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♦ EDITORIAL

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ELPUENTE is taking a two month vacation, so we'll be back with issue number 7 at the end of September. I'll be putting it together during the summer, so please send any ideas, contributions, news (or gossip) to Lucy Lippard, Route 2, Box 70, Georgetown, Maine, 04548 (or call 207-371-2760). Have a great and green summer, and get ready to do some writing in the fall.

WILD 'N' WOOLLY: 26th RODEO de GALISTEO July 26-27

Rudy Sena, father of the Rodeo de Galisteo, was born and bred in the village, son of Sarah Peña Sena (who lived in what is now a ruin out by the Burl Ives house) and Natividad Sena. He was raised in the house where Dick Griscom lives now and worked as a truckdriver, having run his own business building power lines for a while. In the late 1950's, he began to lead trail rides for Santa Fe Detours (he still does this; the two-hour rides are booked at the La Fonda Hotel, and people from all over the world ride through Galisteo on Rudy's handsome horses, with his dog Bear a faithful follower).

Around 1961 Sena decided to build a rodeo grounds on the land south of the village that he had inherited from his uncle and grandfather. The Rodeo started slow, but after a while it began to grow and in the last ten or twelve years it has flourished. Contestants come from Texas and Colorado as well as New Mexico. This year the stock will be provided by Bad Moon Rodeo Company.

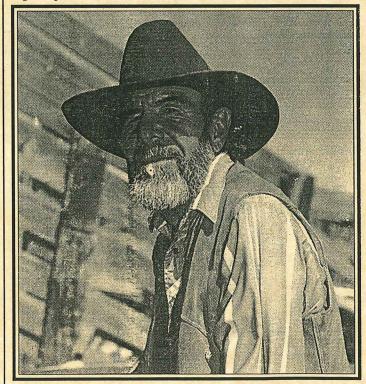
Events include bareback saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, barrel racing and team roping (in which Mike and Mark Anaya and Basil Davis are our local stars). These sports evolved in the 19th century out of the real necessities of ranch work, such as breaking wild horses. Barrel racing was developed as a competition by women, to test their horses' sprint speed, balance, and agility.

Admission to the Rodeo is \$6 admission (kids under 12 are \$3) and most of the gate goes to pay for the stock. In addition, a number of local businesses sponsor prizes. (Purses depend on how

many entries there are, at \$60 per event; they can amount to several hundred dollars.) Barrel racing costs less. There have never been any serious accidents, and the worst story Rudy could remember was the year when the arena was a foot deep in mud; cars got stuck and people were losing their shoes.

On Saturday July 26, the Rodeo de Galisteo will begin with a parade through the village from the Community Center to the Inn and back along the highway. Kids bring their pets. There are floats and people on horses and bikes. The rodeo band (usually including Rudy's cohort Jefe, Charlie Holloway, Linda Rice, Basil Davis and "the Anaya boys") will play there and later.

For years Rudy was president of the Rodeo; now his daughter Audra Sena has taken his place and he is Vice President. ("I said if I'm going to be demoted, I don't want to be Secretary," he says. "I'll go straight to Treasurer, where the money is.") Another daughter, Amy Rogers, and son Clint Sena also work on the Rodeo. Come on down the last weekend in July and whoop it up. This wild and woolly event is yet another reason why Galisteo's such a great place to live.



Rudy Sena at the Rodeo Grounds

Photo by Richard A.

TWO EVENTS at GOOSE DOWNS

The annual Goose Downs Farm Horse Trials will take place on June 27-28. Then on September 13-14, a much larger national event will be held for the first time at Goose Downs, including the National Championships for preliminary and intermediate riders and the Western Interarea Young Riders Championship. The Advanced Championships, which require a more complex course, will probably be held next year. The event is in its 16th year, having been held for ten years in Las Vegas (NM) as the Diamond-L Horse Trials, and then for five years at the Santa Fe Downs.

The appropriately-named Jeffray Ryding is co-owner of Goose Downs Farm with Tom Angle, and current president of the Organizing Committee. (Priscilla Hoback just joined it too). Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, she ran a horse farm in Arroyo Hondo for 20 years before moving to Galisteo ten years ago. (She was told it was warm in New Mexico, but found herself living in her down parka, thus the farm's name; there are also geese at the stables.)

The trials taking place in June began as a schooling event for kids twelve years ago, then grew to wider participation. Now competition includes intermediate levels. On Saturday there will be dressage and show jumping; on Sunday the cross-country phase. One prize is awarded to the winner of the cumulative score over the two days. The number of participating horses is kept to one hundred twenty, although there is already a waiting list and many more entries are received. The number is limited because too many horses tear up the land, and also to keep the event "special."

