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Driver Courtesy, the Best Safety Practice *Here in Eldorado, and Everywhere Else*

There is little doubt about it, considering the number of miles driven in our very mobile, always on-the-go USA, driving has become safer. It has been recently reported, however, that our major safety gains have come from one main source—improved technology (collapsible steering wheels, reinforced side panels, front and side airbags, improved steering mechanisms and more reliable tires). The safety experts have cautioned us, however, that we are at the point of “diminishing returns” with respect to technology-induced automobile safety. Increases in safety must now come from two insufficiently exploited resources: improved driver skills and an increase in driver courtesy.

Some New Mexico State Police officers add this thought: by somehow taking what amounts to 10% of the drivers off the road—those who drive poorly (and dangerously), those who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol and those few but dangerous ones who can be described as “mobile sociopaths” (the road rage crowd)—they could reduce accidents by as much as 75%.

Our Sheriff, **Greg Solano** has the stats. The tickets his officers give when they are out patrolling our roads are almost entirely (90%) issued to residents and not visitors to our community. “We have found the enemy and he is us.”

Those of us who took driver training in high school surely remember the mantra of our patient teachers, “Courtesy is an important part of defensive driving as well as the mark

of a professional vehicle operator.” Driving courteously means:

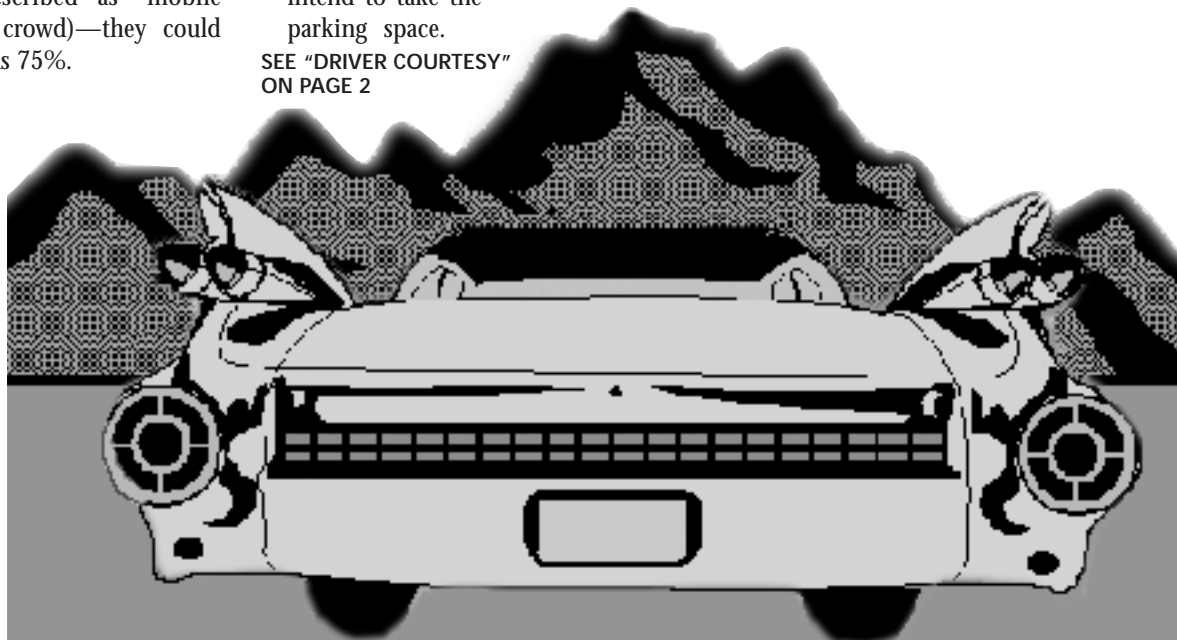
- ▼ Keeping a safe and courteous distance
- ▼ Keeping one's cool even if others are discourteous
- ▼ Following the posted speed limits, even if others are not following them
- ▼ Respecting the restriction of the double line—it means No Passing
- ▼ Signaling your intention to turn...well ahead of your turn
- ▼ Being especially careful—and courteous—anywhere near our school
- ▼ Making a full and complete stop, not the rolling “Hollywood Stop,” before and not after a stop sign

A Virginia Tech psychologist, **Scott Geller**, has devised a test to determine if you are a candidate for road-rage designation.

- ▼ You are in a full parking lot. You see a driver leaving and put on your blinker to indicate that you intend to take the parking space.

