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## Take One Step Forward—Be a Volunteer

**V**olunteers make Eldorado more than a subdivision—they provide it with its sense of community. Spirited volunteers serve their neighbors and add zest to the community through formal and informal organizations.

ECIA committees rely on volunteer committee members to perform most of their functions. Please read the following brief overviews of each ECIA committee and see where you might give back to the community:

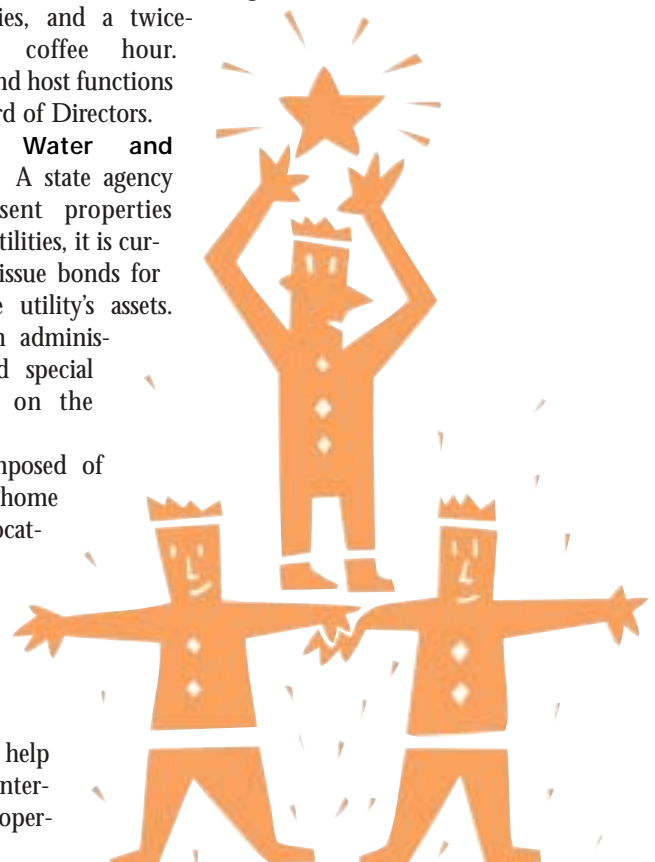
- ▼ **Architectural Advisory.** Helps administer Eldorado's Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions by reviewing plans for construction, additions or remodeling of dwellings and other structures.
- ▼ **Conservation.** Advises on the use and maintenance of the ECIA's natural resources, particularly the Community Wilderness Preserve and the greenbelts. Working parties construct and maintain hiking trails and markers, and produce and update maps.
- ▼ **Finance.** Provides the Board with financial planning and oversight. Compiles draft budgets for operating and capital projects, monitors expenditures, makes forecasts and evaluates proposed projects.
- ▼ **Information.** Works to improve information flow to and from ECIA members, principally through publishing the monthly *Vistas* and maintaining and upgrading the ECIA web site at [www.eldoradocommunity.org](http://www.eldoradocommunity.org). Volunteers serve as writers, photographers, editors, reporters and web hosts.
- ▼ **Neighborhood Watch.** Organizes and coordinates neighborhood security, and interfaces with local law enforcement.
- ▼ **Recreation.** Advises the Board on the development and maintenance of recreational amenities, and arranges special activities.
- ▼ **Roads.** Represents residents at county agencies on road issues, including maintenance, improvement, and traffic hazards.
- ▼ **Stable.** Provides advice and assistance to the

Board and staff in developing and maintaining the stable amenity.

