside." It had to be environmentally and technologically sound, using a minimum of resources. "Proper planning up front was key" to preserving as much of the native vegetation as possible while construc-

tion got underway. Roger knew that to destroy plants, reptiles and insects was devastating to the existing bird "niches" and habitat. Trucks were kept to road, 700-800 ft. to the forest line as well as 900 ft. the arroyo were off limits. An agreement was signed by the builder insuring the natural surroundings. In fact, two trees that were uprooted for the foundation were replanted at the side of the house and thrive today.

Roger designed passive solar eaves on the east side of the home to keep out the summer sun, and back floors to absorb the heat in winter. The garage was located on the cooler northwest side to further insulate home. To fit into the environment naturally, the stucco matches the dirt and any wood is painted the color chamisa. All windows are double-paned with filters to allow maximum outward visibility yet provide minimum heat loss.

The house features a two-story glass wall windows looking out to the same view that Roger enjoyed from his lawn chair in the wilderness. There is a comfortable lounge chair on the exact site with binoculars and bird books ready for use. The upper floor spo-



# GAIN 3LBS. & LOVE IT!

Stop by our store and pick up 3lbs. of our new Sandia Custom Platform Mix Birdseed **absolutely FREE!**

Specially formulated for this area. Excellent for quail, towhees, juncos, doves, red-winged blackbirds and most platform or ground feeding birds.

OFFER EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 1996

**Wild Bird Center**

Your ultimate backyard nature store™

The Promenade Shopping Center

SPAIN & EUBANK NE

(5200 Eubank Blvd. NE ~ Suite B-8)

Albuquerque, NM 87111

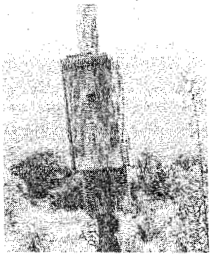
33-BIRDS (332-4737)



# heights

## A fascinating view of wildlife and Baca Canyon from The Hoppe's windows.

a breakfast birdwatching nook that "gives the view a balloonist would have as you skim the treetops." From this perch the splendor of the wildlife sanctuary that has developed over 10 years is breathtaking. The National Wildlife Federation issued a Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program Certificate of Achievement which is proudly displayed. There are only two dozen New Mexicans, including 8 in Albuquerque, who hold this honor; 8000 households have been certified nationwide.



Hundreds of birds can be viewed in a matter of minutes. Every kind of feeder is brimming with seed or cracked corn or eggshell or suet. Hummingbirds have nectar in every other window as well as penstemon, trumpet vine and honeysuckle to enjoy. Flocks of band-tailed pigeons adorn the treetops. Pinon jays, mourning doves and scaled quail are ubiquitous visitors to the waist-high feeding trays, while flickers, shrikes, Scott's onoles, ash-throated fly catchers, grosbeaks, towhees, juncos, western tannagers, black-chinned sparrows and indigo buntings feast on gourmet seeds and nuts in hanging feeders everywhere. Crissal trashers are nesting in some cholla nearby and 4 Western Bluebird eggs are about to hatch in one of the numerous birdhouses. The Eastern Blue was Roger's favorite bird when growing up in Iowa, so it's a thrill.

Roger says he has spotted 102 species in the arroyo since 1986. The most unusual bird Roger has identified is the pine siskin. The toughest predator on the birds? Bobcats? Domestic cats? Owls? "Nope, roadrunners and the Cooper's hawk," he says. Roger has photographs of a nest of hawk hatchlings located nearby, obviously because of the abundance of other birds there.

How did it happen? Well obviously it started with preserving the environment on which the wildlife thrived. Introducing a source of water in the form of a pond or a birdbath that's filled daily is the next step. (Roger puts a heater in his birdbath during winter months.) Animals and birds need shelter from predators and high desert winds. Piles of rocks and branches, trees and shrubs (particularly evergreens) protect many forms of life, while birdhouses and woodpiles provide safe places to raise young. Different birds like different things and research and

observation of feeding habits dictates what kind of seed/food to offer. (Roger spends about \$300 a month in birdfood for his 25 feeders.) Enhancing the habitat with native plants, trees and grasses that provide food and hold water in rocky soil is desirable.

Dr. Hoppe is researching, documenting and learning from his backyard "zoo." In 1988 he began a side-business as a wildlife consultant, based on computerized data he has collected. And he still heads engineering R & D at his RGH Enterprises. He very much enjoys his life here in Sandia Heights with wife Mary Kay and "birddog," Geisha. Yes, he still loves to hunt - it's all part of his philosophy of "balance."

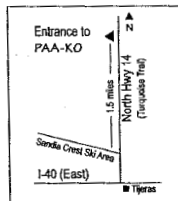


### Experience a higher quality of life.

Only minutes from work and schools, as well as from the noise, traffic, and congestion of the city, is the tranquility you just might be ready for.

PAA-KO Communities, located on the historic Turquoise Trail, encompasses over 3,600 acres of beautiful piñon, juniper, and cedar forest, and offers spectacular panoramic views.

- 1 - 30 acre heavily-wooded lots
- Views, views, views!
- 20 minutes to Winrock Mall
- Community water system
- All underground utilities
- Paved county roads



To learn more call:  
 Nick Thompson: 268-2800 (office)  
 or 1-264-4433 (mobile) or  
 Dave Wesley: 281-1900 (site office)  
 or 1-264-2546 (mobile)



Developed by ROGER COX & ASSOCIATES, INC.

- Property development
- Residential & commercial sales
- Apartment leasing & management
- Commercial leasing & management

1717 Louisiana Blvd. NE  
 Suite 205  
 Albuquerque, NM 87110  
 505-268-2800

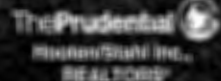
# SOLID AS A ROCK!

Rock Solid Name ..... Pat Lenzer  
 Rock Solid Number ..... 293-3980  
 Rock Solid Company ..... The Prudential Hooper/Storff Inc.  
 Rock Solid Service ..... Year after Year after Year after Year!



Mobile: 269-7272  
 Home: 293-3980  
 Office: 296-5400  
 Direct: 271-5610

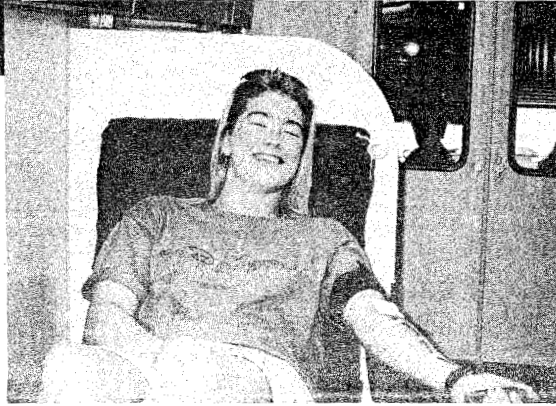
Success! People who put across doors of success. It takes experience, knowledge, the willingness to work hard, a sense of pride, and most of all a total commitment to success in the real estate. With the help of 22 years of experience and success in Sandia Heights and with over 30 years of industry in The Prudential Advantage, Pat Lenzer is your key to your Rock Solid Success in Sandia Heights.



