



**EF/HG Town Council Forum Minutes**

by Patti Newton

**August 1st 2001**

OPEN FORUM: Linda Hamilton presented a \$400 check to Frank Twohy, Fire Chief, as a donation from the Town Council Fourth of July picnic proceeds. Nancy Reed reported on the July 28th Berkley Hart Benefit concert which took place at her home, the Lazy J Ranch. Proceeds had not yet been tallied but it was well attended and TECC is in the black.

ITEM 1.:Frank Oddo presented his detailed plan for improvements along Elfin Forest Road. Darsono Cunningham, an architect from Darsono Design Associates, provided detailed drawings of proposed rock walls and associated landscape plans. Clean up work has already begun along Elfin Forest Road. Frank is working closely with the trail committee and invited residents to register their concerns and provide input by calling him at 744-6393.

ITEM #2: Nancy Conney, founder of a non-profit organization, Skyhunters Raptor Education Center, talked about birds of prey indigenous to our area. She brought a red-tailed Hawk, a Screech Owl, and Barn Owl for demonstration purposes. She also fielded questions from residents. You can reach the center at 619-445-6565.

ITEM #3: Terina McCandless, from Nextel presented the unmanned telecommunications facility proposed for 20203 Elfin Forest Road. It consists of twelve panel antennas measuring one foot wide by four feet in length, to be attached to a new 50' monopalm. Two GPS antennas and one BMR antenna will be mounted to the new equipment building. Radio equipment will be located within the interior space of this building.

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to the new equipment building. Radio equipment will be located within the interior space of this building. This project is designed to be a stealthy facility, unmanned, operating 24 hours per day. Questions were fielded and there seemed to be no real opposition to the plan. Terina can be reached at [terina.mccandless@nextel.com](mailto:terina.mccandless@nextel.com).

## Horn's Mess

by Evelyn Alemanni

We've all had a week now to contemplate Mr. Horn's plan, and a week to consider that three of you have gone along with it to this point.

There have been rumors of hidden agendas, personal vendettas, and motivations of personal and professional gain. As us common folk have attempted to unravel the reasoning behind this plan we have searched for the logic that we hoped would include any of the darker possibilities I have just mentioned, because they have no place in good government.

That being said, let's look at Mr. Horn's plan and consider what it does absent any factor that malice may somehow be involved.

Last week Mr. Horn and Mr. Roberts explained that this plan did so much to balance districts 3 and 5 population wise. What is plainly obvious to everyone, the media included, is that while this plan may balance some numbers, it so completely disregards issues of topography, geography, cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, that it renders it invalid not only ethically but probably legally as well. What is clear by the redistricting guidelines is that the means by which population is balanced between districts is at least as important as the goal of population balance.

Even the most un-involved person would question the motivations of Mr. Horn's plan with a simple visual comparison of all the plans submitted. Mr. Horn's plan reminds one of a campaign map of the Battle of the Bulge or a Rorschach Test gone completely mad.

The most serious consequence of Mr. Horn's plan is that it circumvents the electoral process, the most cherished features of our Democratic government. Supervisor Jacob was very correct last Tuesday when she remarked, "...we don't own our districts.", referring to her colleagues on the board. So very true! It is the citizens of districts 3 and 5 that own their districts and in turn they elected their supervisor. There is no secret that Supervisor Horn and Supervisor Slater differ philosophically, and that difference is reflected in the issues districts 3 and 5 face. District 5 with it's potential for growth would be well served by Mr. Horn. Let's hope the planning and infrastructure lessons learned in the districts to the south are heeded by Mr. Horn and his constituents in District 5.

District 3 is struggling to balance the pressures between its unincorporated communities and the surrounding cities, a job Supervisor Slater has handled well.

Supervisor Horn's plan guts District 3, removing the core of it's unincorporated communities and placing them physically and philosophically in District 5, a mis-match in all ways imaginable.

In my community there are people working hard to preserve the character of the community while recognizing it must develop. In this effort they have forged an effective coalition between residents, developers, and business people in the community. These folks were devastated by the events of last Tuesday. It is moments like this that weariness and cynicism get a foothold on those who care and it can seem that it would be much easier to not be involved at all.

