

# **EF/HG Town Council Forum Minutes**

by Patti Newton

#### July 11, 2001

Open Forum: Linda Hamilton updated residents on the San Diego County redistricting meeting. Every ten years the district lines are reviewed and adjusted to reflect population changes. This year the Board of Supervisors empanelled a volunteer committee to analyze existing boundaries relative to the census and come up with proposals to more fairly balance each of the five supervisorial districts. However, at the eleventh hour, Supervisor Horn presented his own plan without the benefit of public input or the commit-The public speakers (and there were many) tee's. denounced Horn's plan by about 3 to 1. Nonetheless, in a stunning vote, the supervisors voted 4 to 1 in favor of Horn's plan. What does this mean for Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove? We are now in progrowth Horn's supervisorial district along with Eden Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch and Carlsbad. The City of Escondido now joins the coastal communities in Pam Slater's third district. Horn's move was a blatant attack on Pam Slater (and slow growth) and an apparent quid pro quo for the other supervisors who were unwilling to discuss the issue to any great extent before the vote. What we need to do is find a decent candidate to oppose Horn in 2002.

ITEM #1: Dave McCollom, General Manager, Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager, and Kim Thorner, Project Manager, of The Olivenhain Municipal Water District (OMWD) recapped information relating to the dam project. A Power Point presentation documenting the dam construction brought residents up to date

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Many of us are fortunate to have resident hawks in the trees surrounding our properties. Nancy Connie, founder of Skyhunters, a hawk rescue, rehab., and education facility, will talk about hawks. She will cover topics like what to do when you find an injured hawk, proper handling techniques, the different types of hawks found in our area, nesting and other behaviors, etc. She will have a bird or two with her for demonstration.

# From The Internet (1) Life of a Dog

5:30am: Started the day as a hero! When the sound of the newspaper >hitting the driveway roused me from my deep slumber -- the impact >indicating the paper was much heavier than normal -- I realized that no one >in the house was yet awake! I roused my master by licking him in the face. He appeared very angry with himself for having overslept, shouting and waving >his arms. His ill temper even seemed directed at me a bit, which is silly since it is I who saved him from being fired. Funny thing though: He didn't go into work, but spent the morning leafing through the large newspaper and drinking coffee. He seems to do this once a week, and I don't know why.

7:30am: Invaders! The people who live next door came out into their yard, obviously getting ready to lay siege to our house. Snarling and barking, I let them know in no uncertain terms that I was prepared to tear them from limb to limb it they came any closer, and was able to repel the invasion. This is an almost daily occurrence; you'd think they'd learn. My master added his voice to the fray as well, yelling angrily. I am sure the people couldn't hear him, but it was nice of him to lend his support.

10:00am: I was forced to move, as the patch of sun in which I was lying had, for some reason, slid over a few feet. It's not easy being a dog.

1:00pm: I have the most thoughtful master in the world! While it's true he left me alone in the house for several hours, he did set out a treat for me on the kitchen counter. It was even gift-wrapped, a courtesy I wish he'd skipped, since it led to me having a lot of plastic in my teeth. The roast was delicious, though frozen in the center. I don't want to seem ungrateful, but crunching through two inches of rock-hard beef is hardly my idea of a delicacy.

2:00pm: Most unpleasant experience when my master returned home and was furious that I had not eaten the plastic wrap which had been covering my present. He kept pointing at the small pieces of Styrofoam and other debris and raving in a most irrational fashion. I'm sorry, but he should know that I can't eat that stuff; it makes my stomach upset. When he began rolling up a newspaper I realized he'd lost all reason and bolted for the front door, which was fortunately open just a crack.

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# From The Internet (2)

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the automobile industry and stated: "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Mr. Gates' comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.

2. Every time the lane lines on a road were repainted, you would have to buy a new car.

3. Occasionally, your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason, you would accept this procedure as normal.

4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.