**YOUR ADVANTAGE!**  
 Help & Advice for Real Estate Change  
 Call us 24/7 at 268-2800 or 268-2546 for more information.  
 Real Estate Sales and Leasing Only



Blood Drive Coordinator, Deb Boehme (l.) and Janey Brink, Ex Officio SHHA Communications Chair, stand in front of the new Bluebird Mobile Blood Unit.



## Healthy Donors Lend An Arm

### Sandia Heights BLOOD DRIVE Delivers

By Janet Dodd - United Blood Services

On Saturday, June 15, Sandia Heights Homeowners Association, North Albuquerque Acres Homeowners Association and The Sandia Heights Fire Station sponsored a fun and rewarding day of community service for hospital patients in New Mexico. The Blood Drive was very successful, thanks to a lot of hard work and planning by Deb Boehme, Ph.D., EMT-1. Deb is the State Coordinator for the Emergency Medical Services Bureau, Community Health Systems Division of the State of New Mexico. United Blood Services, Albuquerque's Community Blood Center, collected 26 pints of blood which will benefit up to 78 patients.

Approximately 200 pints of blood are needed each day and the only source is from healthy benefactors like the 28 generous people who came to donate, socialize, enjoy the beautiful weather and watch Tickle the Clown - who entertained donors' children with face painting and balloon sculpting. It takes a special person to be a blood donor. Someone who cares about other people... someone who cares about his or her community like these Northeast Heights citizens.

United Blood Services provided one of their two brand new, \$120,000 blood mobiles for the convenience and comfort of the donors. Since arriving on the scene May 1st, these specially designed "Blue Bird" coaches provide greater efficiency, as well as safety and privacy at the hundreds of blood drives every year in the Albuquerque area. With a staff of 3 to 7 technicians, the unit can accommodate 5 donors at a time, while 3 donors can be interviewed in separate booths. The coaches are self contained, diesel operated, and have two generators of 15KW each.

On behalf of the patients who have benefited from this blood drive, United Blood Services wishes to thank all the participants, members of the Board of Directors of the neighborhood associations, the volunteers at the fire station and, of course, Tickle for their valuable time in making this a successful drive.

Watch for more news about another upcoming blood drive in the spring of 1997. See you there!



Above & right, Two Sandia Heights sisters, Kathleen and Jackie Percy of Juniper Hill Rd. do the community proud.

### WINDSTAR CRUISES

A HOLLAND AMERICA LINE COMPANY

*Paradise on earth... you have found it  
beneath snow-white sails, gliding effortlessly  
in soothing silence across silken seas.*

*You indulge in the finest amenities,  
the most creative cuisine, watersports from the  
open-air sports platform... all while gliding  
in and out of secluded bays.*

*The atmosphere is relaxed, the attire casual  
among the 148 guests on board.*

*Dine when and with whom you please.*

*Discover all of the comforts of true  
Five-Star-Plus cruising on Windstar.*

**180° from Ordinary**

*Call now for special offerings to Tahiti,  
Paris/Lisbon, Monte Carlo/St. Tropez,  
Greek Islands/Turkey and the Caribbean at*

**Savings of up to 50%**

*Dad and Frank Moody, the owners of Cruise Holidays,  
have sailed these ships several times and they are their personal favorites*



296-6255 • 800-803-5288 • 11032 Montgomery Blvd. NE

**BREAKTHROUGH!**

## GMX Magnetic Fluid Conditioners

**THE PERMANENT, SALT-FREE,  
CHEMICAL-FREE,  
NO MAINTENANCE ANSWER  
TO HARD WATER PROBLEMS**

90-DAY MONEY BACK GUARANTEE  
LIFETIME WARRANTY

**Sandia Environmental**

Call Dan or Jacque for more information

**(505) 856-6617**

# Fire X-Scape: A Design Possibility for Fire Prevention

By Shirley Medina—Master Gardener

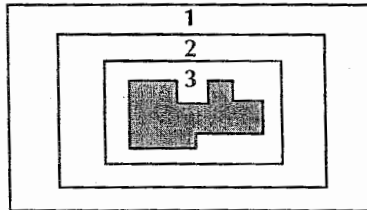
No home or landscape is invulnerable to fire. The recent drought has alerted many homeowners to the necessity of taking measures to reduce fire hazards in and around their homes. A common-sense checklist would include:

1. Moving clutter and flammables away from the home such as trash, combustible containers, propane tanks, yard debris, overhanging tree-limbs, and firewood;
2. Pruning and maintaining trees, shrubs and turf on a regular basis;
3. Clearing debris from roofs, gutters and chimneys, and utilizing materials to make them fire-retardant;
4. Disposing properly of trash and ashes;
5. Being aware of fire causes and safety;
6. Maintaining several (A,B,C) fire extinguishers in and around the home, and knowing how to use them;
7. Maintaining all water systems outside the home, including knowing how to draw emergency water out of a home pool;
8. Marking exits and entrances clearly for escape and/or entrance of emergency vehicles;
9. Installing a "Fire X-Scape" yard design.

"Fire X-Scape" is a term coined by the author to designate the potential fire defenses offered by Xeriscape. A xeriscape's basic design is defined concentrically by three water zones in which plant material is grouped according to water requirements: high (Zone 3), moderate (Zone 2), or low (Zone 1). Ironically, it is a good design for both water conservation and fire prevention. The restrictive covenants and the many hacienda-style, wall-enclosed homes of the Sandia Heights area, are compatible with the xeriscape's zone design.

The primary area of defense (Zone 3) is the area closest to the home. Ideally, this is the lushest area containing high water use plantings such as turf, vegetable gardens, roses, fruit trees, and deciduous plants. A combination of well-maintained sprinklers, bubblers, and drippers can insure that plants in this area are well-watered, offering the highest resistance to fire. Mulches and organic matter also help to keep plantings moist. Trees, shrubs, and other vegetation should be kept free of weeds and debris, should not be allowed to form a screen, and should not be allowed to overhang any dwellings.

## ZONE



The required "enclosed area" around turf areas (as contained in the restrictive covenants) can be highly attractive and can act as an additional shield against fire. Well-watered plantings should also be placed on either side of this enclosure. Stuccoed walls, brick or adobe are probably the most effective shields.

The recommended clearance distance or "circle of safety"<sup>1</sup> is thirty feet away from the home, which for most homes will extend beyond the enclosure into the moderate water area (Zone 2). Avoid installing highly flammable plant material within this "circle." If water use is limited, particularly during a fire alert, concentrate your water use on the area closest to the home (Zone 3). Some less flammable plants requiring moderate water are New Mexico Olive, gambel, skunkbush sumac, silver buffalo berry, and Rocky Mountain penstemon. The area around these plants can be mulched, except for the dry-loving penstemons, and watered with bubblers or drip irrigation. Multiple and close plantings of low-lying, flowering plants can keep this area even moister, and yet, virtually weed-free. Dead or dry stems and branches should be removed and disposed of on a regular basis.

The final but least resistant zone of defense is the area furthest from the home. Low water use plantings, which include many natives, belong in this area (Zone 1). Unfortunately, most of the native/xeric plants in our high desert, Rocky Mountain region are flammable; e.g., creosote bush and the needle-leaved evergreens.<sup>2</sup> In an area where the native, natural look is encouraged, the obvious step to promote fire resistance is to keep plantings sparse and free of debris and dead wood. Plants for this zone include curleaf mountain mahogany, apache plume, cliffrose, winterfat, desert marigold, and evening primrose.<sup>3</sup> These can be planted sparsely using some of the existing boulders and rockscapes as accents. Drip irrigation is the ideal

water system for these plants, or simply watering each plant with a hose should suffice.

