



TAYLOR RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

Mesa Messenger

Feb '90

President's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Our long-awaited neighborhood shopping center, "Shops at Taylor Ranch," is now under construction. The \$2 million project will house 52,000 square feet of shopping at the northwest corner of Montano Road and Taylor Ranch Drive. *Completion is expected in July.* The center's anchor store will be a Walgreen's drug store. About 20 other businesses, including a grocery store, beauty salon, dry cleaners, and a family-style restaurant, will also be included. The center will create an estimated 100 new jobs. TRNA was involved in the planning of this center.

Construction is also underway on the new Assembly of God Church at the northeast corner of Montano and Vista Montano.

TRNA is now working to bring about two new community events for Taylor Ranch:

- **Arts in the Park.** We want to have a Park Fun Day this Summer. Picnic and games. Entertainment will be provided by the City's Parks and Recreation Department's "Arts in the Park" program. This event is in the planning stage, so if you have suggestions or want to help, call Phil Smith at 897-4495.
- **Taylor Ranch Craft Fair.** This event will be held in late Fall, most likely in November. It will give our Taylor Ranch and Westside artists and craftspersons an opportunity to show and sell their work. If you would like to help or have suggestions, call Debbie Niemeyer at 898-5744.

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Parks and Recreation



The third meeting of the Mariposa Basin Steering Committee met on January 25. The firm preparing the master plan presented a refined concept (similar to the "Concept E" advanced at last Fall's public meeting) to the committee, and secured the concurrence of the committee with regards to the general concept. We will try to publish a small-scale version of the concept sketch in the next newsletter. Decisions on phased development of the basin were deferred until results from the State legislative session are known. (\$700,000 is being sought by our State Representative and Senator.) The final recreational trail layout was also reviewed (bike and bridle trails from Marie Hughes and San Ildefonso Drive to the basin, around the basin, and connecting with existing trails at Mariposa Channel and Golf Course Road). Construction on the trails should start this Summer, and they should be completed by Fall. Construction on the interior of the basin itself should start about a year from now.

The proposal for the City to purchase the four and one-half acres of land north of the new library appears acceptable. The City is in the process of obtaining a right of entry onto the property so that detailed design work can begin.

The skateboard study has made its way to the Mayor's Office. The study generally



presents facts pertaining to the demand for skateboard facilities. Copies of the study will be available following committee review.

There is nothing new to report on the park near Marie Hughes Satellite on Homestead Circle. We hope to be able to report a signed contract with the artists collaborating on the design of the park in next month's newsletter.

--Phil Smith

TRNA Calendar

Feb 1 Crime Prevention Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., John Hemler's Home.

Feb 6 APS Mill Levy Election-
PLEASE VOTE!

Feb 8 Membership Committee, 7:00 p.m., Dan Curtiss' Home.

Feb 20 TRNA Board of Directors, 7:00 p.m., John Hemler's Home.

Apr 14 TRNA Easter Party, 11:00 a.m., Montano Park.

All TRNA meetings are open to TRNA members. If you would like to attend, please advise the Committee Chairman or meeting host, and confirm time and location.

Education

MARIE HUGHES SATELLITE TASK FORCE

Last Fall, it was the intent of the Albuquerque Public Schools Board of Education to implement a program which would "harden" the Marie Hughes Satellite facility. The Board thought that this action would solve several problems with the modular buildings, and increase their useful lifetime. Because we felt there were some problems with this, TRNA presented a statement to the Board, and as a result they held a special meeting at the Satellite to hear public comments.

Because of the large number of objections to the hardening expressed at the special meeting, the Board agreed to do three things: 1. Put plans for the hardening on hold; 2. Hire an architect/engineer to determine the condition of the buildings, and whether the proposed hardening could be done with the budgeted funds; and 3. Set up a task force to study the Marie Hughes situation and make recommendations to the Board.

