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UPCOMING TRNA EVENTS

- **May 10th - May 21**, Spring Green Waste Collection
- **May 14th**, 8:00 am—12:00 noon: TRNA flea market at Cross of Hope Church (see page 4)
- **Saturday June 4th**, TRNA Silver Anniversary Celebration: free concert and performances; kids games and amusements; food; displays; and more--10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Mariposa Basin Park. TR history exhibit at the Community Center.

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News Notes From TRNA Board Meeting

Carl Wenzinger, Editor, Mesa Messenger

The Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Board Meeting was conducted on Wednesday April 20th at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. Among the items discussed were changes to the design of the Riverside Plaza McDonald's site to a more territorial look, including an outdoor patio and street wall: improved landscaping, paving and shading: and reorientation of the building, to meet the Riverside Plaza design intended to create a pedestrian presence on the interior streets of Riverside Plaza.

A redesign of a portion of the Hoffmantown Baptist Church was presented to the Board. It incorporated a number of changes requested by the Board and the EPC including: improved landscaping, TRNA approval of a courtyard shade structure, and that the wall to the gym building facing Coors Blvd be rounded with windows included. All conditions were addressed by the new plan except the windows in the gym wall. Additional landscaping, to include 3 groupings of 3-4 cottonwoods along the wall to soften the structure in lieu of the windows was proposed and agreed upon.

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Coors/I-40 Project Update

Ceil van Berkel, Treasurer, TRNA

The I-40/Coors Advisory Committee, partially composed of West Side neighborhood association representatives has worked with the local artist selected by the Project Taskforce, Karen Yank, to refine proposed artwork for the pedestrian bridges over I-40. One pedestrian bridge is called the Atrisco overpass and is located just east of the interchange. The other is west of the interchange and will be built primarily for West Mesa High School students.

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President's Message

Don MacCornack, President, TRNA

Volunteer opportunities abound. Opportunities range from a few hours to one year.

On May 14 the place to be will be the Cross of Hope Church parking lot for the TRNA flea market. Proceeds from space fees and food sales benefit the TRNA scholarship fund. Please contact Donna at 899-0910 if you are willing to help. Any and all help will be appreciated.

June Newman is asking for volunteers to help out at the Community Center. Volunteers would help out at the front desk checking out equipment and occasionally answering the phone. Volunteers need on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 or 7 pm to 9 pm. If you can help please stop by the Community Center.

The 25th Anniversary is June 4th. The 25th Anniversary Committee needs two volunteer coordinators, parking lot control and games. The parking lot coordinator would be responsible for recruiting and organizing volunteers to staff barricades in Mariposa Basin Park from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. The game coordinator would be responsible for organizing the children's games. We have pieces in place, but need someone to bring them together. Contact Ken at 898-5447 or Fred at 899-2738 if you can help. This is going to be a celebration to remember.

Finally we need someone to complete a one year term on the Board. If you are willing to serve your community in this capacity, please contact me at president@trna.org.

Please continue to tell your neighbors how important you think TRNA is to you and our neighborhood. Please send your comments and concerns to me at president@trna.org. ®



History Corner #7, Part IV

The Apartments—A Surprise Ending

By John Healer, Member, TRNA

RECAP OF PARTS I - III: On June 12, 1989, some dilapidated, unsightly apartments, circa 1940s-50s, were moved into Taylor Ranch onto a site at the northwest corner of Montano and San Ildefonso. TR residents strongly opposed this action, and responded with pickets, petitions, and proposed law suits to halt construction and to condemn these apartments as private or public nuisances. During the next 15 months a number of public and private negotiations and legal actions took place. In a nutshell, TRNA filed papers in District Court to obtain a stop work order and to condemn the apartments. Support from the Mayor's office and the City Council waxed and waned before and after the November city elections. In the early months of 1990, City officials maintained that the owners had a legally sited project, had a legal renovation permit and that "the City's role will only be to ensure the complex is brought up to codes;" and in May, 1990, the City extended the renovation permit until November. In late August, the owners' lawyer filed a motion in District Court to have the TRNA condemnation lawsuit dismissed, basically on the grounds that TRNA was "Not a proper party to bring this lawsuit" On September 5, 1990, District Judge Rosier Sanchez stated that TRNA's charges had sufficient grounds to "merit adjudication by the courts", and also directed that a letter be prepared, for his signature, directing that the City become an "involuntary plaintiff", or show cause why they should not," but on September 16th, in an unexpected action, Judge Sanchez dismissed the TRNA lawsuit on "technical grounds". OUR LAST OPTION SEEMED TO BE GONE!

