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Be Prepared

IN MARCH OR APRIL OF 2006, El Dorado Fire and Rescue will conduct a comprehensive emergency exercise based on a possible major emergency situation that would affect the entire community.

Chief Guy Monroe is hoping to get “community stakeholders” to cooperate and participate in what is known as a “Tabletop Emergency Exercise.” The stakeholders the chief refers to include all organizations, companies, and public and private agencies that can provide services or already have emergency responsibilities here. Examples include our school, library, shopping centers, security company, water company and the ECIA staff. Of course, the sheriff, state police, public utilities and resident amateur radio operators are also included.

“We must include all stakeholders,” says Chief Monroe, “because our department’s resources will not be sufficient. In a major, catastrophic emergency, all will need to be involved, but to be involved effectively they have to practice what they will do in advance.”

The format of a Tabletop Exercise resembles what the Armed Services call a “Command Post Exercise.” Participants are usually seated around tables placed in a horseshoe configuration. The exercise, which typically lasts from three to four hours, begins with a statement by a director or moderator giving participants the situation before the emergency incident has occurred. Such factors as temperature, wind speed, humidity, and time of day are given. These may be critical factors as the situation develops.

As the hypothetical situation unfolds, participants representing their respective agencies are asked questions (either general or specific) such as, “What is done by whom now?” or “To whom do you report, coordinate or communicate with?” or “Where do you get the resources to...?”

“To be successful,” says Chief Monroe, “a Tabletop Exercise must be based on a realistic scenario—a description of a likely emergency incident occurring over time that could damage property and endanger residents. The purpose of such an exercise

is to answer a vital question that is all-too-often not answered before a major emergency affects a community. That question is, can our stakeholders effectively cooperate and coordinate their human and material resources under the conditions of a disaster that affects the entire community?

The above question is an important one in view of the disaster situations that could conceivably occur here or just about anywhere, such as hazardous material spills on the nearby highway, fires, loss of electrical power, serious school incidents, etc. Such situations would require that all emergency services at all levels respond in an organized way.

If the exercise is successful, it will reveal communications failures, confusion regarding areas of responsibility, shortages of needed human and material resources and most assuredly deficiencies in procedure. From this learning effort, a realistic plan can be developed.

The emergency Tabletop Exercise is now in the early planning phases. It will probably be held at the main El Dorado Fire Station on a weekend to ensure maximum participation by all stakeholders.

“We will doubtlessly learn a lot from the exercise we are planning,” says Chief Monroe. “The important thing is to make the changes and put the resources in place that our experience from the exercise will dictate.”

—Frank Schober

*ECIA Board
Work Study
Meeting,
Community
Center, Mon.,
Jan. 16, 7 pm*

Many services are included in the emergency exercise.



Photo by Ken McPherson

Senior Center Proceeds—But Slowly

*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.

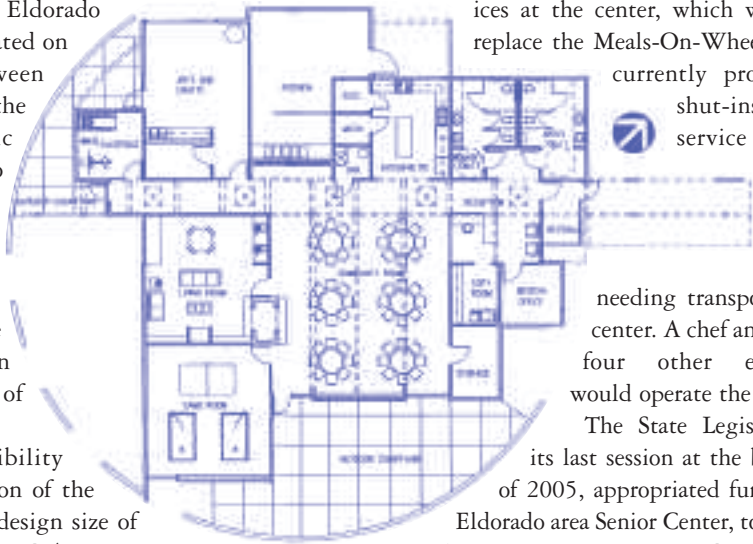
DESIGN FOR A SENIOR

A Center for the Eldorado area, to be located on county land between Avenida Torreon and the Vista Grande Public Library, has failed to attract construction bids within the project budget. This will require a redesign, negotiation to reduce costs back to within budget, or acquisition of additional funding.