The Marie Hughes Satellite Facility and School Site Task Force has begun considering the problems with the school. Since many Taylor Ranch residents felt that they had been promised a middle school on the current satellite site, it was agreed that the task force should first decide whether APS should build a mid-school at Chaparral, rather than at

Marie Hughes or another location. APS has already started planning and design for this school, and expects to have it ready to open in August of 1992. APS has been coordinating planning with City traffic engineering with the hope that the southern part of Unser Boulevard, and the Western Trail extension, will be completed in time to give full access to the new school.

Once a decision has been reached on the mid-school, the Task Force will begin discussing the problem of what to do with the Satellite facility, and the land it is located upon. The task force is made up of teachers, APS staff members, parents, and a token taxpayer. TRNA is represented by two of our Directors.

--Bill Ghormley



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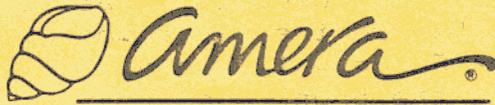
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Membership

**1990 MEMBERSHIP GOAL:
650 MEMBERS!**

The Membership Committee has established a goal of 650 members by the end of 1990--over 200 additional members! Spurred by our phenomenal growth in 1989, attaining this aggressive but realistic goal will keep TRNA as one of the LARGEST and most ACTIVE neighborhood associations in Albuquerque.

Put in perspective, 650 members represents a significant lobbying and voting influence in Albuquerque. Remember, one membership represents one household. On the other hand, 650 memberships is less than ten percent of Taylor Ranch homes, so our growth potential is enormous.



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The Membership Committee has established a diversified program that includes canvases, TRNA display boxes, and a specific schedule for membership tables--we receive the majority of our memberships at tables set up for elections, soccer registrations, TRNA events, etc. The Membership Committee always welcomes your ideas and involvement, so feel free to contact Dan Curtiss at 897-1700.

Key to our success in a high renewal rate. Despite sending two renewal notices,

over 130 of our present members have yet to renew. If you have not sent your renewal in, PLEASE RENEW NOW!!

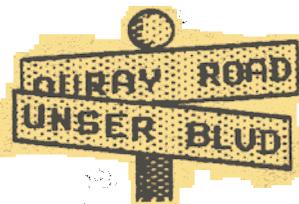
Promote the quality of life in your neighborhood--*BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF TRNA!*

--Chris Christensen

Unser Update

By the time you read this, Unser Parkway will be a "done deal." The State Highway Department has agreed that Albuquerque can build Unser as a four-lane parkway, and is no longer attempting to halt further progress. Council Resolution R-526, which will approve the Finding of No Significant Impact for the parkway standards, is set to be heard by the Council on January 29, and is expected to pass without change or opposition.

But this is not the last we will hear of Unser. Major projects



do not occur overnight, and the next stage of Unser's development is design (you thought that was already done, didn't you?). A provision of R-526 calls for a citizen's advisory committee to be formed, to consult with the City engineers on the details of the design. John Winton, Chief of the Traffic Division, will be looking for volunteers for this committee in the next few weeks. If you would like to participate, please call Don Newton, 898-2185, and let him know.

--Bill Ghormley

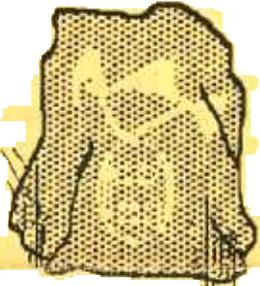
National Monument

The proposed Petroglyph National Monument took a step closer to being reality, with the passage of the authorizing bill by the U.S. Senate in January. The bill provides for \$2 million for the purchase of land for the Monument. It is encouraging to note that *President Bush has included this money in his budget for the Department of the Interior* (the National Park Service is a unit of that department).

There are only two steps left before the nation's newest park is a part of our neighborhood: Passage of the same bill by the House of Representatives, and the signature of the President. We can expect both of these in a few weeks.

While the \$2 million authorized, along with \$1 million authorized by the last Congress, falls far short of the \$53 million needed from the Federal Government, it still will permit the start of land purchase for the Monument. More importantly, authorization will mean protection of the petroglyphs by the Park Service, which will have rangers on-site the day after the bill is signed.

