

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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EDITORIAL

We often hear rumblings that EL PUENTE is in dire need of some spicing up, although its mission is information rather than entertainment. Off and on since the newsletter's inception, a gossip column has been suggested. Your editor is not about to take responsibility for an anonymous wild card. If you want to try some infotainment, we reserve the right to edit! In the meantime, check out a guest editor's April Fool's issue of EL ARROYO on the back cover. We'd love to get your feedback.

NOTICES

TO GALISTEÑOS WHO WORKED IN THE Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) or Works Progress Administration (WPA) or National Youth Administration (NYA) in New Mexico from 1933-43. The National New Deal Preservation Association would like to honor you on May 12 in Cerrillos. Call 473-2089 or Kathy Flynn at 473-3985.

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PLEASE, NO MORE DUMPING ON OR NEAR MCKEE ARROYO.

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THE COUNTY MEETING on open space acquisitions (an additional 640 acres of the Thornton Ranch) **has been postponed to MAY 10.** Please come and support the Trust for Public Land's application for expanded open space and hiking in the Galisteo Basin. Call Alina Bokde (986-6215) or Lucy Lippard (466-1276) after May 1 for time.

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

After several people came to the public forum of the GCA Board on March 15 to follow up on the annual community meeting and the association's plea for wo/manpower as well as money, it was agreed that Galisteo should pay its dues and be represented at meetings of the US Highway 285 Corridor South Coalition and Committee, so that we don't get caught off guard by planning crises in the area.

Cynthia and Frank Lux went to the US Highway 285 Corridor South Coalition meeting on March 21. Chris Koch and Lucy Lippard attended the 285 Corridor South Committee meeting on March 22. (See below for reports.)

OH, WHAT A DUMP!

By Frank and Cynthia Lux

Galisteo has joined the US Highway 285 South Coalition and we are glad to be the regular delegates to its meetings. Our first, on March 21, was devoted to the transformation of the Eldorado Waste Transfer Station.

Initially this parcel was slated to be just a sanitary landfill, and nothing else. But since 1989 it has housed all those lovely dumpsters for our recyclables and general trash.

Now its use is expanding. The 20-year plan for this 14-acre site is to enlarge the existing pit and to put the large dumpsters into a new building to be built in this pit (40 plus feet high with 22 feet visible above grade). An access road is also planned.

In addition, the County needs a site for its Public Works Road Maintenance facility, to store its supply of what we now see at the corner of 285 and I-25 (a State, not County, facility) – piles of gravel and sand for winter road maintenance, plows and other heavy machinery and cement barricade storage. These will not be inside the pit but higher up and *very visible* from all sides.

It also seems that through the years there have been frequent and recurring State Environmental Protection Agency code violations, like timely and proper disposal of brush, appliances, and tires. These may aid the Coalition's battle to prove that the County is not running the dump properly and that the addition of the Public Works Facility is inappropriate. (*continued p.2*)



ABOVE: And what about the Los Lunas Corrections Department bus that graces the Transfer Station? (Photo:Richard Shuff)

The Coalition's contention is that this parcel can legally be used only for waste management purposes, as stated by the County. So the Coalition has sought legal counsel to represent them at all County meetings where this situation is being discussed. Initial legal consultation has been funded by a generous community resident. But money is still an issue. Gary Friedman of Cassat, Hays and Friedman, PA has been put on retainer and his fee is \$170 per hour. It was suggested that as long as this issue does truly affect us all, each community/sub-division should contribute one hour's worth of legal time. If there is a balance it will be reserved for future professional services.

Our rural and secluded lifestyles do come at a price. Although the unsightliness in this case may not seem to affect us way out in Galisteo, we all know there could come a day when a similar problem is in our backyard and we'll be the ones asking for help from this same larger community.

If you can help, submit checks for any amount (noting it's for *Professional Services Fund*) to US Highway 285 South Coalition, 7 Avenida Vista Grande B7 #176, Santa Fe, 87505.

DUMPING CONTINUES: THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Led by County planners Jack Kolkmeier and Judy McGowan, the March 22 US Highway 285 South Committee meeting also concentrated on the proposed expansion of the Eldorado transfer station. Joellen Schilmoeller reported, after meetings with the County Design Committee, that all decisions had already been made for the new metal building at the dump; the gray-green color chosen by the group (who did have some say on the building's height) had been replaced by tan. The remodeled transfer station will resemble the city's Aqua Fria design, and will at least handle blowing trash.

Property owners are outraged about the possible addition of the County highway maintenance site (*See the Lux article above*). People from the Coalition, capably headed by Rosemarie Bagione (whose name I misspelled in the last issue) were angered that there had been little or no public notification of the expansion plans. Transfer station design details seem to be a done deal, but the maintenance station can still be contested, and various strategies were discussed. People in the adjacent subdivisions already pay for private road maintenance and feel that their big brother, Eldorado, "is asking the rest of the community to shoulder their burden" by recommending that the other subdivisions absorb all these unwelcome sites. They argue that this is an expansion of use with no public hearings and no input. A Senior Citizen Center for this area is also being considered. "Is a new jail next?" said someone, not facetiously.