Other formal organizations serve Eldorado and the larger community along South 285. Some meetings and contacts appear in the Events Calendar, others may be found in the weekly Wednesday Eldorado supplement to the New Mexican:

- ▼ **Eldorado Fire and Rescue.** Provides fire protection and paramedic service to the 285 south corridor from three area stations. Volunteers provide active service as well as administrative and maintenance support.
- ▼ **Eldorado Residents Association (ERA).** Organizes community information and social activities, including a twice-yearly flea market, quarterly information and business meetings, periodic TGIF parties, and a twice-monthly morning coffee hour. Volunteers organize and host functions and serve on the Board of Directors.
- ▼ **Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District.** A state agency organized to represent properties served by Eldorado Utilities, it is currently authorized to issue bonds for the purchase of the utility's assets. Volunteers help with administrative functions and special projects, and serve on the EAWSD Board.
- ▼ **285 Coalition.** Composed of representatives of the home owners associations located along South 285, it meets monthly to discuss area issues, and is currently developing a 285 South Highway Corridor Plan with help from the county and interested residents and property owners.

**Board  
Member  
Needed  
if interested,  
please call  
466-4248**



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## 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.

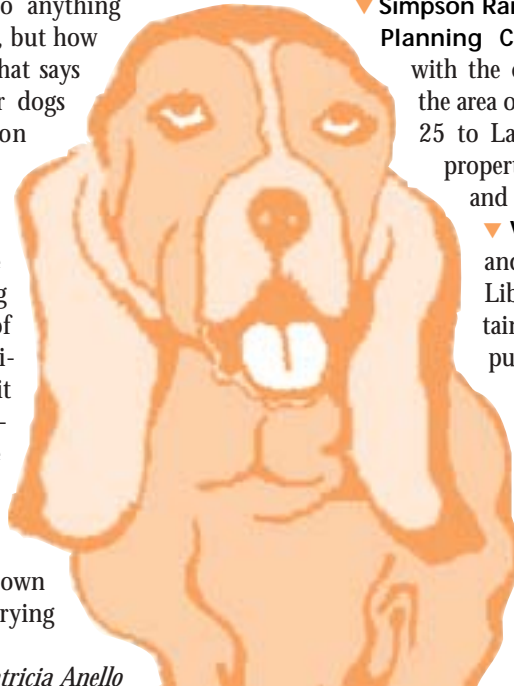
### Mission Statement

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.

## Hike-Bike-Dodge

I know you can't do anything about barking dogs, but how about a covenant that says people who walk their dogs in Eldorado's common areas (greenbelts, streets, hike-bike trails) must carry away the feces. Albuquerque just realized that dog feces were a source of groundwater contamination. Let's not wait until we also have contamination before we act. Not to mention actually trying to walk on a hike-bike trail with your head down every step of the way trying to dodge the poop!!!

—Patricia Anello



## Be a Volunteer

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▼ **Simpson Ranch Contemporary Community Planning Committee.** Currently working with the county on a long-range plan for the area on both sides of South 285 from I-25 to Lamy. All interested residents and property owners are invited to attend and participate.

▼ **Vista Grande Library.** Operates and raises funds for the Community Library. Volunteers staff and maintain the library, raise funds, create publicity, and provide administrative services.

All committee meetings are open to the public. Contacts and meeting times appear in the Events Calendar on page 5 each month. The ECIA office (466-4648) often can provide additional information and contacts.