Plant selection, temperature, and climatic conditions dictate the water requirements for each zone, with Zone 1 generally requiring once a month watering (after establishment); Zone 2 requiring once every two weeks watering (after establishment); and Zone 3 requiring twice weekly watering (after establishment). When water is at a premium as it is in our high desert, the quantity and manner in which we use it becomes vital. This simplified xeriscape design enables one to not only conserve water, but to use it wisely; e.g., for food sources, and fire resistance. While fire is not totally preventable or controllable, a well-developed fire resistance plan can mean the difference between saving or losing your home.

<sup>1</sup> The Albuquerque Tribune, July 10, 1996

<sup>2</sup> "Firesafe Xeriscape: Oxymoron or serendipity?" - Jim Knopf, 1996.

<sup>3</sup> City of Albuquerque Water Conservation Office - Advertising Supp. "Reduce Your Use," 1996.

## For further information on xeriscape:

"Tierra Seca Bonita - The Beautiful Dryland" newsletter available at Rowland's, the Albuquerque Public Libraries, Plants of the Southwest, Osuna Nursery, or the ABQ Garden Center. Subscriptions are available for \$12.00 annually.

Xeriscape Council - 243-1386; meets monthly on alternate Saturdays and Mondays. Call for more info.

Xeric Garden Club of Albuquerque - 298-0550; meets third Saturday of every month at private homes and the Garden Center. Call for more info.

**First Annual Xeriscape Plant Sale**  
**Albuquerque Garden Center**  
**10120 Lomas NE**  
**August 23 & 24, at 9am-2pm.**  
 Presentations by well-known experts on plants, water conservation and design.  
 Demonstrations, books and posters!

Shirley Medina is a certified Master Gardener with ABQ Garden Center and the UNM Cooperative Extension Service and will be writing an ongoing article for The Grit

**MASTER GARDENER HOTLINE**  
**292-7144**

## UPDATE - Piedra Lisa Trail:

By John Thomas - Sandia Mountain Coalition

Guy Riordan, the "public" partner of a real estate group that includes former Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, has "no comment" about negotiations regarding the Caulkins Estate, but insists the wheels are still turning. "Things are moving ahead," Riordan said this week. Forward motion is difficult to

# Backstage Negotiations May Close Caulkins Estate Deal

observe, however, as each of the 3 groups involved is saying one of the others is holding things up.

The property, which straddles the Piedra Lisa Trail, was purchased by Riordan and his partners for \$250,000 last fall. The owners then posted "no trespassing" signs and notified the Forest Service that the land was "off limits." Sometime later, Sandia Pueblo's business arm, working through a local real estate agency, offered Riordan's group \$750,000 for the land. The Wilderness Land Trust, a Colorado based non-profit organization that acquires private land and transfers title to the Forest Service to preserve it, also expressed interest in the Caulkins Estate. It is not known at this time whether the Pueblo's offer has been accepted.

Last winter, Riordan's group identified parcels of land it would like in exchange for the Caulkins Estate and the BLM identified Forest Service land it would like. Riordan indicated that the Forest Service was the hold-out in negotiations. At that time, Riordan said he had selected the lands he wanted - a parcel of BLM land near Placitas - and that the ball was in the Forest Service's court. In fact, the Forest Service is not moving. A source there says that, while that agency is very interested in the 160-acre tract as a wilderness in-holding, it has nothing official to lay on the table and nothing unofficial is going on behind the scenes.

There has been some speculation that a down-sized and fiscally "pruned" Forest Service may be hoping that the Wilderness Land Trust will acquire

the land and turn it over to them, as the Trust has occasionally done with other land parcels. Reportedly, the Trust was making inquiries about the property last winter, but acquisition will depend on its available funds. Adding to the complexity - and slowing down negotiations - is the BLM's agreement with Placitas residents to maintain BLM land as open space as much as possible. Negotiations with Riordan and his partners, in turn, are complicated by the process of locating pieces of land that are not only desirable to the various parties but of equal value.

"Riordan needs to zero in on some land, but land that is of equal value - and that will be determined by appraisals," says Mike Ford, district manager for the BLM and its chief negotiator in the deal. While it may seem like a simple thing, Ford says the BLM has authority over roughly 13 million acres in New Mexico, but not all that land is available. In fact, much of it is encumbered because it is "scenic" or "open" space. Thus the Forest Service and the BLM need to find "trading stock" - land parcels attractive to the respective agencies - so that each can "make each other whole."

Trades have been discussed "conceptually," Ford said, but there is no specific proposal and, to his knowledge, no timetable for one. He last met with Riordan partner Manuel Lujan last December and the BLM "stands ready" to continue negotiations, looking for a solution that is "win-win-win." But he adds "there is no imminent urgency."



**BAC**  
 BAC Inc. Real Estate Brokerage  
 11104 Bobcat Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122



**BILL ARTMAN**  
 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB - Sandia Heights Resident

Providing exceptional service  
 in your interest!



**823-6797**

"The Golden Rule is a pretty good philosophy."

# A Jam You'll Like Getting Into

Preparing Jams & Jellies *By Patricia Aaron - UNM Cooperative Extension Service*

Now's the time to begin preparations for jelly making. New Mexicans pride themselves on their homemade jellied fruit products that are welcomed as treats and gifts for the year ahead.

Jelly, jam, preserves, conserves and marmalade are all fruit preserved with sugar and "jellied" to some extent. Jelly calls for strained juice from fresh fruit. It holds its shape when removed from the jar, yet is tender-firm enough to spread easily. Jam requires crushed or chopped fruit. It should be slightly firm, but won't retain its shape like jelly. Preserves contain whole fruit or large pieces suspended in thick syrup. Conservés are a butter-smooth, thick mixture of two fruits and often contain nuts and raisins. Marmalade is a soft-tender jelly with suspended pieces of fruit, pulp and peel.

A correct ratio of fruit, acid, sugar and pectin are needed for a successful jellied product. Creativity and canning don't mix. Always follow a USDA approved recipe. If fruits are low in acid, bottled lemon juice is added; acid is needed both for gel formation and flavor. Sugar helps gel formation and prevents spoilage. Never reduce sugar unless syrup is the desired end result. Honey can replace part of the sugar; however, the product will have a honey flavor. If pectin is added to the jelly, up to 1 cup of honey can replace an equal amount of sugar for 6 half-pints of jelly. Honey can replace up to half of the sugar in recipes where no pectin is used. Artificial sweeteners like aspartame or saccharin cannot be substituted for sugar in regular recipes. Use special recipes for reduced-sugar spreads; these should be refrigerated and used within 4 weeks.

Pectin, the substance that causes products to

gel, varies depending upon the kind of fruit and degree of ripeness. Underripe fruits have more pectin. Use 1/4 underripe fruit to 3/4 fully-ripe fruit for the best product. Commercial fruit pectin made from apples or citrus fruits is available in both liquid and powder forms. The two forms are not interchangeable in recipes as the methods of adding the ingredients differ. Cook jellied products in small batches. Larger quantities causes loss of flavor, darkening and toughening. Boil rapidly as long, slow boiling destroys pectin.