5. Only one person at a time could use the car unless you bought "CarNT," then you also would have to buy more seats.

6. Macintosh would make a reliable car powered by the sun, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would only run on 5 percent of the roads.

7. Your airbag system would ask, "Are you sure?" before deploying.

8. GM would require all car buyers also to purchase a deluxe set of road maps from Rand McNally (a GM subsidiary), even though the buyers neither needed nor wanted the maps. Attempting to delete this option from the purchase contract would immediately cause the car's performance to diminish by 50 percent or more. Moreover, GM would become a target for investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice

9. Every time GM introduced a new car, buyers would have to learn to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

10. And, finally, you'd daily suppress your good judgment, would not ask why, and press the "Start" button to shut off the engine.

# EF/HG News

by Evelyn Alemanni

# New Toll-free Poison Control Number for ASPCA

The ASPCA has a new poison control hotline phone number for pets. If you have reason to suspect that your pet may have been exposed to something toxic, either internally or externally, this phone number will connect you with an ASPCA veterinarian specially trained to assist pet owners or other vets.

This is the only dedicated animal poison control hotline in the world manned by veterinarians, not telephone operators. The number is staffed 24/7. (888) 4ANI-HELP or (888) 426-4435

#### FIREWISE UPDATE

The 2001 wildland fire season is underway and visitation to the Firewise Home Page continues at ecord-breaking levels. Be safe, and be Firewise during the summer months!

If a fire threatens your neighborhood:

(1) Contact the fire department or the district fire warden immediately. Call 911, do not call any fire-fighters personally.

(2) Close all windows, doors and other openings to prevent sparks from blowing inside.

- (3) Wear non-flammable cotton or wool clothing.
- (4) Locate family members and pets.

(5) Prepare your vehicle so that it is ready to evacuate, if necessary.

The Firewise Home Page (www.firewise.org) is your resource for wildland/urban interface fire rotection information. If you have questions or comments, contact Firewise staff at firewiseHP@aol.com.

Compliments of the Firewise Home Page, sponsored by the National Wildland/Urban Interface Fire Protection Program

No Blackouts for Elfin Forest - Thank the Fire Department! Look on your current SDGE bill. For black outs -- almost everyone in EF has been changed to circuit #0597 - NOT subject to curtailment. This came about through an application the FD received from SDGE for emergency operations. Because the FD station needs electricity to communicate in an emergency, those residents on the same main circuit (might be wrong terminology) will not lose there electricity!! (unless the poles burn in another fire.) Thank Bob Kephart for this!

# **Citizen of The Year**



Claudia and Tim Costanzo were named Elfin Forest's 2001 citizens of the year. Tim, a volunteer firefighter and TECC member, among other things, has worked tirelessly to obtain grants for both TECC and the fire department. We appreciate all that these two enthusiastic elves do to help keep our community rural.



# EF News, from page 4

Many thanks to the innumerable volunteers who turned out for setup and cleanup after the 4th of July picnic. Everyone agrees that it was a great event. If you have any suggestions for next year, please contact any town council member.



Special thanks to Marty Benowitz, who again chaired the event. Thanks to the Hamiltons and Pickards for sponsoring and organizing the parade. Thanks also to the following individuals and businesses for their help and donations:

Evelyn Alemanni, Steve and Nona Barker, Linda and Bruce Hamilton, Joan Hershfeld, Debbie Lelevier, Linda McKim, Patti and Richard Newton (Newcourse Jumps), Sunshine Gardens), Beach House Dinner, Sirinos, Tuscany, Coastal Concepts, Hunter Fitness, Carter's, Mary's,

# **T Shirts and Hats**

The town council has new "elf wear" for sale. T shirts with a beautiful new logo designed and printed by Trinity Products (Bob Goetz of Elfin Forest) proudly announce "Keep it Rural." Lots of us wore the shirts to a recent board of supervisors meeting to help get the point across. These shirts are gray and available in small, medium, large and extra large. Cost is \$10. We also have visors and baseball caps with the "Keep it Rural" slogan. They will be available for purchase at the town council meeting.

