MESA MESSENGER
November, 1993

President's Message

During our most recent political forum, it was quite evident what "issue" is Number One in Taylor Ranch. We are clearly concerned about crime, gangs and graffiti, but The Bridge seems uppermost in everyone's mind. Although all the candidates were queried as to their position on the bridge, I don't think the question has been asked correctly. Let's review the facts as they pertain to the Montaño Bridge: 1). The voters of Albuquerque have already voted for the bridge. 2). The money for construction is in the bank. (Hopefully earning interest that will cover increased construction costs.) 3). The City is being sued to halt construction. (The bridge is a hostage of the U.S. Court system.)

In my opinion the "issue" of Montaño Bridge is done, finis, complete, buried, over. (Get my point.) What we need to be DEMANDING is that the City fulfill its RESPONSIBILITY to aggressively defend itself against the law suit. That is where the current administration has failed. The mayor has effectively told the legal staff to put Montaño Bridge at the bottom of their IN baskets. As I write this, the runoff is still three weeks away. By the time you read this the election may be over. While both candidates profess to be "for" a bridge, it remains to be seen if they will give the legal staff more direction regarding the bridge.

The bottom line (sorry, I'm an accountant) is I am sick and tired of waiting. I can live with whatever the court decides (our chances are very, very good). Let's either get this bridge built or take the money, buy back the bonds, and reduce the City's interest payments (i.e., taxes).

On a slightly lighter note, our membership efforts are going pretty well. We had tables at the LBJ open houses, the forum, and many more of us have been handing out brochures to passersby. Almost everyone seems very enthusiastic about joining TRNA and many are sending in their applications.

It is not too early for you current members to get your dues in for 1994. If you look on the mailing label you will see a 93, 94, etc. If you have a 93 (or less) please send in your dues for 94.

God bless your family and see you in next month's newsletter.

Dave Otto

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Recycling, 8:30-11:00, Bob Hume, 898-6228
7	8	9 • Run-Off Election • Social Activities Committee, 7:00, Teresa Chavez, 899-9330	10	11 *Veteran's Day*	12 • Crafts Fair, LBJ • Crafts Fair, Cross of Hope Church	13 • Crafts Fair, LBJ • Crafts Fair, Cross of Hope Church
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Dave Otto, 897-7733	24	25 *Thanksgiving*	26 29 Shopping Days Until Christmas!	27
28	29	30				

Teen Dance Party
Johnson Middle School
7:00 p.m., December 3, 1993

TRNA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dave Otto	President	897-7733
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Steve Murtha	Membership Committee	898-7330
Maria Martin	Social Activities Committee	??? - ????
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Social Activities Committee

The date for the **TRNA Annual Christmas Party** has been changed to *Saturday, December 11*, due to a conflict in scheduling at the school. The event will be held from *5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Lyndon B. Johnson Middle School.* We hope that by having it a little earlier, people can still attend other parties (business, etc.) afterward and the kiddies can get their share of food and fun early on.

The Olive Garden will be catering spaghetti, salad and their fabulous bread sticks. TRNA will provide lasagna and drinks, and don't forget your contribution...dessert! Have the kids get their Christmas list ready because Santa will be there to hear from them all and to give each a special gift.

You MUST have a reservation to attend! You can send in the reservation slop attached to the Christmas Party page in this newsletter, or you may call in your reservation to Teresa at 899-9330. Reservations must be received by December 1. Guests of TRNA members are welcome, but will be charged $4.00 per adult.

This is the time of year to really get into the spirit of the holidays. The Social Activities Committee can sure use some help on this festive event. Look over the list below and see if you can help in some way, then give me a call. Thanks!