—Dan Drobnis

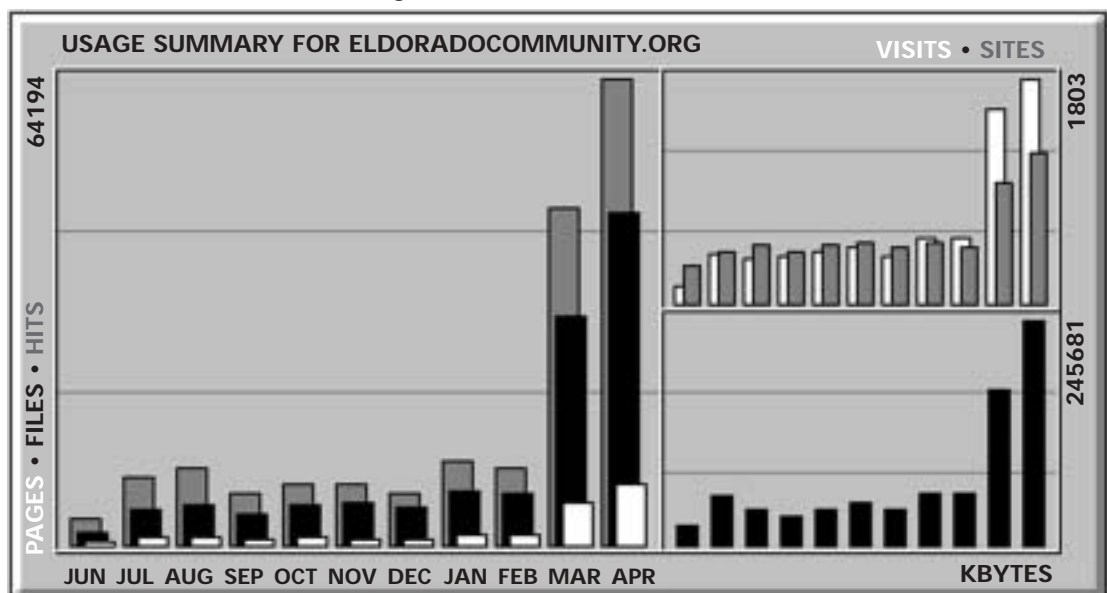
## Bulletin Board is a Hit!

If you haven't been to Eldorado Community's website, you are one of the few who hasn't. April statistics show that visits to the website have increased amazingly. From June, 2002, through February, 2003, visits to the website averaged around 396. In March, the visits numbered 1557, followed by 1803 in April! What's going on?

In March we started the Community Bulletin Board on the website. This has brought in a lot of

interest. As of May 10, there are 253 registered members on the bulletin board who share the advantage of our barter board, sale/rental notice board, services board, items for sale board, and yard sale board.

It's all for free for anyone with a 466 prefix telephone number. Log on to [www.eldoradocommunity.org](http://www.eldoradocommunity.org) and click on "Bulletin Board."



## ECIA Annual Meeting

Thanks to all of those who attended the annual meeting of the ECIA Members, held on Monday, May 5, 2003 at the Community Center. When President **John Reeder** called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm there were approximately forty members in attendance, including **Jack Sullivan**, the community's representative on the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners, and Santa Fe County Under-Sheriff, **Robert Garcia**.

John Reeder first announced that **Dan Drobnis**, ECIA Treasurer, had been reelected to the Board for another three-year term. John thanked Dan for "stepping up to the plate" for another term on the Board. Also, John recognized departing Board member, **Andy Winnegar**, for his three years of service to the community.

Dan Drobnis then reported that the Association is in very good financial condition. At the end of last year, the ECIA had total assets worth \$1,725,460, which included \$286,792 in the Special Assessment Reserves, \$540,727 in the Capital Reserves, and \$315,173 in the Replacement Reserves. The Finance Committee, chaired by **Gisela Knight**, was commended for the fantastic job that they do!

Next, John Reeder presented an overview of some of the more pertinent statistics related to Eldorado, our residents and amenities. John feels that over the last couple of years the community has matured enough that the Board can now concentrate on bigger picture issues, rather than having to deal with the daily operations of the Association.

Jack Sullivan provided some insightful information into what he called the "Regional Water Thing." He was excited and satisfied with progress made this past year between the County and City regarding water issues and sees a tremendous opportunity in the upcoming year.

The floor was then turned over to Mr. Garcia, the County Under-Sheriff, who gave the community an update on the new Sheriff's initiatives. Mr. Garcia talked about manpower requests, standardizing police operating procedures, pursuing grant money from the Homeland Security Fund, traffic control, the "Crimestoppers" program and most importantly, the new Sheriff's plan to develop a community policing program for the county.

