

A JOYFUL EASTER TO ALL

GALISTEO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS will be held the first Wednesday of every month. Open Forum (any community member may come and raise issues, make suggestions, ask for help on a project): 7 to 7:30. The new Board had its first organizational meeting on Thursday April 13, at President Joette Trofimuk's home.

DIA DE SAN JOSÉ

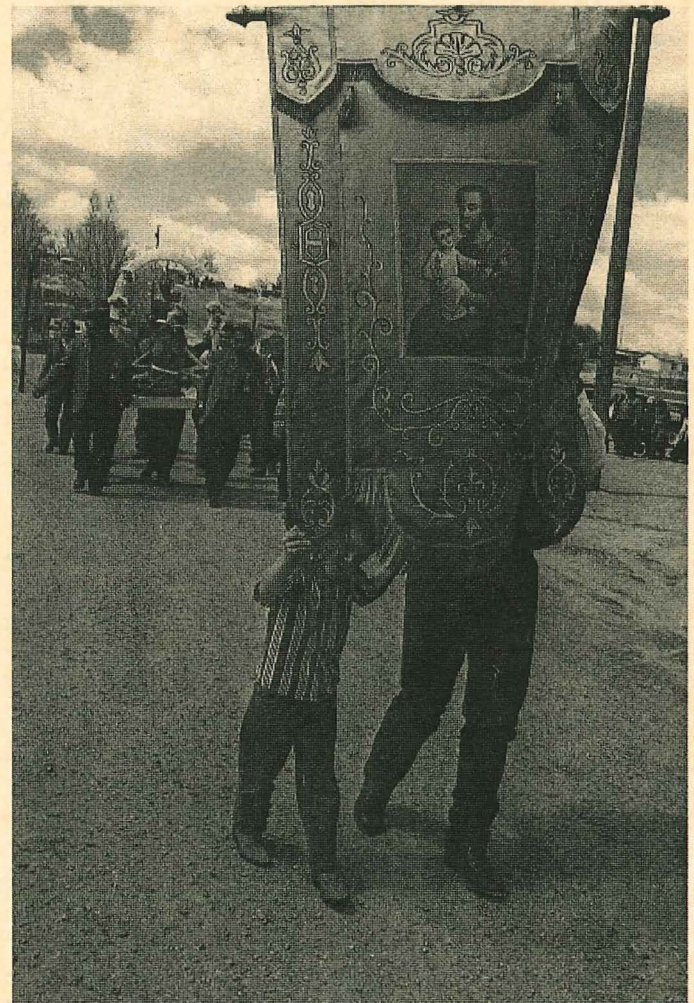
March 19 is the Saint's Day of San José Patriarca. La Sociedad de San José, active in Galisteo for over a century, is historically an important fiesta here. (See EL PUENTE #6, June 1997). This year the high mass at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios was held on April 2.

After mass, traffic was stopped on Route 41 and a man and a boy carrying a handsome banner of San José led a procession around the church. Then came a group of men and boys from the Society of Saint Joseph carrying a statue of the saint under a white flower-bedecked arch (see p. 4). They were followed by the male members of the society wearing their red and gold ribbons (there are some fifty members from Galisteo and elsewhere). Behind them came the women and children. All during the procession an *alabado* was sung by the participants. After the service a grand meal was offered at the Community Center.

Many of our respected elders took part in the procession, including Manuel Anaya, who is the oldest member of La Sociedad, having joined the society in the early 1930's.

In New Mexico, San José is depicted as younger than in most European art. Sometimes he is crowned or is accompanied by a basket of carpenter's tools. He holds a flowering staff in one hand and carries the Santo Niño.

According to the Jesuit writer Thomas J. Steele, San José Patriarca is "patron of a happy death (since Christ traditionally was said to have been with him)." In New Mexico he is also a father figure, patron of fathers, families, carpenters and all workers.



