



TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

Mesa Messenger

April '90

President's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The **Annual Meeting** for our corporation was held Thursday, March 29. For those of you who missed it, I'll recap the highlights. All of the standing committees gave reports: **Parks and Recreation, Membership, Social, Education, Crime Prevention, Governmental Affairs**. We have so much going on.

The **Quarterly Award** went to STEVE SADDORIS. Steve has been for many months a one-man graffiti paint-out machine. Thanks, Steve! A **special Youth Award** was given to MATTHEW JONES, a six-year old first grader at Marie Hughes. Matthew entered a story writing contest sponsored by Good Housekeeping and IBM, and won the First Grade National Championship. In addition to IBM computers for himself, his school and his teacher Grace Curtiss, he won a trip to Washington, D.C., where he will read his story into the Congressional Record before a joint session of House and Senate. **TRNA** gave Matthew a plaque and a \$250 Savings Bond. Congratulations, Matthew.

Our City Councillor, ALAN ARMIJO, briefed us on the **Apartment Mess**. The owner has until May 15 to show significant progress on the project. If no progress is shown, the City of Albuquerque will "red tag" the project, and neither owner nor construction workers may enter the property. If that occurs, Alan believes that the City will either condemn the property or file a lawsuit against the owner.

Numerous bylaw changes were voted into effect. The Association's largest ever budget was approved. The membership elected six directors. JOHN HEMLER, DAN CURTISS, and BILL GHORMLEY were re-elected to two-year terms. DEBBIE TATUM was elected to a two-year term, and ROBERT HUME and JACK LITTLE were elected to one-year terms. (PHIL SMITH, DEBBIE NIEMEYER and MYSELF have one year remaining of our terms.)

Thanks to STEVE GABALDON for his four years on the Board, including two years as Treasurer. Thanks to ROBERT BYE for his year on the Board. And a huge "thank you" to all the Board members who worked hard to make this past corporate year successful. We were busy.

TRNA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

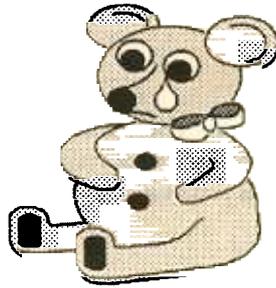
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Monthly Crime Tip

CHILD ABUSE

(Continued)

In last month's Crime Tip article, we discussed child abuse--specifically sexual assault--statistics, and countered many of the myths which exist about child sexual assault. In this issue, we provide some tips on what parents should tell or discuss with their children concerning sexual abuse. Also, we cover some of the actions parents should take in the event their child is abused. Most of this information is taken directly from a special edition of *Peace Officer's Digest 911*, titled "Child Sexual Assault."



WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY CHILD?

You can help prevent sexual abuse of your child by providing him or her with basic safety information. The following suggestions may be helpful:

1. Begin by discussing safety rules. Talk about traffic safety and safety around the home. Then talk about personal safety.
2. Teach your child the correct names for the private parts of the body. Tell your child that it is wrong for an adult or teenager to touch the private parts of his/her body without a good reason. Explain that the only good reasons for an adult (parent, teacher, doctor or

nurse) to touch the private parts of a child's body are for health and hygiene. Also explain that a child should never be asked to touch the private parts of another person. Teach your child to say "NO" to inappropriate touching. Finally, tell your child never to keep a secret about touching.

3. Make sure that your child understands that sexual abuse could involve a relative or friend, someone the child likes and trusts, and can occur in his or her own home or neighborhood.
4. Explain that an adult or teenager might try to bribe or trick a child into a situation in which he or she would not be safe, and could not get help. Teach your child the importance of always checking with you before going away with someone, or before accepting candy, a gift or a special treat.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS SEXUALLY ABUSED?

Even though your child has been the victim of a crime, it is important to stay calm. Do these things:

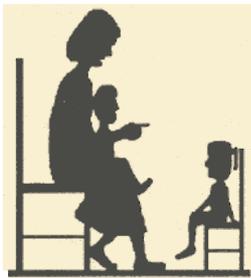
Take your child to a quiet place and ask him/her to tell you what happened. Listen carefully and respond to your child's description in a calm, matter-of-fact way. ALWAYS believe your child. A child who has not experienced assault cannot describe it. Praise your child for telling you about the incident, and reassure him or her that it is not their fault and that they are now safe.

2. Call the police and report the incident

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immediately.

- 3. Call your family doctor and arrange a medical examination for your child.



- 4. Call the social services agency that deals with child abuse in your area to obtain additional help for you and your child.