#### **Tarantulas**

This is the time of year when we start seeing tarantulas in and about our yards. Last year, one crawled through my family room as we were watching television. Although the tarantula is frightening in appearance, the chances of being bitten by it are rare and, because it has a rightful place in the outdoors, it should not be wantonly killed or persecuted. If its presence is not desired, it can be easily placed in a container and transported to some area where it can continue, unmolested, to live its useful life.

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**Cautions:** Even if through carelessness a bite should occur, the venom when injected into man causes only slight swelling, with some numbness and itching which disappears in a short time. The chances of being bitten are so slight that one has little need to worry. Tarantulas are harmless to humans and are often trained as pets.

Although both males and females are capable of inflicting a bite when threatened, they rarely do so and their venom is considered to be non-toxic to humans. Bites are unlikely to cause problems other than pain at the site. Skin exposure to the urticating hairs will cause itching and a rash.

First Aid: Clean the bite site with soap and water and protect against infection. Skin exposures to the urticating hairs are managed by removing the hairs with tape.

**Description:** Tarantulas are members of the spider family Theraphosidae (order Araneida). They have hairy body and legs and come in wide color variation, from a soft tan, through reddish brown to dark brown or black.

A conspicuous bald spot seen on the abdomen of many tarantulas results from the spider's defensive behavior against its vertebrate enemies. When confronted, the spider will rub its hind legs over its body, brushing off irritating hairs into an enemy's eyes. These hairs are replaced during each successive molt.

The cephalothorax and abdomen, the front and rear parts of the body, are round. Their 8 eyes are closely grouped, with a pair in the middle and 3 on each side of the face. They have large fangs, 2 pairs of slits on the underside of the abdomen that lead to the respiratory organs called book lungs. Book lungs have many folds lying close together like the pages of a book through which blood passes to acquire oxygen from the outside air.

**Vocalization:** Many produce a hissing sound by rubbing their jaws, front legs against each other.

**Behavior:** Tarantulas are sluggish spend most of their time hidden in burrows or other retreats, becoming active in the late afternoon from spring through fall. Some dig their own burrows, others use ready-made crevices or abandoned rodent holes. Some make their homes under rocks or logs or under the bark of trees. There is only one spider per burrow. **Habitat:** The tarantula prefers to live in dry, welldrained soil. If the soil is suitable, the female digs a deep burrow which she lines with silk webbing. This helps prevent sand and dirt from trickling in. Otherwise, she hides in cracks in logs and under any loose-lying debris.

**Food & Hunting:** The tarantula is a nocturnal hunter. It does not spin a web to capture its prey, but catches food it by speed. It will take virtually anything of the right size that moves within range, but feeds primarily on small insects like grasshoppers, beetles, sow bugs, other small spiders and sometimes small lizards.

The tarantula strikes with its fangs, injecting venom and grasping the prey with the armlike appendages between the mouth and legs. Then the tarantula grinds its victim into a ball, secretes digestive juices onto it, and sucks up the liquefied prey. It may also wrap the ball in silk for a later meal.

Source: www.desertusa.com/july96/du\_taran.html

#### Building-permit ban to be considered

This is an issue of great importance to our area. Please be sure to write to the board of supervisors in support of this issue.

Unincorporated areas at issue

#### By Luis Monteagudo Jr.

Reprinted from the UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER, July 12, 2001

No new building permits would be issued in unincorporated areas until new land-use guidelines are adopted, under a proposal to be considered by the San Diego County Planning Commission.

The idea of a temporary building moratorium has been gaining momentum among community groups and other organizations. The commission will take up the subject at 9 a.m. in the hearing room at the Department of Planning and Land Use, 5201 Ruffin Road.