The redesign possibility could mean the reduction of the center from its current design size of 4,500 square feet to around 4,000. It is not clear what portions could be eliminated to accomplish this. Another possibility is to approach the legislature for additional funds during its upcoming 2006 session.

The Senior Center as originally designed would provide a free lunch five days a week, and would provide space for social activities, a community meeting room, arts and crafts, and a small exercise area. The center is planned to operate from 8 am to 4 pm on weekdays.

The county would provide funds to the City of Santa Fe Division of Senior Services for operation.



A federal program would fund food services at the center, which would not replace the Meals-On-Wheels service currently provided to shut-ins. A van service would also be available for those needing transport to the center. A chef and three or four other employees would operate the center.

The State Legislature, at its last session at the beginning of 2005, appropriated funds for an Eldorado area Senior Center, to serve the area along the 285 South Corridor, including Eldorado, Lamy, Glorietta, and other 285-South communities. Santa Fe Senior Services currently has over 200 seniors enrolled in the proposed service area.

Don Dayton, who is an official lobbyist at the State Legislature for the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), commented that shortages, partly caused by construction demands for hurricane rebuilding, have greatly increased prices of cement and steel. Don was instrumental in working with state and county officials to secure the original funding for the Senior Center.

—Dan Drobnis

To our kind neighbor:

THANK YOU FOR ALERTING US

to our [barking] dog problem. In May, my sister left us her pair of dogs for a year while she's at grad school, quickly turning our two dogs into a pack, with corresponding behavior changes. While we thought we were mindful of our dogs' noise, your note and some subsequent research made us realize that we (unfortunately, unlike you) can't always hear them from inside the house. Thanks also for the information on the Citronella anti-bark collar (available from Critters & Me or online at www.healthypetonline.com), which seems to be working well so far. It was sweet of you to offer a solution, and hopefully the problem has been diminished. Apologies to you (and our other neighbors) about the noise.

—Rachel and John
Azul Loop

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Regulations and the Board accepted them. This committee also has a long-range plan that will help with budgeting and maintenance. The stable area continues to improve because of the hard work of the committee and the stable owners. A plan for a hike/bike path for Avenida Azul is at the county awaiting a decision for the best way to proceed. Because of the work of the Roads Committee, the county has a five-year plan for repair and replacement of roads in Eldorado.

This is not an all-inclusive list of our accomplished goals. It should give you an idea of how the Board continues to set goals and then completes the work we have said we would do.

Looking back on 2005, I can say as President of the Board, it has been a very good year. Thanks to all who have worked to make it so; now we look forward to another year of accomplishments.

—Jeanne Klein

Exterior Lighting — Covenants and Guidelines

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVENANTS, “Exterior lights are prohibited unless they are 75 watts or less and are properly shielded so as to direct light downward. The lighting of signs on a lot is prohibited.”

(“Exterior lighting” includes all outdoor lighting such as building wall or pole-mounted lighting, landscape, walkway, monument or driveway lighting.)

In addition, exterior lighting shall comply with the following guidelines:

1. A fully shielded light fixture must use opaque material.
2. The light (luminary) shall not be visible through any openings in the fixture other than the lowest point of the fixture (the bottom).
3. There shall be no upward component of any exterior lighting.
4. Security lighting, if it is activated by photo sensors or motion detectors, must be adjusted

to the least sensitive setting and timed to shut off in two minutes or less.

5. Landscape lighting shall illuminate only the ground below (adjacent) to the fixture.
6. It is recommended that landscape, walkway, monument or driveway lighting shall not be mounted higher than twenty-four (24) inches above the ground or exceed 20 watts per luminary, and made of a non-reflective finish.
7. It is recommended the minimum spacing of lighting fixtures for driveways and walkways visible from neighboring property shall be 20 feet for driveways less than 120 feet long and 30 feet for driveways longer than 120 feet.

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”. Suggestion... try compliance, first!

—Charles Smith, the ECIA CCR

Looking Back!

WITH BELLS RINGING in a new year, it is usual to look back to determine if our year was as successful as we had planned at the beginning of the year. And so, in this short space, I would like to review the work of the ECIA in relation to the goals that were set last January by the Board and the chairpersons of the ECIA committees.

