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### EDITORIAL: THANKS AGAIN

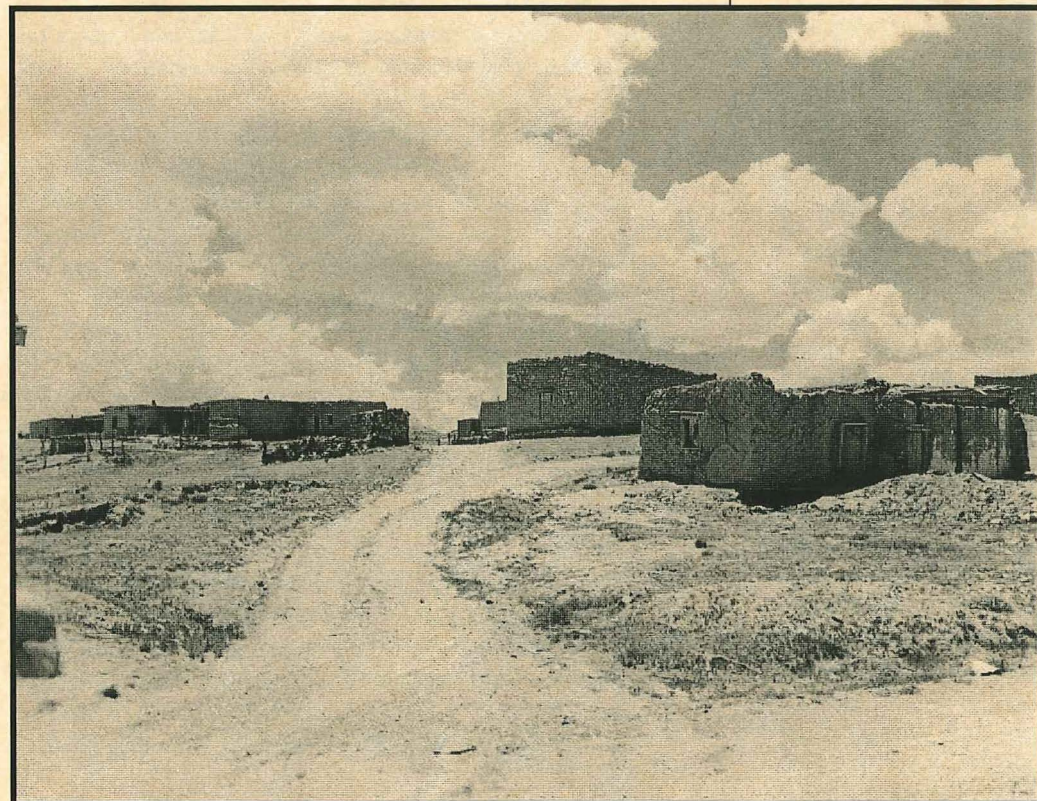
**Quien bien siembra, bien recoge.**

**(As you sow, so shall you reap.)**

*A dicho* for Thanksgiving from Ruben Cobos, *Refranes*, via Anna Cardenas.

Galisteo runs on Volunteer Power, one of the most precious resources we have. Without the unpaid labor of our citizens there would be no water system, no fire department, no community center, no playgrounds... and, for that matter, no newsletter. Thanksgiving is a good time to let all these generous souls know how much we appreciate their commitment. **VOLUNTEERS GET NOTHING BUT THANKS!** And of course, even more valuable, a sense of being part of this community.

Undated photograph of the Hill, Galisteo. Photographer unknown. Courtesy Museum of New Mexico Photo Archive. Neg. no. 36455.



**CORRECTION** to the rooster pull story in the October issue: Clarita Anaya says the writer of the 1933 story we quoted had the name of the winner wrong. It was not Miguel Anaya but Celso Anaya, Manuel's older brother.

*And the following section of that same story didn't fit in the last issue, but is also of interest:*

"Doña Josefa [Ortiz y Davis] in her sitting room in front of a cheery fire whose charm and spell she could only feel, went back to those glorious days and told of *la Señora de Baca*, wife of the loser [of the rooster pull], who arrived bedecked in all her finery, in a handsome carriage, and accompanied by a maid, who took care of her mistress's hoops and saw to it that her countless ribbons were properly arranged as in her stately manner she rose to dance with the village Beau Brummels... 'Such finery and makeup were not for me, as I had no time except for my children and my work,' said Doña Josefa, as she told of a life of struggle

in a pioneer land where there were no electric kitchens but only willing hands to do the daily tasks for the loved ones. Passing in review were the days when, as a shy young bride of fourteen, she came to the house built for her by the American from Boston to her days as an honored matron grandmother to literally hundreds of grandchildren who came daily in reverence to pay their respects." [Sylvester Davis was actually from Concord, NH]

### EL PUENTE'S ANNUAL SEARCH IS ON FOR LOCAL CHRISTMAS PICTURES AND STORIES.

Please call Lucy, (466-1276) by Dec. 1 if you have anything you'd like to see published.

