

# ELDORADO VISTAS

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## Care for Your Eldorado Garden

**G**REETINGS TO ALL OF YOU weather-challenged gardeners in Eldorado! It seems that each season brings its own nemesis: if it's not heat or cold, it's wind or lack of moisture. We won't even mention the rabbits now—more on that in the near future.

All of us constantly get gardening tips from nursery staff, neighbors, newspapers, etc. Many of these tips, I would imagine, are valid; however, I have two for you that if taken will definitely improve your gardening or landscaping. The first is **winter watering** and the second is **mulching**.

Whenever I mention winter watering, the first thing to come up is snow. An interesting fact is that 10 gallons of snow is equal to only one gallon of water. That's not a whole lot of moisture, considering that part of it evaporates. The next concern is that those of us lucky enough to have a drip system can't use it for at least four months, from November through February. What this means is that we must water by hand. It has been so dry of late that I've been watering my Eldorado garden about every 10 days. Remember that the ground doesn't freeze very deep and roots continue to grow most of the winter. A plant with well-developed roots has an easier time of it in March and April when the wind kicks in. So hang your hose in the garage so it won't be frozen when you need it. Slow, deep watering is the way to go, and believe me, you'll enjoy those 50 degree days we get blessed with even more.

The second great gardening tip has to do with mulching. So much of our moisture goes up into the air instead of into the plant. Our winter sun is so powerful that evaporation starts just minutes after watering. In addition to the sun, the wind also takes its toll, drying up any water. By mulching two to four inches around the root zone, we can save not only water, but also

"shrinkage" of established plants. The mulch holds in the moisture and protects the roots, topsoil, microorganisms and beneficial insects.

There are many types of mulch, ranging from those that disintegrate and turn into topsoil to those that are almost indestructible. Cotton burr compost—commercially called Back-to-Earth—is my favorite. It's inexpensive, readily available around town, comes in an easy-to-handle bag (or in bulk), turns into great soil, and is labeled organic. Other mulches include newspaper, grass clippings, compost, cardboard, gravel, plastic and other plants (live mulch). All of these have varying degrees of effectiveness. A good reference book on mulch is *Gardening the Southwest*, written by **Carole Tashel**, an Eldorado resident!

So you want a great landscape? Start watering and mulching NOW! I will be offering free gardening classes on Saturdays at 11:00 am at Tropic of Capricorn starting on March 6.

*Horticulturally yours—Michael Clark, 25-year Santa Fe gardener, Eldorado resident and owner of Tropic of Capricorn Home and Garden Elements.*

**ECIA Board  
Work Study  
Meeting,  
Community  
Center, Mon.,  
Mar. 15, 7 pm**



## Share your comments with us!

For policy and  
deadline, see  
below

### Editorial Policy

*Vistas* invites opinions, ideas, stories, photos, and art from the community at large. Please include contact numbers for fact checking purposes. The newsletter will not publish unsigned letters or material deemed inflammatory. Material will be printed at the discretion of the editors. Letters over 150 words will be edited for fit. Community announcements are welcome; accompanying photos are welcome, too. **Deadline:** Newsletter deadline is the 3rd day of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the ECIA office or emailed to [info@eldoradocommunity.org](mailto:info@eldoradocommunity.org). Please include "Attn: *Vistas*" in your message.

### Mission Statement

The mission of *Vistas*, the monthly newsletter of the ECIA, is to inform the Eldorado community about issues before the ECIA Board and the membership at large. By so doing, the publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision making process.

## Concerning RV Screening

**I JUST WANTED TO SEND A NOTE** to let you know how much my wife and I appreciate your work in this area. We really need to enforce this issue and we agree with your term "inconsistent with the design". We spend countless hours on our homes to create the unique and I might add "special" living environment in Eldorado and it only takes one person to spoil it for all the others who care. I am an Architectural Designer by profession and when I think about "all" the elements that must be taken into consideration when designing a home it appalls me to think that someone would just park a "Recreational Vehicle" on their property.

We would like to see a statement that indicates that no one could park a RV on their property without prior approval from the ECIA that all the guide-

lines have been met. Lets don't listen to the owners that indicate in 5 years the trees will be tall or dense enough to provide proper screening. We want to see the proper screening in place the same time the RV arrives on the property.