The following events in 1990-91 brought this saga of "The Apartments" to a surprise ending:

September 26, 1990: Earl Waid, Assistant to the Mayor, responded to TRNA's August 21 letter requesting that the renovation permit not be extended beyond November. He stated: "We share your frustration with the lack of action taken by the owners to complete the apartments moved to your neighborhood. However, the owners have met all City requirements and have a valid building permit. The current permit was extended for 6 months in May, 1990, and will expire this coming November. If there is not substantial progress made at that time, it is the intent of Code Administration to void the permit and the City will then take action against the owners to remedy the situation." This gave us some hope.

October, 1990: Two events occurred: a) A "For Sale" sign was placed at the apartment site; b) A large graffiti message appeared on the west (back) side of the apartments. It read "SADDAM - AIM SCUD MISSILES HERE". (Desert Storm was underway in Iraq.) Because the complex was surrounded by a 6 foot chain link fence, our TRNA anti-graffiti team was unable to remove the message!!

November 9, 1990: A Journal article reported that the apartments were for sale and that State Senator Marty Chavez (west side) was drafting a bill appropriating State funds to buy the structure. He said "The idea is to get rid of them. They just don't belong here."

December, 1990: Just before Christmas, TRNA received a telephone call from Waterman, Inc., the company that had moved the apartments to TR.. We were informed that Waterman, Inc., through litigation to recover their moving costs, had obtained clear title to the apartments and land. They requested a meeting in early January to discuss options with some members of the TRNA board.

January 5, 1991: Three board members met with the President and Albuquerque General Manager of Waterman Inc. Mr. Waterman informed us that he was considering two options: a) recycling (renovating) the apartments using the current design and permit and then selling the property; b) selling the apartments and land "as is" to a new buyer to recoup his investment. We asked him to consider a third option - selling the property to the City and moving them to another location (This option had been pursued the past year, with negative results, but we wanted to try one more time !!)

January, 1991: During the second week of January, the Waterman General Manager and I traveled to a number of locations in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Albuquerque, where Waterman had moved in structures and renovated them. I became convinced that Waterman Inc. had the capabilities and resources to make such recycled efforts fit very well into their surroundings and decided to recommend Waterman's first option (recycling) to the entire TRNA Board. Also during this time, board members met again with City officials on the third option (selling to the City) and received the same negative responses: no money and little interest.

January 15, 1991: The TRNA Board met to consider the options and to prepare recommendations for the general membership to be presented at a special membership meeting in early February. The board agreed with the recommendation to pursue Waterman's recycling option.

January 17, 1991: When Waterman was informed of our proposed recommendation to the general membership, they informed us that they wanted to do a cost benefit analysis to determine if it was reasonable to execute this option. In late January, Waterman informed us that they had completed the cost benefit analysis and had determined that it was not a reasonable business option for them. Therefore, they had decided to raze the apartments, remove the debris, and consider other options for the property!!

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February, 1991: Razing began in early February. On February 18th my wife and I sat on our balcony located across the street from the razing and toasted with champagne as the last (Saddam.....) wall came tumbling down. On February 22, the last debris was removed. The ordeal was finally over for TR!!

OSTSCRIPT 1: As you can see when you drive up Montañito past the "apartments" location at San Ildefonso, a series of well-planned townhouses/condos now occupy the area.

POSTSCRIPT 2: In the mid-90s, the City Council passed an ordinance designed to prevent such an occurrence from ever happening again!! ®



...TRNA Board Meeting continued

The last item discussed was Tesuque Bridge. The colors and textures recommended by TRNA were adopted by the city, but a highly reflective cyclone fence was added to the bridge railings. A change was proposed, and the Board authorized that an improvement to the fence be pursued.

Finally, in other business, the Board presented reports on the 25th Silver Anniversary Celebration, a report on the upcoming Flea Market, a proposal for a new printing rate for the TRNA newsletter that will save over \$800 per year, and an introduction of Carl Wenzinger as the new editor of the Mesa Messenger.

The next TRNA Board Meeting is currently scheduled for May 18th, 2005, at 6:30pm at the Taylor Ranch Community Center. ®

... Coors/ I-40 continued

The final design for the Atrisco bridge has been approved, and the artwork on the west bridge will be similar to that of the Atrisco bridge but more dense. A new version of the design will be reviewed at the next Advisory Committee meeting on May 12th.



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The landscaping of the interchange will include earth tone rock and findings in the lower elevation areas, large pieces of basalt on the higher elevation areas, clumps of trees and shrubs near the roadways and low shrubs and grasses further from the roadway. Irrigation will be provided.

The proposed list of landscaping plants for the interchange will also be discussed at that meeting. Your feedback on the proposed selection of plants, with recommendations for additional low water use vegetation, should be given to Ceil van Berkel (treasurer@trna.org, 899-2738) before May 12th. ®

Taylor Ranch 25th Anniversary T-Shirts

Off-white T-shirts with the TR logo are available for only \$10 in adult sizes. Proceeds will be used to fund the 25th anniversary celebration June 4th. For more information or to place an order, call 898-5447 or 899-2738.