One of our overarching goals for the year was to promote civility and involvement by paying attention to public comment, encouraging involvement from the widest possible population and expecting staff and committees to do the same. As a result, committee membership on the Road, Neighborhood Watch and Conservation Committees has increased. We can always use more volunteers, but we have a good solid membership base now on all committees. During the public forum on the revised Guidelines for the Protective Covenants, residents urged the Board to improve the compliance procedures so that violations could be cited more quickly and remedied in a more expeditious manner. We responded to their request by approving a three-month study: reassigning staff to work with the compliance staff person and hiring a part-time person to take on some of the responsibilities of reassigned staff. The Board, committees and staff continue to keep in mind that civility is the key even when we have to say hard things to help residents live up to the covenants.

The revision of the Guidelines for the Protective



The Stable Committee met its goals for 2005, achieving many improvements.

Covenants was a goal that, with the tremendous help from the Architectural Committee, was completed. The Board at the October business meeting adopted the Guidelines.

Another goal was to improve traffic enforcement in the community, and to dispatch a security officer to the school during arrival and dismissal of students. The Sheriff’s Department has patrolled the area as much as possible and there is a sheriff’s representative at most Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings. The sheriff regularly dispatches radar speed signs to remind motorists of the speed limit. If you pass the school at dismissal time, you will see security observing the traffic to remind residents to be careful because our students are out.

Community amenities are an on-going goal. The Stable Committee finalized their Rules and

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Information Meeting On Plague Study

The Eldorado Community Improvement Association will host an information meeting on the plague study being conducted in Eldorado by the State Office of Epidemiology. **Pam Reynolds**, the person conducting the study, will discuss her findings and give information on how to best protect humans and pets from coming in contact with the disease. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, at 7 pm at the Community Center. Questions can be directed to **Jeanne Klein** at 466-2466.

ERA Meeting for Residents

The Eldorado Residents Association will hold its first quarterly meeting of 2006 on January 6 at 7 pm, at the Community Center. General business will be discussed including whether the ERA should continue as an organization. There will be a special presentation by **Lazlo Lazowska**, the new Director of the Night Sky Program for the New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance. Lazlo will have a powerpoint presentation and talk about Night Sky Friendly Lighting, outdoor lighting, and other topics. For information call 466-1484.

EACA Plans for May '06 Tour

The artists belonging to the Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association have set the date for the May 2006 tour to be held on the weekend of May 20 and 21. The deadline for applications for this year's event is January 15. Participation in the tour is limited to members of the EACA who live west of the three entrances to Eldorado. Artists who would like an application to participate in the tour should

Moon Phases for Jan



call **Joretha Hall** at 466-6245. The first organizational meeting for the 2006 Studio Tour will be held at 7 pm, January 24, in the small gymnasium of the El Dorado Elementary School.

A Talk on Songs

Thursday, January 19, 7-9 pm, Vista Grande Public Library is happy to present singer, musician, music critic, and author **David Jenness** who will talk about his newly published book *Classic American Popular Song: 1950-2000*, co-authored with **Don Velsey**. Jenness is an accomplished pianist and is a past president of the Kodaly Institute, an institute of music based around the world, most notably in Hungary and Australia. Jenness's book addresses the question: What happened to the American popular song after 1950? Jenness will talk about changes in song styles, lyrics, and American culture.

Eldorado Commuter Rail

Eldorado Commuter Rail was the main subject of discussion during the Friday, December 2 meeting of the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD). NCRTD is one of the several government agencies charged with the responsibility for planning regional transit initiatives. A representative from **Senator Bingaman's** office notified the NCRTD that \$5.4 million has been authorized by the federal government for an Eldorado to Santa Fe commuter rail line. However, for the funding

to be appropriated, the public and the various public agencies who might be involved in developing and managing the commuter rail line must issue a formal request for the funds. If