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**ECIA Annual
Meeting and
Election,
Community
Center, Mon.,
May 5, 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. 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.

Septic Tanks, Nitrates, and Bad Signals

I was quite disappointed in the final conclusion of the EAWSD board regarding septic systems in Eldorado. Do they realize the amount of nitrate contamination to the ground water contributed by the hundreds of septic systems here? Regular pumping of the septic tank does not eliminate the nitrate. Yes, \$50 million is a lot of money. But did the board confer with the County or Rancho Viejo on the possibility of developing a joint regional system? Did they look into federal grants, legislative funding, hookup fees, or other creative sources? I hope the board will not drop this issue. Maybe the newest board member, Gene Hagburg, can utilize the same initiative he demonstrated in building our local library.

Stephen Wust, Estambre Road

Letter from the Editor

We maintain this page of *Vistas* as a forum for residents of the Eldorado area. I'm glad to see that some people do take advantage of it, and I hope the participation keeps increasing. Just a reminder that if your letter is over 150 words, it may have to be edited. If we receive more letters than we have space for, we may have to edit or eliminate at our discretion. In an effort to keep this forum civil, we won't print a letter that attacks a particular person. We may print it if we determine that editing out that person's name makes it less aggressive. I hope many of you will write soon, and I hope you are enjoying your copy of *Vistas*. If not...write a letter.

Ken McPherson, Vistas Editor

Driver Courtesy

FROM PAGE 1

As the other driver pulls out, a second driver cuts in front of you and takes the parking space. How do you respond?

1. Shrug your shoulders and look for another parking space.
2. Glare angrily at the other driver as you move on to find another space.
3. Wait for the other driver to get out of the car, scream out your window at him/her for being an inconsiderate jerk.

▼ You are driving down a two-lane road. Without warning, another car pulls out in front of you from a side road. You have to brake suddenly to avoid hitting it. How do you respond?

1. Let out a sigh of relief and drive on.

While driving my son to school in Eldorado today, I had an experience which occurs routinely and causes me frustration. Speeders and other traffic law violators have a code of ethics, a perverted one in my opinion, and without a doubt, a dangerous one. That is, they flick their headlights at you to warn you that an officer (in this case, a Santa Fe County Deputy Sheriff) is up ahead enforcing laws, usually speed laws. What bothers me most about this is that they do this as one approaches the elementary school so the people who show the clear intention, day after day, of going 60 mph in the 40 mph zone and 30 mph in the school zone (a 15 mph speed limit) are warned and promptly slow down and avoid a much deserved citation. What kind of citizen would help people clearly violating the law, creating hazardous conditions in our community, and especially in a school zone?

Perhaps the following is some sort of solution. When you see people who are obviously speeding, or passing on the double yellow as they come towards you, flick your headlights at them even though there is no officer ahead. Then they don't know whether there really is an officer up ahead or not.

Finally, thank you to Santa Fe County Sheriff Greg Solano for keeping his promise of having a deputy on patrol much of the time in and around Eldorado. We notice.

Marty Schmitz, Casa del Oro Lane



2. Honk your horn, lean out your window and yell at the other driver.
 3. Follow the other car to its destination so that you can give the driver a piece of your mind.
- The higher the number chosen indicates more propensity for road rage.

All of us have been upset by the discourtesy and mindlessness of some drivers. We have to remember that if we respond in kind, we are guilty of what we most dislike about driving. Whatever the rest of the state is doing, let's hope Eldorado will be known for its courteous and patient drivers.

Frank Schobor

The ECIA President's Farewell and Other Notes of Interest

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last *Vistas* column as ECIA President. One certainly looks at the journey of the past few years and also the house that now needs painting and some TLC. Looking forward, the community is positioned to meet the challenges it faces. As always, our staff and volunteers are the cornerstones for success.

An update of current issues includes the following:

▼ **RV Screening Guidelines:** The Board will review the proposed guidelines and, thereafter, publish them for public comment. The challenge will be to receive and evaluate balanced input from the community that accurately reflects the community's values.

▼ **Board membership:** Both **Andy Winnegar's** and **Dan Drobnis's** terms expire this May, leaving two Board vacancies. Dan Drobnis stepped forward and volunteered again as a candidate for the Board. Currently Dan is our valued Board Treasurer and liaison to the Architectural Committee. Along with being involved with the Library and the Water District, Dan is a busy man in our community. Andy will be missed as the liaison to the Conservation Committee and our lobbyist with the state legislature.