April 2, San José Procession (photo: Richard Shuff)

WATER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

By Joe Cooper

The annual General Meeting of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association was held on Wednesday, March 29 at the Community Center. A quorum was present and several by-law changes were approved:

- 1) To formally acknowledge that members must conform to County, State and Federal codes concerning waste water disposal.
- 2) To eliminate the designation "alternate" member, giving all Board members full voting rights.
- 3) To increase the Board quorum requirement from five to six.

Delinquent accounts are still a problem, with the same major offenders month after month. (Maybe we should publish their names in the *New Mexican*!)

The Board will pursue drilling a new well and determine appropriate conservation measures for what could be a dry summer.

ELECTIONS: **Rod Hall** was re-elected President; **David Burk** was elected Treasurer (**Romona Scholder** remains bookkeeper); **Maira Walden** was elected Secretary and **Benjamin Anaya** (son of the late **Tony Anaya**) and **Joe Cooper** were elected Board members. **Scott Diffrient** remains Vice President; **Roman Attenberger** remains Foreman; and **Antonio Chavez** and **Steve Moya** remain Board Members.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Brian Moya (who is 19 years old) attended the Red Card trials at Aqua Fria in early April and was awarded his Red Card. He is now on call as part of a special statewide firefighting team. He didn't have to wait long for some experience. At 2 AM on April 18 he was called to fight the huge fire on the Rio Grande Bosque near Belen.

All the GVFR firefighters have taken this 3-day class, to be renewed each year. The hardest part of the course is The Walk — a three-mile hike that must be completed in 45 minutes carrying 45 lbs. on your back. Allan Langer (who is somewhat older than 19) also walked The Walk, and reports that Brian was first to finish out of 20 people.

The Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department has adopted the "highway" that runs in front of the firehouse — Avenida Vieja from the old bridge to 41 south of the village.

On March 28, a dinner was held at Anthony's in honor of Mike Datoli. (The previous plan was snowed out.)

Oscar Mendoza and Steve Moya are now First Responders. Brian Moya and Chris Fields passed the Wildland Firefighting class and were certified. Ted Fleming attended an all-day symposium on the ISO (insurance) ratings which he will report on in a later issue.

Steve and Jean Moya, Charlie Holloway, and Bobbi Dalton will attend a medical conference in Ruidoso on the weekend of April 28-30. One of the classes they plan to attend in preparation for this summer's Rodeo is "How to Fix a Broken Cowboy."

Hank Blackwell, County Fire Marshall, is testing our hydrants. The one in front of the Koch house on Camino los Abuelos will have to be raised because of road paving; now it's too low for pressure.

A Swift Water Rescue training is coming up. Anyone interested?

CANDIDATES STEFANICS & LOWRY ON GALISTEO'S ISSUES

On April 9, **Liz Stefanics**, former State Senator and current candidate for the office again in our district spoke informally to a small but enthusiastic audience at the Community Center. She wanted to know what Galisteo wanted from her and in turn asked all kinds of questions about the village and our issues.

These included improvements at the dump (better recycling situation, cheaper rates and better hours) and support for the Vista Grande Library in Eldorado (which one local parent declared would be great for kids doing research for school projects at the last minute; they won't have to drive all the way to Santa Fe). Stefanics asked about children and parks and was strongly in favor of Open Space programs and strongly opposed to the proposed INS prison at the State Penitentiary (which has since been postponed).

One of the problems raised was the lack of water meters and the expense of installing them, which would currently be borne by the individuals. In regard to this and other community needs, Stefanics recommended that we think about applying for a Community Development Block Grant. To get this State money you have to go through the County and get on a list.

Another question that came up was how to check the speeding on Route 41. She told about one community that got an old police car and parked it at the entrance to town with an inflated figure in it. The car was painted to resemble a combination of county sheriff, state police and INS. It worked!

