

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Despite the political rhetoric on both sides of the river, all indications are that the Montano Bridge project is still on track. The city has signed the contract. There are still some legal hurdles to clear, but these appear minor. In addition, the Fish and Wildlife Service has sent the Corps of Engineers study back with some questions that need to be answered. The folks at public works tell me they believe these can be cleared rather quickly. Public works also has to amend some of their plans in order to protect the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher which has been put on the endangered species list.

I digress to tell a story. I attended the "Stop the Bridge" rally in the valley. There was a young girl there who kept telling us "It's not nice to mess with nature." I didn't have the heart to tell her that most of the bosque is only 50 years old and exists because man messed with nature and controlled the river. If left in it's "natural" state, the river would flood and then recede. This means those beautiful trees would never get as big as they are under natural conditions. If you don't believe me, look at the pictures from the 1930's.

I am serving as the District 1 representative on the Community Oriented Policing steering committee. As you know, we have been featuring officers in our newsletter for several months. In addition, we have the crime problem report and officers attend all of our board meetings to discuss problems. I think we are off to a good start on implementing community policing. We are certainly ahead of some other areas of the city. Community policing is a difficult concept to grasp and the committee is struggling with this like everyone else. One thing we are going to push real hard is "call reduction". Several years ago the police tried to cut down on traffic calls by not responding to "fender benders" when no one was hurt. The plan failed badly. The committee feels call reduction is a good goal, but we have to implement it correctly. If you have any suggestions about community policing, please call me.

Don't forget the annual meeting on March 30. We will elect four new board members and approve next year's budget. I also hope to have several state legislators there. Just before our meeting, the community center planning committee will have it's first public meeting. Here will be your chance for input. So don't forget, community center at 6:00, annual meeting at 7:00.

I know it's a long time away but put July 23 on your calendar. That is our day for "Arts in the Park". We are going to have national talent and this will be the premier event for "Arts in the Park" for 1995. The city is guessing that 15,000 people from across the city will be here, so plan on walking. This is going to be at Mariposa Park.

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

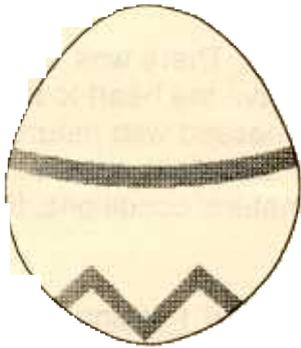
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April 15, 1995

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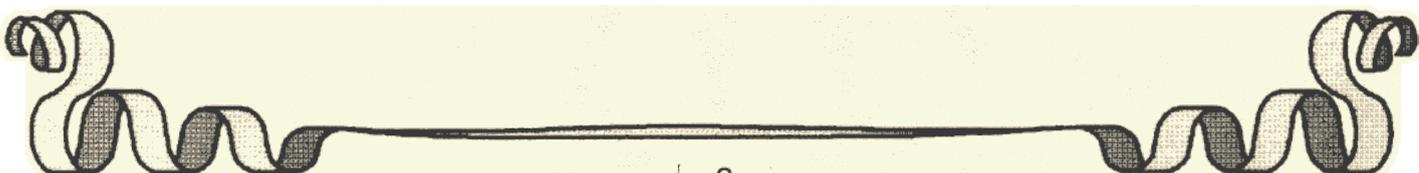
Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 - 2 yrs & under

11:15 - 3, 4, 5 years

11:30 - 6 & 7 years

11:45 - 8-11 years



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE MONTANO BRIDGE

Los Ranchos has started a letter writing campaign to radio talk shows. Larry Ahrens says he gets 2-3 letters a day from Los Ranchos residents. Write to Larry Ahrens and/or Art Ortega, KOB AM, 500 4th St. NW Albuquerque NM 87102 to express your reasons for supporting the Bridge. Send copies of the letters to the Albuquerque Tribune or Journal (Editor, Journal or Tribune, 7777 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque NM 87109-4343), the Mayor (addresses for the mayor and other elected officials were given in last Month's Newsletter), the Better Business Bureau, or any civic organization to which you belong. Also, if you hear people speaking against the bridge on the radio, call in and speak up for yourself and your neighbors!

Some of the reasons for supporting the bridge that you could mention:

Safety: senior citizens and new teenage drivers have to drive on I-40 or the high-speed, limited access Paseo Del Norte. There is no city street north of Central which crosses the river.

Pollution: Because there is no city street north of Central which crosses the river, there are no simple bus routes connecting across the city. A Montano bus that went across the entire width of the city would allow easy connections with all north-south bus routes, encouraging people to ride the bus instead of driving. Also, every trip across the river for people who live north of I-40 and south of Paseo results in a detour (of up to 12 miles, round trip) which spews totally unnecessary exhaust into the valley air.

Jobs: those of us who have to work (and whose children will need jobs) want to encourage more light industry on the west side and along I-25. These companies will need better transportation across the river for employees and for shipments of materials and products.

Future: we all will soon be living in the 21st century. We can't afford to maintain too many islands of 19th century life as living museums in the middle of a 21st century city.

Please speak up for the bridge.

CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Be warned! The Board has asked our local police officers to ticket people who park in the emergency/fire lanes in front of Walgreens, Albertson's and Hastings. It is dangerous to block these areas with cars, even for just a quick run inside. Take a minute to find a safe parking place and enjoy the exercise the walk to the store provides!

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Plant of the Month - Pinon (Pinus Edulia)

Most of us are familiar with the well-known Pinon tree which grows throughout much of the Southwest. It is most popular for the valued pinon nuts that it produces. In recognition of its special qualities the Pinon has been designated as our official State Tree.