But that will leave the Board with one unfilled vacancy following the May 5th ECIA Annual Meeting and election. Serving on the Board is a fulfilling experience of community service and an opportunity to share your life with a wonderful group of dedicated residents. If you know of qualified residents who may be interested in the opportunity, please call or email me (see the list at the right for that information).

▼ **Swimming pool diving board.** The story continues. Next summer our diving board may not be with us. The problem remains of finding an insurance carrier willing to cover the risk at an affordable price. As our economy forces a reduction of interest rates, the lifeblood of insurance companies, the business reality is an unwillingness of insurance companies to accept high risk situations. In addition, the ECIA current liability coverage of three million dollars would fall far short of awards in the tragic scenario of a healthy young swimmer becoming a lifetime paraplegic. **Bob Pritchard** is still seeking options, but is not optimistic.

▼ **Hike/bike trails:** It is amazing, the time and energy required to make such a project go forward. Bob Pritchard continues to work with Santa Fe County and expects the project to be approved this month. Construction along Avenida Torreon should start this summer.

▼ **State Legislature Session:** This year's legislative session was a success for many Eldorado area projects. A combined effort by many was required. An important element for success was our presence at the budget hearings. (For details, see the article at the bottom of page six.)

The governor still has to approve and sign the bills, and, of course, translating money into work is always a challenge that can take a couple of years.

▼ **Roads:** We sent out a survey to determine residents' interest and support for paving Caliente Road. The response was positive by a four to one margin. As always with paving projects, the potential for increased traffic and speeds was an expressed concern. Bob Pritchard is negotiating with Santa Fe County for a shared cost contract for the project.

The ECIA currently has adequate road funds to pay our share.

▼ **Stable amenity:** The ECIA Board has approved a Stable Committee request to repair and upgrade the large riding arena. In addition the Stable Committee is developing a plan to improve the general appearance of the stable area. The goal is for the stable amenity to become a source of pride and enjoyment for the community.

John Reeder
ECIA President

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▼ Call For Musicians

Each Thursday evening, 7:00 pm, at the El Dorado Elementary band room, members of the community gather to share their musical interest in band music. We have a solid core of dedicated members who have started playing their clarinets, trumpets, trombones, drums, saxophones, etc. again. How about you? Come on! Dust off that old horn and join the fun. Call **Peg Johnson** at 466-1459 for more information.

▼ Gardening In Times of Drought

Michael Clark will be the speaker at this month's Eldorado Area Gardening Meeting hosted by the Santa Fe Master Gardener Association. Michael's presentation will include issues pertaining to xeriscape, permaculture and appropriate technology related to "Gardening in Times of Drought." Soil mixtures, mulching and plant materials will also be discussed.

Michael is the owner of Tropic of Capricorn and an Eldorado resident. An avid organic gardener and landscape designer, Michael has lived in Santa Fe for 24 years. He has a B.S. in Agriculture from Tennessee Technological University.

All area gardeners are invited to attend this presentation. The program will be held Monday, May 5, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Tropic of Capricorn, 86 Old Las Vegas Highway. For additional information please contact **Beverly Hafner** at 466-0261.

▼ Senior Lunch Program

The Santa Fe Senior Center currently provides lunch for seniors in Eldorado and neighboring communities every Wednesday at the Eldorado Community Center for \$1.00 a person. We are interested in extending the lunch program to include Thursdays. If you are able to attend the Thursday lunch, please call **Patty Adam** at 466-1949, **Bill Kapoun** at 466-8497 or **Marge Segell** at 466-3958. The results of the responses to the Thursday lunch idea will be announced in next month's *Vistas*.

Any senior who would like to attend the Wednesday lunch, please call **Patty Adam** on the Monday prior to the Wednesday lunch to reserve a meal. It's a lovely way to spend time visiting with your neighbors and learning about issues concerning seniors in Santa Fe County.

▼ Sell or Buy at the ERA Flea Market

May 10th is our Spring ERA Flea Market. Sellers should arrive at the Community Center parking lot between 7:00 and 8:00 am to set up. Remember that it is first come, first serve; and there will be a limit on spaces this year.

Costs are: \$7.00 for Eldorado residents, \$10.00 for residents outside Eldorado, and \$15.00 for commercial vendors. You can bring almost anything to sell except food and weapons.