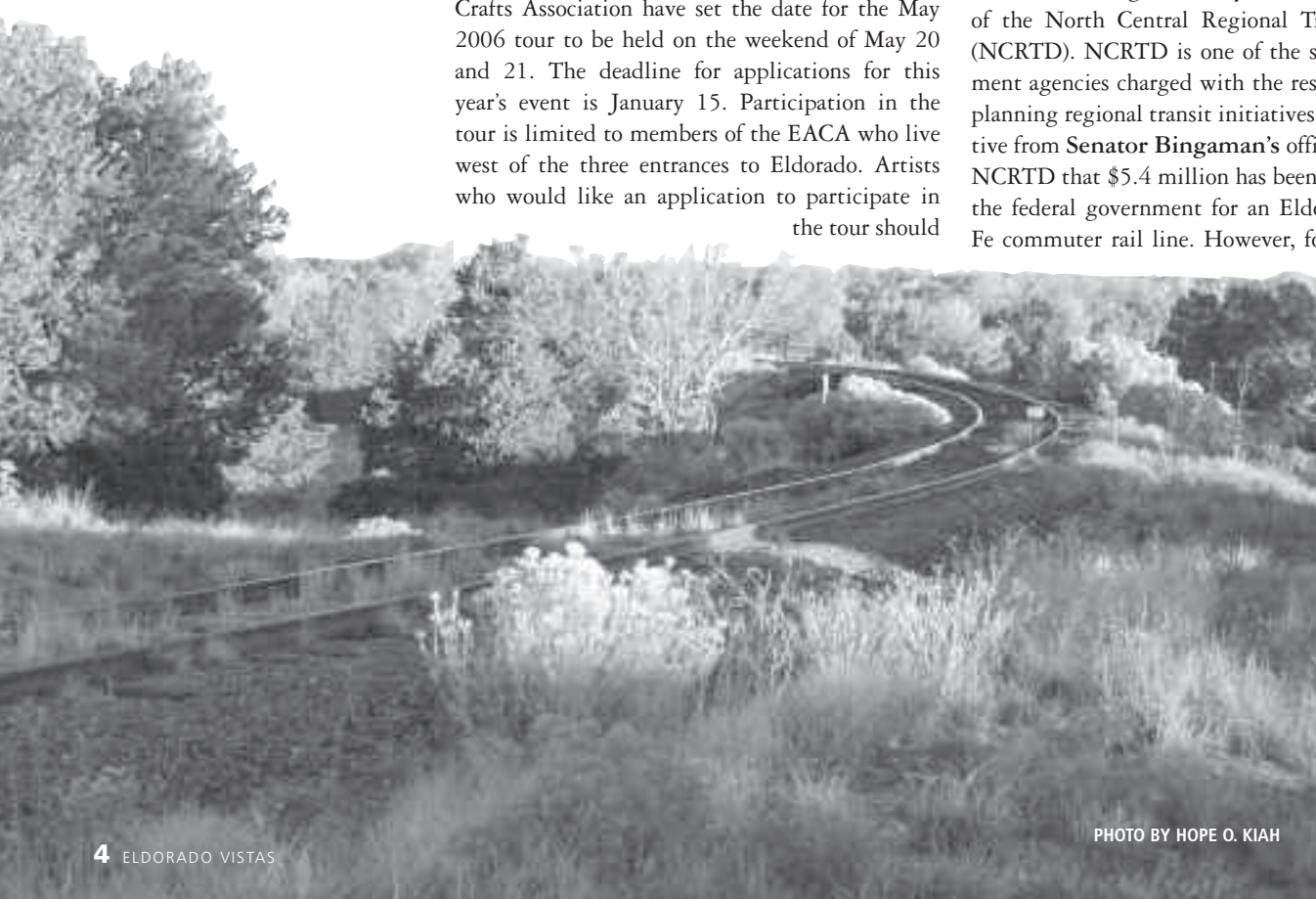


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Astronomy Corner

Connecting the dots

Step outside on a clear, dark evening and you can see thousands of stars. At first they look like little dots sprinkled chaotically, but in ancient times, humans imagined they could see the outlines of figures: horses, heroes, creatures—objects that had their own legends and were even thought to influence events on Earth.

The modern concept of a constellation is a particular region of the sky which might enclose an imagined ancient figure that is commonly used to point out a specific object in the night sky. For instance, although the Big Dipper is only one part of the constellation Ursa Major, if you live in the Northern Hemisphere, you can use it to find all sorts of important stars, most notably Polaris, the North Star.

In the real sky, most constellations are not flat, they include stars that are quite far apart. In other words, constellations are optical illusions and the figures they represent depend on the culture we belong to.