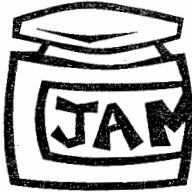
Adjust the cooking time for high altitude. For jelly without added pectin, the finish temperature is 220° F or 8° above the boiling point of water. At 15,000 ft. the finish temperature of jelly is 211° F, as water boils at 203° F. Using a jelly/candy thermometer is the most dependable test for doneness. At altitudes above 3000 ft., boil jelly with added pectin a minimum of 2 minutes to reach the gelling point. To use the freezer test for doneness, remove the jelly from heat. Pour 1 Tbs. of boiling jelly on a cold plate and place in the freezer 2 minutes. If the jelly gels, it's done. Undercooking results in soft jellies and overcooking makes them too stiff.

Pour jelly into hot, clean jars. Leave 1/8-inch headspace; too little or too much headspace may prevent the jar from sealing. Seal with fresh lids; lids can be used only once. Process in a boiling water bath to destroy microorganisms which cause spoilage. Immerse the freshly filled jars into hot water (180° F) to cover at least 1 inch. When water returns to a rolling boil, cover and begin timing. At high altitude, increase the processing time: 5 minutes plus 1 minute for each 1,000 ft. of altitude for jellies; 5 minutes plus 2 minutes for each 1,000 ft. of altitude for jams, preserves, conservés and marmalade.

Label and store jars in a dark, dry, cool place. Use within 12 months. Jellied products are safe as long as the lids remain vacuum sealed. If opened product has mold on the top, throw it away. Remake products that do not set up. To remake jelly without added pectin: for each cup of jelly, add 1-1/2 tsp. bot-

ted lemon juice. Heat to boiling and boil to the gelling point. To remake jelly or jam with powdered pectin: for each cup of jelly or jam, measure 2 Tbs. sugar, 1 Tbs. water and 1-1/2 tsp. powdered pectin. Bring water and pectin to a boil, stirring constantly. Add jelly or jam and sugar. Bring to a rolling boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Boil hard 30 seconds (up to 2 minutes for over 5000 ft.).

To remake cooked jelly with liquid pectin: for each cup of jelly, measure 3 Tbs. sugar, 1-1/2 tsp. bottled lemon juice and 1-1/2 tsp. liquid pectin. Bring jelly to a boil, stirring constantly. Quickly add sugar, lemon juice and pectin. Bring to a full rolling boil, stirring constantly, and boil hard 1 minute. After remaking, fill hot, clean jars. Adjust new lids and process. This latest and most accurate information will help you produce a jellied product of State Fair quality, one worthy of your family and friends.



## Calling all Sandia Heights Bikers!

**San Juan 73-mile Tour— Durango to Ouray:**  
Sept. 13-15. Deadline for entries: Sept. 1.  
Call 889-9368.

NM Mountain Bike Club sponsors many events for all ages and levels, including moonlight rides. Call 865-6944 for details.

**1996 ABQ Century Bike Tour: August 25,**  
to benefit the UNM Medical Center's trauma & burn patients. Call 843-2121.

Whatever the **NEED**,  
whatever the occasion,  
**WE'LL FIND YOU**  
the perfect item.  
All you **HAVE TO DO**  
is ask.

Weekdays, Weekends,  
at Home or Away.  
**EVENING GLAMOUR** or  
Casual Elegance.

**GIEE Loretta!**

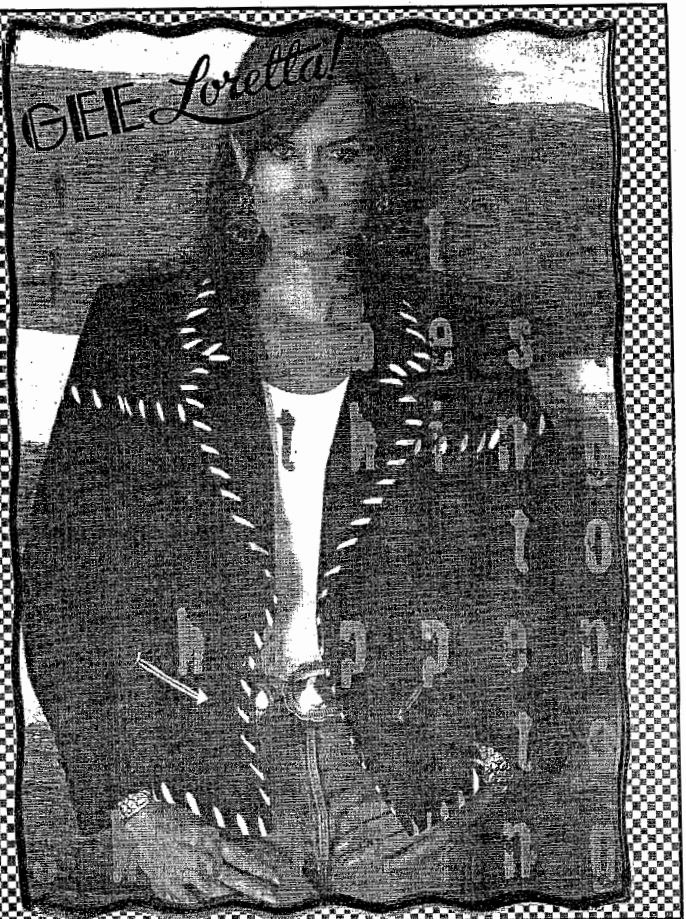
"As always...the best of the best!"

**292-6652**

10655 Montgomery Blvd. NE

Just West of Juan Tabo

Hours: Mon-Fri 10-6. Tues & Thurs 10-6



# Hummmmm!

By now you should have your hummingbird feeders up and running. Remember these little birds have to eat every 15 minutes, their diet consisting of insects and nectar. At rest, a hummingbird heart beats an average of 500 times a minute. If a human burned energy as fast as a hummingbird, 158,000 calories a day would need to be consumed. The hummer will often eat up to 50% of its body weight in nectar in a day. Hummingbird wings beat up to 200 times per second. This is why they sound like large bees. Their legs are very weak and are really useless for walking. To move an inch, it will fly.

There are over 300 different kinds of hummingbirds in the Western Hemisphere. The Broad-tailed Hummingbird is one of the most common species seen in our area. These weigh only three grams, or one-tenth the weight of a first class letter. The male usually returns to the breeding area ahead of the female and starts to establish his territory (about 1/4 of an acre) around nectar-rich flowers. Hummers usually build their nests between 10 and 20 feet above ground on a small limb. They have up to two broods per season in the smallest nest in the world. Their eggs are the size of coffee beans.

Red flowers like trumpet vine, fuchsia, mimosa, petunia, and impatiens are the hummers' favorites because they have the most generous supply of nectar. Anything red including hats, shirts, or even red nail polish and lipstick will be investigated.

**Hints for feeders:** 1. Get a feeder that is easy to clean and fill. A little Vicks VapoRub around the feeding ports will repel bees. Ants can be kept off the feeders by using ant moats filled with water. Use a nectar solution of one part sugar to four parts water, boiling to dissolve. 2. Change the solution every 3-4 days. Do not use food coloring, honey, or vitamin additives. Hang the feeder in the shade. Put up more than one to eliminate competition. Hang them 15 feet apart.