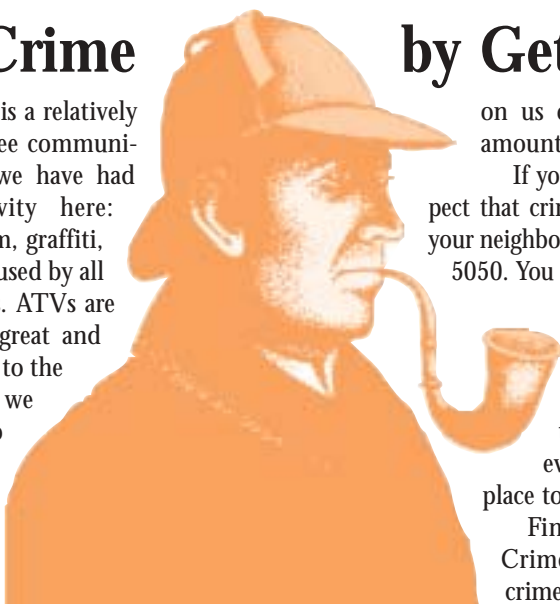
The last part of the meeting was the open forum, which always has a few surprises, and this year was no exception. Several community members, **Jerry Williams**, **Francine Kern**, **Pat Lavengood**, **Alex Hale**, **Jean Stokes** and **Mary Ann Hale** all spoke regarding the ongoing 285 Corridor Plan and the Simpson Ranch Plan. John Emery from the Eldorado Band presented the idea of the ECIA building an outdoor performance gazebo for the band to give concerts at the Community Center during the summer months. And last, Francine Kern commended John Reeder on the tremendous job that he has done as the President of the ECIA for the last year.

That concluded the events of the night, and for those of you who missed the meeting, please put it on your calendar for Monday, May 3, 2004.

—*Bob Pritchard*

## Stop Crime

Eldorado is a relatively crime-free community but we have had criminal activity here: theft, vandalism, graffiti, and damage caused by all terrain vehicles. ATVs are noisy and do great and lasting damage to the terrain that we love and try to protect. The results that graffiti and ATV perpetrators inflict



## by Getting Involved

on us often do enough costly damage to amount to felonies.

If you have information on a crime or suspect that criminal activity may be taking place in your neighborhood, call Crimestoppers at 505-955-5050. You are not required to give your name.

The information you provide will be passed on to investigators and if it leads to the arrest of a lawbreaker you may be eligible for a monetary reward. More importantly, however, your neighborhood will be a safer place to live.

Find more information at the Crimestoppers website, [www.santafe-crimestoppers.com](http://www.santafe-crimestoppers.com).

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## The Pool is Open!

We are still using the white plastic pool passes! New pool cards are \$5.00 and replacement cards are \$10.00.

### Renters Take Note!

Before you are allowed access to the pool, the owner of the home you are renting must submit a letter to the ECIA that authorizes you to use the pool.

### Pool Hours

- ▼ General Swim: Monday, Wednesday and Friday hours are 10 am-6 pm
- ▼ Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday hours are 10 am-8 pm
- ▼ Lap Swim: Monday, Wednesday and Friday lap hours are 8 am-10 am and 6-8 pm. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday lap hours are 8 am-10 am

—The pool phone is 466-2511  
 —Don't forget, your association fees must be current to have access to any of our amenities.

### Running Down the Highway

The Eldorado Roadrunners RV Club has been formed. Our next meeting will be Saturday, June 7, 10 am, at the Community Center. We are a social and civic group and will protect our right to park RVs on our property. Call our President, **Deborah Howland**, at 466-0010, or **Bill & Lillian Bodle** at 466-3011 for information.

### Girl Scouts Seek Bronze Award

Girl Scout Troop 261 is going to try to earn the Bronze Award, the highest award Junior Girl Scouts can earn. One of the requirements is a community service project. We have decided to collect old school and art supplies for the homeless shelters, St. Vincent Hospital and many more.

Here is what you can do to help! Bring your old school supplies and art supplies to the donation boxes at El Dorado Elementary School. We will start placing boxes at the school

the first week of June. We will collect the supplies, put them in nice bags or baskets and give them to the places we have selected. Call **Stephanie** at 466-1535 with any questions. Thanks for your support!

### Responses to Septic Tank

#### Pumping Program

A mailing to determine interest in a program for regular septic tank pumping has drawn several hundred positive responses. Based on this interest, volunteers at the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District are soliciting bids from local pumping contractors for discounts to residents who sign up for regular pumping at three-year intervals. Those who have indicated interest will receive further details, probably later in July. The program is not closed. Existing and new area residents who desire will be able to join at any time.

