## MESA MESSENGER (B)

Newsletter of the Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association, Inc.

July 1999

#### PASSPORT TO A TEENAGERS MIND

by Amanda Tatum Vice-President TRNA Youth Committee

As adults should know, you're always trying to get inside your child's mind. Mo matter the age, parents are always eager to step inside their shoes and see what kind of person they created. It's exciting to observe any creation a person has produced, to see if it's healthy, moral, and smart enough to understand the difference between right and wrong.

This would be my perspective on parents, of course, I'm only 15. Going into my sophomore year in high school, it's easy to tell the difference between age groups. At my age, my mind has matured enough to realize more than those younger than me, and to see different angles t' adults. That's what's so great about teenagers; they have their own point of view, and stand by it. It's only when they're in deep trouble they'll ask the help of adults. It's always been that way, and always will be (I think).

Adults, on the other hand, can't turn back the clock enough to remember how they were when they were the new and upcoming generation. Well, to refresh your mind, it's a big giant jumble of emotions, hormones, influences, and the unreal.

Teen Pool Party
Friday, August 13, 1999
5:30pm to 8:30pm
Sierra Vista Pool
\$1.75

Bring extra \$\$ for
Pizza and Sodas!

DJ Express

SWIMMING, DANCING,
VOLLEYBALL
Er FUN
FUN!

Sponsored by the City of Albuquerque
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Of course, we all grow up and change. At our age it's easy to tell the difference between grade levels, as they usually represent the maturity levels. All people are different, some a little smarter than others, and some just aren't the brightest crayon in the box. IQ has very little to do with maturity I feel. It's always outside influences that factor in what a real teen thinks. We have the obvious ones: TV, video games, movies, violence, violence, violence, (a great example: Columbine) and sometimes the un-obvious -- parents.

My advice, coming from a very well put together family, treat your kids like the adults you want them to be. Trust me, they look up to you. Even though they might show the slightest bit of respect to you, they love you no matter what. Anything you do, they will eventually do. It's very fun to see when you have a small child that mimics your every move, but they grow up. Eventually they will start noticing bad habits, like smoking, the next thing you know, they're doing it too. Care for your children. They will eventually become you. Think real hard and try to remember when you have said "Oh my gosh, I'm turning into my mother!" Of course it's become pre-teens (mid-schoolers), realize there is a slight lack of a total grip of reality. This will last until their freshman year in high school. I know, I always heard the upper classmen complain about how obnoxious my friends and I were last year. Hopefully, they'll grow out of it, and after that it's a constant struggle to retain in atturity. High schoolers are good at it, but it's only necessary to do this and try not to grow up too fast. I all become adults, have kids, and probably try to understand them too, not remembering what we were hen we were young.



Buy a new or used car or truck and get a 7.6%\* Fixed Annual Percentage Rate loan from U.S. New Mexico. Loan terms are available up to 72 months on '98 & '99 vehicles, and up to 60 months on '92-'97 models.

The fixed rate on vehicles 1991 or older has been lowered to 8.6%\*.

Call 342-8888 ext. 14 \* Rate may vary based on qualification

342-8888 http://www.usnm.org



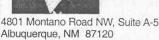
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Did you know on July 1 a new tax rate postpone watering until the winds calm. went into effect in Albuquerque? The new! tax rate is 5.5625. Get your free tax tables at AlphaGraphics while they last!



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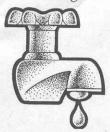


STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES

"Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there" (B)

# Reduce Your

Info from the City of Albuquerque Xeriscape Incentive Program



Look and listen for landscape watering recommendations on your favorite television or radio weather casts. The City's new Weather/Water Watch program offers you daily guidelines about how to water your yard according to the weather.

**Red Drop**: A red drop day means that the city has received a significal enough amount of rainfall to tuyour sprinkler system off for a day or two. Check the moisture in the soil (where the plants need it) before you re-activate watering.

Yellow Drop: A yellow drop day indicates that upcoming weather conditions, like light rain or wind, will affect how much water your landscape needs, and how efficiently your sprinklers will apply water. Consider cutting your watering back if it rains or

Green Drop: A green drop day signifies dry weather conditions. Conduct normal yet restrained watering in the early mornings or late evenings. to minimize evapora-

#### NA FLEA MARKET

Saturday, August 28 8am - 1pm @ Cross of Hope Members \$5/Spot Non-Members \$10/Spot Call 898-5447 or 839-4805 to reserve your spot!

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August 1 - Meet Franklin Day!

1 - 5 pm. Give america's favorite cartoon turtle a hug, take a picture, and regster in a drawing for Franklin books and plush giveaways. 25% discount on one Franklin item purchased on August 1st.

## CARRABBA'S

10022 Coors Boulevard, N.W. 897-4800

Hours:

Mon - Thurs4 - 10pmFriday4 - 11pmSaturday3 - 11pmSunday12 - 9pm

Please Call for Private Luncheon Information. Also Available for Private Functions.

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#### Calendar of Events



West Side Family YMCA • 4701 Montano N.W. (at Taylor Ranch Road) • Phone: 899-8417

#### Summer Day Camp at Marie Hughes & Chamiza

Who: All kids looking for something great to do with their summer vacation!
Children going into K-5th grades will spend their summer going on field trips, swimming, exploring, playing indoor and outdoor games making crafts, and more!

