



MESA MESSENGER

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

May 2003

Congratulations to TRNA Scholarship Winners Elena Griego, Jason Kooi, & Whitney Sanzero

Brilliant, eager, and energetic are some of the many words to describe the TRNA 2003 Scholarship winners. Elena Griego, Jason Kooi, and Whitney Sanzero are the brightest stars in the group of highly qualified and community-minded applicants.

Eight scholarship judges carefully reviewed applications of fourteen students from five different high schools, assigning points according to a numeric scale. Each score was tallied and averaged. Traditionally, TRNA gives out two \$500 scholarships. However, this year the averages produced three top scores and the board voted to grant three scholarships.

Elena, Whitney, and Jason have shown exemplary community service in addition to being excellent students with ambitious plans for their future education and careers. Education, Music, and Science are the chosen fields with goals of attaining Masters and, in one case, a Doctoral degree. The TRNA Board of Directors offers Congratulations and Best Wishes to these outstanding Taylor Ranch residents!



Jason Kooi, Whitney Sanzero, and Elena Griego were presented with \$500 Scholarship certificates at the April Board Meeting.



Easter Bunny Delights Children & Families

Families from all over the Westside gathered at Mariposa Basin Park on Saturday, April 19 for the TRNA Easter Egg Hunt and Party. About 1000 people turned out for the food, fun, and games. Watching folks enjoying the get-together in the park and seeing the children's excited faces upon gathering the eggs or winning special prizes made all the hard work more than worthwhile!

Many hands and hours of planning made this event a success. The egg team filled over 5000 plastic eggs. The food team rounded up a popular menu that sold out quickly. The Youth Committee and the LBJ Honor Society did a great job with face painting and games. Ticket sales were quick thanks to prepackaged envelopes of tickets. Membership gained four new members and held a fun raffle. The TRNA board thanks everyone who was involved in the planning and execution of this event and all who pitched in to help where they saw the need on party day.

Donations of food, prizes, and money from local businesses and churches make this event financially possible. Two businesses who are out of the area even asked to participate with their support. TRNA thanks the loyal donors to this event and asks residents to support the donor-businesses [see page 2].

This event was a resounding success! **THANK YOU EVERYONE!**
[Submitted by V. Klebesadel] ☀

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Board Meeting — May 21 — 7:00 PM

Vaughan Co. Realtors – 6300 Riverside Plaza, Suite 100 (Bldg just north of Defined Fitness)
If you wish to be on the agenda, please notify the President three (3) days in advance.

Letter to the Editor

I'm a member of TRNA and have expressed concerns to Councilor Cadigan about the apartment complex with red-painted garages with "for rent" information on them that face Coors Road just south of Montaño. He told me that he made a complaint to zoning and that zoning went to the complex...however, that's been at least four months in passing.

The signs they painted on the backs of the garages are hideous and look "low rent," especially as the entrance area to Taylor Ranch. Is there something that TRNA can do about this?

Thanks, J. L. Aspin

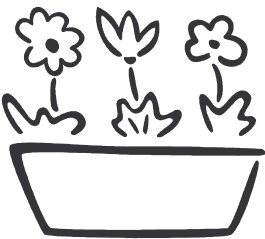
[Editor's note: This will be on the agenda at the May 21 board meeting.] ☀



Check Out These Generous Businesses

The following businesses were generous donors to the TRNA Easter Party. Please take a look and remember these folks next time you're out shopping. We appreciate their support!

7 – Eleven	Imperial Group Realtors
Bob's Burgers	Outback Steakhouse
Coffee Sensations	Papa John's Pizza
Comet Cleaners	Quanz Auto Care
Dairy Queen	Rachelle Shaw, DDS
Defined Fitness	Raley's
Dion's Pizza	Smith's
Eagle Ranch Phillips 66	State Farm Ins., Ray Pick
Mark Johnson, DDS	Summit Ridge Ins. Co.
First State Bank	Sunscape Landscaping
Great Harvest Bread Co	Walgreen's
Hometown Buffet	Wendy's



Bank of America, Riverview Ctr
Brownell's Hallmark Gold Crown
Calvary Temple Assembly of God
McDonald's, Golf Course Rd
Starbucks, Petroglyph Plaza
Wells Fargo, Coors/Irving

Easter Party Raffle & New Member Drawing Winners

The first place winners of a \$50 savings bond from the Bank of America & a big Easter Basket were Ken & Debbie Duck. Evelyn Avila won the second big Easter Basket.