- Setting up and decorating on Saturday, December 11
- Cleaning up after the party (7:00-8:30 p.m.—more socializing than work!)
- Santa Claus volunteer (we provide the suit)
- Entertainment (small choir or group of individuals to provide about 20 minutes of Christmas entertainment)
- Donated Christmas decorations, tree decorations, centerpieces
- Donated Christmas tree

Teresa Chavez

Education Committee

As we approach the holiday season, every area school has its own fund raisers to bring to our community. For many organizations, these fund raisers are the only ones for the year. Please support their efforts. Last month, I asked for input from our local schools as to upcoming events. Unfortunately, although I am sure there are many events going on, I have only one to list here: On *Friday, November 12, and Saturday, November 13, at Johnson Middle School* there will be a holiday craft fair. They are looking for more vendors, and of course lots of customers. Vendors may call **LAURIE BAYER at the school, 898-1492**, or **LORI APT at 897-9059**. See you there!

Once again I urge you to support your PTAs and PTSAs. They ore our from school administration to families. The Reorganization of the Education Committee continues its SSSLLOOOOOWW growth. Don't you have some time or talent to share with us? Please call Lori Apt at 897-9059 if you can help.

Point to Ponder: *We help our children to grow up and they help us to grow older.* But we love them anyway!

Lori Apt

Arts in the Streets

The City's One Percent for the Arts office has been giving presentations to neighborhood organizations (including TRNA's Board of Directors) on the art projects which will be located along Unser South, Phase II, now under construction. Three sites will receive a project: Site 1 is at 71st Street, which will be closed-off and made into a mini-park. The art will be placed on an 800-foot long sound barrier, and will consist of a series of abstract brass "figures." Site 2 is in a triangular area approximately 300 feet long and 150 deep, located between Unser and the Atrisco cul-de-sac, just south of the Marsh Peninsula. Site 2 will contain a small park with a central "island," along with a portion of the recreation trail which will be built on the east side of Unser. This area will be landscaped and will have a drinking fountain. Site 3 is on the southeast corner of the intersection of Unser and Delleyne, and the artwork will be a mural placed on a 300-foot sound wall which runs north along Unser and curves east along Delleyne. The mural will depict a fanciful snake, whose colors represent the ethnic groups found in New Mexico, as well as a unifying "river of life." The rocks which make up the mural will be collected by school children from the four schools in the Taylor Ranch area.

These art projects were selected by a subcommittee of the Unser Citizens Advisory Committee from a large number of proposed projects. Money from recently-approved bond issues will pay for the projects. The selected artists will complete their detailed designs by the end of 1993, and begin construction in their studios soon after. On-site construction will begin in April 1994. The street design and the landscaping plan have been modified to accommodate the artwork. Each project will be designed to withstand vandalism, and will receive a special sealant which will make them impervious to graffiti spray paint.

A preliminary design sketch for the Site 2 project is reproduced on the facing page.