January Sky:

Venus, spectacular in SW after dark; **Mars**, dimmer in ESE after dark; Jupiter rises about 3 am in SE ; **Saturn**, rises after evening twilight in ENE.

Next: Ancient & Modern Constellations

—Juan Alvarez

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Eldoradoans do, in fact, desire to be served by a commuter line, now is the time to speak up. Otherwise, it is likely the funds will flow to rail projects elsewhere in the state. Any proponents of an Eldorado commuter rail are invited to form a committee by contacting **Charles Bensinger** at 466-4259 or at newworld@timewindow.com.

January Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email 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.

LR=Living Room, F=Foyer, CFR=Conference Room, CR=Class Room, RR=Railroad, K=Kitchen

JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

ERA Quarterly Meeting	Mon., Jan. 9, 7-9 pm			CR
ECIA Offices Closed	Mon., Jan. 16	for Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
ERA T.G.I.F. Party	Fri., Jan. 20,	Joe Auburg	466-1484	LR

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Road Committee	Mon., Jan. 2, 6-7 pm	Ed Benrock	466-2088	CFR
Perform. Arts Assoc.	Tues., Jan. 3, 7 pm	Bruce Blossman		RR
Conservation Committee	Tues., Jan. 3, 7-9 pm	Stephen Wust	466-0436	LR
285 Coalition	Wed., Jan. 4, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598	CFR
Neighborhood Watch	Mon., Jan. 9, 7-9 pm	Sandra Vreeland	466-6079	LR
Architectural Committee	Tues., Jan. 10, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
Finance Committee	Wed., Jan. 11, 9-noon	Gisela Knight	466-2568	RR
Board Work Study	Mon., Jan. 16, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
EAW&SD*	Tues., Jan. 17, 7-9 pm		466-2411	RR
ECIA Board	Thurs., Jan. 19, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Information Committee	Mon., Jan. 23, 7-8 pm	Ken McPherson	466-4161	F
Architectural Committee	Tues., Jan. 24, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
Stable Committee	Tues., Jan. 24, 7-9 pm	Dina Sassone	466-2516	LR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Book Club	Sat., Jan. 7, 9-10:30 am	Joan Lamarque	466-6000	
Book Club/Pot Luck	call for date and time	Ken Fischer	466-2537	
Library Book Group	2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636	Lib
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Jan. 3, 10-11 am	Joe Auburg	466-1484	F, K
Search & Rescue	Thurs., Jan. 12, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765	CR
Troop 414 Committee	1st Wed., 7:30-9 pm	Bruce Blossman	955-0880	CR
Venturing Crew 414	2nd & 4th Wed., 7-9 pm	Vera Hayduk	466-1726	C
Cub Scout Pack 414	4th Tues., 7-9 pm	Ty Ransdell	466-2579	Sm Gym
La Canada Wireless	Mon., Jan. 9, 7-9	lcwireless.org		LR
MOMS Club	Call for date and time	Shannon Ratcliff	986-9050	
ERA Coffee Social	Tues., Jan. 17, 10-11 am	Joe Auburg	466-1484	F, K
Shakespeare Group	Tues., Jan. 17,	Mary Denison	466-6657	CFR

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tuesdays, 5:30-6:50 pm			LR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am			RR
AA	Fridays, 6-7 pm			CFR
AA	Sat., 10:45-11:45 am			LR
AA	Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm			CFR
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wednesdays, 7-9 pm	Paul Tuck	466-4815	RR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm			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
Knitting Club	2nd & 4th Tues., 10 am-noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	F
Adult Volleyball	Wed., 7-9 pm	Arlene Mayer	466-6641	School

*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District **Reservations Required

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradocommunity.org

Got Meds?

Comparing Medicare Prescription Plan Costs

FOR ELDORADOANS WANDERING the Medicare Prescription Drug Maze for either themselves or relatives/friends, there's good news—the Medicare website will help with your calculations. The bad news—it can take a bit of fiddling; hence the following tips.