## WATER, WATER

If only it was everywhere. Rainfall at Eldorado for this year to Oct. 20 stands at 10.95 inches. Galisteo could be less. We live in a very arid climate, but it's not half as dry in the Southwest today as it was historically. Tree ring data from around 100 BC to the present shows that from 1600 to 1800, drought was the common climatic condition. The last hundred years have been *wet*, and abnormal.

The *Eldorado Sun* reports that in the month of June the nine Eldorado wells suffered severe production declines ranging from 14% to 49%. One well stopped producing altogether. Sustained overpumping can lead not only to drastic water shortages but to land cave-ins (this has happened already in Albuquerque) and major diminution of the underground aquifer. In this case, the aquifer in question serves the Galisteo Basin. Even after a rainy summer (and a very dry fall) we can't be complacent. The Lamy well (No. 9) — subject of a 15 year lawsuit from Galisteo and closed down a year ago — had a near outage in June.

## ELDORADO WATER FORUM

by Joe Cooper

On November 9, Scott Diffrient [acting President of the Water Board] and I attended a Water Forum sponsored by the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District. That group was formed to determine the area's current and future water needs and to develop plans and programs to meet them.

Their work to date has been mostly to collect and organize information on how much water is now available, based on well records and hydrological studies in the area. This work shows that they are already "mining water," that is, tapping underground sources which are not being replenished by rainfall or run-off — sources that will some day run out. They are advocating water conservation measures, making the El Dorado Utilities system more efficient, and seeking affordable ways to capture and use "gray water" for non-drinking use. Someday it will probably be necessary to import County water from the Highway 14 area or directly from the Rio Grande, although this would be very expensive and take years to accomplish.

They plan to use their supply and consumption data to prepare a computer model which can run different "what if?" programs to match needs with supply and determine what programs will be required in the future. All this is being done in cooperation with State, County and other interested parties. The group is also among several interested in buying the El Dorado Utilities from AMREP. But the current asking price is the book value (\$7 million) which seems much too high.

The group plans another water forum early next year. This will include people from El Dorado Utilities, the County Hydrologists Office, the State Engineer and the State Public Regulatory Commission. The date of this meeting will appear in *The New Mexican* and the *Eldorado Sun*. We encourage all who are interested to attend and to stay informed on this important subject.

## WATER AT HOME

Water in Galisteo is the cheapest in the state (thanks to volunteer labor). The rates are only \$15 per month or \$180 per year for those lucky enough to have a hookup. The Water Board is very pleased with the recent rates of compliance because the list of those in arrears used to be very long. From time to time, at the request of the Water Board, EL PUENTE will continue to publish those members of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association who owe more than \$100.

As of November 15, they are Dorothy Vyse (\$270), Priscilla Lopez (\$227) and Michael J. and Louise Anaya (\$175).

## GALISTEO RIVER PARK APPROVED BY BCC

On October 19 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Galisteo River Park application (see October EL PUENTE) and voted to fund the full asking price from the County Open Space bond. A good turnout from Galisteo attended the meeting to show community support. Although they did not have to speak, their presence was noted. Many thanks to all concerned. This meant a lot to those who had worked on the application. The ball is now in the landowner's court. Discussions are under way.

## HERE IT COMES — READY OR NOT

Y2K is creeping up on us. According to reasonable people (i.e. not the doomsayers and not the "why worry?" dreamers), an awful lot of infrastructure is not yet in place. A Rutgers University professor says "the complexity is mind-boggling. The potential for Y2K catastrophe is not from individual computer chips failing but from the unpredictable interactions of multiple failures." Remember to have some water, firewood, cash, food, and necessary medications on hand, just in case.

## BURL IVES' GALISTEO

The great folksinger and actor Burl Ives used to live in Galisteo (across the Arroyo de los Angeles where Shaun and Nick Merrick live now). He drank at the general store/museum/bar and ate at La Mancha. On Nov. 28, 1971, the *Sunday Empire* (*Denver Post* magazine) ran a prettily illustrated story on "Burl Ives' Galisteo." The village was described as 23 miles from Santa Fe and "perhaps 23 decades behind the capital city."

After repeating some of the prevailing historical inaccuracies, the paper printed the lyrics to Ives' song, "Galisteo" (copyright Magic Music, Bell Records 6055). So... sing along.