We are continuing to see the owners move the RV's around the property to different locations to indicate a "visitor" or simply to spread around the offensive element to all his/her neighbors. The other concern of ours is that during visitor season the occupied RV's disregard the privacy of the neighbors with loud music, bright lights, and late night loud conversation. It seems to be the same total disrespect for the area we live in and our responsible neighbors.

*Thanks again,*

—Ed and Barbara Seawalt

## Election Notice

**THE ANNUAL ECIA BOARD ELECTION** is just around the corner and there will be two vacancies to be filled. These positions provide an opportunity for interested persons to shape the community they live in. Please take the time to run for the board.

It is important for the community and all potential candidates to understand some of the very basic requirements as outlined in the Bylaws and Election Policies and Procedures:

- ▼ To run for the board, a candidate must file a petition that contains the candidate's name and the signatures of no less than 25 owners of property, each of whom must be a Member in Good Standing with the Association. These petitions will be available at the ECIA office on February 2, 2004, and must be filed by March 8, 2004.
- ▼ Each candidate must file a résumé and position statement with the ECIA office by March 8, 2004. This information is included in the ballot package sent to all Members in Good Standing.
- ▼ The Election Committee will validate each candidate's petition by March 12, 2004.
- ▼ Election packets and the notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members will be mailed to each Member in Good Standing by March 31, 2004.

- ▼ The ballots have to be received at the ECIA office no later than April 29, 2004 in order to be considered valid.
- ▼ The Election Committee will count ballots, and announce the results at the Annual Meeting of the Members on Monday, May 3, 2004, at 7:00 pm in the Community Center.

**IMPORTANT! If you have not paid your annual association fees by March 8, 2004, you will not be eligible to vote!**

—Robert Pritchard, General Manager

**Announcement:**  
*Your Association Fees for 2004 are due before March 1st. Remember, in order to use any of our amenities or vote in the upcoming election, you must have your association fees paid. Call Debby at 466-4248 with any questions.*

# From the ECIA Code Enforcement Officer

## ARCHITECTURAL ACTIVITY: 2003 STATUS

Here is the 2003 status for the ECIA Architectural Committee activities:

### Total number of projects submitted for 2003

- ▼ Projects submitted . . . . .344
- ▼ Projects approved . . . . .303
- ▼ Projects disapproved . . . . .41
- ▼ Variance requests . . . . .21

### Types of projects submitted for 2003

- ▼ Fences and walls . . . . .158
- ▼ New homes . . . . .54
- ▼ Accessory buildings . . . . .46

The most common reason for disapproval of a project is: 1) lack of dimension information and 2) insufficient or missing site survey drawings.

## COVENANT COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY: 2003 STATUS

Here is a summary of covenant compliance violations thru December 2003:

- ▼ New-Jan. thru Dec. 31, 2003 . . . . .139
- ▼ Corrected-Jan. thru Dec. 31, 2003 . . . .101
- ▼ Outstanding—as of Dec. 31, 2003 . . . . .52

Here are the most common covenant violations:

- ▼ Exterior lighting (not shielded) . . . . .45
- ▼ Structure built and not approved . . . . .32
- ▼ Nuisance (trash / mess / junk) . . . . .26
- ▼ Permit expired (6 months) . . . . .16
- ▼ RV screening . . . . .9

*I want to thank everyone for your support and efforts in making Eldorado a place to enjoy all of the great New Mexico "enchanted views."*

—Charles Smith, the ECIA CCR

## Calling for Help: *Eldorado's Emergency Communications*

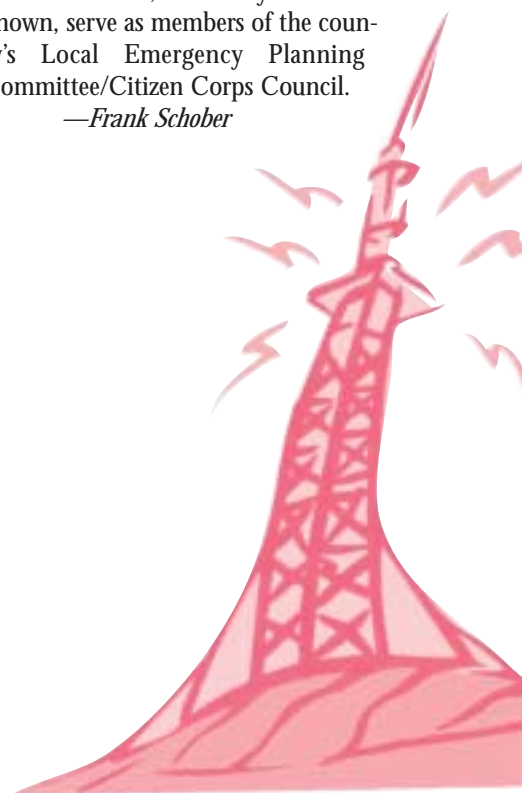
**T**HANKS TO A FEDERAL GRANT administered by the state of New Mexico, the Eldorado Community has received two "Dual Band" radios for use in emergencies. The amateur radio group of the larger Eldorado Community, headed by one of their local members and resident, **Nick Frost**, received the radios and their associated power supplies and antennas during the first week in February and the first one is up at the main fire station, thanks to Eldorado resident, **Olin van Dyck** who did a lot of work on this project.