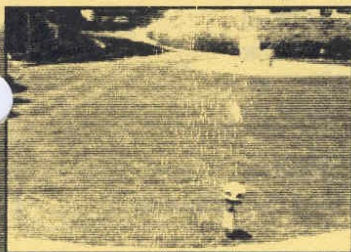
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TRNA FLEA MARKET

Donna Rigano, Director, TRNA

Clean out your attics and garages or bring your arts and crafts. Reserve your space today. Food and refreshments will be available at the event. Proceeds from space fees and food sales will benefit the TRNA high school scholarship fund. Items may be donated to the TRNA table. The proceeds from this table will also benefit the scholarship fund.

Date: Saturday, May 14th

Location: Cross-of-Hope Church parking lot

Time: 8:00 - 12:00, set-up beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Cost for TRNA Members:

Prepaid advance reservations fee = \$5.00

Day of market = \$10.00

Cost for those not TRNA Members:

Prepaid advance reservations fee = \$10.00

Day of market = \$15.00

To reserve: call 899-0910 or 897-4684. ®



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Spring Green Waste Collection

On your recycling collection day during the weeks of

May 10 - May 21

The City Solid Waste Department
will offer

FREE GREEN WASTE PICKUP



Residents must place their green waste (leaves, grass and brush) in trash bags not weighing more than 40 lbs, each on the curb by 7am on their recycling pick-up day. Recycle week "A" is May 10- 14, and recycle week "B" is May 17-21. Items must be placed 5 ft. away from the automated trash container.

Branches should be cut to 4 foot lengths and bundled securely. The city will not pick up dirt, construction debris, gravel, or any other landscape material.

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Thursday	Pilates n' Props	9:15-10:15 am
	Mixed Yoga	10:30-12 am
Friday	Equipment Circuit	8:15-9:30 am
Saturday	(Begins April 22 for 6 weeks)	
	Pilates/Yoga Fusion	7:45-9:00 am
	Pilates Matwork	9:15-10:15am (Begins May 7)

From the desk of Lieutenant Ed Perea, Dayshift Watch Commander, APD Westside Area Command

Friends and Neighbors,

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long that I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can" – George Bernard Shaw

I was recently in contact with a friend of mine, Doug Dodd, from the Citrus County Sheriff's Department in Florida. If Citrus County sounds familiar, that is the location where 9 year old Jessica Lunsford was found missing from her home. Doug mentioned to me that their department was currently working closely with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department where an intense investigation was in progress over a missing 13 year old, Sarah Michelle Lunde who disappeared when her mother learned she was not at a friends house which is where she was supposed to be

These communities have been greatly affected, and in many ways traumatized by the disappearance of young girls at the hands of local predators. Unfortunately, abductions are not limited to any one community. Albuquerque has had several abductions reported over the years. I felt it important to remind us all, parents, grandparents, and caretakers of safety tips in order to help keep our children safe.

We are approaching the warmer months when our children are spending more and more time outside in parks, swimming pools, and other public places.

Just as we've talked about with burglaries, larcenies, and other crimes; abductions and child exploitation can be crimes of opportunity too. We must teach our children ways to take away any possible opportunity of becoming a victim.

WHAT CAN A PARENT DO TO PREVENT CHILD ABDUCTION AND EXPLOITATION:

Know where your children are at all times. Be familiar with their friends and daily activities.

Be sensitive to changes in your children's behavior; they are a signal that you should sit down and talk to your children about what caused the changes.

Be alert to a teenager of adult who is paying an unusual amount of attention to your child, or is giving them inappropriate or expensive gifts.

Teach your children to trust their own feeling and assure them that they have the right to say NO to what they sense is wrong.

Be careful about babysitters and any other individuals who have custody of your children. Obtain references from people you trust, and see if you can have access to background and screening information about these individuals.

BASIC RULES OF SAFETY FOR CHILDREN: As soon as your children can articulate a sentence, they begin the process of learning how to protect themselves against abduction and exploitation. Children should be taught:

If you are in a public place and you get separated from your parents, don't wander around looking for them. Go to a checkout counter, the security office, or lost and found, and quickly tell the person in charge that you have lost your mom and dad and need help finding them. I've heard it suggested to speak to a woman in charge if possible. I don't want to open up a debate here, but some profiles indicate it is safer.

Let your child know NEVER-NEVER leave a location with an adult who is forcing or encouraging him or her to go with him. Teach your child it is OK to kick, scream, or bite in order to avoid being taken away by a person he/she feels unsafe with.

You should try to take a friend with you, and never go places alone.