#### Special Event-Compass Course:

Saturday, June 7, 9 am – noon, at the Community Center. **John Kenny** will instruct in the fine points of using a map and compass. You will learn how to orient yourself outdoors and how to measure distance. He will provide area maps and compasses. We invite residents to take advantage of this special class.

### Eldorado Arts Association

**Shoptalk:** Wednesday, June 11, 10 am-noon at the home of **Dieter and Mary Ann Rall**. Come meet fellow artists for socializing and coffee. Call 466-6293 for directions.

**Art Program:** Show and Tell, Wednesday, June 25, 7:00 pm, at the Community Center. All members are invited to bring along one piece of their work to show and tell. Call **Jill Averill** at 466-6866 with any questions.

### Call for Interviews

Everyone has a story to tell: about how you got here or why you never left, about what drew you to Eldorado or why you love New Mexico. You don't need to be famous already or have something to sell or a service to provide, just a friendly willingness to share a little of your story with your neighbors. Every week in The New Mexican's Eldorado Section on Wednesdays in a column called "Down the Street," I profile someone who lives in

**Notice:** Have you paid your fees for 2003? There is now a late balance before you can renew your membership. Remember in order to rent the Community Center you must pay your association fees. Call me, Debby, with any questions.

Eldorado. Judging from the comments I get about the column, your neighbors really enjoy learning about who lives here. If you are interested in being interviewed for Down the Street, there's no need to be shy about it!

Please email me, **Candelora Versace**, at [candelora@earthlink.net](mailto:candelora@earthlink.net) or call me at 466-4461.

### Vista Grande Library Author Series Begins Again

Just in time for the Santa Fe Opera Season, the Vista Grande Library is pleased to have **Desiree Mays**, Eldorado author of *Opera Unveiled*, speak at the library on Sunday, June 22, at 4:00 pm. Her talk will be a preview of the Operas to be presented during the 2003 season. A radio personality as well as accomplished writer, Ms. Mays will present a lively program for novice opera goers as well as those who never miss an opera season. For information call 466-READ.

### Community Band Plans Public Rehearsals

The Eldorado Community Band will be rehearsing at the Agora Shopping Center courtyard on every third Thursday, from May to September (isn't that a line from a song?), at 7:00 pm. Call Peg Johnson at 466-1459 with any questions. Join us!

We hope to have full concerts monthly on Sunday evenings during the summer months. More information will follow.

**Have you paid your association fees for 2003? They were due March 1. If you have a late fee due, so call for your refund before you write that check! In order to use the pool and/or the Community Center, you must have your association fees paid for 2003. Call Debby Padilla, at 466-4248 with any questions you may have.**

# June Events

## 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.**

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Information Committee		ECIA	466-4248	
Neighborhood Watch		Frank Schober	310-8593	call
Recreation Committee		Elaine Napp	466-2023	
Road Committee	Mon., June 2, 6-7 pm	Allen Larson	466-4792	CFR
Finance Committee	Tues., June 10, 10-11 am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Architectural Committee	Tues., June 10, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
EAW&SD*	Wed., June 11, 7-9 pm	Don Dayton	466-2411	CFR
Board Work Study	Mon., June 16, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
285 Coalition	Wed., June 18, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598	CR
ECIA Board	Thurs., June 19, 7-10 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Architectural Committee	Tues., June 24, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Master Gardeners	Mon., June 2, 7-9 pm	Beverly Hafner	466-0261	RR
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., June 3, 10 am	Pat Kuhlhoff	466-4877	
Book Club	Sun., June 8, 7-9 pm	Ken Fischer	466-2537	
Arts Assoc. Shoptalk	Wed., June 11, 10 am-noon	Cary Carlson	466-6073	
Vista Grande Book Club	Thurs., June 12, 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636	
Search & Rescue	Thurs., June 12, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765	
Book Club	Sat., June 14, 1:30-3 pm	Barbara Rugg	466-2559	
Cub Scouts Pack 414	Tues., June 17, 7 pm	Clay Williard		
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., June 17, 10 am	Pat Kuhlhoff	466-4877	
Arts Assoc. Program	Wed., June 25, 7-9 pm	Arlene Siegel	466-3274	LR