The commission is unlikely to vote on the idea tomorrow (July 13), said Gary Pryor, the county's director of planning and land use. The commission is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, which would have the final say on a moratorium. The commission meeting represents a breakthrough for the groups that have been pressing for a moratorium.

Last fall, planning groups in Alpine and Ramona formally requested that the supervisors enact mora-

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toriums in their communities. Since then, new members have been elected to the Alpine Planning Group, and it voted in May to rescind its request. Planning groups are elected boards that represent communities in the unincorporated areas of the county. Other groups also have weighed in.

In late April, Citizens Coordinate for Century Three sent a letter to the supervisors asking for a moratorium in all unincorporated areas. And late last month, the Sierra Club wrote to the Planning Commission asking for a ban in the supervisors' jurisdiction. An update of the county's General Plan has been mired in controversy and is not scheduled to be finished until February 2003. Because of that, developers are rushing to build projects before the county updates the plan, which will guide land-use decisions through 2020.

"You've got a footrace going on as developers attempt to get in under the wire," said Bob Copper, a deputy chief administrative officer for the county. In January, developers filed 63 applications for construction permits. The number has gone up steadily since then, reaching 95 in June. Supporters of a moratorium said it only makes sense to temporarily stop construction until the General Plan update is completed.

The Sierra Club is only seeking to stop large construction projects; it does not seek a ban, for example, on the construction of single-family homes on individually owned lots. Supporters of a moratorium said state law allows the imposition of a ban for up to two years to give county planners and the community time to assess growth in the region.

Four of the five supervisors would have to approve any ban.

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on progress. Dave explained that the district passed a resolution that the temporary traffic light at Via Amabiante will be removed no later than 30 days after completion of the project and that the intersection (which will be widened) will be restored to its original condition. A period of questions and answers ensued; the topic generating the most interest was the (historic) reduction in water rates. Sue Varty, OMWD Division 4 Director, explained why she voted against the rate reduction, citing that it was unfair to a large number of residents residing in her district (which includes Elfin Forest). Among the reasons, Sue stated the decrease was allocated unfairly. Of the accounts OMWD services, 20% are consistently very small water users ("A" rate) and will see the largest decrease in their bills. "B" and "C" rate users benefit from the decreased "A" rate but at a much smaller proportion depending on their total consumption. Only 9% of the consistent "A" rate water users reside in Division 4. If you are one of the 9% then you are getting a great deal; if not you are among the 91% that subsidizes them. This is not fair. The difference between the lowest tier (\$1.30/unit) and the highest tier (\$2.36/unit) at OMWD is one of the highest in San Diego County. This is the "penalty" that OMWD charges you to "overuse" water. How high do you think this penalty should be?, asks Sue. Most other water agencies have a commercial rate as the top tier. OMWD does not and homeowners are forced into this tier. Sue further stated that OMWD says the reason why the penalty has to be so high is because the meter is being overused, residents should have a larger meter. However, it is the developer/builder that purchases the meter; OMWD is selling undersized meters to developers and penalizing you for it. Sue urged residents to check their water bills and see how much they decreased.

# Dog's Life, from page 2

4:00pm: Spent the afternoon with the guys. A most productive day; I was able to mark territory for two blocks. "Drip 'til you drop" is our motto.

5:00pm: What a treat! On the way home a flock of ravens drew my attention to a squirrel that had been flattened by an automobile. After several days in the sun, the aroma was so delicious it made my nose quiver. I rolled in the wondrous fragrance for several minutes, and when I stood up I positively radiated eau de roadkill.

6:00pm: Of all the times to get a bath! My master, still in a foul mood, made me stand outside in the chill air while he shampooed and rinsed me several times. Every time I shook the water from my fur he, too, became drenched, and in the end he was shivering. Why in the world does he do stuff like this?

9:00pm: Time to sleep, Ah, the life of a dog !

