

## President's Message

*Dave Otto, President TRNA*

Rather than concentrate on one specific topic, this month I have a hodge podge of information. First on the agenda is the **quarterly meeting**. We will make our best effort to bring some rain on June 18th. We will hold our quarterly meeting outside at the Library Park at 6:30 p.m. on that date. Please bring your lawn chair or a blanket. We will have representatives from APD to discuss some aspects of community policing and also discuss some other items.

Second is **Arts in the Park**. Some of you may already know that the city has cut back on this program and also the Summerfest downtown. However, Taylor Ranch did such a great job last year that we are once again hosting the "oldies" show. This was a great event last year and should be fun again. Bring those lawn chairs and blankets and also some umbrellas or small shelters (for the sun since I doubt it will ever rain twice in one week again). TRNA will be serving some refreshments.

Next up let's talk a little about education. Long time **Marie Hughes Elementary** principal Mike Brady retired at the end of the year. TRNA sponsored a retirement party for him. We are also trying to stay involved in the selection of his successor. I would also encourage you to contact the area superintendent and let her know of any good candidates you may know. The selection is supposed to be made some time in mid June.

Lastly, I would like to write a little on **community policing**. ADP generally organizes it's officers by shifts. That is, there is a Commander in charge of the area command and he/she has Lieutenants who are responsible for a shift. (day/swing/graveyard). The west side area is experimenting with a different way of organizing. Instead of shifts, each lieutenant is in charge of an area. The west side is divided up into three areas. The northern area runs from Western Trail to Rio Rancho. The idea here is to promote "ownership" of areas. ADP believes that if the officers have specific areas they are responsible for, this will promote better relations between the community and ADP. The lieutenant responsible for Taylor Ranch is Lt. Paul Chavez.

That's about it for now. God bless your family and see you in next month's newsletter. ®

**TRNA Quarterly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m.**  
**outside at the Library park**  
**bring your lawn chairs and blankets!**

## Mid School Initiative Program

*Debbie Tatum, Member TRNA*

The LBJ mid school initiative program is looking for community people to work in their after school programs. There will be hundreds of children next year that need to stay after school hours do to many circumstances. Taylor Ranch has a high population of latch key kids.

This program was started to help "at risk kids." Kids need to be supervised and you can help by getting involved in the program. A meeting will be held this summer to explain how it all works. For more information, please call Debbie Tatum at 897-5071. ®

## Important Dates:

18 Jun	6:30 pm	TRNA Quarterly Meeting outside at the Library Park
28 Jun	9 pm	<i>Mesa Messenger</i> July Deadline
23 Jun	TBD	Arts in the Parks @ Mariposa Basin
29 Jun	TBD	Swim party @ Sierra Vista, see p 5
29 Jun	5-10 pm	Summerfest - Caribbean / India / Scandinavian
6 Jul	5-10 pm	Summerfest - East European / South American
13 Jul	5-10 pm	Summerfest - French / Polynesian / Irish / Scottish / Welsh

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## Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,  
Director TRNA,



Editor Mesa Messenger

In this column last month, I took the liberty of giving **Nancy Saquilan** a new first name. She's been helping *Mesa Messenger* solicit for advertising and business memberships. You can enjoy this experience too if you simply help out with the newsletter. I'm bound to get something wrong. Sorry Nancy!

My imperfection didn't stop there. Business member **Dr. David B. Greif, D.C.**, now has his last name spelled correctly in our business member list...I hope.

Our TRNA membership crew has experienced something interesting. Some of our members sent in their renewal dues in April. Although we prefer you get them to us in December or January, that's OK.

What's not OK is that several members paid the pro-rated dues of only \$9, not the full \$12 yearly rate! Pro-rated dues are only for **new** members who join later in the year. Existing members continue to receive newsletters during the first two or three months of the

year while we wait for your renewals. That way you don't miss an issue. I changed the membership form to make this a bit more clear.