*It's just a little village lying out of the way,  
Little north of Albuquerque, little south of Santa Fe,  
Where the jets from California leave their trails in the sky.  
Gonna stay in Galisteo till the day I die.  
'Cause in my little brown adobe nestled warm in the sun.  
Where the coyotes chase the rabbits and the roadrunners run,  
I'm as happy as a hoot owl when the cool breezes blow,  
Up the draw in Galisteo where my cottonwoods grow.*

## PEDAZITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Craig Moya on the soccer field was pictured in the Eldorado edition of the *New Mexican* on Oct. 20. Hannah Kramm got her picture in the Nov. 3 edition, throwing a beanbag on the occasion of the Eldorado Elementary School Halloween Carnival. Her mother, Susan Todd, was a co-star.

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The late Galisteo Bill Isaacs was a prime mover in the establishment of the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, which has just acquired a long-term lease on 35 acres near La Cienega. Its grassland, piñon-juniper scrub, marshland, cottonwoods and spring-fed pond will provide resident and migrating birds with a safe nesting place and stopover. He also had ideas for making the potential open space land ("Galisteo River Park") a haven for migrating waterbirds. If the sale to the County goes through, this may be further explored.

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An old adobe home in Nambé built in 1939 was recently advertised as having "vigas and windows harvested from a Galisteo home that was torn down many years ago." What home? Or were the materials "harvested" from the old church on the Hill which was torn down by WPA labor?

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On June 21, Cruz Valencia died in Santa Fe at the age of 86. A truck driver and heavy equipment operator, he was born in Galisteo on May 3, 1913, presumably a member of the Valencia family that once ran a store here.

## WILL GRAVEL MINING SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY?

from the Rural Conservation Alliance

Over the last four years, our local neighborhoods have been inundated with heavy hauling gravel trucks on Highway 14. You may also have been impacted by the alternate use of the Galisteo Road and the Waldo Road as Associated Materials attempts to circumvent the structural damage trucks did to the San Marcos Bridge on Highway 14. Numerous complaints about speeding trucks, cars being run off the road by gravel haulers, and consistent violations of the Operating Conditions at Cerrillos Gravel Products have prompted a group of local citizens from Galisteo, Cerrillos, and San Marcos to join together to stop the unpermitted mining in the Cerrillos Hills. Richard Cook, owner of Associated Materials, has, in the opinion of many, devastated the communities of Velarde, El Guique, and Lyden in Rio Arriba County. And now our communities are threatened with the same degradation. It is our intention to stop these industrial mining operations from permanently destroying our formerly peaceful life in this part of Santa Fe County.

After years of petitions and meetings, we have exhausted every avenue of communication with County government. To this day they have been unwilling to come to our aid. The Santa Fe County Attorney's office says, "Richard Cook and CGP have a right to an economic return from their investment." **At our expense!** As a result, we have come to the conclusion that, to insure the safety and well-being of our neighborhood and ourselves, it is time to take legal action.

Attorney-at-Law Mary Humphrey of Taos has been retained as counsel. She is actively involved in similar suits in Rio Arriba Co. and has the spirit and dedication to get the job done. **But she can't do it without the financial support of the community.**

From San Marcos to Galisteo to Cerrillos, we form a rural community linked by tradition and history. We must be responsible for the direction growth takes in our communities....

We are asking for a donation, any donation, to help carry this case forward. Please make a tax-deductible contribution to Concerned Citizens of Cerrillos (a tax-exempt organization that is administering our funds) and note "RCA legal fund" on the check. Send to PO Box 361, Cerrillos, NM 87010. The Rural Conservation Alliance can be reached at 471-6165.

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**Editor's Note:** An alternate opinion (expressed by a Galisteo who prefers to remain nameless): We all need gravel. Richard Cook at least is a *local* gravel king (from Espanola). An international gravel company — LaFarge — is acquiring gravel mines all over the west. Any other opinions or information on this issue?

## TO THE EDITOR

In regard to the editorial last June about bright lights at night that glare down the stars, Joette Trofimuk sent a clipping from the *New Mexican* headlined "County's rules on outdoor lights not widely understood." Among the rules for areas outside the city:

- ✓ No further installation of mercury vapor or halogen lights. Existing mercury vapor lights must be taken down within five years, but other existing lighting may remain unless County officials determine it constitutes a nuisance.
- ✓ The CDRC may grant special permits for halogen lights for sports fields and places where merchandise is displayed outdoors.
- ✓ Standard incandescent bulbs of 160 watts or less are allowed and any type of light bulb that uses *50 watts or less* is allowed.
- ✓ Low-pressure sodium, high-pressure sodium, nickel halide, fluorescent and quartz lights are allowed with shielding to direct light downward.
- ✓ Applicants for building permits must submit outdoor lighting plans that comply with county rules.

