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## Tips for a Safe Holiday Party *from the NMDOT Traffic Safety News*

**H**ALLOWEEN HAS PASSED and the holiday season has begun. Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Eve will be here before you know it. And that often means throwing a party for your family and friends. It's safest not to serve alcohol to your party guests, but if you do, do it responsibly. You want your guests to enjoy themselves, but you don't want to endanger them or other New Mexicans by putting an impaired driver on the road. Nor do you want to be cited for serving alcohol to minors or held responsible for the death or injury of intoxicated guests. Here are a few tips on hosting your party responsibly.

- ▼ **Never serve alcohol to people under age 21 - it's a felony.** Regardless of what they say, never serve alcohol to minors.
- ▼ **Provide food.** Drinking on an empty stomach causes problems. Provide substantial food, not just salty chips. The best party foods are those that take longer to digest, such as bread, tortillas, pasta, potatoes, meat and cheese. Place food where it is easily seen, or pass it around. Few people can resist a tasty treat. Eating takes the focus away from drinking and slows alcohol absorption into the bloodstream. Serve coffee with a snack or supper towards the end of the party.
- ▼ **Serve non-alcoholic drinks.** Plan to provide low-alcohol and no-alcohol drinks. They're popular with guests, especially those who don't drink alcohol or will be driving.
- ▼ **Plan activities.** The purpose of your party is to have fun. Along with providing food, plan to have something for your guests to do. Boredom is one reason people drink too much, so keep them entertained.
- ▼ **Stop serving alcohol.** An hour before you plan to end your party, stop serving alcohol. It takes time for your guests to sober up.
- ▼ **Plan for safe transportation.** If your efforts to promote moderate drinking fall short, don't allow intoxicated guests to drive. The UNM Division of Government Research reports that there were 198 alcohol-involved fatalities in 2003. Don't allow your guests to become statistics in 2004. Arrange for a taxi or designated driver to take them home. AAA New Mexico offers "Tipsy Tow" on most holidays (1-800-AAA-Help). If your guests balk, remind them that law enforcement is operating checkpoints and saturation patrols in the area. Everyone in New Mexico has heard, "If you don't stop drinking and driving, WE'LL STOP YOU!"

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*ECIA Board  
Work Study  
Meeting,  
Community  
Center, Mon.,  
Dec. 13, 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.

## Unsafe?

**O**N THE NIGHT OF THE LUNAR ECLIPSE (Oct 27th), my family and I were out walking on Alondra near Baya Rd. As the kids ran ahead and turned onto Baya to go home, a neighbor of ours ran the stop sign at Alondra and Baya at very high speed. As he was barely able to turn onto Alondra, he forced my wife and me to jump off the edge of the road onto the closest yard. He then continued at high speed to his home. Needless to say, if the kids were with us at that point, they would now be dead, as he had no control over the car as it sped around the corner.

The next morning we reported it to the Sheriff's office, and an Officer R\*\*\* was sent to take the report. While here, he demanded identification from my wife: driver's license, place of work, etc. He then told her that the driver was not at fault for his inability to drive safely, but OUR COMMUNITY was at fault. As we had no paved roads and lights at each corner, how could we expect him to see the stop sign? He then went over to the home of the individual, and gave him our phone number and contact information. Now, in most places, including NM, it is not standard procedure to release that information to a person. Needless to say, we had an interesting phone call from this driver.

So, the points I would like to make in this letter are:

- ▼ We know the speed limits on our dirt roads are 25 mph, PLEASE slow down so we can walk safely.
- ▼ The local sheriff views our area as unsafe. Drivers can drive in violation of the law, as it is not their fault if they kill some one, since we do not have lights and paved roads. Be careful when you report problems to this sheriff, as the information will be released to those you complain about.
- ▼ We were made to feel that we were at fault in all aspects of this encounter, and that any traffic problems are our fault as a community. The general feeling from this officer was, do not call, you do not belong here, we do not care.

