

# MESA MESSENGER



Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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## President's Message

Dave Otto, President TRNA

Well, here I am again. When I last wrote in the space, I discussed the Montañño Bridge. Well, it's dejavu all over again. Hold it!!! Don't run for the garage to dig our those old "Montañño Now" signs. Hopefully that part of the battle is over. However, I'm not throwing my signs away until I use the bridge to go for dinner at Sadie's.

In this article, I would like to extend a word of thanks to Robert Aragon and his staff at the Aragon Law Firm. Some of you may remember that in the Spring of 1994 the Montañño Bridge was stuck in the Supreme Court of NM. This was the period when we had the now famous "Montañño Now" rally. After the rally, the various neighborhood associations who participated decided that the next step would be to file a "friend of the court" brief on behalf of the people of the west side. We contacted Mr. Aragon and he offered to write the brief. We submitted the brief in April and oral arguments were heard in late June. Ron Sanchez presented the arguments. He did a great job of discussing the health, safety and quality of life aspects of the bridge. Even I, a mere accountant, could understand his points. We then waited (and waited) for the count to rule. Finally, in December the court ruled 4-0 in our favor. In their opinion they did cite some of the points made in our brief. I don't need to rehash what happened after that.

At our annual meeting, Mr. Aragon did a short presentation in which he closed out the case. He also stated that his work on this case would be "pro bono." That means he absorbed ALL the costs. This is the second time (at least) Mr. Aragon has done pro bono work for the association. He also did the legal work during the infamous "traveling apartment" saga from several years ago. Robert has been an active member of this association and the community for many years, and we are grateful for his commitment.

The association will, of course, have a busy year. The youth committee is busy planning several summer events as well as getting their fall activities lined up. We are of course continuing our work in many other areas. One of the biggest events of the summer will be Arts in the Park. Once again, Taylor Ranch will be hosting the "Oldies Show". We've been moved up this year. The show will be

Sunday, June 23. So stock up on the sun screen, shine up the saddle shoes and get ready for a great show.

That's about it for this month. God bless your family and see you in next month's news letter. ®



## Kids don't need prisons; they need us

by Ron Chapman

as seen in Albuquerque Tribune, 29 January 1996

While great minds contemplate social problems in youths, such as violence, drugs and gangs, from many quarters comes a rising cry for ethics, morals and values. The problem is increasingly framed as a moral issue. But the offered solutions—police, curfews, prisons and harsh laws—reek of long-past, puritanical ages when the world was a dichotomy of good and evil. Morality and ethics were enforced vengefully and viciously by the righteous who had seized power. Those were the days of public humiliation and blind punishment.

Ours is not a moral problem. Our children are not becoming evil and godless. We have a structural problem. Children need the presence, interest and involvement of loving adults. Only then do they learn the compassion and civility that is modeled before them. Laws, preaching and punishment can never undo the effects of gross neglect a society bestows on its children. Ours is not a child-friendly culture.

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<b>Important Dates:</b>	
21 May 7 pm	TRNA Board Meeting
24 May 9 pm	Mesa Messenger June Deadline
23 Jun TBD	Arts in the Parks @ Mariposa Basin
29 Jun TBD	Swim party @ Sierra Vista, see p 5
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## Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,  
Director TRNA,

Editor Mesa Messenger



As the TRNA board of directors shifts gears with new directors and officer duties, we have less than the usual complement of articles.

Our new newsletter production staff includes more work by Katie Tucker and Sheryl Kearby. I'll mention more about this next month. If you're interested in assisting with the production, copying, folding, mailing, etc. of the newsletter each month, please give me a call.

I did find our business advertising volunteer's name (that I lost) before she read my last month's plea to call back. Many thanks to Karen Saquilan for starting to bring information to local businesses which explain how to advertise in *Mesa Messenger*. We could still use some help in this area. Call me if you're interested.

Speaking of advertisements, welcome to advertisers **Great Harvest Bread Co.**, which is located at Montañó and Taylor Ranch Drive and **Dr. Ken**

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**Hurt**, Orthodontist, who is located in Homestead Hill Shopping Center.

Again, this month's issue is only six pages due to the new board and probably rampant spring fever for most of its members. ®

**Bobs Burgers** is applying for a site development plan for a restaurant on the east side of Coors by the Goodwill store. ®

## Government Affairs



Bob Woody, Director TRNA

Register to vote for the June 4th Primary.

## Eye on Education

Rexanna Jones, Secretary TRNA

[ed: No report this month.] ®

*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.

Non-business text-only classified ads such as for-sale, wanted, garage sale, etc. are offered to our paid members at \$5 for up to 50 words, \$0.10 per word extra, tax included. For timely insertion, call the editor. Please advertise early.

Business advertisement is accepted from any business members or resident members who own or operate a business within the borders of TRNA. Business ad rates, payable in advance, are \$10/mo. business card, \$25/mo. 1/4 page, \$50/mo. 1/2 page, \$33/mo. 1/3 page and \$100/mo. full page plus tax. There is a minimum run of three months and there is a 30 percent discount for runs of 6 months or more. *Mesa Messenger* editor and TRNA board reserve the right to refuse any ad or article.