These bushy evergreen trees can be seen growing along the foothills and mesas of our splendid New Mexican landscapes, but its range also includes the southern border of Wyoming down through the four corner states of Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico to the northern border of Mexico. You can see these trees growing side by side with another tree that looks similar to it, the one-seed Juniper. These two trees coexist in an elevation zone of 4000-8500 feet, which is between the sagebrush of lower elevations and the Ponderosa Pine of higher elevations.



Pinons are very slow growing. A one-foot thick trunk indicates a tree that is 150 years old. Pinons may either grow from a single trunk or from multiple trunks and can reach a height of 30 ft. The needles are usually two in a bundle and 1-1/4 inches in length. An added benefit of these trees is that they grow on very steep slopes, which helps control erosion.

Throughout history Pinons were used for a variety of purposes. Around 400-900 AD, before Pueblos were established, the southwestern Indians lived in homes called pit houses. These ancient homes were typically 8X10 foot, one-room houses that were partially built in the ground to a depth of 2 to 3 feet. Pinon trunks were used as structural supports, while the branches were used to fill in between. Then these homes were plastered over with layers of mud. Pinon wood has also been used as firewood for many years and it continues to be the most preferred firewood because of the wonderful aroma it creates while burning.

Probably the most popular thing the Pinon tree is noted for is its fruit, the Pinon nut. The nuts are higher in protein and carbohydrates than pecans, but lower in fat. They keep well, unshelled, for up to a year. In autumn, as soon as the nuts drop, many people take the time to go out and harvest them. The nuts are an especially important food source for wildlife. For us living here in town, the wildlife that we might observe rummaging through our Pinons is a noisy blue bird known as the Scrubjays. These lively birds relish the nutritious nuts and will take every opportunity to acquire them.

Many people in the Albuquerque area use Pinon trees in their landscapes. Since they are evergreens they look great year round. Pinons are also drought-tolerant. This is good to know because of the water conservation measures that are being proposed in Albuquerque. One way to conserve our water is to landscape with native and drought-tolerant plants. This is known as xeriscape. It offers a variety of plants to choose from, along with a variety of landscape designs. You can learn more about plants used in xeriscape by calling the County Cooperative Extension Office.

Rene Horvath

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As the end of the TRNA fiscal year draws near, I'm proud to announce that the membership committee has met its financial goal! I can't thank Kathleen Hume enough for the help she has given me in reaching this goal. With her help, along with the help of other TRNA members, we have delivered an application to almost every house in Taylor Ranch. I should have been keeping track of all the miles we walked! Thank you to all who helped and to all the new members who joined because of this canvassing. We hope that you continue your membership and that you call a committee chair to volunteer your service, when you have time.

Debbie Tatum

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

We need a volunteer to process our bulk mailing of the newsletter each month. The work required is to attach an adhesive mailing label to each newsletter, bundle them into packets with rubber bands, put a bulk mailing symbol on each packet, and then take the mailing to the Corrales Post Office between 10 am and 3 pm. Others on the committee type the news, do the layout, and have the copies printed and stapled. If you would be able to do the mailing every month, please call me to volunteer. Thanks.

Ceil van Berkel
897-2541

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

March 30th at 7:00pm at LBJ we will hold our annual membership meeting and elections. Seven directors will be elected at that meeting. The nominating committee has identified the following seven people as candidates:

Thomas Bernota (currently a director)
 Richard Farris
 Dave Otto (currently a director)
 Thomas Wright (currently a director)

Terri Clark
 Rexanna Jones
 Robert Woody

Additional nominees are welcome. Call me or any director to volunteer. In addition, nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting.

YOUTH NEWS

We've begun planning a spring dance and a calendar of events for the summer. More will be known by the next newsletter so stay tuned. Several churches, businesses, organizations and individuals have expressed an interest in supporting the creation of events for and by Taylor Ranch youth. I'll be meeting with them in March to begin creating the structure that will allow us to proceed. As a refresher, the concept we're working on is to involve a number of organizations, groups and individuals to allow events to happen frequently without significantly drawing upon only a few persons or groups. Our youth can and will create the social structure they desire if the means are provided. We who support them become enablers, or if you wish, those who empower our youth to form a viable community for themselves. If you or any group you are a part of wish to participate, please don't hesitate to call. In the meantime, to those already involved, thank you on behalf of the young people of Taylor Ranch.

Ron Chapman

SPOT LIGHT ON BUSINESS

Britt Bare has been a Taylor Ranch resident since 1979. He has sold real estate since 1987 and has been associated with METRO 100 REALTORS since 1989. Britt has always specialized in selling homes in the Taylor Ranch area. Having raised a family here, Britt is very familiar with area schools, parks, recreation and the many opportunities available to Taylor Ranch residents.

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Britt has sold over 300 homes in the Taylor Ranch area and enjoys promoting the "Best side of town." Call Britt when a change in your life involves Real Estate. His commitment to his neighbors means working side by side to sell your present home or buy a new one. Britt is always glad to answer any Real Estate questions you may have and can be reached at the following numbers: Home office 898-5173, METRO 100 REALTORS 857-2239, Portable phone 269-7827, FAX 899-1092.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 18 Up, Up and Away Kite Flying Contest at Mariposa Basin
- March 21 TRNA Board Meeting; 7:00 pm
- March 30 TR Community Center meeting; LBJ at 6:00 pm
- March 30 General Membership Meeting and Annual Elections; LBJ at 7:00 pm
- April 15 Easter Egg Hunt at Library Park (Santa Fe Village)
- April 29 City-wide graffiti paint-out and Bag-A-Thon
- May 12 Spring Fling Youth Committee Dance at LBJ
- July 23 Arts in the Park at Mariposa Basin - Oldies Concert 1:00 - 6:00

First Saturday of every month: Recycling collection at Walgreen's parking Lot

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