—Dr. Stephen Walker



*"The Sheriff's Department was contacted and informed of this letter and advises that all who encounter officer rudeness or misconduct should report it (with the officer's badge number) to the department's Office of Internal Affairs."*



## Safe CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE

- ▼ **Have your guest spend the night.** And keep an eye on him/her. It's estimated that 4,000 people die each year from acute alcohol intoxication. (Teenagers are particularly vulnerable because of their inexperience with alcohol.) Rapid binge drinking, which often happens on a bet or dare, is especially dangerous because the drinker can ingest a fatal dose of alcohol before becoming unconscious. When the drinker "passes out," well meaning family and friends put him/her to bed to "sleep it off" only to find the drinker dead in the morning. Alcohol depresses nerves that control involuntary actions such as breathing, heartbeat, and the gag reflex, which prevents choking. A fatal dose of alcohol will stop these functions. After your guest stops drinking, his/her heart keeps beating, and alcohol in the stomach continues to enter the bloodstream and circulate throughout the body.
- ▼ **Look for these symptoms of acute alcohol poisoning:**
  - ◆ Mental confusion, stupor, coma - the person can't be roused.
  - ◆ No response to pinching the skin.
  - ◆ Vomiting while sleeping.
  - ◆ Seizures.
  - ◆ Slow breathing (less than eight breaths per minute).
  - ◆ Irregular breathing (ten seconds or more between breaths).
  - ◆ Hypothermia (low body temperature), bluish fingernails, lips, skin color, paleness.

**This is what you should do.** Be aware that the person who has "passed out" may die. Alcohol poisoning is a medical emergency. Call 911; do not hesitate. Turn the person on his/her side to keep from choking and aspirating vomit. Stay with the person until help arrives. Monitor breathing; begin artificial respiration if the person is not breathing. Don't be afraid to seek medical help for someone who has had too much to drink. And don't worry that your friend may become angry or embarrassed. You did the right thing. You cared enough to save a life.

# Protect our Environment

## LIGHTS

There are a lot of unshielded lights left on that pollute our night sky. Our covenants state; "Exterior lights are prohibited unless they are 75 watts or less and are properly shielded so as to direct light downward." "Exterior" includes all outdoor lighting such as landscape lighting and security lighting. Security lighting that is switched on by photo sensors or motion detectors must be adjusted to the least sensitive setting and timed to shut-off in two minutes or less. Shielded means, "*the bulb should not be visible on or off...*" The night sky must be protected so that everyone can enjoy seeing the planets and the stars.

## DOGS

I have had numerous complaints from greenbelt hikers regarding dogs that are off-leash. Dogs jumping on, knocking down and biting other hikers is unacceptable. Please keep your dog on leash as an act of common courtesy and respect for other hikers.

## PLEASE SCREEN THE RV:

As mentioned in a previous issue, the ECIA is

actively enforcing the new guideline objective to "obscure RVs by screening to make them less conspicuous and more congruous with the environment. Obscure means to make inconspicuous or unnoticeable, or to conceal physically, hide or cover." Please help keep our view of the distant landscape unobscured.

## CLEAN UP AND SCREEN THE "STUFF"

I see unshielded building materials, old vehicles, old trampolines, yellow volleyball nets, yard waste, garbage bags, propane canisters, tools, construction equipment, tires, car parts, old toys, and on and on... Here is a litmus test: if your "unsightly stuff" is placed where everyone has to see it, you are probably in violation of the spirit of the covenants.

The covenants were developed for the express purpose of *protecting the natural beauty and environment* of the community, to *provide an attractive rural setting* for the residents, and to *preserve property values*. Try compliance, first!

—Charles Smith, the ECIA CCR

# Words from the ECIA President



The greenbelts remain popular among residents.