The September event will have about the same number of competitors, but because of its national status will attract larger audiences and retinues. A Trade Fair accompanies it. The 2 1/2 mile cross-country track will be designed by Mark Phillips and built by Pete Costello.

The horse trials organizers are committed to community outreach. In the fall, they hold a "fancy fence" contest in which non-profit groups vie for the best decorations of a jumping fence. Some \$800 in prizes are awarded. The June event benefits the Sangre de Cristo Pony Club and the September event benefits Challenge New Mexico. Ryding has invited the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue to provide food at the event as well as for Saturday evening's subscribed entertainment, which could be the evening of the fall fiesta.

This is an aspect of our area that few of us know much about. The Organizing Committee for both events (Priscilla Hoback has just joined it) urges Galisteo residents to come and enjoy these spectacular (and free) events in June and September. Olympic riders often compete. It can be very exciting. And most of all, the horses are beautiful.

WELL, WELL, WELL by H20

Tt appears that Eldorado Utilities Inc. (EUI) is redrilling and I repairing the original Lamy Well. Until Judge Pfeffer's March decision to close down the Lamy Megawell (see EL PUENTE March 1997), EUI believed it was more economical to prolong the court case than to spend "hundreds of thousands of dollars" to re-do the old well. It remains to be seen how successful this will be, since the original well is only ten to twenty feet from the Megawell, which was pumped dry during 1996.

We will continue to follow the issue and encourage all Galisteo residents to help pay the legal expenses incurred in obtaining Judge Pfeffer's favorable decision. Contributions should be sent to Joette Trofimuk, HC 75, Box 75, Galisteo, NM 87540. Whether or not you have supported the cause, this victory belongs to all of us!

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

- About a dozen people showed up for the pot luck supper at the Community Center for potential and active auxiliary members in May.
- In May the department responded to a lightning strike and
- Alan Langer will attend the swiftwater rescue class at Glorieta on June 20-22. Last summer Galisteo had the most swiftwater
- Fire Chief Steve Moya has been appointed to represent District 5 on the Chief's Advisory Committee for the County Commission.
- Apologies for leaving Jean Moya off May's list of those certified to use the defibulator.
- ♦ The GVFRD was on alert and ready to roll on June 8 when a twister was sighted over the Ortiz Mountains. Thankfully it didn't

SOLSTICE AT THE CEMETERY

- from an interview with Maria Padilla

On June 21, the longest day of the year, the first of a series of community cleanups will take place at the historical cemetery on the Hill. It is an appropriate date to give Galisteo's history a longer life. Work will begin at 8:00 and continue until noon. Drinks will be provided. Plans are to rebuild the rock walls with the materials already there, clean up the weeds, fill the holes, put up the fallen headstones, and restore the old stone chapel, or oratorio, at the southern end of the cemetery. It was once roofed and contained santitos in interior nichos. Burial ceremonies were held there after funeral masses at the church. An apparently empty space near its west side is thought to be the place devoted to burial of "limbo babies" - infants who were stillborn or died before they could be baptized; they have no headstones.

In May, Taos resident Corina Aurora Santiesteban received a heritage preservation award for restoring "Northern New Mexico's only existing oratorio." Not so!

Maria and friends will also begin to record inscriptions on all the existing stones. This original graveyard bears the remains of most of Galisteo's early settlers. But the custom in the 1700's and much of the 1800's was to mark graves with uninscribed stones or wooden crosses. Many of these early markers have disappeared, rotted out, been stolen, or even used for firewood. They are also found in antique shops. The cemetery was entirely filled up and closed in the early 1900's. Burials since then have been in the newer cemetery across

The church is not funding this work, but many private donations have been received for materials. (Incidentally, the sign outside the cemetery, approved by the Archbishop, bans photography and filming but does not preclude respectful visiting.)

"I love being in that cemetery," says Maria Padilla, many of whose ancestors rest there. "I feel the history when I'm there. That place is Galisteo. And our history is falling apart. I am committed to restoring it, to keep it like it was."