In the New Member Drawing, Tracy & Jean Overbay won a lilac bush and Kathryn Pletch won a one-month membership to Defined Fitness.



Happy Mothers Day!
May 11th

We Have Over 1000 New Items



Brownell's Hallmark
in Petroglyph Plaza
8201 Golf Course Road NW
890-3909

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More Development Along Coors in Taylor Ranch Area

And Other Land Use Updates, By Jolene Wolfley, Director/Land Use & Transportation

NW Corner of Coors and La Orilla (15 acres)

TRNA told the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) that it was supportive of annexation and the plans for single-family residential at this location, but was not supportive of commercial. The Planning Department recommendation was only for residential development.

Last year, the City deleted the Coors at La Orilla Village Center from the West Side Strategic Plan. This action was in recognition of the overabundance of commercial space on Coors Boulevard and the need to support commercial centers that already exist. The applicant has deferred this case to May to continue discussion with the City over development options.

At a facilitated meeting, citizens and board members from both TRNA and the Albin Hills Neighborhood Association expressed concern over the maintenance of La Orilla Road and its ability to bear additional traffic. Tierra West responded by stating that this project would build the south half of La Orilla. Residents remained concerned, however, because it is unclear who would be responsible for the other half of the improve-

ments. Another concern is whether the intersection at La Orilla would be modified to allow for adequate turning lanes and space for increased traffic.

TRNA also suggested this development be responsible for building a recreational trail on the south side of La Orilla connecting Mariposa Basin Park to the Bosque.

NW Corner of Coors and Montañó

TRNA told the Design Review Board that it supported the change in use from a gas station to a drugstore, but that it had concerns regarding the site plan. These concerns are:

- the many turns into and out of the site would increase congestion at this busy intersection and reduce safety for motorists and bicyclists;
- A new left turn bay would cause removal of Montañó median landscaping;
- colors and architecture should be compatible with existing buildings;
- the steep site creates extensive retaining walls and complicated lot drainage;
- the quality and ongoing maintenance of an Eckerd drugstore is in question.

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Tierra West, on behalf of the property owner, agreed to allow TRNA to erect a neighborhood sign in the back southwest corner of the site and to provide landscaping at the base of the sign for TRNA.

Between Winterhaven & the Bosque, just south of La Orilla (3.3 acres)

TRNA recommended approval of this project to develop 8 homes integrated with the Bosque. The EPC approved it.

Environmental Planning Commission—West Side Representation

TRNA sent a letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting that two members of the EPC be residents living west of the Rio Grande. The Board noted that the majority of new growth is occurring west of the Rio Grande and the EPC needs to have members who are residents of the West Side and who are aware of West Side issues and places. Currently, one Commissioner lives on the West Side, but his reappointment has not been assured. ☀



7 am - 5 pm Mon—Thur
7 am - 9 pm Fri & Sat
7 am - 3 pm Sunday

Live Music
Friday & Saturday Night!

Homestead Hills Shopping Center
6961-D Taylor Ranch Road NW
890-6696

Rose Ortiz, Proprietor

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

257 Residential Members
 7 Business Members
 22 Courtesy Newsletters



How to Choose the Right Puppy

So you want a puppy. Not just any puppy, but a great puppy that will be your best friend. He's cute, she's cuddly, but how do you know what kind of a pet the dog will be?

Use the Pet Adoption Test from the City of Albuquerque website! This Test is a series of simple activities to try with a prospective puppy. The first set of activities evaluates the puppy's social attraction, confidence, dependence, and dominance behaviors. The second set evaluates obedience aptitude and working ability and provides a general picture of the dog's intelligence, spirit, and willingness to work with a human being.