**I AM VERY HAPPY THAT THE VISTAS'** editor has given me the opportunity to write a "state of the community" piece each month for residents. Eldorado has become a large community where communication is difficult, but necessary if we want to sustain some degree of community spirit rather than living out a bedroom community scenario. In the space I have been allotted, I will inform, elicit, beg, praise and maybe even inspire residents. This month my contribution is information about the greenbelt and the 2005 budget.

Walking in the greenbelt is one of the pleasures we all enjoy in Eldorado! However, it has come to the attention of the ECIA Board that many of the access points on the greenbelt map are on private drainage easements. After careful scrutiny, the staff was able to

pinpoint the access points that are the easements intended when the area was developed. These easements are narrow pieces of land that sit between lots that abut the greenbelt.

A new greenbelt map has been made and will be mailed to residents at the end of December with the annual invoice. Once you have your map, please review it to determine the "legal" access points nearest your home. For some, these new access points will not be as convenient, but we ask you to use them and not trespass on your neighbors' property.

Eldorado is very fortunate to have at the helm of the finance committee, **Gisela Knight**, who has extensive experience in budgeting for large and small communities. She and the committee members have developed an operating budget that meets the needs of this community without raising assessments. You will receive in the mail at the end of this month the budget, your invoice and the greenbelt map. If you have questions, feel free to call the association office or one of the board members.

Now that the days are getting shorter and the election is over, our attention and energies are focused on the holidays ahead of us. The board and I wish each and every one of you the happiest of holidays and a prosperous, peaceful and healthy New Year.

—Jeanne Klein, ECIA President

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## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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





**Join the Fun!**

Do you enjoy volleyball? Join the fun! Every Wednesday at the El Dorado Elementary School from 7 to 9 pm. All interested adult residents are welcome to join in. Any questions? Call **Julie Coffman** at 466-6171 or **Arlene Mayer** at 466-6641.

**Candy Canes & Santa**

**Santa** is coming Saturday, December 4. He will arrive at the Community Center at 2 pm, and depart at 4 pm. Punch, candy canes and trains—fun for all ages! Mark your calendar and plan on visiting Santa. (Brought to you by the ERA.)

**Kid Fun at the Library**

The Vista Grande Public Library has some fun scheduled for kids in December. On Saturday, December 11 from 1-2:30 pm, there will be Holiday Card Making for children 5 years old and up. Make a card for the holiday you like to celebrate. Sign up ahead of time at the library.

On Saturday, December 18 from 1-2:30 pm, the library hosts Painting on Gourds for children 7 years old and up. There is limited space, so please sign up early. Contact the library for more details at 466-READ.

**Moon phases for December**



**Songs of the Season**

The Eldorado Community Band is playing at the DeVargas shopping center on Sunday, December 19 from 3-4 pm. There is nothing like the familiar sounds of holiday music played by a good band. See you there!

**December Book Sale**

The overwhelming donation of books and tapes to Vista Grande Public Library is allowing for a second book sale in 2004—another opportunity to add funds to the budget for 2005. New this time is a preview night, and a raffle. Friday, December 3, from 6 to 9 pm, you can spend \$10.00 and be the first to see the selections of materials for sale, you will be entered into the drawings for door prizes and you are welcome to refreshments while you shop. On Saturday and Sunday it's free admission from 10 am to 5 pm.

Refreshments will be on sale, along with library bags and shirts. Tickets are available at the library. Think holiday shopping without going back to town. Contact the library for more details at 466-READ.

**School Dates**

The Holiday Concert is on December 9 in the North Gym of the El Dorado Elementary School. It will be a delightful blend of band and choral performance. The school will be closed for winter break from December 20-31.

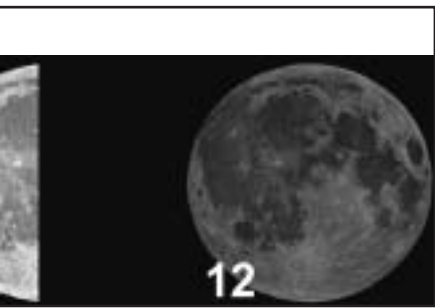
**Who Ya Gonna Call?**

Santa Fe County Commissioners have a liaison to call when you have concerns with a variety of issues—from dogs to roads. **Jennifer Jaramillo** is our Constituent Services Liaison, and she can be reached at 986-6293.

