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DON'T FORGET TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS COMING UP IN MARCH:

- * ANNUAL GALISTEO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING AND ELECTIONS
MONDAY, MARCH 1ST, 7:00 PM.
- * ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GALISTEO MUTUAL DOMESTIC WATER CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 7:00 PM.
(Both at the Community Center).

BELOW: A day (or night) in the life of the CANTINA LEYBA — now a ruin next to Onesimo and Mela Montoya's, who provided this photograph from the 1930s. The proprietor at one point in the bar's history was Justa (Justo? Justiniano?) Leyba. Does anyone recognize these men?

Sarapio Montoya, whose mother once lived in two rooms there, remembers the Leyba house as "the prettiest in Galisteo." It was a wide



A VALENTINE THOUGHT



FROM MIGUEL DE CERVANTES (1547-1616) — creator of the famous Don Quixote, Man of La Mancha, which was written about the time Galisteo was named.

"Required in every good lover...the whole alphabet... Agreeable, Bountiful, Constant, Dutiful, Easy, Faithful Gallant, Honourable, Ingenious, [Just], Kind, Loyal, Mild, Noble, Officious, Prudent, Quiet, Rich, Secret, True, [Understanding], Valiant, Wise, [Xstatic]... Young and Zealous." (Alphabetical gaps filled in by editor!)

rectangular U-shaped building "with a big portal all around and a wall across the front." There was a wagon entrance that was closed at night. "In the old days people used to drink in a different way," he recalls. "Now they fight and kill each other." Sr. Montoya disputes the story that there were once 8 bars in Galisteo, but concedes there was a lot of bootlegging.



FROM THE WATER BOARD PRESIDENT

The Water Association's Board has gotten a lot of calls recently about breaks in the pipes. (Please remember that they are all maintained by a volunteer force, primarily the dedicated and invaluable Roman Attenberger.) President Steve Moya asks that **members please come to the Annual Meeting on March 8th** so you can find out what is going on.

For those delinquent over 90 days in their water dues, please make your payment to Romona Scholder, Box 43 or the special Water Association drop box. Or make arrangements for extended payments with the Water Association Board (466-1544). If you do neither, the Board will have to shut off your water. The following members are delinquent as of Feb. 7, 1999:

Dorothy Vyse, \$360; Priscilla Lopez, \$262; Andreas Anaya, \$220; Michael and Louise Anaya, \$210; David and Stella Maestas, \$125; Bill Huckabee (Billy Anaya), \$90; Raymond and Geraldine Peña, \$45.

The total owed the Water Association comes to **\$1,312**, which would almost have paid for the new pump and switch just acquired. This money is necessary to buy equipment and keep the system going. \$15 a month per hookup is a great bargain — thanks to free labor from the community — but we will lose it if there is no money for maintenance. There is a long list of those who cannot get hookups who would be only too glad to take over your obligations!

DRY AND DANGEROUS

The hottest news from the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue is the threat of **spring brush fires**. Conditions are bad with no rainy respite in sight. Assistant County Fire Marshal Hank Blackwell is worried and considering suspension of all burn permits except for agricultural purposes. The GVFR will show a short video at the community meeting March 1, about how to protect ourselves and our houses in case of brush fires. Several firefighters will be there to answer questions. Please be careful everywhere— especially the Bosque, which is full of tinder.

Anybody interested in **learning CPR**? Bobbi Anaya will instruct the 8-hour class (one Saturday) for first-time CPR certification, right here at the Fire Station, for \$20 per person. Dates and times will be decided with participants. Leave a message at the Fire Station if you are interested: 466-0396.

Assistant Chief Jean Moya's *El Puente* article, "Saving the Wild Wild West," was reprinted in December's *Connection*, the Santa Fe County Fire Department's official publication.

The next **Business Meeting** (all welcome) is Tuesday March 9, 7:00 PM at the Fire Station. If you haven't seen this state-of-the-art building and cozy office/meeting room, come by. (Ted Fleming is just finishing up the kitchen and bathroom.)