In short, the goal of balancing population among the five districts must be done with the least disruption to the established make-up of the individual districts. A district's integrity is crucial to continued community involvement. The redistricting committee's two proposals do a beautiful job of maintaining the integrity of the districts while attaining the goal of population balance.

While you can say that Supervisor Horn's plan is slightly better balanced numbers wise, it is completely askew when the issues topography, geography, contiguity, cohesiveness, and compactness of territory, are applied. Worse yet it lacks democratic integrity, cutting off Supervisor Slater from the soul of District 3 where she has done her best work.

Please let stand the quality work of the Redistricting Committee. Let stand the integrity of District 3 and their chosen representative and let stand the fragile grass roots faith that as common citizens in a democratic society we can each make a difference.



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## EF/HG News

by Evelyn Alemanni

### September Community Meeting

The Multiple Species Conservation Program is an effort by the county to set aside open space to create wildlife corridors. Tom Oberbauer, from the county, will be our guest speaker at September's meeting and will explain what the program is and how it affects Elfin Forest. See you there.

### 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." 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.

### Garden Club

Mark your calendar - at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15, Jeff and Elaine Brandon will host the garden club meeting at their home on Golden Eagle Trail (first left on Attebury Rd.), showcasing the children's paradise they have created in their garden. You have to see it to believe it and then you'll wish you were a kid again.

### Elf Alerts

Would you like to be informed of upcoming Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove events via email? If you haven't been receiving "elf alerts", or if you recently changed your email address, please send your email address to Alemanni@allea.com to be added to the list. This is an expedient way for the town council to send items of importance to the community. Don't worry - we absolutely will not give your email address to anyone.

### Rattlesnakes

Rattlesnake season is upon us. Rattlesnakes are the only venomous snakes in California. Rattlesnakes are heavy-bodied with a broad triangular head, slender neck and vertically elliptical eye pupils. The rattle at the end of the tail is not present on any other snake species. When disturbed, rattlesnakes vibrate the rattle, but they do not always rattle before striking. There are several precautions one can take to avoid being bitten by a rattlesnake. Most snakebites are on the lower leg or foot, so it's a good idea to wear heavy socks and high boots with pant legs out-

side the boots. Make it a habit to look carefully before stepping, jumping, sitting or lying down. Look before stepping from bright areas into shade. Don't reach into rodent burrows, hollow logs or other openings that might contain snakes. If you hear a rattlesnake, stand still until you are sure of its location. Avoid running or jumping blindly; snakes will usually retreat if given a chance. Don't handle venomous snakes unnecessarily, even when a rattlesnake's head is severed from the body, the head can bite and inject venom by reflex action up to an hour or more after death. If you kill a rattlesnake, sever and bury the head to avoid this hazard. If you are bitten by a rattlesnake, call 911 immediately. It is imperative that you receive medical attention as soon as possible. Do not waste time lancing the bite and attempting to remove the venom yourself, with or without the aid of a snake bite kit; do not use a tourniquet. These efforts are ineffective and actually increase the risk of secondary problems.

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## Cleanup Volunteers Needed

by Deb Lelevier

Please Help!

In a TECC organized, community cleanup on Saturday, September 1, 2001. Meet at the fire station @ 7:30 AM (or meet us out on Elfin Forest Road, north of the station, later). The more, the "merrier" for this labor-intensive, roadside, small item pickup. Please wear white or brightly colored shirts for best visibility, walking shoes, and work gloves if you have them. Let's get the Forest back into shape! Questions? Contact TECC by e-mail at [teccsters@yahoo.com](mailto:teccsters@yahoo.com) Hope to see you there!



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As part of the San Diego County General Plan 2020 planning process, Department of Planning and Land Use staff will be conducting community plan workshops throughout the county beginning in July 2001. The workshops will be held in partnership with planning and sponsor groups in the communities of the unincorporated area of San Diego County. The purpose of these workshops is to solicit input from the public regarding future land use development in San Diego County.

Issues that will be discussed include:

- Community character
- Community Plan goals and policies
- Relationship of the Community Plans with draft Regional Elements and the Land Use Distribution Map

**The San Dieguito Community Plan Workshop is scheduled for Thursday September 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club.**

For more information about dates, times and locations for GP2020 workshops:

Hotline: (619) 615-8289

Website: [www.sdcdplu.org](http://www.sdcdplu.org) (click on General Plan 2020)

To ask additional questions, contact Jennifer Bruin at (858) 694-3000 or [www.jbruinpl@co.san-diego.ca.us](mailto:jbruinpl@co.san-diego.ca.us).