Meredith Lowry, who is running for County Commissioner, lives in Eldorado. She said in a phone interview with EL PUENTE that she wanted to stress two things in particular: First, the importance of everyone's vote. Because of low rural voter turnout, Santa Fe County Commissioners tend to get elected by residents of the City of Santa Fe, which is of course in the County, but does not represent the rural viewpoint. (Galisteo actually has a high voter turnout for most elections.)

Second, she deplores those who say that it is a detriment that she has been very active in the U.S. Highway 285 Coalition. Lowry has lived in the County for the 12 years she has been in the area and says, "I am equally involved in the city of Santa Fe. I care about both areas. You need to represent everybody. Wouldn't that be a nice change for a commissioner?"

Lowry contends that roads, and road maintenance, have a real impact on people. It's difficult to get the County to address them, even if it's a safety hazard. Development is another issue. She says that the new County General Plan addresses it well, but follow-through is a problem.

Lowry emphasizes regional historic and local differences, which should be acknowledged and worked with. "The County Plan and ordinances should take those into account when dealing

with local areas. They make less sense as they move out from the City into the farther reaches of the County. Galisteo and other local areas should have a lot of input into what happens around them."

Sprawl, for instance: "I believe in infill, etc. close to the city," she continued, "but in ranching communities, these concepts don't often work. There has to be a regional planning committee which should include developers, landowners, and residents in the County. We all need to sit down together and work out a long-term plan that fits the needs and respects the history of the various communities." Decisions should be local, she says, with the County helping to implement local desires, such as more shopping, local business, less development.

Lowry has served on the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee and notes that wells have dropped heavily in Edgewood; in La Cienega the water table dropped 50% in 30 years. "I don't care where you live," she said. "You need to be concerned about water. The County needs to find ways to use surface water rights, to store and pipe water, so we can use the San Juan-Chama waters before pulling more out of aquifers." Attention also must be paid to "renewable water," such as rain cisterns, preserving wetlands, and gray-water systems (which are not illegal, as some think, but must be regulated). She would push the County to educate and implement these ideas and, when feasible, to make them mandatory.

"I have learned so much from interaction with local people and I love to hear from people," says Lowry. "I will even respond!" She can be reached at 466-9216.

Both candidates stressed the importance of getting out to vote on June 6. Stefanics is particularly aware of this, since she lost her last election by a mere 54 votes.

PEDAZITOS: BITS AND PIECES

Shaun Gilmore (Merrick) is having a show of her paintings at the **Linda Durham Gallery** in Galisteo from April 22 to May 27. Having been a dancer and choreographer first, Shaun says she brings to her lyrically expressionist paintings "a particular attention to line and emotional gesture."

On March 18, 1900 the *New Mexican* noted: "**Don Antonio Anaya**, one of the largest sheep owners of Galisteo, is in the city buying supplies needed during the approaching lambing season. Mr. Anaya and his family are understood to own more than 40,000 head of the fleecy fellows."

The Galisteo Watershed Association is continuing to do restoration work along the banks of the creek between the old bridge and Route 41, often with the help of local children from the Eldorado Elementary School.

Dr. John Becker has joined Nurse Practitioner JoAnne Kargull to practice at **Eldorado Medical Care** (466-1400).

Stephen Kellogg and Kathleen Murphy (who runs a day care center in the "sunflower" mobile home beyond the Montoya's on Camino Los Abuelos) published a provocative

essay in the Valentine's issue of the *Eldorado Sun* called "Learning to Love from a Strong Place."

The Ranch House restaurant at Vista Clara was written up at length in the March-April issue of *New Mexico Journey* as "one of New Mexico's truly outstanding restaurants... at an exquisite spa... just 20 minutes from Santa Fe and 55 minutes from Albuquerque"! (For those who survive driving that fast!)

Someone has estimated there are about twenty new households in the Galisteo Directory this year. Someone else thought it would be interesting to do **our own informal census**. There are over 100 mailboxes, a few unused, and there are part-time residents who don't have boxes. A few years ago the County estimated Galisteo's population at 492 people, but that was based on four people per house, which is too many.