When: Mon - Fri from 7am - 6pm.
June 1 to July 30 at Marie Hughes
June 1 to August 6 at Chamiza.
Cost: \$80/week. All field trip, swimming
and craft costs are included.
Registration opened April 1st and will
continue until camp is full.

on't forget to bring a copy of his/her
shot records to attend!

### Shorin-Ryu Karate for Teens & Adults

Karate teaches skills and discipline, increases self-esteem and overall fit-

ness.

Mondays 8 - 9pm
Fridays 6 - 7pm
Session: July 2 - July 30, 1999
\$54.00 for eight classes.
Register Monday thru Friday
7am to 6pm.

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Mondays & Thursdays from 6 - 7pm
7 - 8pm for advanced students.

Session: July 5 - July 29, 1999

\$36 for eight classes.

#### Shorin-Ryu Karate

Who: All 4 - 6 Year Olds. Mondays & Thursdays from 5 - 6pm Session: July 5 - July 29, 1999 \$36 for eight classes. Art Exploration with Jan Mikkelsen. No art talent or previous training needed—just an open heart and mind. Friday, July 9 - 9am to 7pm \$30 for members, \$35 non-members.

#### Fabulous Flippers

Beginning level gymnastics
Who: Children ages 6 and older.
When: Wednesdays 6 - 7pm
July 7 - July 28 OR
Saturdays 10 - 11am
July 10 - July 31
\$24 for 4 week session.
Pre-register anytime Mon-Fri 7am to 6pm

THE YMCA MISSION: To put
Christian principles into practice
through programs that build healthy
body, mind, and spirit for all.
Memberships are \$30 year/person.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: The YMCA
excludes no one from membership or
programs because of an inability to pay.
Financial aid is available to those who
qualify.

#### Twisting Tumblers Advanced level tumbling

Who: Children ages 6 and older. When: Wednesdays 7:15 - 8:15pm July 7 - July 28 OR

Saturdays 11:15am - 12:15 pm July 10 - July 31 \$24 for 4 week session. Pre-register anytime Monday - Friday 7am to 6pm.

Creative Critters
Fundamental Tumbling Skills

Who: Children ages 3 - 5.
When: Wednesdays 5 - 5:45pm
July 7 - July 28
OR
Saturdays 9 - 9:45am

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Who: For people of all ages and abilities, who want to enjoy the outdoors, make new friends, and help with trail maintenance.

July 15, 1999 - Jemez Falls to Camp Shaver, Moderate 4 mile hike. Show up at West Side Family YMCA at 8:00am on the day of the hike. There is a one and one half-hour drive each way. Those meeting at YMCA will carpool to the destination. Bring water and a trail lunch or high energy snack. Due to weather changes, come dressed in layers, with sunscreen and a hat. Hiking boots are desirable if you have them. 1st hike is free for everyone.

YMCA Hiking Club's Saturday Hike

Who: Everyone who wants to enjoy the outdoors and make new friends. All ages and abilities are welcome. Children are welcome with a parent or adult. Youth 15+ are welcome without parents. When: July 10, 1999 - Los Alamos Pajarito Canyon Trail, A moderate 5-6 mile hike. Show up at West side YMCA day of hike at 8am. Bring your own water (a minimum of 1/2 gallon), lunch, sunscreen, hat & dress in layers. 1st hike is free for everyone.

**Creative Writing** 

Come learn the essential elements of great fiction. This program will teach participants about characterization, point of view, as well as plot and many other aspects of writing. Novice and experienced writers are encouraged to attend! For people

Ages 9 - 13, Tues and Thurs from 9am -10am, July 6 thru July 29.

Ages 14 - 20, Tues and Thurs from 10am - 11am, July 6 - July 29.

Ages 21 and older. Tues and Thurs from 11am-12pm, July 6 thru July 29

For more info call 899-8417.

#### USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS



## POLICE & EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS



Animal Control (West side)	Crime Prevention Unit
Burn/No-Burn Advisory	DWI Report Line
City/County Information	DWI Safe Ride Home (year round)242-RIDE
Community Planning924-3860	Emergency
Garbage Collection Problems	Fire (non-emergency)
Gas Leaks (days)	Fire Marshal's Office
Gas Leaks (nights & weekends)	National Fraud Info. Center800-876-7060
Graffiti Removal Services	Phone-in reports, copy of traffic report768-2030
Los Volcanes Senior Center836-8745	Poison & Drug Information272-2222
Office of Senior Affairs	Police (non-emergency)242-COPS
Pothole Hotline	Police Substation (West side)
Ridepool	Police Substation (Valley)
Recycling Information	Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)768-4160
State Information	State Police
Wasted Water Hotline	Urgent Care, Presbyterian @ Atrisco 224-7575
Water & Sewer Emergencies857-8250	Urgent Care, St. Joseph West Side Hospital 893-2000
Weed & Litter Complaints924-3850	Urgent Care, Lovelace @ Coors839-2300

Please pass this on to your neighbor and suggest they join TRNA to receive their own copy of this newsletter. TRNA needs all our neighbor's support to keep improving our neighborhood, planning social events, watching zoning changes, assisting with community policing, and informing you of what's going on in and around your home in Taylor Ranch.



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