How you react, from the very first moment when you learn that your child has been sexually assaulted, may be crucial to his or her future mental and emotional health. Do not hesitate to obtain counseling for yourself and your child. *Without professional help, your child may not recover, keeping the effects of the incident buried for many years, until they suddenly appear with terrifying results.*

-John Hemler

CHILD ABUSE NUMBERS

911 *The 911 Operator can help you contact the Police and get medical treatment.*

841-9100 *The State Human Services Department operates a 24-hour line in Bernalillo County to report either actual or suspected child abuse.*

247-3671 *The United Way operates a hot-line to help people find the right agency.*

Membership

Our membership year is one day from ending as I write this article. We have about 400 paid-up members, ten businesses and the rest residents; no land-only members. Some 90 of last year's members have not renewed with us, with about 50 as yet possible renewals.

We set our goal for 1989 at 300 members and 10 businesses. At this time last year, we began with 169 members and 1 business. Our 1990 goals, set in our plan of action, which: 650 residents, 15 businesses. Ambitious, but reachable.

Credit for our considerable growth goes to the **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** and many willing workers. I would like to thank in particular those who have continuously attended our monthly membership meetings since starting with us during the year: **ROGER SUPPONA**, who keeps our data base and provides lists and labels; **DEBBIE TATUM** for tireless work in all areas; **TOM KOOI**, who has helped me with the business solicitations; and **CHRIS CHRISTENSEN**, who has contributed many good ideas and helped with newsletter articles and canvassing. Also, **B. C. PENDER**, who has manned tables and done so much canvassing for us. There are many others, too numerous to name, who have done various tasks for the Association and to whom I am grateful.

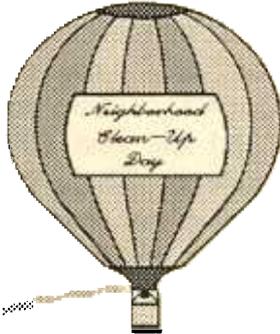
I will be giving up my chairmanship of the committee next month, and I sincerely believe that its members will continue to work hard for the Association. If you like to work with people or want to learn how, please give me a call at 897-1700.

MEMBERSHIP IS OUR STRENGTH

--Dan Curtiss

Parks and Recreation

The meeting of the **MARIPOSA BASIN STEERING COMMITTEE** originally scheduled for March 22 was delayed until March 29 (and consequently was held after this article was written).



Topics slated for discussion included the Final Master Plan for the basin development, preliminary design text to support that development, and funding/phasing options. Development of the interior of the basin is currently estimated to cost in excess of \$1.2 million, of which \$575,000 is presently available for first-phase construction. The Steering Committee will look at what features should be initially constructed with the \$575,000. Construction on the \$200,000-worth of recreational trails associated with the basin is scheduled to start in June.

No response has yet been received from the design team selected to collaborate on development of the park on Homestead Circle, near the Marie Hughes Satellite school.

The City made an offer to purchase the parcel of land to the north of the new library, but the initial offer was refused by the owner. The City is in the process of preparing a second offer, but in light of the scarcity of City funds, this offer will probably not be much more generous than the first. Final resolution as to whether or not the City will be able to acquire the land is expected by the end of May.

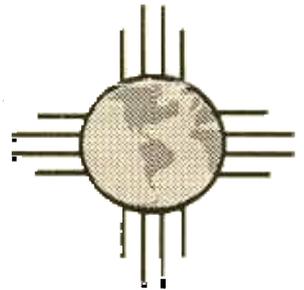
Taylor Ranch has been targeted for special attention during **NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP DAY** on April 28. At dawn that Saturday morning, approximately 40 hot-air balloons are scheduled to ascend to

assist in spotting trash in our neighborhood. Launching will occur in the vicinity of the intersection of Montano and Whiteman Roads. As reported in the last *Mesa Messenger*, **TRNA** will operate an issue point for trash bags and area clean-up assignments. This issue point will be located behind the Bellamah office building at Montano and Taylor Ranch Drive, and will be open from 8:00 a.m. until Noon. The City will provide some heavy clean-up resources (dump trucks, front-end loaders, etc.) to assist in sprucing up the neighborhood.

--Phil Smith

Family Earth Fair

The City has invited everybody to participate in the **FAMILY EARTH FAIR**, following the Neighborhood Clean-Up, on April 28.



The Fair will be held at the Albuquerque Museum parking lot, across from Tiguex Park where the **KIDFEST CELEBRATION** will be happening.