Crafty Fund-Raisers

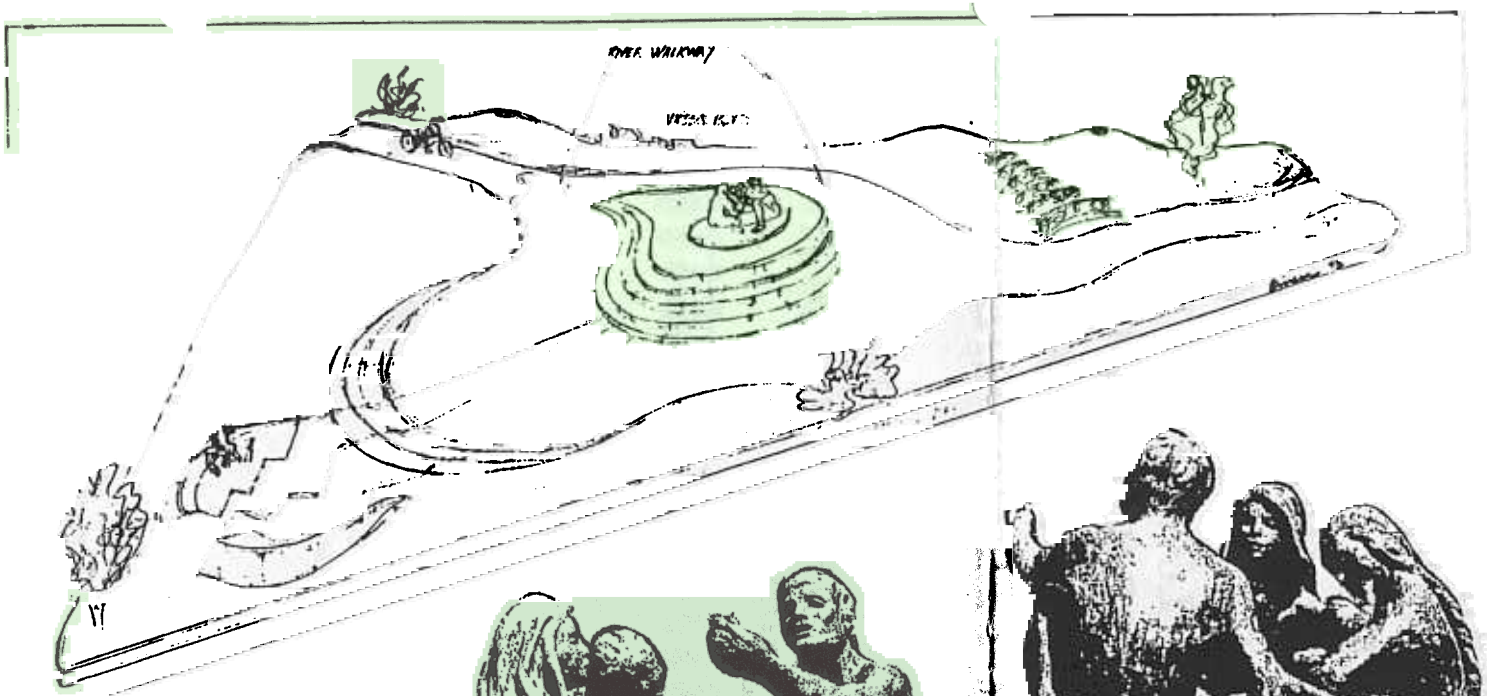
Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) will be sponsoring a craft fair at Cross of Hope Church. The fair runs November 12, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., and November 13, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be crafts for sale, baked goods, and a concession stand. Everyone is invited to attend.

Also on November 12 and 13, a crafts fair will be held at Johnson Middle School to raise money for student trips in the Spring. Call **LORI APT, 897-9059**, if you would like more information or want to be a vendor.

TRNA Meetings

All TRNA meetings, including Board of Directors meetings, are open to all members of the Association. If you are interested in becoming involved, you are encouraged to contact the Association President, Directors or committee Chairs, to verify the time and place of meetings. Their names and phone numbers are listed on **Page 2** of this newsletter.

Any TRNA member who wishes to address the Board of Directors may do so during the Public Forum which is a part of each BOD meeting. Members who would like to speak would contact **President Dave Otto, 897-7733,** at least five working days prior to the scheduled meeting. *BOD meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.*



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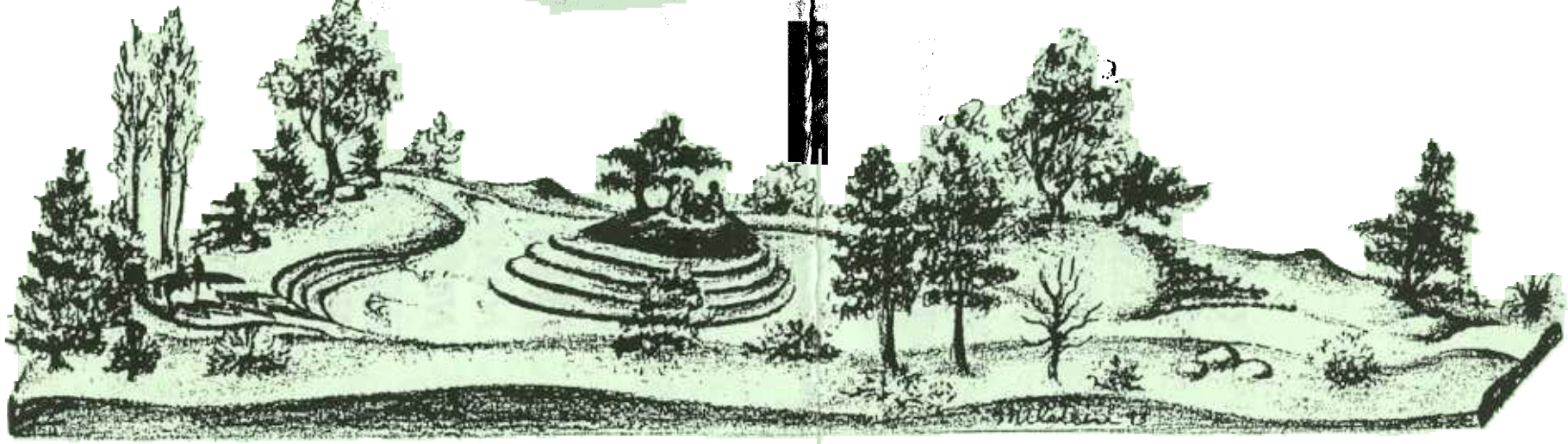

