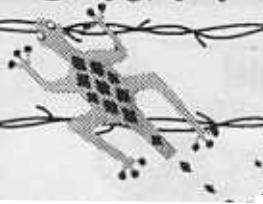


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COMMITTEE NEWS



• by Teresa Chavez

The 1992 TRNA Christmas Party will be one to go down in history! What almost turned into catastrophe ended up wonderfully!

Thank you all for your patience and understanding as the Fire Department was deciding whether we could have our event or not. TRNA **did** have prior approval to use the new Lyndon B. Johnson Middle School. Apparently, the Fire Marshall was concerned over the building not having its permanent occupancy permit. After lengthy negotiations, we were finally allowed to proceed. Whew—what a relief! The Social Committee spent months of planning and several hours decorating, not to mention the money the Association had put out for all the food, decorations, presents, etc. We are just very happy that it turned out to be such a nice evening.

A very special thanks to **Skoozi Deli** (Montaño & Taylor Ranch Rd., near Walgreens). They were wonderful to work with and really came through for us with a delicious meal. Please visit Skoozi and support our community businesses.

More thanks go out to the following who helped make the 1992 party a success:

- Maria Martin
- Don Newton
- Shannon Parisi

- Ruthie Owens
- Brenda Schneider
- Jean Slane
- Robert Wright (aka: Santa)
- TRNA Youth Committee



by Louis Martinez

The days of the 10 cent cup of coffee, the 15 cent hamburger, quiet spring days (no stress), and cheap education have all vanished (sigh)—however, for a worthy cause, one day this coming spring the Education Committee hopes to bring back all the memories of “days gone by.” We are planning the First Annual Taylor Ranch Golf Tournament in order to raise funds to help our neighborhood college-bound students defray the heavy toll of tuition. Our goal is to raise enough money for at least two scholarships and grants-in-aid for books and school supplies.



For your participation, we will provide a beautiful spring day to relax with a round of golf, a 10 cent cup of coffee, and a cheap burger. The rest of the details are presented in the flyer inserted with this newsletter. We want to make this a successful event and are graciously seeking volunteers to help organize and work the event.

The call is out—“FORE!”—duffers, parents, TRNA members,

businessmen, and businesswomen, philanthropists, and yes, “golfers,” get your clubs ready and look forward to “days gone by.” Make your reservations as early as possible as we are limited to 50 entries.

In other Education Committee activities, we have held two regular meetings where we have adopted our mission/functional statement, compiled a questionnaire to find out what our TRNA members think about a number of education concerns, including: YRE (year-round education), mill levys for M&O or new schools, and the option of joining the move into a separate (West side) school district with our Paradise Hills and Rio Rancho neighbors. Our questionnaire is expected to be finalized by the end of 1992. Committee members are also trying to attend local APS Board and other important meetings so that we can be fully represented in the decision-making process. Despite all the industriousness, resourcefulness, and commitment of our Committee of three, it is quite difficult to attend all the meetings which number at least three a month. Consequently, if anyone is especially interested in tracking the APS Board Meeting, we would really appreciate your help.

In the last issue of *The Mesa Messenger*, Bill Ghormley discussed the February 2 vote on the Albuquerque Public School Mill Levy. We on this committee ask you to please go out and support our schools by casting your vote on these important funding decisions. ■

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Membership Committee

by Dave Otto

Thanks to all of you who renewed your membership at the Christmas Party. Just a reminder that as a new year begins, it is time to renew your TRNA membership. Please fill out the membership application below and send it in with your payment. It's simple. Also we could use some help recruiting new members. How about recycling your newsletter by passing it on to one of your non-member neighbors. If they like what they see (and how could they not) there is an additional membership application on the back of this newsletter for them. Remember, Membership is Our Strength. ■

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR OR AGAINST?

We have been hearing that many people intend to vote against the school mill levy on February 2 because they are opposed to year-round education (YRE). The School Board already knows that there are lots of people who don't like YRE. When you vote against the mill levy, you aren't voting against YRE—you're voting against:

- A new roof and air conditioning for Cibola High School (the mill levy will fix a lot of building problems in the district).
- Computers in the classroom (computers and other educa-

tional equipment are capital improvements).

- La Cueva repeating as State High School AAAA Football Champion (intramural sports programs will disappear from APS).
- Any chance of improving public education in Albuquerque.