#### **Elfin Forest Beautification Project**

#### by Lynda Clerke (Landscape Committee)

You may have noticed the clearing of brush and trimming of trees along Elfin Forest Road. This is just the beginning of the planned landscape project now underway for Elfin Forest. The Landscape Committee is currently working with Darsono Cunningham; ASLA from Darsono Design Associates a landscape architecture planning corporation. They are drafting plans to help upgrade the look of Elfin Forest Road while still capturing the natural beauty of Elfin Forest.

A donation of \$2,400 from CARE was used to hire Artistic Pruning who did a wonderful job of clearing the overgrown debris along Elfin Forest Rd.. Over 200 Pepper trees will be planted along Elfin Forest Rd. thanks to a grant written by Tim Costanzo to the Elfin Forest Community Foundation. The remaining \$670 from the grant was given to the Landscape Committee. Special thanks to Ron Martin from the Elfin Valley Nursery for his assistance in watering the Pepper trees along Elfin Forest Rd. and for growing an additional 500 Pepper trees for the Landscape Committee.

We are very excited about these changes and will keep you informed as the project progresses.

For Beautiful, Safe, Healthy Trees...



# Happenings Along The Creek

#### by Deb LeLevier

On June 14, 2001 the first water quality samples were collected from the Escondido Creek by TECC in association with The San Diego Stream Team. The sampling technique used is called Benthic Macroinvertebrate (mostly bugs) Sampling. The procedure is quite complex and follows strict guidelines and standards. Nets are used to collect the bug samples which are then preserved. These are then taken to a laboratory setting where the samples are processed by the same team members. Bugs are isolated and counted using dissecting microscopes. The type and quantity of bugs reveals the relative health (or "illness") of the creek. TECC will be processing these samples in the coming months and will report the results in the Chaparral. This is a very exciting, new venture for TECC! As reported last month, TECC has purchased all the necessary sampling equipment with a grant from the Elfin Forest Community Foundation. Look for the Summer edition of the Watershed Voice in your mailbox soon; there will be a more detailed article on the Stream Team (ST). ST is a volunteer, citizen monitoring group, open to all interested parties. For more information contact TECC at 471-9354. NOTE: TECC's new email address: teccsters@yahoo.com



Networking, Troubleshooting

# Playgroup Schedule

#### by Mary Moore

August 3rd at Michelle Sidwell's, 6856 Los Vientos Serenos, ph. 471-8877.

August 10th a La Costa Canyon Park.

August 17th at Kelly Ferreira's, 2024 Acacia Drive, San Marcos, ph.734-3892.

August 24th at Chuck E Cheese in Oceanside. Meet @ 11:00 am.

August 31st at Zana Parman's, 19856 Fortuna del Este, ph. 752-9599.

Congratulations to Bob and Rose Goetz on the arriva of their new daughter Victoria Rose Goetz. Victoria was born March 20th, 2001, and weighed in at 8 lbs., 13 ounces.

Also congratulations to Tony and Nicole Macaluso on the arrival on the second son Nicolas Anthony Macaluso. Nicolas was born on June 26th at 7:18 pm. He was 7 1/2 lbs.

Happy birthdays to our playgroup kids!

Damien Tomlinson turned 1 in April, Paetyn Parman turned 3 on May 2nd, Anna Sidwell turned 1 on May 10th, Kaitlin Goetz turned 5 on May 17th, Zachary Sidwell turned 3 on May 22nd, Morgan Kindel turned 4 on June 11th, Amanda Kindel turned 2 on June 26th, Ivey Fairman turned 3 on June 30th, Michael Ferreira turned 3 on July 3rd, Kevin Moore will turn 3 on August 11th and Danielle and Bailey Fredericks will turn 3 on August 30th.

That's a lot on Elfin Forest Harmony Grove birth-

# The Way Up Club

#### By David Cronshaw

Keep fit, enjoy a social activity and the long summer evenings. The Way Up Club meets every Friday evening at 6:15pm at the EF Recreational Reserve parking lot to walk up the Way Up Trail (park your vehicle up along the roadside because the gate will be locked when you get back down. Bring a drink and a snack to enjoy at the top. A flashlight might come in handy too. Call 471-8515 for information.