There hasn't been much activity on the TRNA Questions & Answers, letters from our membership, or articles by our membership. All are welcome. Give me a call or write to me at the TRNA address if you're interested. ☎

## Government Affairs



Bob Woody, Director TRNA

The Circle K Corporation has applied for a zone change at their Golf Course and Paseo del Norte location. The zone change will allow the store to sell alcohol. A mediation meeting was held on Friday, May 20th. The surrounding neighborhood associations were very concerned about alcohol being sold at a 24-hour store. Another meeting is going to be scheduled with a representative from the Circle K Corporation. ☎

## Eye on Education

Rexanna Jones, Secretary TRNA

A controversy is brewing over the State Department of Education's determination that teacher training (inservice) days can be made up by the minute. Schools have readjusted their clocks so bells ring 3 to 10 minutes earlier. These additional minutes are added together to equal a minimum school day. The calendar recently released for some Rio Rancho schools shows 171 days of the 180-day year when students are actually at school. Watch the Rio Rancho **Observer** for more about this story.

Mr. William R. (Bob) McGee, long time assistant at Marie Hughes, has been named principal of Chamiza Elementary. Good Luck Bob!

Mr. Michael Brady, after 41 years in education, recently retired as principal of Marie Hughes. A selection committee for the new principal is being formed and selection should be finalized by the end of June. ☎

*Mesa Messenger* is published just about monthly by the *Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.* (TRNA) and is distributed to paid TRNA members. Membership information may be found on the last page of this newsletter. **Deadline for articles** and advertisement is the fourth Friday of each month prior to the month of publication; however, it is appreciated if they are turned in earlier. *Mesa Messenger* is distributed by the 15th in the month of publication, usually earlier.

Articles should be submitted to the editor, Michael Skroch, 899-4471 voice & fax, may be mailed to the TRNA post office box. Articles are accepted typed on paper or faxed to the above number; however, they are preferred on a DOS disk as a text, Word, or WP file. Macintosh Word or text files on 1.44 Mb disks are also accepted. You may also email your articles to [ambidex@swcp.com](mailto:ambidex@swcp.com).

Call the editor about graphic file formats or images to be scanned.

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The editor can help design or lay out your ad and can take camera-ready copy. To place a business ad, please call Michael Skroch.

*Many thanks to our newsletter advertisement, production and distribution staff:*

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On May 20th, a woman in Taylor Ranch reported she was assaulted in her own garage by 27 year-old Michael Trujillo, a landscaper from the south valley, who was called by the woman to give an estimate. The man repeated asked to gain entry into the home but the woman refused. Eventually she let him into the garage where he began groping at her. Fortunately the woman's fiancé was at home, heard the scuffle, and came to the garage. He was attacked with a wrench by Trujillo, but was able to take it away from him and hit him in the head. Trujillo was soon arrested by a local police officer and was eventually taken to the hospital for stitches. We haven't heard the status of his arrest or case.

Please be careful with strangers and even those you call to your home for estimates or other business. Its a good idea for women to have someone else present when someone is called to their home for business. ®



## Environmental Committee

*Terri Clarke, Director TRNA*

We had a wonderful turnout for our clean up Bag-A-Thon. Thank you again to all of the volunteers and especially the scout troop who helped out in Marrison Park.

### Reduce Your Water Use

Water in inches, not minutes.

Bluegrass Water Needs		
Month	Inches required	Average Rainfall
Mar	1.15	0.45
Apr	2.21	0.54
May	3.66	0.64
Jun	5.10	0.6
Jul	5.74	1.41
Aug	5.14	1.42
Sep	3.54	0.93
Oct	2.02	0.83
Nov	0.74	0.46

Place six straight-sided tin cans of equal size on your lawn. Run the sprinklers for 10 minutes. Pour the contents of all of the cans into one can and measure the depth with a ruler. This is the average rate in inches per hour.

If there are vastly different amounts of water in the cans, your system has poor uniformity and requires maintenance or modification.

**Water only the root zone:** Remove a plug of grass from your lawn to determine the soil type and root depth. Bluegrass is inherently shallow rooted with most of the roots only 4-6 inches deep. Remember, pants can only use water they can reach. Apply only enough water to saturate the root zone. In sandy loam soils (such as the west side), it takes ½ inch of water to soak a 6-inch root zone.

Soil type has little impact on how much water plants use, but it greatly affects the required amount and frequency of water applications. Water plants in sandy soils lightly and frequently.

**Water at the right time:** Low wind, low evaporation and high water pressure make early morning ideal for watering. Night watering is also efficient, but may encourage disease problems.