+ CATHOLIC CENSUS +

by Maria Padilla

In March, the Roman Catholic Church will conduct a census in the Stanley, Galisteo, Lamy area in order to recognize the unchurched and non-practicing Catholics, and to address their needs in a competent manner. Our mission as Catholics is to bring the Gospel of Jesus to all; we are not only about informing,

but transforming. By identifying and visiting these people, we can invite, educate, reconcile with, and/or challenge them. The purpose, then, of taking a census is to truly care about who people are and how we can invite them to join the parish community for prayer and celebration.

BITS AND PIECES/PEDACITOS

Who fixed the **walkway on the old bridge**? We were lucky no one ever fell through the holes for the years boards were missing. Thanks to whoever or whatever came to the rescue.

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Galisteo artist **Richard Solomon** was on the cover of *Pasatiempo* January 22-28 as a "Seed Shaman." A former businessman, and self-taught artist, Solomon makes "storytelling shafts" and reliefs from natural materials such as puffy white goatsbeard seedheads, grass stalks, pods, bark, roots, branches, leaves and seeds. "Part of my mission is to help people see and honor the beauty in nature," he says. Solomon was also featured on the back cover of *World Watch* magazine in December.

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Know anyone who does good stone and wall work? More bids are needed for the restoration of the wall around the **old cemetery**. Bidders please call 466-8930. **Maria Padilla** sends many thanks to **Linda Durham, Joan Watts** and **David Burk** for their generous donations for the cemetery's ongoing restoration. She hopes this worthy project will attract more donations, which can be sent to Box 61, Linda Vista Stables.

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Former Galisteo **Nelson Bloncourt** had a book signing in Santa Fe on February 6, for *Visions of Angels*, a photography book he co-edited.

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A show of the late **Lizabeth Langer's** lyrically abstract paintings opened February 4 at the Artemisia Gallery in Chicago, accompanied by a handsome brochure. Her husband **Alan Langer** was there for the opening.

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Vista Clara Ranch was cited in the February issue of *Shape* magazine as one of the "best one-day escapes" and for its four-handed massage, called "a near religious experience."

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The winter issue of *La Herencia del Norte* published an affectionate memoir by Cecilia Garcia Albert about her grandfather, **Manuel Ortega**, who was born in Galisteo in 1901. One of ten children of a farmer and his wife, the family was scattered throughout Galisteo and Madrid and moved to Albuquerque in a covered wagon, leaving for a while to work the betabel crop in North Dakota and returning to Albuquerque to work for the Santa Fe Railroad. Is anyone still here related to him?

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The County Commissioners unanimously recommended that the Santa Fe City Council approve a new version of the CISO (**Community Impact Statement Ordinance**) which they rejected in December. The ordinance will have no effect on zoning, but would require approval from the Planning Commission before permits are issued for projects over 40,000

square feet or over 20,000 feet within 200 feet of a residential district. Most importantly for a community like ours, applicants would be required to notify neighbors of their intention to develop, build, or add new roads, among other projects.

GCA DOINGS

by Barbara Cooper

The January 18th meeting of the GCA Board opened with the first hour devoted to the Open Forum. Lucy Lippard, as a member of the County's Open Land and Trails Planning and Advisory Committee (COLTPAC), came to find out what the community's needs and desires were before she attended the first meeting.

Ten members of the community came in support of the necessity of providing safe areas for horseback riding, hiking, walking and biking in and around the village. A Galisteo Trails Committee was formed consisting of Antonio Chavez, Bebe Givaudan, Priscilla Hoback, Lucy Lippard, and Rudy Sena. Other interested parties are encouraged to contact Lucy. [*Next month El Puente will report on the first two meetings of COLTPAC.*]

Valentine Riddell next spoke to us about her concerns about possible problems related to Y2K. She is anxious to enlist the help and input of community members in preparing the village to deal with these problems, should they arise. She intends to organize a meeting for the entire community in the near future.