One radio will be installed in the Eldorado Main Fire Station on Avenida Vista Grande and the other in the ECIA Community Center. "We have had several communications disruptions since I have lived here" stated Frost. "In one of them the 9-1-1 emergency communications system was disrupted for a 12-hour period. The radios should ensure that residents dealing with emergency situations can get their calls for help to the proper emergency responders if regular communications are not functioning."

Using Homeland Security grants, Santa Fe County officials hope to install Dual Band radios at every main fire station in the county. "We are a very large county—the size of the state of Delaware, over 2000 square miles," says **James Leach**, the county's Director of Emergency Management. "Having back-up communications is not a luxury."

Amateur radio operators have a licensing requirement that they come to the aid of the community in which they reside when an emergency occurs. Several "Hams," as they are better known, serve as members of the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee/Citizen Corps Council.

—Frank Schober



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### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Vista Grande Library  
466-READ  
Security  
204-2945  
Fire and Rescue  
466-1204  
Animal Control  
424-2050



**VISTA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO OFFER EVENING HOURS**

Thanks to the continued support of volunteers, the Vista Grande Public Library (VGPL) will be able to stay open until 9:00 pm on Wednesdays beginning February 4, extending the usual closing time by three hours. Currently the facility's hours are 1:00 to 6:00 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, and noon to 5:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Concurrently, the library's Academic Center for Teens (ACT!), which provides tutoring for teens, will revise its hours from 3:00 - 6:00 pm to 4:00 - 8:30 pm, also on Wednesdays. ACT!, established in October 2003, offers homework assistance for any teen who wants extra help in literature, reading, writing, social studies, geography, history, mathematics, project skills (conceptualization, follow-through to completion and presentation) and study skills (organization and time management). The free tutoring is provided solely by VGPL volunteers.

The Vista Grande Public Library, a nonprofit facility, was established in 2002 for the residents of the southeastern area of Santa Fe County, on whom it depends for financial survival. Virtually 100 percent of VGPL's annual operating budget is funded by donations, not government funds or tax dollars. Without the help of residents of area communities, this public library would not exist. For membership or other information, please call the library at 466-READ (7323).

**ARTISTS' SHOPTALK**

The monthly Shoptalk will be Wednesday, March 17, 10:00 am-noon, at the home of **Arlette** and **Ben-Ami Dresdner**. Come network with fellow artists. If you're new to the area please join us. Call 466-3230 for directions.

**WE'RE JUST GIVING IT AWAY!**

Organic horse manure from Eldorado Stables makes glorious rich compost, and now is a great time to start a compost pile to use in your summer gardens. Saturday, April 3rd, from 9:00 am until noon we will load your pickup for free!

Composting is easy. Make a big pile (3' by 3' is a good size), thoroughly moisten and cover (plastic tarp works well) to hold in the moisture and heat. Turn the pile occasionally and keep it moist. In a couple of months when it no longer

***Announcement:***  
*Become a part of what keeps Eldorado a community! All residents are invited to express their opinions and present problems and concerns to the ECIA Board at its meetings...both the work study and the regular board meetings. See meeting times in the Events Calendar.*

looks like manure, it is compost ready to add to your gardens. Manure compost adds vital nutrients, improves soil texture and holds in precious moisture.

So come on down anytime to help yourself to a load of manure. But if you come on April 3rd, we will load it for you! You have two manure piles to choose from! The Eldorado Stables are near the corner of Avenida Eldorado and Highway 285.

Don't have a pickup? We have a limited number of volunteer pickup drivers who will be delivering loads that morning. Show up at the stables between 9:00 and 11:30 am, April 3rd, and we will follow you home in Eldorado with a pickup load for just \$10. Any questions, call **SuAnne Armstrong** 466-4067.