Reprinted from ABQ Wild Bird News - April '96



BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## Introducing COPPS Community Policing Initiatives Underway with Six Deputies



Bernalillo County has joined in the nationwide push to reclaim our streets and neighborhoods from crime and violence. Sheriff Joe Bowdich has named a six-deputy team to head the Community oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) effort.

"The COPPS deputies' approach is to work with people to develop untapped resources. Community Policing is a concept that is geared toward solving problems together," said Sheriff Bowdich. The deputies are: Gerard Barela, Stewart Paisano, Lance Bushar, Tina Padilla, Barney McGinley and Steve Rogers. Two deputies are assigned to each sector of the unincorporated areas of the county: Barela and Paisano - North, Bushar and Padilla - South, and McGinley and Rogers - East.

### ABOUT THE COPPS DEPUTIES,



◀ **GERARD BARELA** - "People should be treated with respect. I've always believed that the community is law enforcement and law enforcement is the community."

**STATS:** Hired May 1986; age 35; Albuquerque native; experience includes SWAT, Recruiter, Academy Instructor, Field Training Officer and Background Investigator. Considers his 13-year marriage to JoAnne one of his greatest accomplishments. They have two children.

**STEWART PAISANO** ▶ - "I've been working in the field since I started with the Sheriff's Department. I think it's time for a change in the direction my career is taking while I'm still young enough to gain some fresh insights."

**STATS:** Hired October 1993; age 25; Albuquerque native; attended the University of New Mexico; Bernalillo County Fire Department volunteer EMT, four years; enjoys playing baseball and basketball.



**BILL**

**DAVIS**

STATE SENATOR



**FAIR and HONEST  
GOVERNMENT**

## State Senator District 21

### EXPERIENCE:

- Air Force Academy Graduate, Class of 1970.
- Vietnam War Veteran, Captain, U.S. Air Force:  
77 Combat Missions Over Southeast Asia.  
Awarded 3 Air Medals.  
Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross.
- University of New Mexico:  
Master of Business Administration, 1981.  
J.D. Law Degree, 1984.
- State Senator, District 18, Albuquerque, 1989-1992  
Judiciary Committee.  
Conservation Committee.  
Interim Committee on Courts, Criminal  
Law and Justice.
- Owner, William F. Davis & Assoc., Law Firm.
- Airplane Owners and Pilots Association:  
Civilian Pilot Instructor.
- American Kenpo Karate Academy:  
Martial Arts Instructor.

### BILL DAVIS WILL:

- Pledge to Oppose Any Tax Increases.
- Fight Crime, Gangs and Drugs.
- Ensure Fair and Honest Government.

*"I will continue to fight corruption in government as I did during my previous term. We need lower taxes and less government. We need a government which is responsive to the needs of its citizens, not the needs of the government bureaucracy and self-serving elected officials. Please help me continue the fight to make government a help and not a hinderance." - Bill Davis*

P.O. Box 6, Albuquerque, NM 87103 - 243-6129

Paid For By Committee to Elect William Davis for State Senator.

# Cougars, New Mexico's Most Elusive Wild Creature

By Linda Sweanor & Kenneth A. Logan — Ecologists with the Hornocker Wildlife Institute

Proud and majestic or dangerous and stealthy. Which words would you use to describe the cougar? While all these words could be used when discussing the cougar, knowledge and education about this animal can help make you feel more secure and enable people and cougars to coexist.

## STATUS OF COUGARS

The cougar, a.k.a. mountain lion, puma, panther, and catamount, is the second largest cat species (next to the jaguar) in the Americas. At one time the cougar probably had the largest geographic distribution of any terrestrial mammal in the Western Hemisphere. Although there is little information on the present distribution and status of cougars in South and Central America, we do know that in the last 200 years, the cougar distribution in North America has been reduced by more than half. This reduction resulted from intensive predator control and loss of habitat. However, there are presently healthy cougar populations in western North America. The survival of these western populations has been enhanced by changes in cougar management during the past 30 years.

In New Mexico, the number of cougars is not known, but the state probably supports a population that is sustainable as long as it is managed properly. For example, scientific information is applied to the sport-hunting of cougars; killing predatory cougars is done in a way that the state-wide population is not threatened; cougar habitat and its components are conserved; people who live in cougar habitat learn about the animal in ways that enhance the ability of people and cougars to inhabit the same environment with minimal conflicts.

## DESCRIPTION

Adult cougars are tawny-colored with black-tipped ears and tails. Males are larger than females, generally weighing between 125 to 160 pounds, and may be up to 8 feet long. Females usually weigh 60 to 110 pounds and may be up to 7 feet long. A cougar's tail will be almost 40% of its overall length. Cougar cubs weigh about 1 pound at birth; their coats are covered in black spots.

Cougars are capable of a variety of vocalizations; they purr, growl, hiss, whistle and meow. Cateerwails emitted by an estrus female or eager male can be heard from a long distance.

## BIOLOGY

Male cougars are sexually mature by 24 months. Female may breed when as young as 18 months old. Cougars are polygamous, meaning males are constantly searching for females with which to mate, and females can produce sequential litters by different males. In New Mexico, a majority of litters are born during late summer and fall.

After about 92 days gestation, a female gives birth to a litter of 1 to 6 cubs. The average litter size is 3. Cubs are dependent on their mothers from 11 to 18 months before they become independent and make a living on their own. If a female who is raising cubs dies before those cubs reach 10 months of age, the cubs have almost no chance of survival.

Independent young cougars, or subadults, must find homes of their own. Subadult male cougars dispersed an average 65 miles from their natal areas; females dispersed an average distance of 20 miles.

In unhunted cougar populations, cougars can live up to 13 years old. In those populations the



Sweanor and Logan also work with New Mexico Game and Fish and have recently completed a 10 year study on Cougars.

greatest cause of mortality is from intraspecies killing where cougars kill other cougars over territory, mates, or food. However, in hunted cougar populations, man is the greatest cause of death. The greatest threat to the survival of cougar populations over the long term is loss of habitat.

Cougars live solitary lives. The largest social unit is a female with cubs, or a breeding pair. Males take no part in rearing young. Cougar habitat requires 2 critical components: adequate cover and large prey. Cougars are stalking, predators and must get close to prey before they attack. Rugged terrain and thick vegetation allow cougars to remain hidden while stalking. Cover also provides protection for vulnerable cubs.

Cougars eat a variety of prey, but they require sufficient numbers of large prey, such as deer or elk in order to survive. Cougars also eat a variety of other smaller prey, including javelina, rabbits, porcupines, skunks, badgers and other small mammals.

## COUGAR MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION IN NEW MEXICO

From 1876 until 1923, there was a \$5.00 bounty on cougars in New Mexico. Cougars were considered varmints and subjected to unrestricted killing until 1971, when they were classified as game animals and given some protection in the form of hunting seasons (11 months) and bag limits (two per hunter). Public appreciation and concern for sound cougar management caused cougar hunting regulations to be further restricted starting in 1984; the hunting season was reduced to 4 months (December-March) with a bag limit of one cougar per hunter.