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm			CR
AI-Anon (open to all)	Fridays, 9-10 am			
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fridays, 1-4:30 pm	Marjorie Segell	466-3958	CR, LR
Bridge	2nd & 4th Fridays, 1-4:20 pm	Pat Lavengood	466-9765	CR, LR
Bridge (Beginning)	Wednesdays, 9-noon	Gen Norris	466-4120	LR
Bridge (Mens')	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

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

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## Bill Kapoun, An Extraordinary Volunteer



Bill Kapoun now

**V**olunteers may not make the world go 'round, but they keep the right things happening here in Eldorado. **Bill Kapoun**, a resident here since the 1970's is an example of the dynamic process that keeps a community together. Since moving here, he has worked hard as a member of several committees (including Security and Maintenance) and now serves as a key member of our Association's Finance Committee.

Born in Chicago, he grew up in Brookfield, Illinois so long ago, he notes, that he remembers when the famous Brookfield Zoo was first established. Bill's early education—first at the Robert Burns Grammar School on the South Side of Chicago and then at the Riverside-Brookfield High School west of the city—gave him a love for mathematics. Like many of us, he remembers a teacher who had the greatest influence on his later life. It was a "very tough" Mr. Hoffman who presided over his bookkeeping course.

Bill Kapoun joined the Illinois National Guard in 1940, where he was known as Private Kapoun. He was mobilized in March of 1941 when war clouds were gathering everywhere in the world. When Pearl Harbor was bombed in December, he remembers that he was lying on his bunk reading the Sunday paper at Camp Forrest, Tennessee. He, like all Americans at the time, wondered, "What could happen next?" He soon found out.

In 1941, Kapoun, now a sergeant, was sent on a memorable journey with fellow members of the Army's 43rd Engineer Battalion to Melbourne, Australia. It was a never-to-be-forgotten "cruise," he now jokes, aboard what he describes as a banana boat that was sometime earlier condemned as "not seaworthy" by officials at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. After a 23-day voyage through the Panama Canal, with little fresh water, one commode for 300 men and use of the ship as "sub bait" by the U.S. Navy, Bill Kapoun first saw the lights of Melbourne, Australia. He remembers it as a beautiful city with kind, welcoming people worried that the Japanese who had just bombed Darwin in Northern Australia would be there soon.

Assigned to General MacArthur's headquarters in Melbourne, with very little spare time, Bill was invited on one occasion, thanks to a soldier friend of his, to the home of an Australian couple. There he met the love of his life, **Gwynne Gahan**, whom he courted and later married.

Following World War II, Gwynne and Bill moved to Chicago where Bill worked first for

himself in the transportation field and later in that same endeavor for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

After retiring from the National Guard as a captain, Bill found time to volunteer in many ways. In fact, working as a volunteer was the factor that brought Bill Kapoun to Eldorado. His lifelong interest in Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America brought him regularly to the Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimmaron, New Mexico during the 1950s and 60s. He felt then, as he feels now, that New Mexico's ever beautiful, ever new vistas and its remarkable "see-forever" terrain made it the place where he knew he would be happy settling.

Bill Kapoun's friends say he keeps a lot of things going here in Eldorado. He is the Treasurer of the Eldorado Resident's Association. He attends most Board meetings of the ECIA, runs the Senior Lunch program, watches over the ECIA's accounting procedures as a member of the Finance Committee and most of all enjoys walking his border collie on our hike-bike trails. He is one of the "few good men and women" who give of their time and talent to keep our community running.

—*Frank Schober*



Bill Kapoun and his bride Gwynne Gahan



## Conservation Committee —Rent-a-Goat

Residents were treated to an unusual sight on an Eldorado greenbelt along Avenida de Compadres one Sunday in late April. Seventy-five goats were busy grazing the dry brush and cactus while a herder and two alert dogs kept a keen watch.