**The promised crossing gates for the Santa Fe Southern Railway at Avenida Eldorado have been installed.**

DAN DROBNIS





# December Events

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

Email [info@eldoradocommunity.org](mailto:info@eldoradocommunity.org) with your meeting/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.*

## Astronomy Corner



### Giant Red Beetle

There is a star in the constellation of Orion, alpha Orionis, the right shoulder of Orion. At 427 light-years, this red supergiant about 500 times the Sun's diameter and 10,000 times as luminous, has a curious name—"Betelgeuse".

The origin of the name is often said to be the Arabic *ibt al-jauza*, meaning "armpit of the central one" or maybe comes from *bait al-jauza*, "house of the twins", a reference to neighboring Gemini.

By December 9, Venus, Mars and the Moon will be spectacular in the morning sky. During December, Mars will be a dim orange-red star in the morning sky. Jupiter will continue higher and higher in the southern morning sky. Saturn will be the only planet visible to the naked eye in the evening in December.

The Geminid meteor shower will peak on December 11, 12 and 13. Look in the direction of Gemini where the apparent point of origin of the meteors is – this point is called radiant.

Finally the Sun will reach the December solstice on the 21st at 5:41 am.

The Moon is full on December 26, and last quarter on the 5th, new on the 12th and first quarter on the 18th.

—Juan Alvarez  
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*Remember, we should all be able to see the stars at their best if we all follow the covenants' guidance on outside lighting.*

### DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

Santa's Coming	Sat., Dec. 4, 2-4 pm	at the Community Center
ECIA offices closed	Dec. 24 & 31	

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Road Committee	Mon., Dec. 6, 6-7 pm	Ed Benrock	466-2088	CFR
Conservation Committee	Tues., Dec. 7, 7-9 pm	Stephen Wust		LR
EAW&SD*	Wed., Dec. 8, 7-9 pm	Ray Nichols		CFR
Neighborhood Watch	Mon., Dec. 13, 7 pm	Sandra Vreeland	466-6079	LR
Board Work Study	Mon., Dec. 13, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Architectural Committee	Tues., Dec. 14, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
285 Coalition	Wed., Dec. 15, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598	CR
ECIA Board	Thurs., Dec. 16, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Information Committee	Mon., Dec. 20, 7 pm	Ken McPherson	466-4161	F
Architectural Committee	Tues., Dec. 28, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
Stable Committee	Tues., Dec. 28, 7-9 pm			LR

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Boy Scouts Troop 414	Wed., Dec. 1, 7:30-9 pm	Bruce Blossman	955-0880	CR
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Dec. 7, 10-11 am	Jerry Bradley	466-4253	F
Arts Assoc. Program	Thurs., Dec. 9, 7-9 pm	Janet Amtmann	466-3256	Fire St
Search & Rescue	Thurs., Dec. 9, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765	CR
Book Club	Sat., Dec. 11, 1:30-3 pm	Barbara Rugg	466-2559	
La Canada	Mon., Dec. 13, 7-9			LR
Book Club/Pot Luck	call for date and time	Ken Fischer	466-2537	
Library Book Club	2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636	Lib
Cub Scouts Pack 414	Call for date	Clay Williard	466-3909	
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Dec. 21, 10-11 am	Jerry Bradley	466-4253	F
MOMS Club	Call for date and time	Shannon Ratcliff	986-9050	

### 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
Community Band	Thursdays, 6-8 pm	Joel Hopko	466-8412	
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	Therese Janowski	466-1397	CR
Wireless Assoc.	2nd & 4th Mon., 7-9 pm	Scott Gerber	466-9333	CR
Knitting Club	2nd & 4th Tues., 10 am-12 pm	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	F

\*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District      \*\*Reservations Required

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## The Call of the Wild



**ED AND STAR JONES**, residents of Eldorado since 1993 (off and on) are in that special group of people that one sometimes meets in life—they are immediately likeable. They are both natives of New York; Ed is from Utica and Star from Roscoe, a lesser-known but no less beautiful town in the Catskill Mountains of that state.