Once the Monument has been authorized, the Department of the Interior will request the remaining funds necessary to complete the park in its 1992 budget. It has been estimated



Census '90

National Census Day is only two months away, and it is vital for the Albuquerque area to have a complete count. Census information is used to determine state legislature district boundaries; to develop social services programs; to identify areas for low-cost housing; to establish occupational/vocational education programs; to plan school boundaries and school construction projects; to analyze social and economic trends and population growth; and many others.

CENSUS '90



For each person counted in the census, \$150 will come back to their city in Federal funds, to be spent in communities where the census shows a need. Does our community need more representation, programs for the elderly, better transportation? Then we should show that need by filling in and returning the Census Questionnaire on April 1, 1990.

All information collected is confidential. Title 13 of the United States Code does not permit welfare agencies, Internal Revenue, Immigration, courts, police--any organization or individual--to obtain data showing how any person answered the census questions. *The statistics published contain only a tabulation of the*

Monthly Crime Tip

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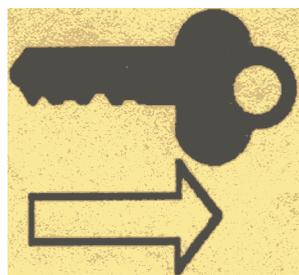
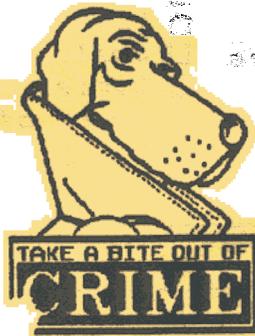
Last month, we gave you some tips on selecting and buying an anti-theft system for your car. While you may decide that some type of anti-device is best for you, there are relatively inexpensive ways to protect your car, and they vary in effectiveness.

Among the best is marking your vehicle identification number (VIN) on major parts. Marked parts discourage thieves because they can be traced.

On the other hand, steering locks (such as large metal clamps which can be locked on the steering wheel to keep it from turning) are as ineffective as they are inexpensive. So too are window stickers which proclaim, "this car protected by Brand X Anti-Theft System." Announcing the brand name can help a determined, experienced thief circumvent it faster.

The most effective do-it-yourself protection for your car: ALWAYS remove your keys.

Nationally, about 20 percent of stolen cars had the key left in the ignition



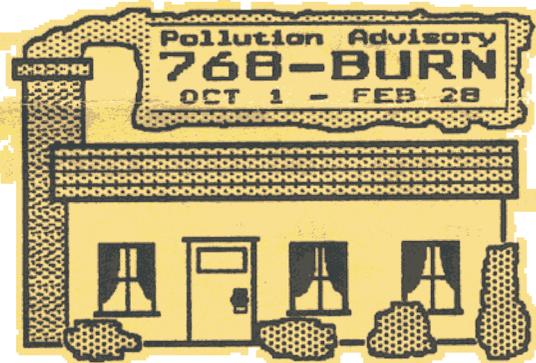
THE KEY TO
STOPPING THEFT-
FAKE IT WITH YOU

and lock the doors. Keep valuables out of sight and park in a well-lighted area. These steps cost you nothing!

Another money-saving tip: parking your car in your driveway rather than on the street may prevent vandals from breaking the windows. We still have a vandalism problem in Taylor Ranch, especially on Friday and Saturday nights.

--John Hemler

[Part 1 of this article appeared in the January Mesa Messenger. Much of the material in this article was adapted from "Buying the Right Anti-Theft Device," AAA World, Jan/Feb 1990.]



Environment

WAYS TO SAVE MONEY AND OUR AIR

- Replace filters in your furnace or heat pump regularly
- Keep the fireplace damper closed when not in use, and use glass fireplace doors
- Wear warm clothing indoors so you can use a lower thermostat setting
- Use a clock-drive thermostat to automatically adjust temperatures
- Call 768-BURN each day BE-

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