The puppy's responses to the activities form a basic personality profile for the pet. This profile is matched with a best-fit owner and environment. Love at first sight is a great thing, but before you take that adorable puppy home, make sure that love will have a great chance of lasting a lifetime.

Check it out at <http://www.cabq.gov/animalservices/tempermnt.html> ☼



From Lt. Ed Perea and the Westside Patrol Team

APD Westside Area Command

RULES of the ROAD for SUMMER SAFETY

BE ALERT. Watch for pedestrians. Many children will be out of school biking, walking, skating in or near the streets. Drive defensively and anticipate the unexpected, such as children darting out in front of you or bicyclists and others not signaling their turns.

Be particularly careful when you hear the Ice Cream Man and at dusk when children are hurrying home and pedestrians are especially difficult to see.

Remember that some schools ARE in session—stop for school buses and slow down in school zones.

A BICYCLE IS A VEHICLE. Follow these simple rules:

- Wear a helmet.
- Ride with traffic.
- Stop and look both ways before entering the street.
- Stop at all intersections.
- Use hand signals and look all ways before turning.
- Never ride at dusk or in the dark without proper lights. Children should never ride at these times.
- Never let small children ride unsupervised or ride on the street.
- Keep bikes in good repair, regularly checking tires, brakes, and seat and handlebar height.

SAFETY is a year-round project. Obey

traffic laws (all the time). Wear your seatbelts. Wear protective equipment when engaging in sports. The best way to ensure a safe summer is to build good habits and be a good role model for other members of the community, especially children.



PARENTS' SAFETY TIPS

Follow a few simple precautions to help keep children safe this summer.

First, make sure children know about the hazards of traffic. Make sure they know that a bicycle is a vehicle, not a toy, and that they know the rules of the road. Skateboards should not be used by children under 10; scooters should not be used by children under 8 unless supervised by an adult (American Academy of Pediatrics). All bikers, skaters, skateboarders, scooter-riders and horseback riders should wear protective gear. At the playground, do not allow children to twist swings, swing empty seats, or walk in front of moving swings, and check for hot metal sur-

faces on equipment like slides.

Second, prevent sports and heat-related injuries by keeping children well-hydrated, wearing proper clothing and equipment, and using sunscreen. Children should drink water or a sports drink every 20 minutes or so and should wear light-colored clothing outdoors. Reapply sunscreen every couple of hours or after swimming or sweating. Keep a child under six months old out of direct sunlight. If you plan a wilderness hike, remember to check labels: bug repellents for children should contain **NO MORE THAN 10% DEET**.

Before signing your child up for a sport, get her to a pediatrician for a check-up. Make sure sports staff are fully trained in the sport, instruction, safety equipment and emergency first aid. Make sure safety equipment fits your child and that he knows how to use it correctly. This means everything from knee pads to life jackets on a boat.

Finally, always provide supervision, do the safety checks that children cannot, and make sure every child knows her name, phone number and address.

For more information, check out these websites: www.aap.org; www.cpsc.gov; www.safekids.org; www.fireworksafety.com.

[Submitted by A. Kinker, Westside Investigations, Impact Team]

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

- I'm interested in the following:**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beautification | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Calling | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

I'm enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

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|---|--|---|
| Resident: <input type="checkbox"/> \$18.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2003) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$34.00 (2 yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$48.00 (3 yrs) |
| Business: <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00 (1 yr, Jan-Dec 2003) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00 (2 yrs) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00 (3 yrs) |

Our mission is to Promote, Preserve, and Improve the quality of life in Taylor Ranch.

If you have already renewed, pass this on to a neighbor!

Call 897-4684 if you have questions or need more information.