Sodas, water, coffee and donuts will be sold by the ERA Board under the portico for the early vendors and buyers. Southwestern Barbecue will begin selling lunch at 10:00 am. The Flea Market ends at 1:00 pm.

This biannual event is a fund-raiser for the ERA's coffee socials and TGIF parties throughout the year. For information call **Pat Kuhlhoff** at 466-4877 or **Janet Amtmann** 466-3256.

▼ 78 Area Artists to Showcase Their Artwork in 55 Studios

It's May and time for the Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association's 12th Annual Open Studio Art Tour. Join us the weekend of May 17th and 18th 10 am-5 pm. The many and varied talents of our 78 artists/neighbors will be on display at a Preview Gallery at the Eldorado Fire Station on Avenida Vista Grande. The Gallery, where each artist will have a sample of his or her work, will be open the same dates from 10 am-5 pm. Stop by the Preview Gallery to preview the art and pick up a Tour brochure with a detailed map to the 55 studios on this year's tour. Once again colorful flags will mark the entrance to each studio.

This year's Tour artists work in a variety of media: sculpture, photography, pastel, oil, watercolor, acrylic, oriental brush painting, jewelry, digital imagery, hand-cast paper, glass, textiles, weaving, wearable art, woodworking, and mixed media. The Tour offers buyers and admirers a chance to meet, talk, and learn about the artist's work while adding significant pieces of art to their collection.

The artists will donate 5% of their total sales to community organizations: Eldorado Fire Department, Eldorado Community Band and the Vista Grande Public Library.

For a list of the artists and to view their work before the Preview Gallery, one can visit the website at www.eldoradoarts.org. The EACA wishes to thank the many individuals and businesses who have participated in the sponsorship program for this year. Without you the EACA would not be able to get the word out about this outstanding Tour.

For further information contact co-chairs: **Joretha Hall** 466-6245; **Renee Pearson** 466-7193; or **Janet Amtmann** 466-3256.

▼ Seniors Need Drivers

Would you be interested in helping your community by driving a van to town one morning or afternoon a week, or even once a month? Senior citizens in the Eldorado area often have difficulty in getting to the doctor or other appointments. We now have use of a van, but need volunteer drivers. Some training is required, and extra insurance is provided. For information, please call 466-1949.

▼ **Eldorado Arts Association**
Shoptalk: Wednesday, May 14, 10 am-noon, at the home of **George Henke**. Come meet fellow artists and see George's photography studio. Call 466-4988 for directions.
Art Program: Wednesday, May 28, 6:30 pm, at the Community Center. This month we gather for a potluck dinner, to socialize, and to review the Studio Tour. Bring a dish to share. Drinks and utensils are provided. Spouses are also invited.

▼ **Conservation Committee**
We want to invite you, especially new residents, to learn more about the 4,000 acre Community Preserve that we all own in common. You can ask for a trail map at the ECIA office. Committee members offer two guided walks this month. Meet in front of the Community Center with water, hat, and snack.

Saturday, May 3, 7:30 am: Bird walk. Be an early bird. See an early bird. Join experts **Steve Wust** and **Lee Kellogg** on a search for spring birds as well as an easy Preserve walk. Bring binoculars if you have them. Info at 466-0436.

Monday, May 26, 9:00 am: Moderate morning hike with **Cary Carlson**. Return by noon. 466-6073.

▼ AARP's 55 Alive Defensive Driving for Seniors

Seniors! Refresh your driving skills and save some money on your auto insurance. There will be a class May 7 & 8 from 9 am-1 pm at the Avenida Vista Grande fire station. The class fee is \$10. Call **Carol Quillin** at 820-0766 to register.

May Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email 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.

MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

ECIA Annual Meeting	Mon., May 5, 7 pm		
ERA Flea Market	Sat., May 10, 8 am-1 pm	Pat Kuhlhoff	466-4877
Open Studio Art Tour	Sat.-Sun., May 17-18, 10 am-5 pm		