In order to maintain healthy cougar populations over the long-term, cougars need adequate habitat and security within that habitat to breed and produce young. The greatest long-term threat to cougar conservation is the loss of habitat due to dramatically increasing human population. Managing cougars often means trying to meet the needs and desires of people, which run the gamut from complete cougar control to complete cougar protection.

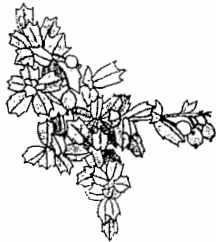
It is our job, as responsible humans to learn how to coexist with these magnificent animals. As we continue to encroach on our wildlife habitats, our bears, cougars, deer and bobcat will feel the effects. However, with responsible and humane behavior, we truly can share the mountain and coexist with these wonderful creatures.

Reprinted from the SANDIA MOUNTAIN BEARWATCH Newsletter, May 1996.

## PLANT OF THE SEASON

This is the first article in a series by Dan Caudillo, to be presented quarterly, introducing various drought tolerant plants to the Sandia Heights area.

**Algerita** (*Mahonia trifoliata* or *Berberis trifoliata*) is an evergreen shrub that grows eight ft. tall and six ft. wide. It has holly-like foliage armed with spines. Yellow fragrant flowers appear in the spring which form red berries in late summer. Edible berries make excellent jellies if not eaten first by birds or other wildlife.



### Algerita *Mahonia trifoliata*

Algerita is native to the southern part of New Mexico, West Texas and Southeast Arizona. It is cold-hardy down to -20° F. Plant in full sun to part shade and mix 1 part planting mix to 3 parts native soil. Plant Algerita any time of the year it becomes available and at least 5 ft. from any other plants.

**Planting:** Build a berm with soil 2 ft. around the base of the plant. Fill up the basin twice to insure a deep soaking. For the first two weeks

you must **keep plants moist!** As time passes, you can **decrease** the frequency of water but **increase** the amount of water given. How often to water depends on many factors and the time of year is the most important. Remember to avoid allowing the plant to dry out, but also do not keep it too wet. This may involve checking it daily. After a year or two, deep monthly soakings are all that will be necessary for Algerita to thrive.

**Recommended use:** Anywhere a drought tolerant plant is needed. Because of its spiny foliage, it makes an excellent barrier plant and shelter for birds and small mammals. Be careful not to plant Algerita too close to where people may brush up against it.

A related species to Algerita is the Redberry Mahonia (*Mahonia haematocarpa*). This species is also native to New Mexico. It is taller in height (up to 12 ft.) and has a greater cold tolerance than Algerita, so it can be planted in the East Mountain area.

*If you have any questions regarding this plant, please call Dan Caudillo at 856-6617.*

## Sandia Environmental —DESIGNS—

Landscape Design  
Planting and Consultations  
Pruning, Clean-up and Hauling

- New Mexico Certified Nurseryman
- Degreed
- 16 Years Experience

- The person to call regarding testing and monitoring for harmful insects (including Pine Tip Moth) in Sandia Heights

**Call Dan 856-6617**



It's about Public Service the way it's meant to be...

It's about actually fixing a system which is failing...

It's about confronting the power brokers head-on...

It's about representing your interests and concerns...

It's all about...

# LEADERSHIP.

In New Mexico. Today.

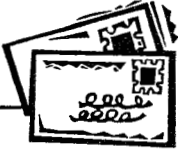


***Kip Nicely***  
**D I S T R I C T 3 1**

Paid for by "Kip Nicely for State Legislature", P. Alexander, Treasurer

Printed by Kinko's

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:



Please direct any articles, comments or correspondence to The Grit Editor, 1124 Marigold NE

### Re: Death of Morgan...

This is a difficult letter to write since I have compassion for all those involved in the death of Morgan. Double compassion for Ms. Hamlin for the loss of Morgan and the guilt she may be feeling about the circumstances of his death, of course for Morgan, for the two bobcats that were trapped, and also for the many residents who will no longer have the joy of seeing the bobcats in a near natural habitat.

We have seen two bobcats around our home on three different occasions months ago and have been anxious for their return. We also have a beautiful photograph of one in all its majesty peering over its shoulder at the camera.

As we built our home we included a "cat yard" walled patio with top fencing to keep our two cats in and predators out. This was after we heard many cat/coyote stories and decided we loved the coyotes as well as our cats.

I believe the intent of Ms. Hamlin's letter was clearly to remind pet owners to exercise care with outdoor pets and was not to instigate wholesale fear with subsequent trapping of our precious wildlife. Let's hope others see her fine letter the same way.

*Claude Sellars - Sandia Heights Resident*

### ...And Then Leo

In late June we lost our beloved Yorkshire terrier, Leo, to some sort of wild animal - cougar, bobcat or coyote. Leo and I were doing our nightly ritual which included a walk around the curve of the road at White Oaks and Big Horn Ridge. Once he was safe from "traffic," I traditionally let him off the leash to leisurely walk up the driveway. That particular night, the thought crossed my mind to walk closely to him as protection but I then dismissed it. After all, he had taken that stroll hundreds of times. Alas! In hindsight,

I should have paid attention to that nagging voice, keeping him on a leash and staying near to him. Now it is too late.

I would like to emphasize again other warnings that have been given in earlier issues of The Grit. Don't treat your pet or small child's safety casually... as I did. With a dry year the wild animals in our area are even hungrier and more desperate than normal, so being very cautious, even somewhat paranoid, is clearly advisable. I hope no one else has to suffer like Morgan's owner did - and like we are.

*Judy Wright - Sandia Heights Resident*

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

Call Joy Solow of Sandia Heights at 856-6466. She'll be glad to answer questions and send you all the information on BearWatch and how to keep bears at a distance.



## BearWatch Books Now Available for Members

With all the wild animals being encountered in our unique community these days, we hope that you will also want a new BearWatch book for an easy reference source when you see or experience your next wild creature.

The book contains 110 pages full of wildlife information, phone numbers for injured and problem wildlife, and wildlife art - all for just \$5.00. This nominal fee gives BearWatch seed money to have more books printed. One of their goals is to reach out and educate our community and state on "Living with Wildlife." Call Lefty Folkman at 281-7532 to pick up your book.

**10 REASONS to visit FRAMING CONCEPTS**

- Beautiful & Affordable Custom Framing
- Fast, Friendly Service
- Over 15 Years Experience
- Over 5000 Frames From Which To Choose
- Custom Preservation Framing
- Personalized Service
- Fine Art, Sculptures, Porcelain
- Free Consultation Service
- Serving Albuquerque Since 1989

Free! POSTER with FRAMING (\$50 Value - Excellent Selection)

**FRAMING CONCEPTS**

294-3246  
5809-B Juan Tabo NE  
(The Shops at Mountain Run)

## A Tale of Two Bunnies

By Carolyn Hindel - Grit Editor

Somebody abandoned this absolutely stunning adobe colored cat in our neighborhood last Thanksgiving. He was just shy of a year old and just about ready to sow his oats, when he got chased into our lives by a local tom. We had never had a cat, but this dude decided he liked our place and promptly sniffed out the lay of the land. We were accommodating. No, we were totally smitten by this wild creature and let him into our home for the winter months, "so he wouldn't freeze," we said. But the home is not where this guy came from. In fact, there was nothing about inside that could interest his highness, unless it was our water bed with dual control bladders for cool or heated dreamtime. We had him neutered, but we could not keep him in. The screaming at the door was incessant. And so began our new lifestyle centered around "The Duf."