If you lack a computer or web skills, you may visit a computer-savvy friend or use the Internet-linked computers at the Vista Grande Public Library. To cost a particular set of medications under all plans available in Santa Fe or some other area, make a list of all your meds with dosages and then proceed as follows:

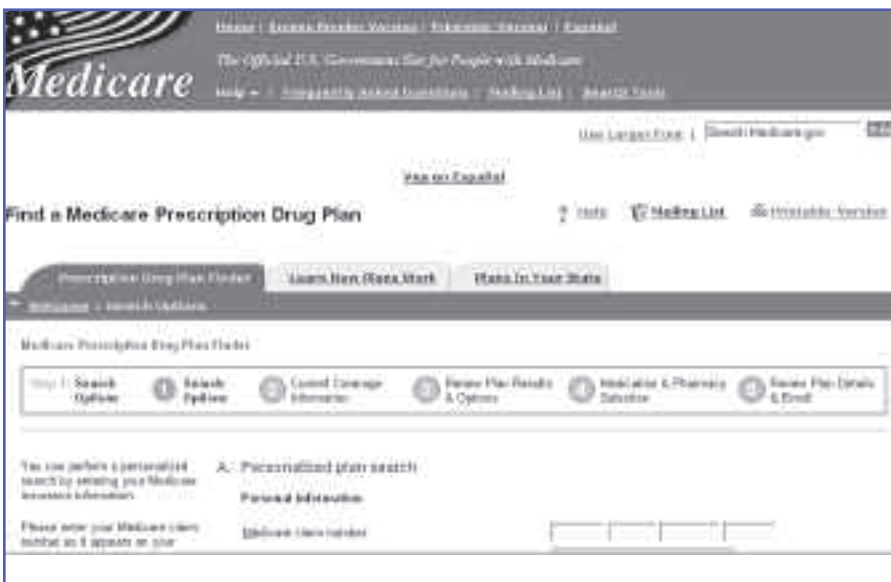
1. Open your web browser (such as Internet Explorer or Netscape) and go to <http://www.medicare.gov/>. Select **Compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans**, then in the middle of the next page **Find a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan**.
2. Go to **B. General Plan Search** and select **General Search**. Option A asks for more info, but yields no better results and may foreclose some choices!
3. Enter the ZIP code for the person joining a plan—yourself or another person. Click the box by **B. None of the Above** to get the most general information. Click the appropriate box under **C. Eligible for Additional Help**. Most of us are not eligible, but additional explanation is available to the left. Click **Continue**, then the gray box **Choose a Drug Plan Type**.
4. On the next page, proceed to **C.** and select the box if you already have or are interested in a

Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO, PPO or other plan with complete medical coverage). Select **Search for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans**.

5. Go to **B.** and click on **Enter My Medications**. Enter each prescription medication you take, and after each, click **Search for Drug**. If the name you entered was not specific enough, you will get a box with specific choices. Make a choice and click **Add Selected Drug**. A list of the drugs selected will build up under **B** below. Make a mistake? You can adjust later. Leave the **Generic** box checked for best prices.
6. When done entering drugs, click **Continue with Selected Drugs**. For the most accurate results, choose **Yes: Choose My Drug Dosage**. Adjust dosage and frequency in the next table as needed. Once your meds and dosages are correct, click **Continue with Selected Drugs**, and then **Continue to Plan List**. You can select pharmacies later if you wish.
7. Now you have a complete list of plans in your area for your meds with the total estimated yearly cost for each plan, including any monthly fee, deductibles, co-pays—the works, arranged by cost. A box at the bottom allows you to see all available plans on one page. If you want to see Medicare Advantage plans instead, go just above the plan list and click **Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan(s)** for a list. To choose a favorite pharmacy, go below the table and click **Change Pharmacy Selection**. To change drugs or dosages, go down further under **Selected Drugs**. You may also compare plans, see details of each cost estimate, and more.

If you receive Medicare Advantage services through an HMO or PPO and its drug offering is satisfactory, your choice is easy. You must sign up for the drug plan(s) from your existing provider, or you will be automatically disenrolled and placed in Original Medicare—with its own set of deductibles and co-pays and with the drug plan you select—or you will be required to choose a different HMO/PPO. Add up your present annual drug costs **without the current Medicare discount**, which will be discontinued. The result is (hopefully) your savings!