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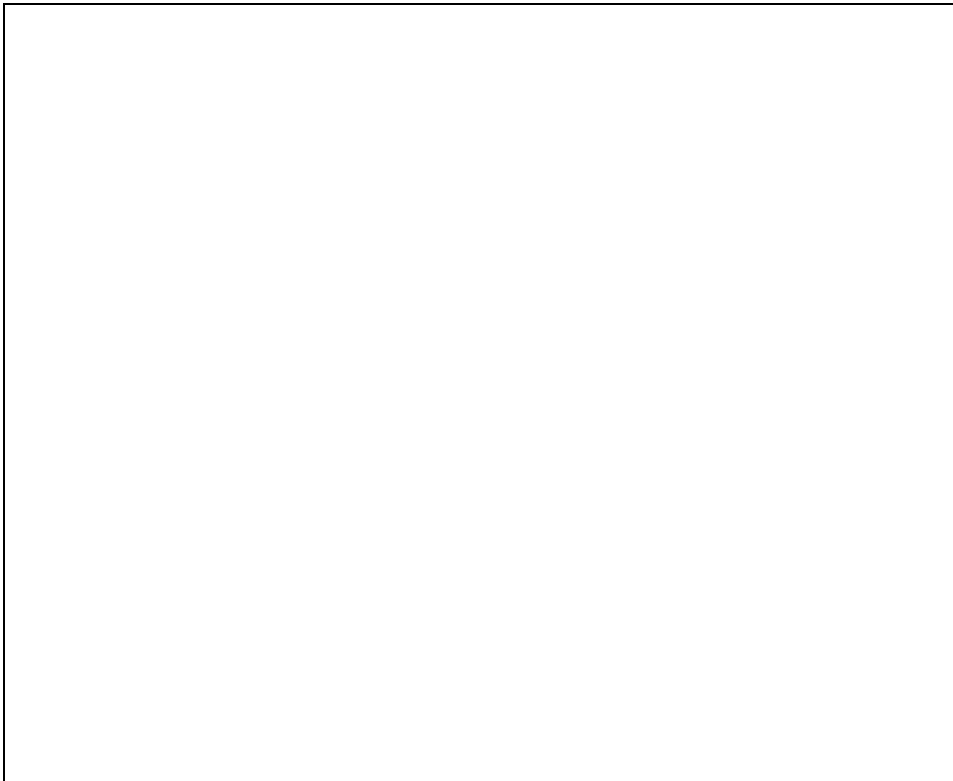
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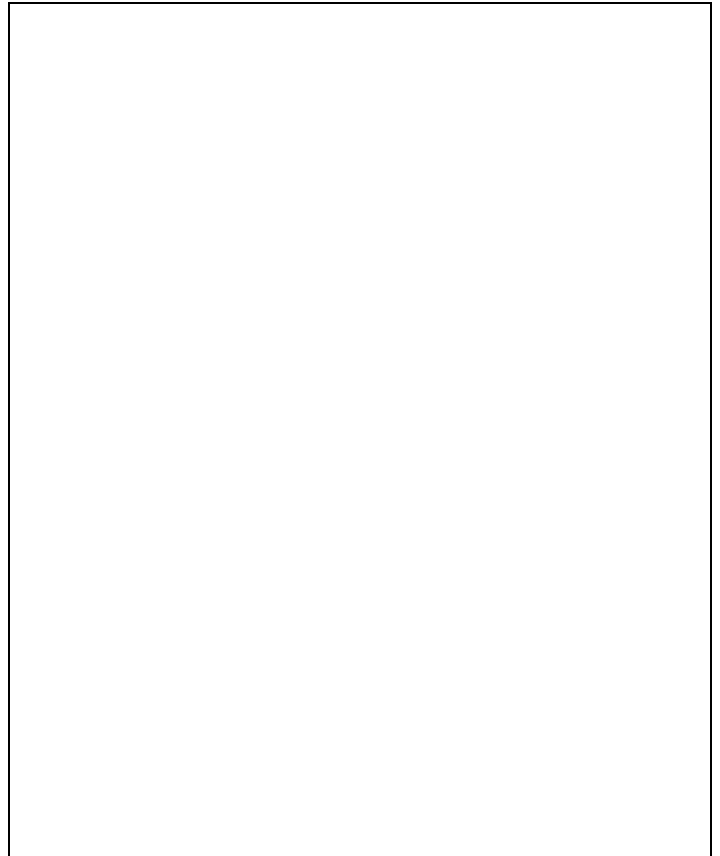
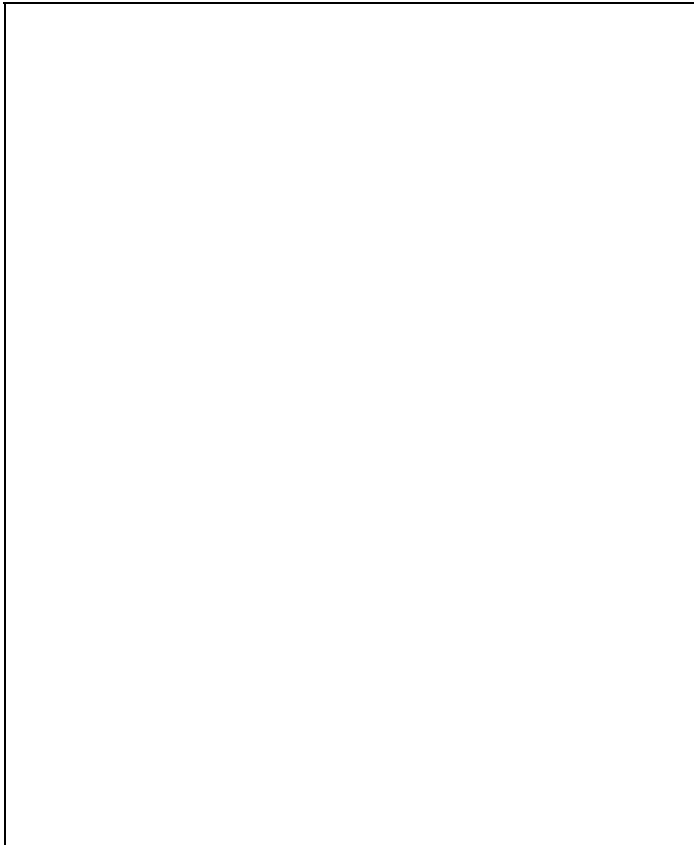
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**Please keep an eye out for these individuals; they have not yet been apprehended. Call the police if you see them or their vehicle. Contact Detective Castro at 768-2300 or Crimestoppers at 843-STOP.**