During the business portion of the meeting, the Board discussed our proposal for funds from the McKee Foundation which has annually donated money to the community. This year's proposal requests funding for outdoor work at the Community Center — patios and landscaping as envisioned by past Boards as phase 2 of improvements.

We also discussed our policy for the rental of the Community Center. The building is available to all residents for \$35 a day and to non-residents for \$100. Every renter is required to pay a \$100 deposit which will be refunded after the event if the building is left clean and in good order. The facility is available for funerals and memorials at no charge. Call Mela Montoya to make a reservation for this space.

The annual meeting of the GCA is scheduled for Monday, March 1, at 7:00 PM. in the Community Center. A quorum of 30 individuals (home owners and renters who have lived in Galisteo for six consecutive months) is necessary for this meeting. We will elect several new members to the Board and we encourage interested people to run for these positions.

The next regular Board meeting is February 18, with the Open Forum for the first half hour or so, beginning at 6:30. It has been almost a year since the Board instituted the policy of devoting the first part of each month's meeting to an open forum, welcoming members of the community to come and voice their concerns. We are pleased that so many people have done so.

As we continue this Open Forum policy, it occurs to us that we need to request that those who come with concerns be very clear about what they would like us, the community's representatives, to do about their problems or concerns. We are glad to offer support for worthwhile projects although we may not be physically able to devote time and energy to them. In

other words, we ask that you be prepared to form a committee and/or work to affect a solution. Each case is different and will be handled individually. We can promise to listen and to care even though we may not be able to spring into action in behalf of your cause.

Y2K PART II: LOCAL ALTERNATIVES

by Valentine McCay-Riddell

This time I want to pursue alternatives to the dramatic scenarios I outlined in the January issue of *EL PUENTE*. In this one, the pesky computer chips still malfunction, you still can't turn on the lights, take a shower, flush the toilet, drive to town, or other things you're used to doing...but you have worked with your neighbors to put a contingency plan in place. This plan will enable you to get along, if not in absolute comfort, at least with a modicum of sanity and order until the systems are either restored or have been down for so long you've grown used to living without them.

Davidson, Laporte, and McLaughlin write in their book *Y2K: The Opportunity of a Lifetime* that in a recent survey, "89% of respondents wanted simpler, more decentralized systems so that communities could be more self-reliant and independent. If Y2K triggers the collapse of some of our infrastructures, it could pave the way for many of the key social transformation movements of the last twenty years to leap forward."

The village of Galisteo is blessed with people who have lived close to the land for many long years. The quiet rhythms of sunrise and sunset, the steady procession of the seasons, the intimacy of living with animals and plants is not totally forgotten here. With that storehouse of wisdom to draw on, and with each others' help, it is entirely conceivable that we could produce our own power via photovoltaics (windfarms, solar panels), grow our own food (using geodomes for year-round *grasshopper-free* gardening), pump water manually, and instead of collapsing on the couch to watch TV in the evenings, meet at the Community Center for stories, music and dancing. We could make our own money or barter for goods and services with nearby communities. We could relearn how to heal with plants as in the old days, how to deliver our own children, tend to our sick, and comfort those who are ready to move on.

Does this sound absolutely bizarre? Maybe. But we're not recommending a return to a more "primitive" way of life to amuse you. If the Millennium Bug is as bad and widespread as many say it will be, we won't have the services we've grown used to. This "computer glitch" is worldwide. Fixing it involves entire networks of systems that affect every aspect of our lives. It is possible that we have literally run out of gas. We are presenting these alternative scenarios so that you can begin to consider how you might want to deal with such a possibility.

Anyone else want to put in their two kilobytes worth on Y2K? El Puente will be including brief tips from now on, from a position somewhere between denial and alarmism...



OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Please slow down!!! We are a small community. Many of us walk, ride horses, and have precious animals who accompany us in our activities. Many of us have lived here when there was little or no traffic on the roads. Others moved here at least in part for the tranquil atmosphere.

So far we have avoided a major tragedy, but we are pushing our luck if we continue to speed down the roads with no concern for others. I realize that some of the worst offenders are not residents, but alot of you are just as careless. Some don't even slow down as you pass walkers, spewing dust and gravel as you go. Whatever happened to decelerating and giving a friendly wave?