Lyle Berger of NM Wildlife Rescue at the summer outpost - The Natural Resources Center at the State Fairgrounds.

Needless to point out, to all who own a cat, we had no idea what we were in for. Our days changed into a clockwork routine of letting the cat out in the AM and getting him in before coyote time in the PM. During the winter, he would occasionally catch the proverbial mouse to show he was worth his mettle. Bringing it in to lay at our feet as if it were rent money. Ugh! Hantavirus! Ahhh...but warm weather was ahead and little did we know how good a great white hunter he would become as the days lengthened. As spring emerged, so to speak, out of a waterless cold season, birds began showing up "in" the house. Presents from the little boarder. We were mortified. We'd chase them around until we could nimbly make a surprise swoop and toss them out the door. Ugh! My birdfeeders full of gourmet treats...and then we unleash the relentless Dufster. Cruel trick!

But nothing prepared us for the day The Dufmeister unearthed two blind, newborn desert cottontails from their birthing burrow under an Austrian Pine. Now a lot of people don't like rabbits, but these two were...breathtaking little life forms. I had no concept of what to do with them. I put them in a box. Then I realized they must need food and I knew nothing about baby bunny food. So I called a vet, who directed me to Wildlife Rescue of New Mexico. This is a marvelous non-profit organization that deserves recognition and funding. Since 1980, they have been accepting orphaned and injured wild creatures; reared them; restored them to health and returned them to the wild. Each year around 1000 animals are brought in for care by technically-trained volunteer rehabilitators. They are stationed at the Fairgrounds during the summer until the State Fair and then resort to individual homes to care for various species. The number to call when you find an injured animal is 344-2500. Needless to say, the bunnies were in good hands and doing quite well when I checked in about 4 days later.



Coming in The November Grit - All about Wildlife Rescue and How You Can Help!



**AWARD WINNING  
CUSTOM HOME BUILDER  
NOW CONSIDERING SELECT  
ADDITIONS  
AND REMODELS  
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**

Also  
**BUILD TO SUIT  
ON YOUR LOT.**

Call for a FREE CONSULTATION

### JOHN KALTENBACH HOMES

Everything you should expect in a custom home builder.

P.O. Box 21114, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87154

**505-294-3533**

<http://www.jkhomes.com>

**John J. Teahan, M.D.**

Board Certified Ophthalmologist

**(505) 842-1844**

Providing Comprehensive Medical and Surgical Eye Care



**NEW MEXICO  
EYE CLINIC**

Presbyterian Medical Plaza  
1100 Lead Avenue, SE  
Albuquerque, NM 87106



(505) 296-3188  
(505) 296-5552

Joe Santangelo  
OWNER

257 Juan Tabo, N.E.  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123

License No. 10020  
VISA and MasterCard accepted

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

*These non-commercial ads are printed at no charge to members of the SHHA and run for one issue unless a longer run is requested. Send info to the editor, call 856-1868 or fax 856-1792.*

**VACATIONING?** I will care for plants, pets, yard, newspaper and mail, etc., while you are gone. Call Arnelia Kohler, Age 14. Experienced. 856-1363.

**DRIVER NEEDED.** Tuesday and/or Wednesday after school to take 12 yr. old to activities. Pay \$4 per hr. Call Nancy Eckert, 856-0963.

**CARPPOOL TO SANTA FE.** Meets daily at the Circle K. Call Duane/Pat 856-7443.

**BABYSITTING** for 2 year-olds & up. Catie Johns, 12 years old, 7th grader. Received Babysitting Certification from Campfire Girls and is certified in Child & Infant CPR. \$1.25 per hour for 1 child. Reliable and lots of fun for children. 856-0963.

**KATHRYN SHAW,** babysitter, pet sitter and other odd jobs. Age 16. Call 857-9236.

**BRIDGE PLAYERS.** Interested in ladies' daytime or couples' evening bridge? New groups forming every week. Call Sara Varford 856-1376 or June Prince 856-3343.

**STITCHERY & CRAFTS WOMEN'S GROUP.** Meets on a regular basis. Join us. For more information call Lucy Russel at 856-7216.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!** Join The Junior League of ABQ, an organization of women committed to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. No age requirements. Membership deadline-Aug. 30. Call for Fall '96-Spring '97 Meeting Schedule. Joyce, 881-0199.

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO.** 3-BR log home overlooking ski area. Sleeps 6-10, available for nightly rental. (2 nights min.) Summer Rates: \$100/night. Winter rates: \$175/night. Call Kandi, 856-6484.

**Creative Construction Co.**  
NEW HOMES & REMODELING

**Scot Shapiro, CGR**  
(505) 256-7311



Custom Homes &  
Creative Remodeling  
License # 025255

**GARMENT MAKING & ALTERATIONS**

CALL GIGI

505-858-0628

8201 Indigo NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87122

**SITTER**  
HOUSE / PLANT / ANIMAL  
CONSCIENTIOUS MATURE ADULT  
SANDIA HEIGHTS REFERENCE

JANICE DAY~ 299-4768

**LOSE WEIGHT NOW!**  
WITH ALL NATURAL...  
**NEW IMAGE PLUS**

**NO DIET! - NO EXERCISE!**  
PATENTED FAT BURNER INGREDIENT - "MIRACLE MINERAL OF THE 90S"  
PLUS - INCREASE ENERGY LEVEL • BUILD MUSCLE TISSUE & MANY OTHER BENEFITS  
100% MONEY BACK GUARANTEE IF NOT SATISFIED WITH YOUR RESULTS  
**ONE MONTH SUPPLY ONLY \$29.95**

JOAN HART  
(505) 823-0858  
1-800-531-1098



*Musica Studio*

**Nancy S. Eckert**  
Piano Instructor

(505) 856-0963

1823 Tramway Terrace Loop N.E. • Alb., N.M. 87122

**MARY KAY**

**Constance F. Haynes**  
Independent Beauty Consultant

760-1 Tramway Lane  
Albuquerque, NM 87122  
(505) 856-7214  
(505) 249-3451 Mobile

**Consignment Accents**  
Gently used home furnishings and more

**TO CONSIGN OR TO BUY!**  
• FURNITURE •  
• Silver • Crystal • China • Rugs • Lamps  
• Collectibles • Accessories • Unique Items

**AT EUBANK & SPAIN** • Open Mon-Sat • 10am-6pm  
5200 Eubank NE (At the Promenade) 294-3400

**MORE ENERGY** #101560  
**IMPROVED HEALTH &  
A BETTER IMMUNE SYSTEM**

Are you tired of being tired? Sick of getting sick?  
If you are ready for OPTIMUM HEALTH,  
both physically and mentally, call  
**Brenda at 856-0915** for information about  
one of the world's most nutrient rich superfoods.  
<http://www.healthsolutions.com/SBGA>

**NOVEMBER '96 GRIT**  
Deadline for articles, advertising,  
classifieds, letters to the editor:  
**OCTOBER 15, 1996!**