The Fair will feature entertainment, refreshments, displays, booths, films and activities on environmental themes, prepared by schools, community organizations and area businesses.



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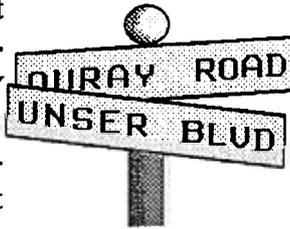
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Unser Update

Since the last newsletter, the CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) for the Unser Boulevard design has met to consider the design work which has been completed. At this point, the street designs are straight-forward, and seem to be in compliance with the intent of the City Council's resolution R-455.



At the recent meeting, JACK CORDER, President of the Paradise Hills Civic Association, presented a copy of a letter they had sent to the City. This letter contains a resolution passed by the Association's members at their recent general meeting. The resolution DEMANDS that the "dog leg" portion of the northern section of Unser be built at the same time as the remainder of the northern section.

It is widely agreed that the construction of the northern portion will create an immense traffic problem for Paradise Hills. Since Rio Rancho is presently working on the design for a street to connect Unser with Southern Boulevard, Rio Rancho vehicles will soon be driving south to avoid bottlenecks at Coors and Alameda. However, without the dog leg, all these vehicles will get to the end of Unser with no place to go. Albuquerque designers and planners agree that this will be a problem. However, while the environmental assessment on the northern part of Unser has been completed and approved, no EA has been done on the dog leg. This part of the Unser project will be done as part of the environmental impact study which will be done for the middle section of Unser. (The March '90 Mesa Messenger has a map which shows

the three parts of the Unser project.) This could delay the construction of the dog leg portion for years, since the EIS will be very lengthy and is sure to be contested by conservation groups.

Paradise Hills' demand could put the entire project in jeopardy, because of the lack of funding for the entire project and the time which will be required to complete it. We will keep our members advised as the Unser controversy continues.

--Bill Ghormley

TRNA Calendar

CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE:

1st Thursday Each Month,
7:00 p.m., John Hemler's Home

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

2nd Thursday Each Month,
7:00 p.m., Dan Curtiss' Home

EASTER PARTY:

April 14, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Montano Park

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

April 19, 6:30 p.m., Debbie Tatum's Home

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

April 24, 7:00 p.m., John Hemler's Home

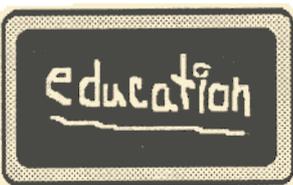
SPRING FLEA MARKET:

May 19, 8:00 a.m., location to be announced

All meetings are open to TRNA members. Please contact the committee chairman or the host to verify time and place.

Education

The **TRNA EDUCATION COMMITTEE** is now formed. We have had two meetings and have selected our subcommittee



chairmen to head up the subcommittees. Both meetings had a good turnout, but we can use all the help we can get. If you are interested in education and the direction it is going in your community, please join in. The subcommittee chairmen are: **DAVE BINKLEY, DORA GAY, JACK LITTLE, BILL MCBROOM, and RITA RINCON.** Thanks to all of you who have attended the Committee meetings. *The next meeting will be 7:00 p.m., April 10, at the Mesa View United Methodist Church, 6300 Montano NW.*

The Committee has one very hot issue: the new middle school site will be first on our list of things to work on. The Association Board has already taken a stance on the issue, and this is an issue that the Committee should get involved in right away to support the Association.

Marie Hughes has asked the Education Committee and the Marie Hughes PTA to help prepare the school for **EARTH DAY**. This will be an excellent opportunity for the Committee to join with the PTA in a community project. If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Jack Little at 898-8854.**

The **MARIE HUGHES SATELLITE SITE TASK FORCE** is nearing an end. The Task Force does not have a presentation ready yet, but most of the recommendations are beginning to take shape. It looks as if there will be a not be a recommendation to harden the satellite. Instead, there will be a *recommendation to build a new elementary school on Site G.* (Site G is a plot of land east of the church located at the

present end of Golf Course Road.) This recommendation will also state that the school should be built in a timely manner-- *we hope to see the school opening in Fall 1992.*

The recommendation will also state that the satellite facility should stay as it is until the new Site G school is open, with money being spent only for normal maintenance. Once the new school is operational, there are many possibilities for the satellite site which should be explored once it is no longer needed to relieve Marie Hughes. One possibility considered by the Task Force was a middle school site, but there were many problems with this. These problems include: Poor street access; the shape of the land would make it difficult to fit a mid-school on the lot; the building would be limited to one-story because of zoning; it would be very difficult to accommodate a "side-by-side" facility for handicapped students. With all the problems, *the Task Force is leaning toward recommending an alternative site in the Taylor Ranch area for the new middle school.* The Task Force also feels that the **MARIE HUGHES MAIN CAMPUS** requires attention, and will probably address some of these needs in its presentation to the School Board.