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## Encinitas Founder Joins Planning Group

by John Weil (619) 531-5533

Nancy Reed, one of the people who helped lead Encinitas to become an incorporated city, has been appointed to the San Dieguito Planning Group, County Supervisor Pam Slater announced today.

Reed now lives in Elfin Forest and is a member of the Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council. The San Dieguito Planning Group makes recommendations to the county Board of Supervisors on land use decisions, and as a member of the planning group's board, Reed will vote on items affecting development, traffic and open space preservation in the area.

"In Nancy Reed, the San Dieguito area has gained a vigorous advocate for maintaining its quality of life," Slater said. "Her hard work and dedication helped make Encinitas the city it is today. With her experience, I know she will do an outstanding job on the planning group."

The Board of Supervisors approved Slater's recommendation of Reed's appointment during its July 31st meeting. Reed's term will end in December 2004.

Reed, a legal nurse consultant, is also a member of the Escondido Creek Conservancy. She was a member of the first City of Encinitas Planning Commission and helped create the first general plan for that city.

The San Dieguito Planning Group reviews proposed housing and commercial projects for the unincorporated communities of Rancho Santa Fe, Fairbanks Ranch, Whispering Palms, Elfin Forest, Harmony Grove and Del Dios.

## Fortuna Del Este Road Director Wanted

by Elton (Joe) Rife

1 or 2 people urgently needed to take on the duties of the director(s) for Fortuna Del Este. These people must be legally recorded as road directors, which requires a majority vote of the people on the road agreement. No funds for maintenance will be available until these directors are established.

All the monies that were collected to date total to \$13,694.21. This money is for maintaining and repairs and will not cover extensive repairs, if the road continues to deteriorate. Road directors will need to arrange for repairs as well as bill and deposit monies received each year. Please call Joe at 471-653 or Marti 9700, for information.

## From The Internet

I read of a man who stood to speak  
At the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years. (1934 -1998)

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars...the house...the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more,  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile..  
Remembering that this special dash  
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read  
With your life's actions to rehash...  
Would you be proud of the things they say  
About how you spent your dash?

## Proposition S Landslide Win!

by Nona Barker

I thought I would add the "Wins by a Landslide" as that is what I have heard on the news cast during other elections.

The facts:

526 registered voters in CSA 107

356 returned mail- in ballots

302 voted yes

45 voted no

6 ballots disqualified for lack of envelope signature or signature discrepancy

2 ballots disqualified had no vote marks on ballot

1 ballot disqualified because voter initialed ballot

With Chief Twohy, Captain John Hershfeld (newly promoted to Deputy Chief), myself and the fire department's consultant Greg Lowry all watching the ballot count, there is no way any blunders could sneak through. We were all amazed how professional and how serious the Registrar of Voters was. Even though our count took less than 1 hour, the Registrar of Voters took all the same precautions as a large statewide vote.

The residents of Elfin Forest and Harmony Grove should be proud. We have beaten the odds for passing a fire related proposition. Since the passage of Proposition 13, from 1979 to 2000 there have been 59 elections in San Diego County that involved voter approval of assessments, fees or special taxes dedicated to fire protection services. ONLY 18 of these elections gathered two-thirds approval.

Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Fire Dept. CSA 107 has now passed its 2nd voter approved special tax fee structure.

I want to personally thank each and everyone one of you for participating in the democratic process. The

voters have spoken, we are united in the direction our communities want to grow. We are united with energy, enthusiasm, and a common goal.

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## Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock

by Deb Lelevier

Everyday we are losing two minutes of daylight. Soon the Forest will grow dark by 7:30..7:00..6:30

Well, you get the picture! The days of evening hikes are slowly coming to a close; soon the Forest folks will turn to hibernation. BUT it is NOT too late to Meet, Greet, and Eat with your neighbors.

Friday evenings, meet at the Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve @ 6:15 PM, start on the Way Up Trail @ 6:30 PM.

Park on the road, bring your necessary supplies (which might include: a flashlight, walking stick, vest or sweater for the way down, water, wine, snacks, gourmet treats to share. OR just your hiking boots!