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Information Committee		ECIA	466-4248	
Neighborhood Watch		Frank Schober	310-8593	call
Recreation Committee		Elaine Napp	466-2023	
Road Committee	Mon., May 5, 6 pm	Allen Larson	466-4792	
Board Work Study	Mon., May 12, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	
Finance Committee	Tues., May 13, 10-11 am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	
Architectural Committee	Tues., May 13, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	
EAWS&SD*	Wed., May 14, 7-9 pm	Don Dayton	466-2411	
ECIA Board	Thurs., May 15, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	
285 Coalition	Wed., May 21, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598	
Architectural Committee	Tues., May 27, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Master Gardeners	Mon., May 5, 6:30-8:30 pm	Beverly Hafner	466-0261
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., May 6, 10 am	Pat Kuhlhoff	466-4877
Vista Grande Book Club	Thurs., May 8, 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636
Search & Rescue	Thurs., May 8, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765
Book Club	Sat., May 10, 1:30-3 pm	Barbara Rugg	466-2559
Book Club	Sun., May 11, 7-9 pm	Ken Fischer	466-2537
Arts Assoc. Shoptalk	Wed., May 14, 10 am-noon	Cary Carlson	466-6073
Cub Scouts Pack 414	Tues., May 20, 7 pm	Morey Walker	466-0459
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., May 20, 10 am	Pat Kuhlhoff	466-4877
Arts Assoc. Program	Wed., May 28, 6:30 pm	Arlene Siegel	466-3274

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tuesdays, 5:45 pm		
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fridays, 1-4:30 pm	Marjorie Segell	466-3958
Bridge	2nd & 4th Fridays, 1-4:20 pm	Pat Lavengood	466-9765
Bridge (Beginning)	Wednesdays, 9-noon	Gen Norris	466-4120
Bridge (Mens')	Thursdays, 1-4 pm	Bill Kapoun	466-8497
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

*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District **Reservations Required

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradocommunity.org

Eldorado's Traffic Concerns

Help is on the Way



You are driving along one of our paved avenidas in Eldorado, following the speed limit, when someone begins tailgating your car. You could speed up, but you wonder if you could ever go fast enough to please that driver. If you maintain the speed limit, the driver behind you will most likely pass

at his or her first opportunity, ignoring the double line. Sound familiar?

Sheriff Greg Solano shares our concern. He is taking steps to help us eliminate this and other traffic problems. These steps include:

- ▼ Having deputies come to Eldorado at inconsistent times—particularly during our morning and evening “rush hours”—to cite speeders and double-line crossers.
- ▼ Having deputies show up often during release time at the El Dorado School. So many cars converge on the school during the afternoon pickup that the main roadways are often blocked. Eldorado Security is often on scene helping out, but now you can depend on the Sheriff’s deputies to frequently be there. They will observe traffic and cite those who are driving their vehicles in any way that endangers our children, their parents or the teachers who have the difficult duty of ensuring parking lot safety.

Should we have more deputies patrolling our area? By the time this Vistas goes to press, Sheriff Solano will have made a significant policy change regarding the use of his deputies. Six of his deputies who live in the Eldorado area will be assigned permanently to the larger Eldorado Community. While they may be called to assist fellow deputies in other districts of the county, they will be based here, patrol here and get to know us and the law enforcement problems

that we have; whether they are related to traffic, ATVs or home and business security.

When the Sheriff’s website is fully operational (soon), it will be possible for residents to report the license plates of those who are breaking the traffic laws and rules of common sense safety in our community. Until then, residents are urged to make reports of dangerous and illegal driving behavior they observe directly to the Sheriff’s office at 986-2460.

Working with our Sheriff and new deputies should make Eldorado traffic less dangerous. That in conjunction with signing up for Neighborhood Watch at www.EldoradoCommunity.org will make our beautiful mountain home a safer and better place to live.

Frank Schober

Quality of Life

Improvements in Eldorado

Thanks to the hard work of ECIA Vice-President **Andy Winnegar** and the solid support of our two area legislators—Representative Max Coll and Senator Roman Maes—the Eldorado Community scored some major triumphs in the recently concluded session of the New Mexico State Legislature.

The following long-delayed and much-needed projects will get the funding they have long lacked:

- ▼ Torreon Hike/Bike Path
\$35,000
- ▼ Pavement for Avenida Monte Alto
\$100,000
- ▼ Vista Grande Library
\$35,000
- ▼ Railroad Crossing, Avenida Eldorado
\$80,000

The ECIA Board recently appropriated money to construct the Torreon portion of several hike/bike path improvements. Although there may be some bureaucratic delays, receiving state funds will make it possible for the ECIA’s funds to be used for other needed capital improvements.

Earlier this year, the ECIA Board voted to fund not only the Torreon hike/bike path, but to extend that path west to Avenida Compadres, completing the loop to Avenida Vista Grande to the north.