**AUCTION DE EL DORADO**

The third annual Auction de El Dorado, benefiting the El Dorado Elementary school, will be held at the school on Saturday, March 13, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Enjoyed by youngsters and adults alike, Auction de El Dorado is a fun-filled day that includes engaging arts and craft activities, entertainment, delicious food and fabulous



# March Events

silent auction items for purchase. This is just a sample of the items up for auction: Atomic 140 skis, bindings and mounting service from Skier's Edge; a \$350 gift certificate from Goldleaf Framemakers; a \$185 gift certificate to Downtown Day Spa; and two all-day lift tickets from Ski Santa Fe. In addition to being a blast, the event is a much-needed fundraiser for the school. The proceeds from the event help cover the salary of the school's physical education teacher and the expenses incurred by our Visiting Artist Program. The Auction is a fundraising event sponsored by the El Dorado PTA. The PTA is a vibrant, vital nonprofit organization that works to support and enhance the educational experiences of our El Dorado Elementary students.

## BRING YOUR VOICE

The Information Committee of the ECIA has the responsibility of putting out *Vistas* and maintaining our website, [www.eldoradocommunity.org](http://www.eldoradocommunity.org). Currently, the committee is comprised of board members, with the exception of the editor. We would like to invite any interested Eldorado resident to come to our meetings with ideas for articles, written articles, help in getting photographs, etc. Our meeting times will be posted on the Events Calendar on page 5 of *Vistas* from now on. It really can be fun as well as satisfying.

## TAX HELP FOR ARTISTS

Don't miss this one if you need help in bookkeeping and taxes. Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association's March meeting is Wednesday, March 31, at the Eldorado Community Center at 7:00 pm. Guest artist, **Janet Kimberly**, will present business ideas on bookkeeping and taxes for artists. We invite everyone to attend. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please bring a pen and paper for note taking.

## Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email [info@eldoradocommunity.org](mailto:info@eldoradocommunity.org) with your meeting or event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 8th of the month for publication in the following month's *Vistas*. Please include "Attn: Vistas" and be sure to indicate:



1. **Type of Event**
  2. **Location**
  3. **Date & Time**
  4. **A Resource Person** (one who can answer questions both about the event and the sponsoring organization) and his/her telephone number.
- Photographs (digital or snapshots) are encouraged!

*Note: All meetings are at the Community Center, unless otherwise noted.*

## MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS

First day of spring	March 20	
ERA T.G.I.F.	Fri., Mar. 19, 5-7 pm	LR

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Neighborhood Watch		Frank Schober	310-8593	call
Road Committee	Mon., Mar. 1, 6-7 pm	Allen Larson	466-4792	CFR
Finance Committee	Tues., Mar. 9, 10-noon	Gisela Knight		RR
Architectural Committee	Tues., Mar. 9, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
EAW&SD*	Wed., Mar. 10, 7-9 pm	Ray Nichols		CFR
Board Work Study	Mon., Mar. 15, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
285 Coalition	Wed., Mar. 17, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598	CR
ECIA Board	Thurs., Mar. 18, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Architectural Committee	Tues., Mar. 23, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
Stable Committee	Tues., Mar. 23, 7-9 pm			
Information Committee	Wed., Mar. 24, 7-8 pm	ECIA	466-4248	LR

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Mar. 2, 10-11 am	Jerry Bradley	466-4253	F
Book Club/Pot Luck	Sun., Mar. 7, 6-9 pm	Ken Fischer	466-2537	
Search & Rescue	Thurs., Mar. 11, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765	CR
Book Club	Sat., Mar. 13, 1:30-3 pm	Barbara Rugg	466-2559	
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Mar. 16, 10-11 am	Jerry Bradley	466-4253	F
Library Book Club	2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636	Lib
Cub Scouts Pack 414	Call for date	Clay Williard	466-3909	
Arts Assoc. Program	Wed., Mar. 31, 7-9 pm	Arlene Siegel	466-3274	LR