Writing about Ed and Star Jones for this article was no easy chore. They have done so much and had such varied and interesting careers that one is tempted to do the impossible and include everything one learns about them in the course of an interview.

Ed proudly lets one know that his family came to the United States from Wales. Star's ancestors came here from England in 1627 and claim kinship with Patriots who successfully fought their mother country in our Revolution.

Since 1959, Ed has pursued a career in the field of education as a teacher, administrator and consultant in various regions of the U.S. and in Canada. Star also taught, but preferred work as a legal secretary.

In 1963, the Jones's decided to move to the Yukon Territory of Canada...the scene of the Klondike gold rush of 1898, immortalized in the short stories of Jack London and the rhymes of Robert W. Service. Many of us surely remember, "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan McGrew." According to Ed Jones, the gold rush to the Yukon ended no differently than that of California in 1848.

Most miners got little or nothing, but the outfitters—those who sold to the miners—became very wealthy.

It might be difficult even for New Mexicans, who experience cold winds, snow on occasion and temperatures that hover at rare times near zero, to get used to the weather that the Jones's experienced in the Yukon. In 1963, they purchased a 42-acre island in the Yukon River near Dawson that had been, up to that point, used as a farm by the Roman Catholic order of the Sisters of St. Anne to supply vegetables, meat and dairy products for their hospital in Dawson. For 26 summers Ed and Star lived on the island. During the two and a half years they lived in the Yukon year-round they would often endure temperatures that for a month or more would be 69 degrees below zero and never rise above 52 below. During those months in 1965-66 they formed the Dawson Junior Historical Society for high school students who assisted them with restoration of a number of gold rush buildings. In addition to maintaining the island farm (during the long hours of the summer growing season) they also operated a historical tour boat business on the Yukon River.

In recent years, before returning to their home here in Eldorado, Ed and Star Jones embarked on a volunteer project that was very well received by the territorial government of the Yukon. They worked to rehabilitate nine of the ten cemeteries in Dawson City that had been left untended and overgrown. Working together, armed with their determination and small annual grants from the Heritage Branch of the territorial government they restored grave markers, cleaned up and refurbished a number of cemeteries scattered over 207, 000 square miles—many of them located near the sites of abandoned mining camps.

In 1998, as a gold rush centennial gift to Dawson City, the town that had given them so much, Ed and Star donated their considerable Klondike collection of antiquarian books, maps, photos, etc. to the Dawson City Museum for the establishment of The Klondike History Library.

Though their travels have taken them on many adventures, they say for the moment, they are residents in New Mexico.

When this writer suggested to Ed that he and Star ought to write a book, he learned that they already have one about to be published. It is entitled, *All that Glitters...the Life and Times of Joseph Ladue, Founder of Dawson City*, an early Yukon pioneer. It is scheduled for release in March or April by Wolfe Creek Books.

—Frank Schober



## Happy to be Blue

**WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE** the Mountain Bluebird around all year in Eldorado, but I see more of these beautiful all-blue birds during the winter months as some migrate here from their more northerly summer locations. These 7-1/4 inch long birds are sky blue from head to tail, with the underside usually a lighter blue. Females are somewhat lighter than males.

Although not obvious, the Mountain Bluebird is related to the common robin, both members of the thrush family. Juvenile Mountain Bluebirds have lightly spotted breasts, a characteristic of thrushes. Generally, Mountain Bluebirds live in open high country above 7,000 feet. However, my Eldorado house is at 6,810 feet and my first glimpse of a Mountain Bluebird was near sea level in San Diego. So don't believe everything you read!