PLAZA RESOLANA
A proposed artwork for Site #2,
Unser Boulevard South Phase II

This project is designed to transform the environment into a "plaza resolana" or a community resting place. It is an oasis in the desert planted with all native flora, and will require low maintenance. It features four primary monuments, or focal points: 1) Family of Origin sculpture, 2) a multi-purpose performance space, 3) Mother Earth Banco, and 4) River Walkway.

The Family of Origin sculpture, lighted from a "firepit" in the middle of the grouping, rises from atop the central formation, representing the largest volcano as well as the cultures and people who settled here over the centuries. Terraced steps suggest lava flows and the formation of the escarpment, and also function as seating areas and audience spectator space. These terraces are constructed from dark gray, split-face concrete block and carved paving brick. The River Walkway establishes a rhythmic, flowing path through the environment. Its construction is of color-patterned concrete, asphalt and red paving brick. River Walkway opens up in a generous multi-purpose meeting and performance space as the path bends and oxbows. The performance area terraces up to the Mother Earth Banco, whose embracing arms function as a comfortable park bench and provides a clear view of the entire site. This large, sculpted Banco sits as a universal form common to many cultures through time and found around the world. It is constructed from bermed earth and stabilized adobe bricks and concrete.

Plaza Resolana presents the interaction between people and the natural environment. The spiritual and physical worlds join in a celebratory space built around aesthetic references and functional use. This interactive site tells the tales of geologic origins and human presence within the region.

SEASONS GREETINGS

GATHER YE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ONCE AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY.
THIS YEAR'S PARTY WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1993 AT 5:00 P.M. AT LYNDON B. JOHNSON MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCATED AT 6811 TAYLOR RANCH DRIVE NW.
TRNA MEMBERS ARE INVITED AT NO COST WHILE GUESTS WILL BE $4.00 PER PERSON. YOUR RESERVATION SLIP IS PROVIDED BELOW TO HELP US DETERMINE ATTENDANCE.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DESSERT AND TELL THE KIDS SANTA WILL BE THERE TO HEAR ALL THEIR CHRISTMAS WISHES!

*NAME:*_____
*NO. OF ADULTS:*___ *NO. OF CHILDREN:*___
*AGES OF CHILDREN:*__/__/__/__/__/__
NO. OF GUESTS:

SEND TO:TRNA PO BOX 75157
3200 COORS RD. NW, #G
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87120-1629

NOTE: Reservations must be received by December 1, 1993.

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Our Business Members support TRNA--Please support them

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New Membership ☐ Membership Renewal ☐ Date _____

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Areas of Interest in Which I Will Help the Association:

☐ Crime Prevention	☐ Education	☐ Membership
☐ Newsletter	☐ Parks and Recreation	☐ Library
☐ Beautification	☐ Public Relations	☐ Children's Parties
☐ Traffic Control	☐ Environment	☐ Social Activities
☐ Willing to Help	☐ Senior Center	☐ Board of Directors
☐ Voting	☐ Zoning	☐ Calling

☐ Other: _____

Resident Membership: Signature _____

1 year - $12; 2 years - $22; 3 years - $30

Please make check payable to TRNA

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