# **Garden Club** by Evelyn Alemanni



On July 14, the garden club enjoyed touring the Sunshine Gardens Growing Grounds on Elfin Forest Rd. It was a first time experience for many of us, and quite wonderful to be able to see thousands of beautiful plants growing right here in our community. The owner, Ron Martin, is planning to open a small retail nursery there in the near future.

The August meeting is on Saturday, August 11, 10 a.m. Hosted by Byron and Bobbie McFarlane at 7924 Harmony Grove Rd. You'll have a chance to see Bobbie's new southwest style garden.

# **Owl Boxes**

#### by Evelyn Alemanni

Since installing an owl box last fall, we have enjoyed watching our mama owl take residence and produce a batch of 5 owlets. Together, they have cleared our yard of gophers, mice, rats, and rabbits. A side effect of fewer rodents is that the rattlesnakes have nothing to eat and move elsewhere.

Lots of people have been asking for a reprint of the owl article published earlier this year, so here it is.

#### Box builders | Volunteers do their part to help endangered owls

by Cheryl Walker

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ESCONDIDO -- Everyone needs a home, and that includes the barn owl.

Even though the predator is on the endangered species list, Pat Burke of Escondido is determined to ensure that the friend of the farmer is around for a long time to come. Burke, a retired wildlife biologist, spends much of his retirement building barn owl boxes and spreading the word about the voracious owl's appetite for pests. "They do so much to keep our rodent population down," said Burke, 64. "They eat gophers, rats and mice. One owl can probably eat 1,000 a year." Burke should know. He spent 26 years working for the the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service). During that time, he was asked to come up with a design for the owl box. Since retiring in 1990, he has put a lot of time into making the boxes.

"The owl needs a cavity to live in," he said. "They usually live in hollows of trees, but they are being cut down for lumber, so they are disappearing because of development." If an owl is living in the wild, about three out of 10 survive. With a manmade box, the owl's survival rate increases to seven out of 10, Burke said.

Burke and his friends Bob Limpus and John Sherman work on the boxes together. Limpus cuts and glues them and Burke paints them. Burke estimates there are about 1,000 boxes hanging in San Diego



County. "It's really a labor of love for us senior citizens," Burke said. "We sell them for \$35, and the money goes right back into the project. We get leftover wood materials donated from construction sites, but we have to buy staples, glue, paint and new saw blades."

Boxes must be up high in a tree and hanging on a branch away from the trunk. They can also be mounted on a 15- to 20-foot high pole. "If you mount on a pole, you must have at least 18 inches of metal sleeve around it," Limpus said. "This is a predator shield. Otherwise if you just put in on top of a pole, bobcats and raccoons can easily climb up the pole and get to the owl. If it's hanging in a tree, the box swings and an animal will not jump on something unstable." Boxes usually last about 10 years. They are dark in color and should hang from either an oak or sycamore tree. "They have to be able to hold up in a storm," Burke said. "Pine trees break too easily, and citrus trees are too dense."

Nesting materials such as straw or wood chips can be put in the box to help the owl get settled. "It can take quite a while for them to gather things to get it ready and they can have up to 11 babies," said Burke. "A good way to know the boxes are being used is to examine the

ground below the box. You'll find where they have have coughed up pellets. Owls cannot digest bone and they cough up about every six hours. This is how we find out about their food habits."

Burke often checks on some of the boxes in the area. So far, he hasn't noticed any other type of bird living

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# News from Questhaven Retreat

#### by Evelyn Alemanni



Prayer and Meditation: Weekly, Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. - Meet in Chapelito. PROGRAM

July 29: A Greater Blessing Evelyn Alemanni August 5: Adventurer in Faith - Rev. Elizabeth Wood August 12: The Perfecting of Our Lives - Rev. Phyllis Isaac

August 19: Our Kinship with the Creatures - Rev. Susan S. Cary

# **Sunday Services**

Sunday worship is at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome. Tape recordings of all Sunday services are available for rental or purchase.