They feed mostly on insects that they glean from foliage or catch on the wing. Some fruit is included in their wintertime diets. They are usually monoga-

mous, establishing territories up to five or six acres and forming strong pair bonds in the spring. The female selects the nesting site, a tree cavity or nesting box, then lines it with grasses, feathers, twigs and/or hair. Five or six eggs are brooded by the female the first six days. Eggs hatch in 13 or 14 days. Both parents care for the helpless young, which quickly grow and fledge in 22 or 23 days and are totally independent about five days after fledging.

Pairs may occasionally have a second brood. It is thought that Mountain Bluebirds reared in nest boxes imprint on nest boxes and prefer them for raising their own young. So maybe you want to buy or build one. Try Wild Birds Unlimited or the Internet for construction details: (<http://www.laspilitas.com/bluebird.htm> is one site.)

—Pam Henline



## Roofing Facts and Myths—Part 2

*\*This article is continued from the November issue of Vistas.*

**AS A MEMBER OF THE ECIA** Architectural Committee, I frequently hear residents say they prefer pitched metal roofs because flat roofs with parapets are more prone to leaks. Like all “old wives tales,” this is more rumor than fact.

**Recommendations** – All roofs need to be inspected on an annual basis, preferably in May and October, our dry months.

### Flat roofs

- ▼ Check that there are no spots bare of gravel. If bare, check whether the roofing is damaged or soft. If not, replace the gravel. If damaged, call a roofer for repair. If severe winds have blown away a substantial amount of gravel, have additional gravel placed on the roof.

*Caution: Ordinary built-up roofs are not designed for heavy traffic; do not use for parties, playing, stargazing activities, etc. Do not allow water to pond up for summer cooling.*

- ▼ Check all flashing. If there are spots where the flashing is damaged, leaving a gap larger than 1/4 inch, have the flashing repaired by a roofer. Check all sealants. Apply new sealant where there are gaps or holes. Check for cracks in parapets. Apply sealant to all cracks in stucco less than 1/4 inch wide; for larger cracks, other repairs including re-stuccoing must be considered.

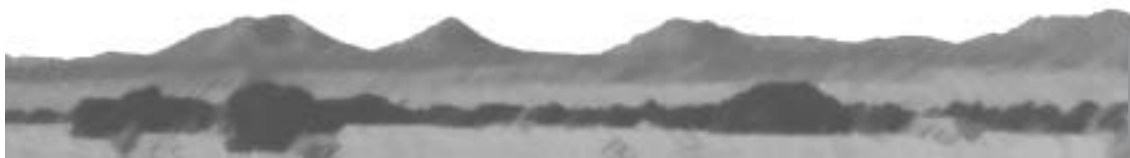
### Pitched Metal Roofs

- ▼ Use great caution when inspecting a pitched roof. For roofs with a steep pitch (Northern New Mexico style) call a roofer to make the annual inspection.
- ▼ Check all flashing and sealants (see Flat Roof, item 2). Check all seams between roof panels. Patch all damaged sealants between metal panels. Check all fasteners for proper tightness. If panels have loosened, heaved, are bent or otherwise damaged, call a roofer specializing in metal roofing to assess and repair the roof. Note: fading or damage to the metal panel finish cannot be rectified except by replacement.
- ▼ Check joint where metal roof sits on top of wall. Patch sealant if necessary.
- ▼ Check wood members on top of wall below overhanging roof. Patch minor damage to wood with plastic wood or sealant. Hire a carpenter to replace severely rotted wood.

*The writer is a registered architect with many years in private practice and with designer/builder corporations. Prior to retiring to Eldorado, he served as Deputy Commissioner of Building and Zoning for the Town of North Hempstead, Long Island, NY.*

— Ralph Heimberg, Architect

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## Artistic Gesture

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Many Eldorado residents enjoy taking short walks down their street when they can't get away to a greenbelt or the Community Preserve. How nice it is of some people to decorate their mailboxes to make the walk more interesting.