—Dan Drobnis



Hanging Around

COLD WEATHER FINALLY CAME just after Thanksgiving this year, reminding us all that winter is here. One of my favorite birds stays here all year long and I hear this little bird's buzzy, joyful sound in my backyard. The Juniper Titmouse (JT) is small and colorless with a perky tufted crest on its head. It is 5.75 inches long with a wingspan of 9 inches, light gray and slightly darker on the face and back. Males and females are the same. They have small conical bills, enabling them to reach into pinecones. They feed on insects, seeds, berries or suet and seem to have boundless amounts of energy. I often see them collect a sunflower seed, and take it to a branch where they hold it with a foot while cracking it open. They also hide seeds for later consumption. They prefer my feeders, which are nestled among tree branches. Special leg muscles enable them to feed hanging upside down. They reside mostly in Juniper-Piñon woodlands and are found primarily in NM, AZ, UT and NV. They were previously called the Plain Titmouse and grouped with the Oak Titmouse, which is very similar and is found in CA.

JT are monogamous and form long-term pair bonds. Mates often stay together throughout the winter. In the spring, the courtship is a simple pursuit of the female by the male. The male feeds his mate from courtship through early hatching. These tiny birds may excavate their own cavity for a nest in

trees, fence post holes or crevices. I have had babies in a blue bird nest box for the last three years. Five to eight eggs hatch in 13 or 14 days and are incubated by the female. The helpless young develop quickly and fledge in 15 to 18 days. It is said that the female will hiss like a snake if she is disturbed or feels threatened while sitting on the nest. During non-breeding season the JT moves about in family groups, forming mixed-species flocks with chickadees, nuthatches, and small woodpeckers.

P.S. I have been asked if Eastern Bluebirds are also seen in Eldorado, along with the common and similarly marked Western Bluebird. My answer is maybe, but probably not. Bird checklists from national monuments in the surrounding area list just the Western Bluebird. However, Bosque del Apache lists Eastern Bluebirds as rare in spring and fall, and occasional in winter. By the way, most national monuments and similar places have a bird checklist, but you usually need to ask for it.

—Pam Henline



ECIA Board Election

THE ANNUAL ECIA BOARD ELECTION is just around the corner. There will be one vacancy to be filled. This position provides an opportunity for interested persons to shape the community they live in. Please take the time to run for the Board.

There are basic requirements and deadlines as outlined in the Bylaws and Election Policies and Procedures:

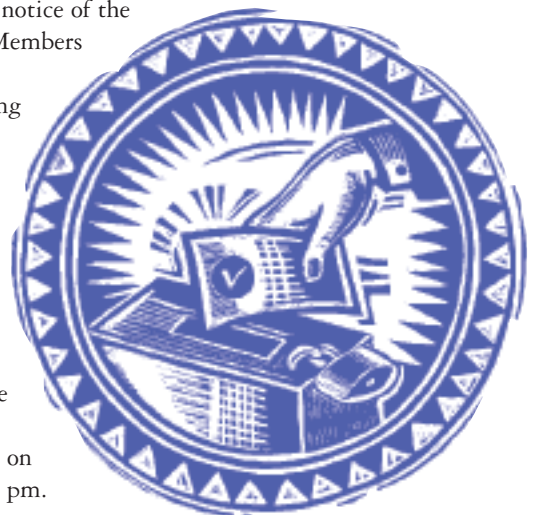
- ▼ To run for the Board, a candidate must file a petition that contains the candidate's name and the signatures of no less than 25 owners of property, each of whom must be a Member in Good Standing with the Association. These petitions will be available at the ECIA office on February 1, 2006, and must be filed by March 1, 2006.
- ▼ Each candidate must file a résumé and position statement with the ECIA office by March 1, 2006.
- ▼ The Election Committee will validate each

candidate's petition by March 10, 2006.

- ▼ Election packets and the notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members will be mailed to each Member in Good Standing by March 31, 2006.
- ▼ The ballots have to be received at the ECIA office no later than April 27, 2006 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 1, 2006, 7 pm.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, don't hesitate to contact the ECIA office at 466-4248.

—Debby Padilla





Security
204-2945

Come and Gone

I hope you didn't miss the opportunity for your child to visit with Santa at the Community Center on December 10. Santa, who was doing a favor for the Eldorado Residents Association, stopped in from 2-6 pm to talk to children about what they wanted. A model train exhibit was quite a success in another room, and children helped themselves to cookies and punch provided by Santa's helpers. If you missed it, Santa will be back next year, so mark your calendar.



Photo by Ken McPherson

We suspect that Kirsten asked for her two front teeth.