The highway as you enter town is posted at 40 miles per hour. How about remembering that this is your town and slowing down, forcing all of those behind you to do likewise. I can guarantee that you will arrive within seconds of the same time, regardless of how fast or slow you go...and the life you save may be that of one of your neighbors or their animals. *Please Slow Down!*

Joette Trofimuk

NEW YEAR BRINGS GREAT NEWS

by Anna Cardenas

What a great way to start 1999. Maria Padilla and Mela Montoya have informed me that the Galisteo Community Association has received more donations from our community to help fund the future playground/park area at the Community Center. This is encouraging news. I would like to thank John Young, who donated \$500. Also, during the Galisteo Studio Tour, \$33.40 was collected from donation jars. Thanks again to all who have donated so far.

I have been given permission by the Board to look into other means of donations, such as asking local greenhouses, building supply businesses and other sources. Of course Freddie and I will still pursue the County on the promised \$5,000.

I ask again to please find it in your hearts to help your community with any amount you can donate. This is for no-one's glory or self-serving quest. This park will be built to keep children safe while playing or visiting our community center and a place where Galisteo families can enjoy our beautiful community. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to Suzi Calhoun at HC 75, Box 81, Galisteo 87540. You may contact Maria Padilla or Mela Montoya if you have any questions. Volunteers are ready to start building!

Prospero año nuevo. Happy New Year to All.

**EL PUENTE SPONSOR OF THE MONTH
IS....
ANONYMOUS.**

GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY.
Put your ads in Box 77 (Rte 41 at very south of village) or call 466-1276 by March 10 for next issue. Please call to have ads continue or not.

FREE SHETLAND PONY to be given to family with children. If interested call the Light Institute, 466-1975.

WANTED: Rides to and from Santa Fe a few days a week, mornings and/or evenings for David Padilla ("Surfer Dave") and sometimes son Nicholas. Have gas money. Call 466-4413.

SERVICES

Airport transportation, Galisteo to Albuquerque; pick up or drop off. Richard, 466-7723 or e-mail rashuff @ yahoo.com.

Beth is available for housesitting and pet care in Galisteo, also errands, odd jobs, help with parties, studio assistant, etc. Local refs. 466-1966.

After-school/weekend work. Fifteen-year-old will do just about anything, including window cleaning, stack firewood, feed animals, paint, yardwork....leave message for Nicholas Padilla, at Quatermill Farm or 466-4413.

Galisteo Caretaking Services for your property or animals. For the Chores You Ignore! Short notice, small jobs OK. Will housesit, have truck. Call Richard, 466-7723.

Dave's Auto Repair: tune-ups, oil change, minor repairs, auto restoring, painting. Local references. Free estimates. David Montoya, 466-2097.

Native Bloom Landscaping Call Linda, 466-4658.

International Travel, call Shaun Merrick, independent agent, 466-9040.

Car and Truck detailing: Will clean and vacuum the inside of your vehicle and do windows. Call Miguel Padilla, 466-8930.

Carpentry: Closets, hand-carved dining tables, patio benches, custom gates, doors, etc. 35 years experience, local references. Onesimo Montoya, 466-1430.

Avon Representative in Galisteo, free brochure. Call Maria, 466-8930.

The Art of Massage: Nurturing, therapeutic massage. House calls or visit downtown SF office. Katrina Howarth, 466-3932.

Nizhoni School for Global Consciousness on the new campus in Galisteo. Call 466-4336 or 466-1975.

Reiki Sessions and trainings by master V. Riddell, 466-0791.

Passive solar builders: Quality home construction, renovations, and additions. Call Charlie, 466-2118.

One-of-a-kind sterling silver jewelry, decorative art, the Coopers, El Estudio, #18 the Hill. Call 466-3827 or 466-0133.

Barbara Holloway Fine Handweaving of luxurious chenille. Please call 466-2118 before visiting.

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