A YEAR AGO, THE APS BOARD DECIDED TO BUILD A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT TO THE PRESENT CHAPPARAL ELEMENTARY, on land owned by APS. This location has about 16-18 acres

available, depending upon placement of the new building and of the modular units already at Chapparal. This site was select-



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ed by an APS staff committee, and the Board accepted their recommendation without public comment. Most of our community residents were unaware that this decision had been made until it was brought out at the special Board meeting on the Satellite hardening last October. Since then, we have learned several things about the "Chaparral Site." One of those things is that the site selection committee's first choice had been the Satellite site, but the decision to make the new school a side-by-side meant that a larger site would be needed.

In a presentation given to the APS Board, TRNA President **DON NEWTON** pointed out some of the other things we have learned about the Chaparral site:



- The school will be located on a high traffic-volume corner, Unser and Western Trail. The City estimates Unser will carry 44,000 vehicles per day, and Western Trail will have 22,000.
- Unser, a main access street to the site, may not be built in time, since the City is depending upon a future bond issue election for funding, and voter approval is not certain.
- APS will have to pay at least a portion of the cost of extending Western Trail, and may have to pay for all of the cost if voters do not approve the bond issue.
- Utilities are not available at the site, and APS will have to pay to have them extended. This will include having to correct a problem the City is having

with water pressure in the area.

- There will be a need to construct barriers between the two schools to separate mid-school students from the younger elementary students. (Estimated cost: \$125,000-250,000).

And these are only some of the problems with the Chaparral site.

However, our Parks and Rec man, **PHIL SMITH** has a solution: build the new school at the corner of Homestead Hills and Taylor Ranch Road. In his presentation, Don pointed out some of the advantages to this solution:

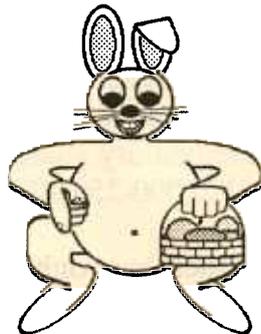
- It's in the middle of our community, where TR residents have been expecting it for years.
- It has access from two streets, already constructed, which are not major thoroughfares.
- Utilities are already in place.
- There is no need to build barriers to separate age-groups, since Marie Hughes is a half-mile away.
- Perhaps best of all, this site is adjacent to the Mariposa Park, with all its recreational facilities.

If you think it would be a good idea to build the new west-side middle school in our community at the Mariposa site, and save some taxpayer dollars, please call or write to **PAULINE GARCIA** (our School Board representative) and tell her what you think.

--Jack Little

Social Activities

The Social Activities Committee has been busy planning new and exciting events for the **EASTER PARTY**. The Egg Hunt will have roped-off areas for different age groups. The baby and tot areas will be by the old library. The older kids' area will be by the fountain. And, there will be an area for handicapped children. We have kept some of the favorite games from past parties and have added a few new games. **The Party will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m., at Montano Park** (corner of Montano and Taylor Ranch Drive)



**I WANT YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY
AT MY EASTER
PARTY**

The **SPRING FLEA MARKET** will be held May 19. The location is not set definitely yet, but we are working on having it at the Montano Plaza parking lot (in the shopping center where Albertson's is located). For reservations or more information, call **DEBBIE AT 899-0670**.

--Debbie Tatum

Petroglyphs

The House of Representatives will hold a hearing on the bill which would establish the **PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT**. Favorable public comment would help ensure that the monument becomes reality. (The Senate has already passed an establishing bill.) If you would like to comment, write to: **Rep. Bruce Vento, Chairman; House Subcommittee on National Parks and**

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Mentioning that **UNSER BOULEVARD**, the gateway to the monument, is planned to be a 4-lane parkway could help both projects.

The **FRIENDS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE PETROGLYPHS** and several conservation groups are sponsoring a clean-up of the Piedras Marcada Arroyo on Saturday, April 21. If you would like to participate, meet with them at Saint Jude's Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m. For more information, call **255-7679**.

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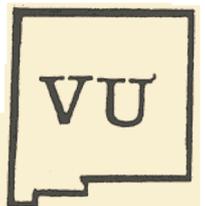
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