Please mail this form with your check to: TRNA Membership, P. O. Box 66288, Albuquerque, NM 87193-6288

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS (TTY Users call through Relay NM 1-800-659-8331)

- Police/Fire/Rescue (Emergency)..... 911**
Albuquerque Police Department
- Police (non-emergency) 242-COPS
 - Police – Westside Area Command..... 831-4705
 - Police Substation – Cottonwood Mall..... 897-8802
 - Telephone Reporting Unit 768-2030
 - Animal Control (Westside)..... 768-1935
 - Burn/No-Burn Advisory..... 768-2876
 - City Council Hotline (Mtgs., agendas) 768-4777
 - City Council Office..... 768-3100
 - City Councilor Michael Cadigan 830-2076**
 - City Information 768-2000
 - Crime Stoppers..... 843-7867**
 - Dumping on Vacant Lots 924-3850
 - Fire (Non-Emergency/Illegal Fireworks)..... 833-7390**
 - Gas Leaks (24 hrs, seven days a week)..... 246-5700
 - Graffiti 24 Hour Hotline & Removal 768-4725**
 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr..... 345-1650
 - Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB)..... 761-8334
 - Library (Information & Reference)..... 768-5140
 - Mayor's/CAO Office..... 768-3000
 - Neighborhood Crime Prevention 924-3600**
 - Neighborhood Coordination (ONC)..... 924-3914
 - Parks Mgmt. – Maint., Vandalism, Volunteers 857-8650

- Parks Mgmt. – Reservations for parks 857-8669**
- Poison & Drug Information..... 1-800-222-1222
- Public Works Department*
- Pothole Repair 857-8025
- Wasted Water Hotline..... 768-3640
- Sidewalk Obstructions 857-8000
- Ridepool..... 243-7433
- Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)..... 768-4160
- Solid Waste Department*
- Recycling Information 761-8100
- Large Item Pick-up..... 761-8100
- Garbage Collection Problems..... 761-8100
- State Information 1-800-825-6639
- State Police..... 841-9256
- SunTran Information (Bus) 843-9200
- SunVan Information (Bus/handicapped)..... 764-6165
- Vehicle Information*
- Abandoned Vehicles on Public Streets 768-2277
- Inoperable Vehicles on Private Property 924-3850
- Pollution Hotline..... 247-2273
- Vehicle Emission Testing..... 764-1110
- Water & Sewer Emergencies..... 857-8250
- Weed & Litter (Major streets and medians) 857-8060**
- Zoning Violations..... 924-3850**

TRNA Board of Directors and Other Contacts

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Send your items of community interest to the Mesa Messenger! Submissions must be received by the 22nd of the month. Digital media preferred (email) / Please include author and phone number / Include SASE for photo returns. TRNA reserves the right to edit or reject submissions. Copyrighted material requires written permission.

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TRNA youth Committee

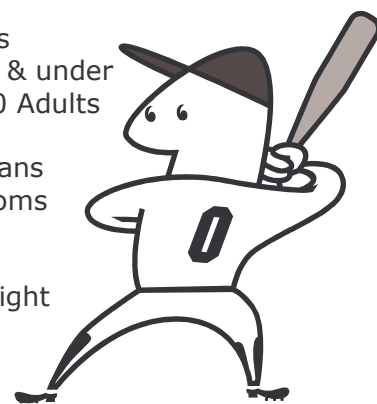
Meets monthly

Open to members
of TRNA who are
in grades 6-12

Call Dana Davis at
792-2234

Albuquerque Isotopes Home Game May Promotions

- 5/1 T-Shirt Day, First 3000 Adults
- 5/3 Bat Night, First 1000 Kids 12 & under
- 5/4 Jersey Coozie Day, First 2000 Adults
- 5/5 Cinco de Mayo Celebration
- 5/10 CheerStix Night, First 3500 Fans
- 5/11 Mother's Day, Roses to all moms
- 5/16 ZOOperstars!
- 5/17 Post-Game Fireworks Show;
Armed Forces Appreciation Night
- 5/18 Little League Day; Pre-Game
Autograph Session
- 5/30 Cap Night, First 1500 Adults



All kids are invited to Run the Bases after every game (weather permitting)

Quilt Auction • Sunday May 4

Mesa View Ministry Center • Light lunch 12:15 pm • Live auction 1:00 pm

Live auction of beautiful hand-crafted quilts • Silent auction of "Community" quilts made by different MVUMC groups • Benefits the MVMC Kitchen Fund

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: North of Montañño: May 2, 16, 30 South of Montañño: May 9, 23