On April 20, 1996, a woman was abducted from the parking lot area of the Walgreens, located at Montaña and Taylor Ranch Road. The woman was approached by a female who told the woman that she had some puppies for sale. The woman was directed to a vehicle parked in the outskirts of the parking lot. When the woman walked up to the vehicle and began looking at the puppies, she was forced into the vehicle by a male subject. The woman was then driven to an isolated location west of the

Taylor Ranch area. The woman was slashed about her body with an Exacto-type knife and then sexually assaulted by both offenders. The woman was then pushed out of the vehicle and left in the mesa area.

**Female:** Early 20s, 5'10", 110 lbs. fair complexion, blue eyes, striking shoulder-length dishwasher blonde hair, (at the time of the assault she was wearing a multi-color beanie cap). She also wears an earring in her nose or on her eyebrow. The female is also described as having an odd formation of one eye tooth.

**Male:** 25-30 years old, 5'10", 180 lbs., fair complexion, wavy black hair, the male had a pony tail in the back which he wore in a braid. The male is also described as having a tear drop tattoo below his left eye, he also has three of his teeth framed in gold (possible dental work done in Mexico).

**Vehicle:** The vehicle is described as being a four-door, older model, boxy type vehicle, white with brown interior. The rear door behind the drivers side door has gray primer on it.



## West Side Family YMCA Activities



Call Anne at 899-8417 for more information. The YMCA is located at 4701 Montañó Rd. NW (at Taylor Ranch Rd.) YMCA membership fees may also apply.

**Hiking Club: Saturday family hikes, 7:30a.m.:** Jul 13 - Las Vegas City Walk (easy), Aug 10 - Gooseberry Springs, Mt Taylor (6 mi.), Sep 14 - LaBajada Hill (4.5 mi.). **Thursday Multi-generational hikes 8:00 a.m.:** Jun 20 - Upper & lower falls, Bandalier National Monument (4.5 mi.), Jul 18 - Sandia Crest to Tram & back (3.5 mi.), Sep 19 - Kitchen Mesa, Ghost Ranch (5 mi.),

**Preschool:** Licensed, emphasizes fun, safety, exploration. Ages 3-5, potty-trained, 9:00-noon, M-F, extended care 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F. \$48/wk preschool, \$71/wk full day, daily rates available.