Frank Schober

Out and About in New Mexico

Chavez Canyon. Slickrock and mud puddles...deep blue sky stretched over red, piñon-dotted mesas...a cooler full of yogurts, juice boxes, and string cheese....The perfect combination of elements for a day trip with my three kids, ages seven, five, and one year old.

My mom and I loaded up the car that sunny September morning and we were all on the road by 9 am. The drive was uneventful—we stopped for gas and a short break in Abiquiu, counted three red-tailed hawks, and drove past a corral where a newborn foal was just tottering to its feet.

After an uneventful trip, we had a wonderful time exploring Chavez Canyon, a stone's throw from the green banks of the Chama River. Much of the hike follows an old road that eventually disappears near a seasonal stream. The canyon walls rise along this waterway as the path winds around boulders, beneath trees (providing welcome shade), and then to a pour-off that is easily climbed. The kids didn't want to go farther than that—they were content to wade in the pools and get fantastically muddy.

Past the pour-off, however, is the jewel—two narrowing slickrock canyons. Climbers may find the slots irresistible for a quick free climb. I was content to sit in the sand and watch the wedge of sunlight move slowly across the ground at my feet before I stood, reluctantly, and headed back to civilization.

Directions: Take US 84 north of Española past Abiquiu Lake. About one mile past Ghost Ranch, turn left (west) on FR 151 toward the Chama River. FR 151 is passable for most vehicles, but can get muddy. Follow FR 151 12.8 miles to the Christ in the Desert Monastery gate then backtrack .3 mile to where an old road turns off to the east, away from the river. Park and follow the old road, then a trail marked by cairns. Mind the weather—flash floods are possible if it rains!
Ana June



Soren & Mirabai sitting in the spillway

Simply Organized —Room by Room

Hearth of the Home. The kitchen is a natural gathering place for family, friends and clutter. This multipurpose room may be used for food preparation and storage, dining, homework or office space, and as a repository for keys or purse/backpack. Cabinets, a pantry, and counter space offer many opportunities to be organized and clutter-free.

Guiding Caveats: Items used exclusively or frequently in the kitchen, stored in the kitchen. Other items belong elsewhere. Follow the steps outlined in last month's article for sorting and discarding.

Focus on the primary purpose of food preparation and storage. The counter space between the sink-refrigerator-range/oven area serves as the most practical area for preparing food, so keep prep/cooking supplies (knives, utensils, bowls, pots) in drawers and cabinets along this counter. Store potholders closer to the range/oven and dishtowels near the sink. The presence of a daily used coffeemaker on the counter top is a convenience, but store less used appliances, such as the waffle grill, in a cabinet or pantry. Clear this prep counter area after every meal for efficient, safe, clean meal prep next time.

The under-sink cabinet is the logical place for cleaning supplies. To minimize messy spills, store these in a dishpan. Mount a paper towel holder on the backside of this cabinet door, instead of on the counter. Just as handy; just less visible.

Store daily dishes, flatware, and glasses closest to the dishwasher/sink area for efficiency at cleanup time. Having serving pieces, salt & pepper, sugar bowls, napkins and linens closest to the dining area adds to efficiency.

If an area of the kitchen or dining room also serves as a desk or home office area, a basket for pads, pencils or pens serves in lieu of a drawer. A large basket for a project is tidier than piling it on a chair. Many kitchen designs have incorporated a built-in desk area complete with drawers as well as space for phone, computer and cookbook shelf. A small piece of furniture can accomplish the same.

Identify a landing area for car keys, purse/backpack, and sunglasses. Hooks placed on the door between garage and laundry room are common and convenient. A basket for small non-kitchen items such as these is best placed so that it is accessible as you go out the door.

Spring Cleaning is Not Just For Your Mother's Generation

The Eldorado Residents' Association Biannual Flea Market this month is a timely opportunity to part with "stuff" that no longer serves your needs but may delight someone else.

Next month: Hidden Small Rooms, Big Potential for Clutter - Bathrooms, Pantry, Closets
RoseMarie Bagioni

*Sell your Services or Stuff for Free
on our new Bulletin Board at:
www.eldoradocommunity.org*



78 Artists—55 Studios

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The Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association presents the 12th Annual Open Studio Art Tour. Meet, talk and learn about individual artists. May 17 and 18, from 10 am to 5 pm. Pick up a Tour brochure/ map at the Vista Grande Fire Station on those dates.



"Moonmoth" Digital Collage by Ursula Freer