A pamphlet from the Lighting Information Group argues: "Good lighting directs light where it is needed without lighting nearby areas where it is not needed or wanted. We don't live up there in the sky. The light is not needed there." Group member Luis Torres says, "bad lighting wastes energy and looks trashy."

## THANKS FROM CRAIG MOYA

Dear Fans, This is a short note to thank you for your support this summer. My team, the Santa Fe Busters, had a great time in North Carolina. During our nine-day stay we played five games, winning our first three. These wins placed us in the Gold Bracket of the tournament. Our next two games we were not as lucky. Out of ninety-three teams, Santa Fe Busters made New Mexico proud by placing 20th in the tournament.

My favorite part of the trip was meeting so many boys my age from all over the U.S. and going to the ocean. It was a trip I will never forget. Thank you again for your wonderful donations that made a dream come true.

## TRADITIONAL HISTORIC COMMUNITY

Residents of La Cienega and La Cieneguilla have begun the petition process to become a state-designated traditional historic community, as have Cuartelez and Sombrillo. In March the *Eldorado Sun* noted that Glorieta, Galisteo, and Lamy would all qualify for the Traditional Community Zoning Designation. Some communities (like Aqua Fria and Tesuque) do this so they won't be annexed by adjacent cities.

The virtue of the traditional community designation is that crucial decisions become more community-based and autonomous. Twenty five percent of the registered voters living within the historic boundaries have to sign the petition before the County Commission will even consider designation. Once that is done, the community can set up its own review committee and can make recommendations on zoning and land use directly to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) without having to go through the County Development Resource Committee (CDRC). Without a community land use plan, this committee can only review the County Code rather than creating its own code. It would still constitute only a *recommending* committee. But bypassing one more overseeing body would make communications far more direct and if the BCC overrides a community, it's much easier to fight back.

Galisteo is already a Historical District on the State Register. This is an honor recognizing the village's historic and esthetic significance, unrelated to the Traditional Village Designation. However, the combination would mean that we would be well placed to apply for historical preservation and improvement grants under the Cultural Properties Act and Prehistoric and Historic Sites Preservation Act.

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**FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE for \$12 from Ortiz Mountain Health Center. Ask about tetanus boosters, measles shots, and Hepatitis B vaccines for schoolchildren. Call 471-6266.**

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EL PUENTE would like to encourage **all local businesses** to let us list your name, one-line description, and phone number so that every month EL PUENTE will serve as a business directory to Galisteo. This is not available anywhere else. You may think everyone knows you're there, or you have plenty of work, but new people are renting and moving in all the time. They have no idea who is available here, and they should be encouraged to use local talent whenever possible.

Just coincidentally, EL PUENTE STILL NEEDS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FUTURE ISSUES. The GCA Board, when Mike Anaya was president, proposed that local businesses support the newsletter by sponsoring issues in return for a small ad. Some still some haven't taken advantage of this big-time advertising offer!

### EL PUENTE SPONSOR OF THE MONTH: ANONYMOUS AGAIN

(Hey, people, confess your good deeds. We want to credit those who are keeping us afloat!)

## GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

**ADS ARE FREE AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY.** Put your ads in Box 77 (Rte 41 south) or call 466-1276 by Dec. 10 for next issue. Please call to have ads continue.

### FOR SALE

**Pine log bed headboard and footboard**, queen-size, donated to benefit Galisteo Community Association, \$350 OBO. Call Maria 466-8930.

**Computer:** 333 MHZ - 64 MB Ram; monitor w/speaker, photo quality printer, scanner, \$950 OBO. Richard, 466-7723.

### WANTED

**Holiday house to sit Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.** Visiting family of 3 can care for small animals. Call Riddells, 466-0791.

**Galisteo craftspersons and artists!** Vista Clara Ranch is opening its retail store and since this is home to so many creative people, we would like to showcase your work. Christy Thiel, 466-4772.

### SERVICES

**Electrical Concepts:** Residential/Commercial/Industrial. Hansi Mohn and Michael Anaya. 988-8853.

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

**Custom decorative paintings** for your home: furniture with a new old look; murals on walls; accents on arches and doorways. Call Munson 466-4760.

**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.

**Native Bloom Landscaping**, drip systems, call Linda, 466-4658.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Private Exercise Training in the village** with Ron Hellman. Thirty years experience. All levels and conditions. 466-1919.

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