Questhaven Retreat is at 20560 Questhaven Rd. 760-744-1500. Visit us on the Internet at http://www.questhaven.org.

# **Owl Boxes, from page 9**

in them, but two boxes were taken over by honeybees. "I really believe in this project because these birds are so good for our environment," Burke said. "I enjoy making the boxes and really enjoy the prospect of the owl finding a home."

If you are interested in a barn owl box or in donating materials, call Burke at (760) 746-8454.

# *chaparral* by e-mail? by David Cronshaw

If you're not already receiving a **full color** copy of the *chaparral* by email, **in addition to** the regular hard copy, send an email note to **efchaparral@yahoo.com** and I'll add you to the list.



# **Elfin Forest Classified**

#### Local Baby, Animal and House Sitters

Brittany York - EF Resident, RSF School 8th grader, 1Yr experience. Tel: 760-752-7784

Aubrey Brennecke - EF Resident, High School Student - 9th Grade. Tel: 752-9988.

#### Ski Utah!

2 Br. 2 Ba. condo on historic Main St. in Park City. Sleeps 7. One block to town lift or take free shuttle for 10 minute ride to Deer Valley. Call: Swenertons @ 471-4312

#### **Canine Agility Class**

Starts August 1, 2001 6:30 P.M. Donít miss out on the FUN! It curbs boredom, destructive behaviors, weight problems, and is just plain FUN for dog & handler! Suitable for any breed and any age (as long as Rover is physically sound). Don't have a dog but want to "play"? Trained "loaner" dogs available for class. A must for all dogs & their people:

#### MANNERS class.

Includes basic commands, RELIABLE recalls, greeting strangers, walking without pulling, elimi-

nating problems such as: jumping up, etc. Contact Deborah LeLevier @ 471-0917.

## **Horse Stuff For Sale**

Metal horse feeded \$35, Large plastic water troughs, 3 for \$20. Call Mary Moore @ 591-3080.

#### **Room Needed**

Mature female with healthy lifestyle needs 1 bedroom with private bath in non-smoking, nonchemical home as soon as possible. Please call 760 746 4555 or voice mail 858 487 3033.

#### *chaparral* Advertising Rates: -time rates: Yearly rates:

**One-time rates:** 1" x 3.5" - \$5.00 2" x 3.5" - \$7.50 5" x 3.5" - \$12.00 1/2 page - \$20.00

1" x 3.5" - \$36.00/year 2" x 3.5" - \$55.00/year 5" x 3.5" - \$115.00/year 1/2 page - \$165.00/year

Community, Non-Commercial Classified Ads: 1" x 3 1/2"(approx. 4 lines): no charge - must be resubmitted every 3 months.





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Elfin Forest & Harmony Grove Town Council 20223 Elfin Forest Road Elfin Forest, CA 92029

#### or current resident

#### Paid up? Check label! Send check to the above Elfin Forest Town Council address

E.F. Calendar - August 2001		
Date	Time	Event
1st Wed (1 <sup>st</sup> )	7:30pm	EF/HG Town Council Forum
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Tuesdays} \\ (14^{\text{th}} \& \\ 28^{\text{h})} \end{array}$	1:30pm to 3:30pm	Bookmobile @ Firehouse
1st Tue, (7 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Every Friday	10:00am -Noon	Playgroup.
2nd Mon 139 <sup>th</sup> )	7:30pm	Fire Board @ Firehouse
2nd Wed, (8 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Auxiliary @ Firehouse (check).
3rd Tue, (21 <sup>st</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Last Sat (25 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am	Fire Training @ Firehouse TECC Spring Flowers Hike @ EF Reserve

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## **Elfin Forest Town Council Board**

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