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm			CR
AA	Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 pm			CR
AA	Saturdays, 10:45-11:45 am			CR
AA	Sundays, 5:15- 6:15 pm			CR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Mon., 1-4:30 pm			LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Marjorie Segell	466-3958	CR, LR
Bridge	2nd & 4th Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Pat Lavengood	466-9765	CR, LR
Bridge	Wednesdays, 9-noon	Nancy Rost	466-2832	LR
Bridge (Men's)	Thursdays, 1-4 pm	Bill Kapoun	466-8497	LR
Boy Scouts Troop 414	Wednesdays, 7-9 pm	Paul Tuck	466-4815	
Community Band	Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm	Peg Johnson	466-1459	School
Fire & Rescue Training	Wednesdays, 7-9 pm	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Fire & Rescue Work Duty	Saturdays, Call for time	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Senior Lunch**	Wednesdays, 12-1 pm	Marjorie Segell	466-3958	CR
Wireless Assoc.	2nd & 4th Mon., 7-9 pm	Scott Gerber	466-9333	CR
Knitting Club	2nd & 4th Wed., 1-3 pm	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	

\*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District

\*\*Reservations Required

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## Eating & Drinking, Soviet-Style

**WOLFE GLEITSMAN**, the son of **Wayne** and **Gretel Underwood**, was a lifelong resident of Eldorado until he attended college in New York. He is now 23 years old and studying Russian at the State University of St. Petersburg, Russia. These are excerpts from letters written to his family here in Eldorado.

▼ **OCTOBER 2, 2003**—I just read an article in an English language newspaper discussing “Health Beverages”. These beverages include Kvas, which is a beer made from bread. Kvas is apparently only good if it is fresh from a barrel on the street, where they sell it in the summer. (I know, sounds sanitary, right?) Water (which you cannot drink from the tap in Russia) was literally said to have “magical powers”.

▼ **OCTOBER 30, 2003**—We decided to give my friend **Kristin** (a fellow American student), a birthday party. We went to work cooking most of the day. Kristin made some salsa (not too spicy, as Russians are huge wimps about spicy food) and I made our version of tortilla chips. There’s a kind of flatbread here called lavash that closely resembles flour tortillas, only much thinner. Still, when you fry ‘em up, they make damn good tortilla chips. These surrogate tortillas are one of the reasons I am still functional here. The Russians were confused by some aspects of our party, but pretty interested in the food, especially the chips and salsa, as they had no idea how we made them. They loved them apparently; all the chips were gobbled up pretty quickly. Oh, and the Russian Happy Birthday song makes the American one sound like a used car jingle. It’s awesome.

▼ **NOVEMBER 24, 2003**—I’ve been sampling a number of local offerings, and have found out that you should never eat the little rolls in the shape of pigs’ heads. Sure they look cute, what with their little dough ears and nose, but they’re full of what was recently identified as pigs’ livers and are pretty gross. Little bread rolls filled with various fruits/veggies/meats are pretty common, so avoiding the pig rolls is thankfully easy. But that first time when I ordered two at once.....

▼ **ONE OF THE STAPLES** of Russians’ diet (aside from beer) is ice cream. It is available everywhere, has a slightly smoother texture than

American ice cream, and is super cheap. A popular breakfast food for kids is a cross between ice cream and cheesecake. Somehow though, obesity is not as big a problem here as it is in the United States—go figure.

▼ **NOVEMBER 25, 2003**—Most grocery stores here are still “Soviet-style”. The way these stores “work” is that all products are kept behind counters, or on display in cases. You stand in line to get to the counter, then ask for what you want from the person behind the counter. (All I could do was point a lot.) After you have told them what you want, they give you a receipt to take to the cashier in another part of the store. So you stand in that line, pay, then go stand in line at the original counter again to pick up what you have bought. Each counter has different products and a different person to deal with, and they NEVER overlap. You also have to stand in multiple lines to pick up your stuff. I’ve been trying to figure out what the potential advantages of this system may be, and I’m pretty sure they don’t exist.

▼ **THE TRICK IS TO FIND** “Western-style” grocery stores, which are starting to take hold here. You have no idea what a luxury it is to pick your own food off the shelf, then pay all at once.

—*Wolfe Gleitsman*

Igor and Marina Eating Chips

ILLUSTRATION BY WOLFE GLEITSMAN





## A Winner for Wildlife...and Us

**T**HE PERSISTENT DROUGHT has major impacts on wildlife as well as on people. After foraging for seeds, dry grass, or cracking twigs, you would be thirsty too.

Eldorado's Community Preserve now boasts a large reservoir of stored water for a variety of animals, including deer, elk, bear, fox, and coyote. Since the preserve has no natural permanent water, the Conservation Committee researched the idea of a water catchment structure (guzzler) to enhance wildlife habitat. Last November a guzzler was delivered and installed in a remote location in the 4,000 acre preserve.