IN WHICH C.E. PANCOAST ATTENDS A BAILE AND A FOOTRACE, THEN LEAVES GALISTEO

"The next afternoon a large party of us went to Galisteo to participate in a Fandango. We found all the Girls in Church, but about four o'clock they came out *en masse* and trailed over to the Ball Room, and in a short time the Dance commenced. Their dancing figures were very unique and interesting, some of the sets accompanied by a beautiful chant. I was delighted with the whole entertainment. One pretty, bright eyed, innocent-looking Spanish Girl who danced with me, enquired of me where I came from, and when I said 'St. Louis,' asked if I knew her husband Joe, who had gone there on a visit six months before. She said he had been a U.S. Soldier when he married her, and pointed out a little two-year-old Girl in the room as their Child. She was expecting him to return soon, bringing her plenty of pretty Dresses and Jewelry. I asked her if she thought he would ever return, and she answered confidently, 'Yes.' And I thought, 'Alas, poor innocent Girl! I wonder how many more that have come within the border Soldiers' reach are living in this blissful ignorance, hoping for something never to be realized!'

"Early in the evening a number of pretentious young *Hidalgos* came into the room, gaudily dressed in feathered caps, woven shawls called *Serapos*, and an abundance of lace and Navajo Silver, with Pistols, Stiletos, and Bowie Knives in their belts, which Weapons they removed and placed on a ledge. We had in our Company a Gambler from Jefferson City, whose name I think was Burke. He had started a Monte table at one end of the room, and this Game appeared to interest the Mexicans more than the Dance. His Patronage was so great that he soon had to call in the assistance of his Chum to help him handle the cards and money. About nine o'clock, as I was on the floor dancing, there was a great deal of noise and contention in Burke's end of the room, followed by the discharge of a pistol. The Mexicans were all flying for their Weapons; the Ladies were screaming and running out of the doors; and many of our party were seeking safety outside in the darkness, not caring to risk our lives to save the hide of our Gambler, who (as we were satisfied) had swindled the Mexicans. Burke was shot, one of his ribs was broken, and

he received a stab on the arm; his Chum was also wounded; but both escaped and ran to the Camp....

"[The next day] we got up a Foot Race with the Mexicans, who had some fleet Young Men on whom they were willing to stake their Fortunes. They had not much money, but bet Cows, Sheep, Horses, Mules, Goats and Burros. They brought out a splendid-looking muscular Fellow dressed in tights and moccasins, and bare from the waist upwards. I was pretty sure this Fellow would beat the Blacksmith, but the result proved the contrary, the latter coming out ten feet ahead. The Mexicans were wild, and brought out another splendid-looking man. Our man objected to running again, but the Boys made up a purse for him and he beat the Mexican about two feet. Our Fat Man bet five dollars against a Horse, and won; and the Old Man Philipps won three Milch Goats. The Mexicans cheerfully delivered up their stakes and helped us drive the Animals to Camp.

"While we were in Town that evening there came a Soldier from Santa Fe with the news that the Comanche Indians [later determined to be Apaches] had attacked the Caravan of James White and massacred him and all his Teamsters and carried off his wife and child... and that he had orders for the Company at Galisteo to follow immediately. Long afterwards in California we learned that the Soldiers came up with the Indians in their Camp and found Mrs. White butchered and weltering in her blood and the Child missing....

"We left Galisteo regretfully... [and] camped on a small stream called Bajada, having made fifteen miles...."

(From Charles Edward Pancoast, A Quaker Forty-Niner, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, [1849] 1930)

Quien no se aventura no pasa la mar (he who doesn't venture doesn't cross the sea (or) nothing ventured, nothing gained.) – from Ruben Cobos, via Anna Cardenas.

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April 2, Procession of St. Joseph. (Photo: Richard Shuff)

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