♦ HERE THEN/Aqui Antes

GALISTEO VILLAGE, Some of the Beginnings alisteo was never formally "founded" as a village, although U Spanish/Mexican settlers were in the area around the Tano Pueblo (11/2 miles to the North) from the early 1600's. The Pueblo was named Galisteo by Fray Agustin Rodriguez and Captain Francisco Sanchez Chamuscado in September 1581: "one hundred forty houses four stories high. We named it Galisteo." (They must have hailed from the Estremadura in Spain, since they named three

other local pueblos for Spanish villages also in La Mancha. Galisteo was the only one of these names that stuck, despite the fact that during the next two centuries every new exploratory expedition or administration came up with a new name. Juan de Oñate named it Santa Ana in 1598, but in 1601 he referred to Galisteo Pueblo, and called it "one of our first settlements," which has puzzled historians, since the Franciscan friars did not build the mission there until ten years later.

Settlement of the village itself would have happened gradually. No community grant appears to have been established; the land was granted individually, although there always was communal grazing and probably woodcutting land. In 1660, Diego Gonzalez Bernal was an Alcalde Mayor of the Galisteo district and when the Governor gave permission for the Tanos to perform some of their ceremonial kachina dances (which had been banned), some of the Spaniards dressed themselves similarly and had their own ceremonial dance at "their houses next to Galisteo."

In 1680, at the time of the Pueblo Rebellion, there were at least two Spanish families living here. Captain Jose Nieto had built a new home after 1661 and owned estancia lands one league from the Pueblo. Nicolas de Leiva (or Leiba, or Leyba) lived at a "hacienda" in the vicinity. The two families were related by marriage. During the massacre that began the rebellion, these families and that of Juan de Leiva, along with their wives and children, took refuge at the mission, where they were killed along with the priests; three women and a child were carried off and later killed, as was another young woman, daughter of Maestre de Campo Pedro de Lieva.

The Galisteo Basin Tanos were among the leaders of the Pueblo revolt. They occupied the Palace of the Governors for 12 years. Most of the other pueblo peoples also abandoned their towns at the time. and the Galisteo Basin was practically uninhabited until after 1692. when de Vargas retook Santa Fe. Some of the Tanos from the Basin were living in the Santa Cruz Valley and Chimayo area, but were again evicted when previous Spanish settlers claimed their land. Only the Galisteo Pueblo people returned in 1706. TO BE CONTINUED.

LAS SOCIEDADES DE GALISTEO

- by Anna Cardenas

We hunt through old photos and books searching for Galisteo's history, but we only have to look around us to see how much of it still lives and is celebrated each year around this time. Our tiny village is home to three religious societies that have existed for quite some time.

Patrons of our Nuestra Señora de los Remedios church come together from Galisteo and from surrounding communities, including Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Moriarty, to celebrate special masses called funciones in honor of their saints days and to join with their society members to make decisions on the upkeep and preservation of our beautiful 114-year-old church.

La Sociedad de San José (Saint Joseph) has over fifty members. It holds masses in March and August, when there is also a fiesta in honor of the souls of past members. According to Joe D. Anaya of Santa Fe, who holds a small book once owned by his Tio Emiliano titled Constitución de la Asociación Catolica de Galisteo, it was established by the Reverend Maximo Mayoni, "bajo el patronato de San José, Enero 19, 1895."

Manuel Anaya, the oldest member, who entered the society around 1932, and Joe D. Anaya, who joined around 1945 when he came back from the service, remember that the society had strict rules and didn't allow women. Cuotas, or dues, were ten cents; they paid for upkeep of the church and the frequently used sala or society hall (located next to Romona Scholder's home). Cuotas were also used to help out members who were ill or the families of members who

Today, more than a century after its founding, the society of Saint Joseph still flourishes. The cuotas are now \$5 and funcion dues are \$2. Women help the members with their luncheons and the society still owns the sala. The church and its members are still the priority. The society always welcomes everyone to come and celebrate their patron day with them.

La Sociedad de San Antonio is a smaller society with sixteen current members. They will celebrate with a mass on June 22. Current President is Florian Romero from Moriarty, Manuel Anava. Treasurer, is from Galisteo, and Ronnie Anaya, Secretary, travels from Albuquerque.

The third society is La Sociedad de el Sagrado Corazon de Jesus. which began with 59 members, not all women. Leafing through a record book dated February 12, 1925, Mela Montoya (current presidenta) says this is possibly the society's oldest recording Mannelita O. Gonzales was then President, Tomas Peña (Remie's father) was Vice President, José M. Sena, Secretary, and Julianita P. Chavez, Treasurer. There was a collectadora (collector) and three seladoras (announcers). Cuotas were \$1 and paid the church insurance - an unbelievable \$1 per year. One interesting item noted in the text was permission for a member to buy a broom for 20 cents.