The committee learned about guzzlers when it applied to participate in a program called the Stewardship Incentive Plan (SIP) in 1998. Eldorado resident **Craig Conley** of Bionomics Southwest wrote the conservation management document that qualified us to receive government funding for habitat improvement projects. The program changed names, and is now the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Plan (WHIP), funded through the Department of Agriculture. The guzzler cost \$4,000 and we received \$2,097 in reimbursement.

What is a guzzler and how does it work? A guzzler provides a permanent water source for wildlife. It consists of two parts: one to collect water and the other to provide water. The collection part holds 2,200 gallons. A concave cover 12 ft. in diameter collects rainwater, then holes allow it to flow into the tank. (Picture a cup with a saucer on top.) The tank is buried about two feet to protect from freezing, and screened by trees to lessen the visual impact to wildlife.

Animals drink from a ground level container located on a slight downslope about 60 feet from the tank and connected to it by an underground hose. The entire system is designed to be nearly maintenance free.

The Eldorado Fire and Rescue Service, headed by **Guy Monroe**, filled the guzzler with their wildland brush truck. Thereafter, natural rainfall should keep it operating, and the stored water would be available to fight wildfires.

If you are not familiar with the preserve, just ask for a map at the ECIA office.

—Cary Carlson  
Conservation Committee member

## A Short Rundown of the Eldorado Stables

**T**HE AMREP CORPORATION began developing the Simpson Ranch into Eldorado at Santa Fe in 1973. Entering Eldorado at that time one would have seen signs advertising amenities including corral space, bridle paths and endless open riding space. Stable space was initially provided in existing Simpson Ranch corrals. And though AMREP liked advertising the availability of corral space, horse owners had to struggle to maintain that space, which was eventually reduced from 82 acres to the current 12. The stables were then self-governing and hidden away with access by a winding dirt road from Vista Grande.

In 1993 AMREP deeded the current stable property to the ECIA as an amenity for the perpetual use of the horse owners, and a set of rules and regulations for proper care of horses, corrals, stables and common property were written and agreed upon by the horse owners and the ECIA.

Today we have 32 individual stable/corral units, 2 arenas and 2 round pens. We are completely surrounded by homes, heavily traveled roads and fences. We have our fabulous wilderness area, and an excellent system of trails still exists, but the days of gallops across wide-open spaces are gone. Several of our members are working with the county to map

and preserve some of the trails that weave their way through arroyos and easements. Riding is permitted in green belts, on the rail trail and on the bridle path easement that runs along Eldorado's west fence line.

The ECIA owns the property on which the stables sit but each corral and barn is individually owned. Our stable is completely self-service. Each barn owner is responsible for the twice-daily feeding, care, cleaning and maintenance of their horses and barn. Horse owners pay all fees for water and manure removal and provide liability insurance to cover their horses and the ECIA. The ECIA maintains the common areas and roads and keeps the manure pile tidy. Volunteer horse owners share duties with the ECIA maintenance staff in keeping the arenas harrowed.

Recently the Eldorado Stables has hit capacity. A potential buyers list is maintained in the ECIA Office. The Stable Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month in the community center at 7:00 pm. Please join us if you wish to know more about the stables.

—Su Anne Armstrong  
Eldorado Stable Committee Chairperson



GRETEL UNDERWOOD

Socializing at the Eldorado Stables

PRESRT STD  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 569  
Santa Fe, NM



*Security*  
**204-2945**

## *County Installs Giant Culverts In Eldorado*



From right to left:  
**Commissioner Jack Sullivan, Daniel La Costa, Lou Bachrach, Andres Garcia, Andrew Armijo, Rick Lovato, Arsenio Trujillo, James Lujan, & Gino Di Angelis**

Santa Fe County is installing two culverts at Avenida Amistad about two hundred feet west of US 285. The project includes raising the grade about two feet over the culvert arches. Because of appropriations made available through the New Mexico State Legislature, the county obtained \$80,000 in funds for project materials. "Rep. Max Coll and Sen. Roman Maes are to thank for acquiring these appropriations."

The Santa Fe County Public Works Department is in charge of the project, which should be completed by February 28, 2004. For any further information, contact Jennifer Jaramillo, Constituent Services Liaison for Santa Fe County at 505-986-6293.