**YMCA Child Care:** Before & after school, licensed. Y is an APS bus stop for Chamiza. K-5th grade, M-F, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Y. \$5-\$56/wk depending on hours/days. Registration for 96-97 year is open.

**Summer Tennis Camps:** one-week camps (ages 6+) Jun 17-21 or Jul 29-Aug 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m., \$18.75. Two-week camps (ages 7+) July 8-19, 8:30-9:30 a.m., \$25. At Sierra Vista West Courts (behind Walgreens).

**Summer Soccer Camps:** perfect your soccer skills, at YMCA, ages 8-11 **beginners & intermediates**, Jun 17-21 or Jul 22-26, M-F 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$25. **Advanced players**, ages 7-12, Jun 24-28, M-F, 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$45.

**Summer Baseball Camps:** one-week camp, boys & girls ages 7-9, Jul 8-12, 8:30-10:30 a.m. M-F. Coach Don Montalvo, \$25.

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**Volunteer at the YMCA:** Kids need attention. Parents need support. Teens need something to do. Volunteer at the West Side YMCA. For more information or volunteer opportunities, please stop by or call 899-8417.

**Karate:** Shorin-Ryu, ages 5 up, instructor: Bryan Gross, 2nd degree black belt, Mon & Thur, 6-7 p.m. beginners, 7-8 p.m. intermediates, \$30/8 classes, \$45/12 classes. Jul 8-Aug 1 (8 classes), Aug 5-29 (8), Sep 5-30 (8), Oct 3-28 (8), Nov 4-Dec 16 (12 classes).

**Summer Safari:** Indoor and outdoor activities, swimming, sports, field trips. Staff certified in first aid and CPR. May 22 to Aug 14, ages 5-12, M-F 9:00 a.m.-4:30 with precare at 7 a.m., postcare to 6 p.m. \$73/wk (no pro-rate for attending partial weeks), 10% discount for 2nd child. Registration open now. ☎

## Attention Volunteers

YMCAs of Albuquerque will be working with Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Norte on the "**Coca Cola Junior Golf Fiesta.**" This annual event raised over \$28,000 in 1995 benefiting activities specializing in assisting children in New Mexico. Here's how you can help. Come on out and enjoy a day at the golf course!

**When?** Monday, July 29, 1996

**Where?** Rio Rancho Golf and Country Club

**Who?** You, that's who! Volunteers are needed all day beginning at 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. - sign up for three hours, half day, or full day. Come and join the fun.

A large portion of the proceeds will be returned to the Ys of Albuquerque to use for youth programs. Support your YMCA by supporting this worthwhile event. All types of opportunities are available from greeters, registration attendants, score keepers, course monitors, food & beverage people, etc. Fun in the sun or shade. Call Anne at 899-8417. ☎

## Useful Phone Numbers



Animal Control .....	768-1935
Burn/No-Burn Advisory .....	768-2876
City Information .....	768-2000
County Information .....	768-4000
Garbage Collection Problems .....	761-8100
Gas Leaks (days) .....	880-7460
Gas Leaks (nights & weekends) .....	880-7300
Graffiti Removal Services .....	857-8055
Graffiti 24-hour Hotline.....	768-4725
Office of Senior Affairs.....	764-6400
Ridepool .....	243-7433
Recycling Information.....	761-8176
State Information .....	1-800-825-6639
Wasted Water Hotline .....	857-8250
Water & Sewer Emergencies.....	857-8028
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## Police & Emergency Phone Numbers



Crime Prevention Unit .....	764-1090
DWI Report Line .....	1-800-232-8394
DWI Safe Ride Home (year round) .....	242-RIDE
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Fire (non-emergency).....	243-6601
Fire Marshal's Office .....	888-8124
Phone-in reports, copy of traffic report.....	768-2020
Poison & Drug Information .....	843-2551
Police (non-emergency) .....	242-COPS
Police Substation (Westside) .....	831-4705
Police Substation (Valley) .....	761-8800
Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) .....	768-4160
State Police.....	841-9256
Urgent Care, Presbyterian @ Atrisco.....	224-7575
Urgent Care, St. Joseph West S. Hospital.....	893-2000
Urgent Care, Lovelace @ Coors .....	839-2300

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