Each year at high mass or funcion, the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was taken out in a procession around the church. Clarita Anaya remembers they would walk all the way to the cadillar? on the eastern border of Galisteo Village - common land where families used to plant and keep livestock. (It is now part of San Cristobal Ranch.) The members would hold a meeting to collect dues and sell devisas (badges of the society's emblem) to new members. Decisions were made on how the money would be used. Again, the church's upkeep was the priority, as well as fuel costs.

When a member passes on, a collection is asked from each member and given to the family. La Sociedad de el Sagrado Corazon de Jesus currently has 79 members. Dues have gone up to a mere \$5 and \$2 for a funcion. Devisas are \$8.50 and we've had adults and children join our society every year. With the help of our youth we may keep our rich past alive and strong and our church preserved for many generations to come. Sunday, June 29, 1997, is the scheduled yearly mass for this society. Listen for the church bells!



A dan and Ismael Cardenas will take part in Santa Fe's Spanish Market July 2627, sponsored by their great uncle Marcario Duran and cousin Bobbie Duran. The boys are becoming accomplished painters of retablos -santos on wooden panels. Spanish Market is presented by the spanish Colonial Arts Society, and features bultos (three-dimensional santos), hand-woven textiles, straw appli-VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE que, tinwork, silver filigree jew-

elry, colcha embroidery, woodby Adan Cardenas carving, iron work, handmade pottery and Spanish Colonial furniture. The Spanish Market encourages young people from the age of 8 to work in the traditional arts under the tutelage of their elders. When they are old enough, they must meet the stringent standards required of adults to continue to participate in the Market.

• BITS AND PIECES

- ♦ Thanks to the fickle weather, wires got crossed on the June 7th Flea Market. It was cancelled early because of rain, but the message didn't get out to everybody, and it limped ahead anyway under sun and clouds after a few people showed up. We made something on the community table (inside the Community Center), but later in the day, it looked like the garage sale next to Romona Scholder's was doing a lot better. The Antique Auction at the Rodeo Grounds went ahead and the Galisteo Fire and Rescue Department did good business selling coffee and food.
- ♦ A tree-planting ceremony is taking place on June 21 to honor the late Bill Isaacs of Galisteo, who was the founder of the Natural Plant Society.
- ♦ Michael Datoli was bonored with a profile in the "Community Service Hats Off" column in the SANTA FE REPORTER on May 14, in connection with his work for Hope House. His dedication to the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue was also mentioned. Having battled both cancer and AIDS, Michael has just gone back to work fulltime. He will continue to contribute more time than most to the village, but won't be able to organize every single fund raiser any more.
- ♦ The June issue of CROSSWINDS features the 40 largest private landowners in New Mexico. At the top of the list is Henry Singleton of Beverly Hills, California, who owns San Cristobal Ranch on Galisteo's eastern border. Apparently San Cristobal is a favorite among his 21 ranches (and "other holdings"), since he is a "frequent visitor" there. Singleton's 1.2 million acres in Chaves, DeBaca, Guadalupe, Lincoln, Quay, San Miguel, Santa Fe and Torrance Counties beats out Ted Turner's 1.15 million acres. San Cristobal includes four of the nine major pueblo ruins in the Galisteo Basin and the two most important rock art sites.
- ♦ The Bosque has been surveyed and attorneys for Galisteo village and for Dick Griscom have been given all correspondence. The issue is ownership of the strip by the bridge. Both parties want to protect the bosque, but the village's traditional ownership and public access is at stake. It will probably be some time before the case is resolved.
- ♦ On behalf of the Galisteo Community Association, Anna and Freddie Cardenas applied for a grant from the County and we got \$5,000 for playground equipment. Now small children at the Community center will have something safe to do during the functions there. Because the land for the Philip Watts Memorial Playground is leased, insurance is more complicated there.

♦ CREENCIAS from Maria Padilla

- ♦ Cuando estas ensangrando de las narices, ponte un centavo en la frente. When you are having a severe nosebleed, put a penny on your forehead and it will stop.
- ♦ Cuando una mujer esta en cinta y entra en una puerta con el pie derecho primero, tendra un hombrecito. When a pregnant woman walks in the door and steps with the right foot first, she will have a boy.

WISH LIST for the GALISTEO COMMUNITY CENTER..

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◆ CALENDAR

The Fire Department needs firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, CPR trainees, and Auxiliary members. Equipment and training paid for by the department. Business meetings: FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH and trainings EVERY TUESDAY, weekly. Call Michael Datoli (466-1771) if you have not gotten your GFRD 1997 directory.

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