You can be assertive, and you have the right to say no to someone who tries to take you somewhere, touches you or makes you feel uncomfortable, scared or confused in any way.

DETECTING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: Parents should be alert to indicators of sexual abuse.

Changes in behavior, extreme mood swings, withdrawal, fearfulness, and excessive crying.

Regression to infantile behavior.

Fear of certain places, people or activities, especially being along with certain people. Children should not be forced to give affection to an adult or teenager if they do not want to.

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TAYLOR RANCH 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday June 4th (NOT July 4th!)

First, let me thank the committee which worked tirelessly for the last 12 months to get this event going. But we still need many more volunteers to work that day, in shifts of 3 to 4 hours. We need people for:

1. Set-up (7:00 am - 10:00 am)
2. Traffic Control (7:00 am - 10:00 am)
3. Manage the Lost and Found (noon - 3:00 pm; 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm)
4. Circuit Riders to make the rounds of the exhibitors
5. Clean-up (all day)
6. Commemorative T-shirt sales
7. Selling soft drinks

Please give me a call and tell me that you'll help! (While you're reading this, pick up the phone and call 899-2738 or 440-6135). You can also e-mail to historian@trna.org. What do we have for you to enjoy so far? Look below! — Fred van Berkel, Chair, 25th Anniversary

Schedule of Events

9:00-6:00 **Historical Exhibit** at Taylor Ranch Community Center.

Free Concerts **Mariposa Basin Park** (Kachina and Taylor Ranch Rd)

10:00 am **Opening ceremony:** Mayor Chavez, Chief Administrative Officer James Lewis, Councilor Michael Cadigan, County Commissioner Alan Armijo proclaiming June 4th TRNA day.

Immediately thereafter, the sensational **Sandia Brass Quintet** will play two sets of lively pop and classical numbers

Noon – 6:00 pm Noon: **Albuquerque Stars** Dance Team;; 1:00 pm: **David Erler's West Side Shorin-Ryu Karate Dojo**;
2:00 pm: **The Freed** (Contemporary Rock); 3:00 pm: **Monteil** (R&B acoustic);
3:30 pm: **Mesa View Youth Praise Band**; and, as our finale, 4:30 pm: the **New Mexico Stars** Dance Team.

Wonderful sights:

9:30 am Inflation and flight of the City of Albuquerque's new **Tricentennial Hot Air Balloon**
Inflation for your viewing pleasure of our own local **Desert Angel and Big Byrd** hot air balloons

All day Six **Hot Rods** from the West Side Cruisers
Cold inflated scale replica of the **Smokey Bear** hot air balloon
Displays by the **Police and Fire Departments** and the Bio Park

Fun Activities:

All day City rock climbing wall;
Sketch artist, face painting, games for young children;
Casaus A Ton of Fun: inflated novelties and fire engine ride
Food, drink, and commemorative T-shirts

Additional Parking available at the Taylor Ranch Community Center, LBJ Middle School on Taylor Ranch Rd, Mesa View Methodist Church on Montañó Rd, Cross of Hope Lutheran Church on Taylor Ranch Rd, and Taylor Ranch Baptist Church on Golf Course Rd.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association Membership Registration

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I'm a new member, enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

- Resident: \$18.00 (to Dec 2005) \$34.00 (to Dec 2006)
 Business: \$50.00 (to Dec 2005) \$90.00 (to Dec 2006)

I'm an existing member, enclosing my check made out to TRNA in the amount of:

- Resident: \$18.00 (1 year extension, Dec 2005) \$34.00 (2 year extension, Dec 2006)
 Business: \$50.00 (1 year extension, Dec 2005) \$90.00 (2 year extension, Dec 2006)

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 Susan at 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**

May 2005

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TRCC Needs Volunteers

The Taylor Ranch Community Center is currently seeking volunteers to help at the front desk from 7:00 - 9:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. If you can fill one, or both of these slots, please contact the TRCC Director at 768-6006, or simply drop on by the center to offer your assistance. ®



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OFFENDER PROFILE:

Child abductors and sex offenders come in all different shapes, sizes, and looks. We all too often tell our children to stay away from strangers. Unfortunately however, children are abducted or exploited by people who have the same type of familiarity with them, but who may or may not be known to the parents.

The term *stranger* suggests a concept children do not understand, and is one that ignores what we do know about the people who commit crimes against children. It may be more appropriate to teach children to be on the lookout for certain kinds of situations or actions rather than certain kinds of individuals.

MOST IMPORTANTLY:

Make your home a place of trust and support that fulfills your child's needs, so that he or she won't seek love and support from someone else. As you've come to the end of this article, don't just put it down and walk away, make it a point to talk to your child or grandchild and reinforce some of the safety ideas mentioned here and other you felt they should know. Because children cannot look out for themselves, it is our responsibility to look out for them. ~ Ed

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