The cashmere goats were brought to Eldorado by Goat Works, a partnership between **Craig Conley**, an Eldorado resident, and Earthworks, a non-profit organization focusing on the restoration of the Galisteo watershed. Ed Carlson, chair of the Conservation Committee, arranged for the demonstration to show the community an alternative tool for managing vegetation both in the greenbelt and on individual residential lots. The goats cleared the first area of brush in about two hours. While one person was moving the portable electric fence that normally contains the goats to another area, the Goat Works herder and her border collies, Elly and Clancy, demonstrated how they keep the animals contained in a tight circle while the goats continue to eat. After the greenbelt work, the herd made its way back to the Conley residence where they grazed his lot and leach field.

Controlled, precision grazing such as that demonstrated by Goat Works has a number of applications in Eldorado. It provides a way to remove dry overgrowth and create firebreaks in strategic locations within the greenbelts, and to remove salt cedar in the Preserve where we do not want to take equipment. Goats also provide a non-chemical method of controlling undesirable vegetation (e.g., goat heads) around the soccer fields and play areas at the Community Center. With proper timing, this type of grazing allows us to remove early spring annual weeds and encourage more desirable native grasses. The ability to control where and when the goats graze allows them to be used in small areas such as residential leach fields. If these areas are seeded and grazed at the proper times, the thickets of kosha and russian thistle that now dominate many leach fields can be replaced by native grasses and wildflowers.

To learn more about Goat Works, call Craig Conley at 470-3910 or 982-5966. —*Ed Carlson*



Dan Drobnis

## Simply Organized —Room by Room

**S**mall Rooms, Big Potential for Clutter. Bathrooms and closets are usually the smallest rooms in a house. Although neither highly visible nor considered public gathering space, these areas also deserve respect. The basic guideline for these rooms is to store only items used or expected to be in these areas.

**Bathrooms** are multipurpose rooms similar to the kitchen presented in the last article. Activities associated with this room are personal care needs, grooming, first-aid supplies, and retreat.

Start by discarding all outdated cosmetics or medicines and half-full bottles of abandoned toiletries, as well as the 10 stained washcloths that are stuffed in a corner.

Counter space is often very limited, so use it wisely. Gather small items in a basket instead of lining them up. Adding shelves or a storage container with drawers under the sink can triple capacity. A small nightstand may be perfect for supplemental towel storage in lieu of a linen closet. Place cosmetics or toiletries used daily in a basket with a folding handle for easy storage in a drawer.

The family first-aid kit should be current and accessible to adults only. Store the basics in a covered container that is portable.

Quick and easy solutions that have a big impact include over-the-door hooks for the back of the door, a shower caddy for shampoo, soap, and accessories and a few baskets for the grouped items. Install plenty of towel bars or hooks.

**Closets** are always in short supply. First assess how many you have and where they are to determine their optimum potential. The closet closest to the most common entry/exit door is logical for outerwear, daypacks, and such daily used items. Closets in the bedroom are appropriate for everyday wear. Unless a guest room is occupied on a regular basis, the closet may serve as a seasonal clothing storage area or for infrequently used items.

When sorting closet contents be relentless about outdated favorites not currently worn and/or memorabilia. Match outfits and group colors to facilitate finding items. Pair shoes and group like uses in a hanging shoe bag. Add another shelf if the ceiling is tall. Invest in a closet basket-drawer system to store smaller folded items.

Remember: the goal of organizing your space is to be able to readily access items needed and to reduce the extraneous clutter that gathers uninvited.

—*RoseMarie Bagioni*

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on our new Bulletin Board at:  
[www.eldoradocommunity.org](http://www.eldoradocommunity.org)*



*Security*  
*204-2945*

## One Bite at a Time

Goats from the commercial herd at Goat Works (slogan: Restore your land one bite at a time!) participate in a controlled munch for weed elimination in Eldorado. The process is being evaluated as an eco-friendly way to provide fire breaks along Eldorado's major roads and through the greenbelts. See page 7.



Ed Carlson