Ad copy in the following sizes only: Full page at 7.5" wide x 9.5" long. Half page at 7.5"x4.75" (3 col.) or 5"x7" (2 col.). Third page at 7.5"x3.2" (3 col.) or 5"x4.75" (2 col.) or 2.5"x9.5" (1 col.). Quarter page at 7.5"x2.5" (3 col.) or 5"x3.5" (2 col.) or 2.5"x7.5" (1 col.). Business card at 3.5"x2".

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:*

Roger Suppona	Dorothy & Fred Manville
Sheryl Kearby	Katie Tucker
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Rick Ferris	Karen Saquilan

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Name	Chair/Activity		Phone
Ron Chapman.....	Youth Committee Chair.....		899-8904

**Business Members**

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Dr. Greg Jorgensen, Orthodontist  
Great Harvest Bread Co.  
Dr. David B. Grief, D.C.

**Kids...Continued from page 1**

This of that oft-quoted African proverb: "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Where is our village? Where have our grandparents, our elders gone? Where are the uncles,

aunts, neighbors and village members who formerly served as role models, teachers and care-givers? What has become of the extensive presence and involvement of our parents? Extended family structures are long gone. Neighborhood and community relationships have been undermined. Parents are no longer in the home.

The only people of significance in the lives our children are paid professionals. We have delegated and "outsourced" the responsibility of raising our children.

We can imprison and punish millions of 14-year-old youths. We can moralize all we wish about divorce and family values. But these can never correct the shortcomings of a deficient social structure. If we desire love, compassion and consideration in our youth, those traits must be invested in them by a myriad of role models. What matters is that a host of adults take the responsibility for being present in the lives of children. No child should be alone in the care of strangers. Every child should see respect and compassion demonstrated by an array of adults who love and care for that child.

This is no moral issue it is a dilemma caused by inaction. Will you create new social structures that value the presence of adults in children's lives?

Will you sacrifice from your pocketbook? Your busy schedule? your important social life? Will you tend to our children? We do not need prisons. We do not need more police. We do not need harsh legislation. We need you. Come. Our neighbors await us.

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## West Side Family YMCA Activities



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

**Tee-Ball & Coaches Pitch:** For boys and girls in kindergarten through 3rd grade. Registration Apr 22 to May 24 at the Y. Practice begins week of May 20. Games Saturday mornings Jun 8 to Aug 3.

**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:** for ages 6-12 beginners & intermediates who want to learn tennis skills. At Sierra Vista West Courts (behind Walgreens), M-F sessionis: (I) Jun 3-14, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; (II) Jun 17-21, 5:30-7 p.m.; (III) Jul 8-19, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; (VI) Jul 29-Aug 2, 5:30-7:00 p.m.; \$18.75 (I & II), \$25 (III & VI).

**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:** learn or perfect your skills, ages 7-9, Jul 1-12, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at YMCA, \$25.

**Tumbling & Gymnastics:** Two age groups. Ages 3-5, 6-6:45 .m. Wed or 9:30-10:15 a.m. Thur\*; Ages 6-8, 6:50-7:35 p.m. Wed or 10:20-11:05 a.m. Thur\*; Session Dates: Jul 10-Aug 14 (6 classes) \$22.50; Aug 21-Oct 9 (8 classes) \$30; Oct 23-Dec 11 (8 classes) \$30. (\* note Thur times only Jul 10-Aug 15).

**Volunteer at the YMCA:** Kids need attention. Parents need support. Teens need something to do. And we want our community to be a healthy place to live and work. If you want to solve these problems close to home or better yet, prevent them - then do something good. 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. ®

## Youth Committee News

by Ron Chapman, Youth Director

The Youth Committee created the plan for summer events at their organizing meeting in April: fund raising at the Arts in the Park event on June 23, a swim party at Sierra Vista on June 29, a moonlight dance in early August, and a car wash fund raiser in early September. Details will be ironed out further at the planning meeting for May.

In the mean time, work continues on the mural project at LBJ Middle School. And by the time you read this article, the committee will have assisted in the community wide cleaning effort on April 27.

A special note of congratulations are due Monica Cordova, committee president, on her unprecedented election to the TRNA Board of Directors. While my research may be inadequate, she would appear to be the first youth to serve on any neighborhood association board in the city. Her's is no small accomplishment, and well deserved.

The committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Tatum for her efforts. She is in the final stages of wrapping up the LBJ mural, the last remaining project from her board position representing youth. ®

## Environmental Committee

Terri Clarke, Director TRNA

[ed: No report this month.]

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County Information .....	768-4000
Garbage Collection Problems .....	761-8100
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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
Weed & Litter Complaints .....	764-1661

## Police & Emergency Phone Numbers



Crime Prevention Unit .....	764-1090
DWI Report Line .....	1-800-232-8394
DWI Safe Ride Home (year round) .....	242-RIDE
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Urgent Care, Lovelace @ Coors .....	839-2300

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