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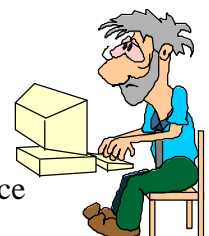


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## Cheaper Propane?

by Carrie Blackmore

On May 24, I spoke with a representative from a local propane company that delivers to our area. He informed me that if at least 90% of the Elfin Forest residents would buy exclusively from his company, those residents would pay market rate plus 60¢ per gallon. For example, on May 24, the market price rate for propane was 75¢ per gallon, bringing the purchase price to \$1.35 per gallon as opposed to the \$1.89 per gallon price that a customer would have paid that same day without the proposed agreement.

Of course, as the market fluctuates daily, so would the price of the propane. If you own your own propane tank outright, you could immediately and automatically be part of a community agreement. If you have a tank supplied by another propane company, arrangements would have to be made to get a new tank from this company and costs of the tank and change over can be negotiated depending on how many customers will need new tanks. The company is willing to work with the Elfin Forest community to make this a win/win deal.

Remember that we need at least 90% compliance for this to come to fruition. We may also need to take the approximately 54¢ difference per gallon to fill up at the pump. Specific details will be fine-tuned only after enough Elfin Forest residents show a willingness to participate. If you would be interested, please contact Roseanne at 471-1269 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

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## Playgroup Schedule

by Mary Moore

September 7th at Nicole Macaluso's, 6311 El Montevideo Rancho Santa Fe, ph. (858) 756-0765.

September 14th "Target" park.

September 21st at Kelly Ferreira's, 2024 Acacia Drive, San Marcos, ph. 734-3892.

September 28th take the "Coaster" train to Old Town. The coaster leaves promptly at 11:17 am from the Encinitas station at the corner of Encinitas Blvd. and Vulcan Ave. I recommend you get there at least 15 minutes in advance. Parking is free. Tickets are \$4.25 for adults each way, and children under 6 ride free. Strollers are permitted. Old Town is within a short walking distance of the Coaster station. We can have lunch and see the "Trains are Good" train store and other shops. The Coaster departs from Old Town northbound at 2:20 and 3:45 pm. Kevin loved our last outing. Please call me at 591-3080 to RSVP and for questions.

## Happenings along the Creek

by Deb Lelevier

Work has started on TECC's new 76-acre Escondido Creek Preserve's Habitat Enhancement and Management Plan project funded by the San Diego Foundation. On August 1 TECC Board Member, Anita Hayworth accompanied by Martha Blane met to review site conditions and determine how the work should proceed. The first task will be to conduct a biological survey to inventory and map the existing natural resources. This includes a wetland delineation and a general biological reconnaissance survey of the entire property. The wetland delineation will be conducted in the next two to three weeks. If you should see someone traversing the Preserve with GPS equipment, do not fear, it's bound to be one of Anita's people from Dudek & Associates collecting information for the project. The general biological survey will take place at different times until the end of spring 2002. Site visits during different times of the year are needed to cover when different plants and animals can be easily detected. TECC will keep the community updated as the project progresses. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact TECC.



## News from Questhaven Retreat

by Evelyn Alemanni



Mark your calendars for September 28 - 30 for the Michaelmas Retreat - a celebration of the angels. Join us for worship and enjoy the music of our voice and hand bell choirs. Call the office or check our website for more details. All are welcome to participate.

August 26: He Said, She Said: The Challenge of Gender Communication - Rev. J. Wiltshire

## 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>.

### *chaparral* by e-mail?

by David Cronshaw

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August 26, 2001

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### **E.F. Calendar - September 2001**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
1st Wed (5 <sup>th</sup> )	7:30pm	EF/HG Town Council Forum
Tuesdays (4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> )	1:30pm to 3:30pm	Bookmobile @ Firehouse
1st Tue, (4 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Every Friday	10:00am -Noon	Playgroup.
2nd Mon (10 <sup>th</sup> )	7:30pm	Fire Board @ Firehouse
2nd Wed, (11 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Auxiliary @ Firehouse (check).
3rd Tue, (18 <sup>th</sup> )	7:00pm	Fire Training @ Firehouse
Last Sat (29 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00am	Fire Training @ Firehouse TECC Spring Flowers Hike @ EF Reserve

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