What is really sad about the opposition to YRE is that none of the opponents have come up with anything better than leaving things as they are, when the status quo just isn't working. No one wants to pay higher taxes, but if there is a viable alternative, no one has presented it publicly yet.

The bottom line is that APS can-

not leave things the way they are. We have too many students for the schools we have, and will have even more in the future. But, without funding approval from the taxpayers, there will NOT be any more schools. Instead, we will have overcrowded classrooms, offering fewer educational programs, on split sessions, in schools that are falling apart because we can't afford to maintain them. Is this REALLY better than YRE? Is this better than a higher tax bill? Do we want more principals fired because they used student activity money to do things their schools needed, because APS doesn't have enough money to pay for them? ■

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FOR THEIR HELP IN CATERING
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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

EDUCATION CUTS DON'T HEAL HELP SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

Did You Know:

- **New Mexico spends only \$3,732 per student (46th in the country) compared to \$5,051, the national average.**
- **New Mexico's children are losing school programs such as art, music, nursing services, libraries, counseling, athletics and physical education at an alarming rate.**
- **New Mexico ranks 48th in the country in average teacher salaries, making it difficult to attract and retain good teachers.**

Dollars spent on schools are dollars invested in your children. You can help stop the decline in the quality of our public schools. Write Governor King and your legislator today. Let them know you support increased funding for New Mexico's public schools.

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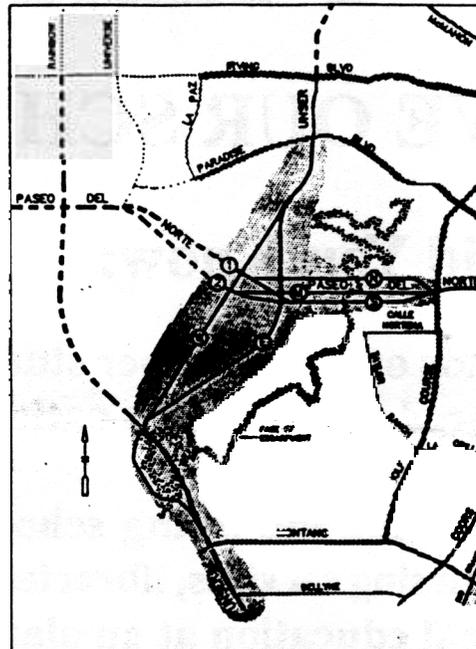
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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE

FOR THE

UNSER MIDDLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

Unser From Dellyne Avenue to Paradise Boulevard
 Paseo del Norte From Golf Course to Unser



REVISED HEARING SCHEDULE

THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION (EPC) FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM DECEMBER 10, 1992 TO THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1993.

As previously announced, the purpose of the hearing is to discuss the Final Environmental Impact Statement and recommendations for selection of roadway alignment alternatives. The particulars on the time-of-day and place for the hearing are not available at this time. Specific scheduling information will be given by newspaper legal notice. You are also invited to contact the City Planning Department at 768-3860 approximately seven days prior to the hearing for more information on the hearing schedule.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement can be reviewed at all Albuquerque Public Libraries, the Paradise Hills Community Center or the City Public Works Department, Room 5027 in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Government Center, One Civic Plaza. Copies may also be purchased for the cost of reproduction from Leedshill-Herkenhoff, Inc., Basement level of Copper Square, 500 Copper Ave. SW, Albuquerque New Mexico, 87103, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

For more information on this project and the availability of the environmental documentation, please call Mr. John Hartmann at (505) 768-3650.

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Presents

1st Annual

**Taylor Ranch Golf
Tournament**

This fundraising event is sponsored by the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association's Education Committee to raise money for higher education that will benefit students entering college.

DATE: March 26, 1993

TIME: 8:30 AM Forward (Shotgun: With 72 people)

PLACE: LADERA GOLF COURSE

RULES: Scramble, 4 Person Teams

ENTRY FEE: \$30 each (includes green fee)

plus 1/2 of cart and non-alcoholic beverage.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Hole-In-One • Target Hole • Closest-to-Pin • Best Tall Tale • Muligan Purchase • and more

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Teams

DRAWINGS: FOR PRIZES, Details TBA

Sign up individually or we will pick your team...

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Louis Martinez
Education Committee Chairman
898-7015

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TRNA Public Forum

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