**WILLIAM E. EBEL, CLU, ChFC**  
2155 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Suite 8000  
P.O. Box 3419  
Albuquerque, NM 87110/87190-3419  
Office: (505) 880-9600  
Fax: (505) 880-0136



**Northwestern  
Mutual Life • Baird**

*A Better  
Cleaning Service*

"We fit your needs"

**1 HR. FREE WITH PURCHASE OF 3 HRS.**  
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL

Gina Romero  
(505) 298-8547

Bonded • Insured

**Grace Lutheran Church**

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 4:19)

Sunday Worship: 9:30 AM Sunday School: 11:00 AM  
(Nursery available)

7550 Eubank NE (Just south of Paseo del Norte)  
823-9100  
Reverend Randall L. Goller, Pastor

BILL WILLIS

**EUROPEAN  
AUTOMOTIVE  
SPECIALISTS**

MERCEDES BENZ • PORSCHE • AUDI

**SERVICE • REPAIR • PARTS**

135 WYOMING BLVD. NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87123 (505) 250-3133

(505) 298-6697

**Picture It Framed**

Fine Custom Framing & Art

ELDORADO SQUARE 29 • 11200 MONTGOMERY NE • ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87111

**821-2158  
or 856-9057**

Lily Mae  
P.O. Box 90612  
Albuquerque, NM 87106-0612

**E'OLA™**  
Independent Distributor

**SMART LONGEVITY™**

**Organization Unlimited**

Organize -

- Home/Office paperwork
- Estate paperwork

Jenison Klingler  
Professional Organizer  
Paralegal

112 White Oaks Dr. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87122  
(505) 856-3435

**UNIQUE GIFTS!**

**Personalized Books**

YOUR CHILD CAN BE A STAR WITH TOP ACTION & MOVIE HEROES!

CALL CARYN AT **292-4189**

**Body Dynamics**

Therapeutic Massage

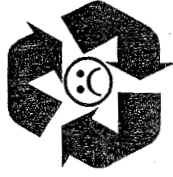
7027 Montgomery Blvd., NE Suite D

40% Off First Visit With This Ad!  
(A \$16.00 Value)  
By Appointment Only

Linda Chandler (505) 889-3736 or  
L.M.T. #2432 & N.C.T.M.B. Mobile # 259-1711

## Recycling Program Ends

By Claire Wilcox - SHHA Recycling Chair



As of July 6th, Sandia Heights Homeowners Association has DISCONTINUED THE RECYCLING SERVICE due to the overabundance of recycling materials and limited county resources. Bernalillo County will no longer provide bins to the Association. However, the SHHA Board hasn't given up! We are in the process of looking at various solutions to keeping the recycling program going. Anne Yegge has been talking with the Solid Waste Department of the city, finding locations for the bins is an issue. One suggestion is to locate the bins in the parking lot of the proposed Jewel Osco store that is planned for the corner of Tramway and Academy.

There has also been continuing contact with the County which is in the process of formulating garbage pick-up plans for the fall. The Board has expressed their satisfaction with the present garbage contractor and has suggested having materials for recycling picked up curbside. All these negotiations will take time.

Finally, a private recycler has approached SHHA with a request to provide service to our area. He has been asked to submit a proposal to the Board so that more will be known about what he plans to offer.

Unfortunately, as recycling pickup has stalled, recycling fervor has motivated Sandia Heights homeowners. On the last recycling day, 185 cans were counted. This is the way to go! Please be assured we will do everything we can to make this an ongoing service for Sandia Heights. Thanks.

See page 9 for sites that can temporarily handle your recyclables.

**Inside...**

- 1 Annual Meeting
- 2 Arts & SHHA Coffees
- 4 County Report
- 5 Sparkie Speakman Day
- 6 Sandia Happenings
- 7 Futures for Children
- 7 Fireside Chats
- 7 School Bus Schedule
- 8 Pueblo Update
- 9 Recycling Centers
- 9 Security Report
- 10 Resident Profile
- 12 Blood Drive
- 13 Master Gardening
- 14 Jellies & Jams
- 15 COPPS
- 16 Cougars
- 16 Plant of the Season
- 18 Letters to Editor
- 18 BearWatch Books

VICE PRESIDENT - Anne Yegge 813-2107  
 VICE PRESIDENT - Robert Kemble 856-6300  
 SECRETARY - Ruth Truesen 856-1593  
 TREASURER - Rob Longbridge 828-2808

**COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP**

Charlotte Zerof, Chair 856-7757  
 Linda Caldwell 856-5599  
 Irene Middleton 821-6343  
 Michael Gross 856-7445

**FINANCE**

Rob Longbridge, Chair 828-2808  
 Jonathan Sulin 856-6921  
 Michael Pfeifer 856-6339

**GOVERNMENT LIAISON**

Tom Wray, Co-Chair (State) 856-1450  
 Bob Kemble, Co-Chair 856-6300  
 Anne Yegge (City) 823-2107

**CO-LEGAL ADVISORS**

Michael Gross 856-7415  
 Jonathan Sulin 856-6921

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW & COVENANT SUPPORT**

Tom Wray, Chair 856-1450

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW**

Bill Stabler, Chair 856-7532  
 Jerry Grayson 856-2405  
 Chris Harmon 856-1953  
 Bob Schilling 856-7749  
 Marshall Augier 856-3160  
 Don Hooper 836-4499  
 Jon Caswell (Ex Officio) 856-1968

**COVENANT SUPPORT**

Don Aunapu, Chair 856-2206  
 Duke Colket 856-1753  
 Lester Libo 856-7909  
 Margo Roberts 821-1656  
 Michael Pfeifer 856-6339  
 Robert Thomas 856-1693

**NEW DEVELOPMENT & PARKS**

Don Hooper, Chair 856-9499  
 Jerry Grayson 856-2405  
 Margo Roberts 821-1656  
 Lorrta Rice 856-7224  
 Lester Libo 856-7909  
 Robert Thomas 856-1693  
 Chris Harmon 856-1953  
 Bob Schilling (Ex Officio) 856-7749

**COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECYCLING**

Claire Wilcox, Chair 856-6282  
 Linda Caldwell 856-5599  
 Tom Wray 856-1450  
 Marshall Augier 856-3160


**TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

Jon Cashwell, Chair 856-1968  
 Lorrta Rice 856-7224  
 Irene Middleton 821-6343

**CATHY CONN IS SANDIA HEIGHTS.**

Sandia Heights Realtor & Neighbor  
 #1 Sandia Heights Listings Sold  
 #1 Sandia Heights Sales  
 #1 Sandia Heights Real Estate Agent  
 \$116 Million Sales Volume 1995

Business: 271-4994, Residential: 896-0732



RECA



BAC Inc. Real Estate Exchange  
 11104 Bobcat Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122



**BILL ARTMAN**  
 MILLION DOLLAR CLUB - Sandia Heights Resident

Providing exceptional service  
 in your interest!

**823-6797**

"The Golden Rule is a pretty good philosophy."

SANDIA HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSN  
 POST OFFICE BOX 20021  
 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87184-0021  
 296-1412 Fax: 296-1620

DULK RATE  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 ALBUQUERQUE, NM  
 PERMIT NO. 375

John & Viola Miller  
 548 Black Bear Road NE  
 Albuquerque NM 87122

Visit us now online at <http://www.nmlw.com/shha>