"How much land does the County need out there?" asked someone else. Kolkmeier conceded ruefully that the Coalition knew more about these plans than the Land Use Department did. There are no regular meetings between Land Use and Public Works, despite Land Use's suggestion that actions and rules be coordinated. One attendee complained that Public Works did not welcome community input.

It was agreed that our County Commissioner, Jack Sullivan, must be made more aware of the complexity of these concerns in the community. Kolkmeier and McGowan are genuinely

enthusiastic about a partnership between County and community, which "could be something very special," and both appeared open and sympathetic to the community's views.

But, someone added, "How can we move on into a Contemporary Community Plan [at a start-up meeting on April 9] if one of our members thinks they can call all the shots?" And "Will the County follow its own rules?" "Citizens are restricted from suing; what recourse does a community have?"

This meeting was attended by some 20 people who ranged from concerned residents to dedicated Coalition members, including several developers. Also discussed was the water situation (talk about complexity!), expansion of the Agora, and the tribulations of the Monte Alto developers, who said that they feel that a different standard is applied to Eldorado than to other developments in the County. Joe Miller also said he felt betrayed by the County and the moratorium on further development. Another developer said, "It's a short-sighted citizen who just likes to see developers screwed, because the area will grow. You'd like to know what I'm going to do and I'd like to know what I can do." Consensus was that "There was an emergency, but now nothing is moving ahead." Kolkmeier said that some calls he got (one from Galisteo) were primarily about code enforcements rather than planning and that we should all be looking at the larger picture.

Although this long and complicated meeting bore only indirectly upon Galisteo, it was extremely informative to see how much hard work was going into the future of the area. The battles at the moment are being fought in the subdivisions further north, but if we pay attention we will be better prepared when our own turf becomes the battleground.

PEDAZITOS/ BITS AND PIECES

Jean Moya and Linda Anaya of the GVFRD, both of them firefighters and EMTs, are now working for the County Fire Department as substitutes for those on leave or vacation, primarily as back up for Med 80. We're impressed.

Another **break-in** appears to have taken place the same day as the one at B  b   Givaudan's house, reported in the last issue. The owners were not in residence at the time.

At a Saturday coffee shop a couple of weeks ago, **Beth Foote** came tearing in for a coffee to go. Seems she was about to drive to Amarillo to deliver a lost dog she had found. It belonged to part-time Galisteo residents who had already left town for Michigan, via Texas. Turning down the chance to drive *that* far, Beth delivered a happy dog to Amarillo, and was back home the same night. Now *that's* service... and no speeding tickets!

Munson Hunt is having a show at Chiaroscuro, the grand new gallery on Monte Sol off Canyon Road. It opens April 20.

Kathleen Murphy wrote a wise essay called "Are All Ducks Male?" about children and gender conditioning (featuring her four-year-old son Max and his friends) in the March *Eldorado Sun*: "Boys get trained early that their feelings aren't quite as relevant as those of girls, and girls get trained that they are helpless in the face of difficulty. We all have a lot to feel as we heal from the hurts of sexism." She concludes that we should let children teach us who they are, rather than the other way around.

KEEPING YOUR PER-PORTIONS

By Ron Helman

Recently I was at the Whole Foods salad bar for a quick lunch. I found myself scrutinizing everything. Did *this* go with *that*? *That* weighed too much and would affect the price. Everyone was doing the same thing. I had a flashback of what I do at home and realized that portions are never really a consideration. I just load up and the frenzy begins. If we just took a few seconds before eating and embraced the same attitude as at the salad bar, we could lose weight effortlessly. Sure, good nutrition is a factor, but the bottom line is that we eat too much.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We have noticed during the past few weeks a small plane flying in circles above the village and Ranchitos. My husband Lewis, who flew as a Navy navigator during the Vietnam War, pointed out that it is practicing stalls right over the village.

A "stall" is when the pilot shuts down one or both of the engines and allows the plane to sink toward the ground, gunning the engine at a critical moment to pull out of the stall. This is a dangerous practice under the best of circumstances and should be undertaken only in absolutely unpopulated areas.

Unfortunately, according to FAA regulations, which I checked by phone, Galisteo does not qualify as a "populated" area. (Downtown Santa Fe does.) A pilot may fly as low as 500 feet over "unpopulated" areas. I asked what our options were and was told that there were none, but that my complaint had been logged and would be kept on file.

As a medical member of the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and in the interest of preventing a serious accident, I am writing to ask that anyone noticing planes practicing stalls over the village or Ranchitos *telephone the Airport Manager in Santa Fe at 955-2900*. If enough of us complain, perhaps they will suggest that pilots of private planes avoid practicing over our heads. Thank you all. —**Valentine Riddell**.

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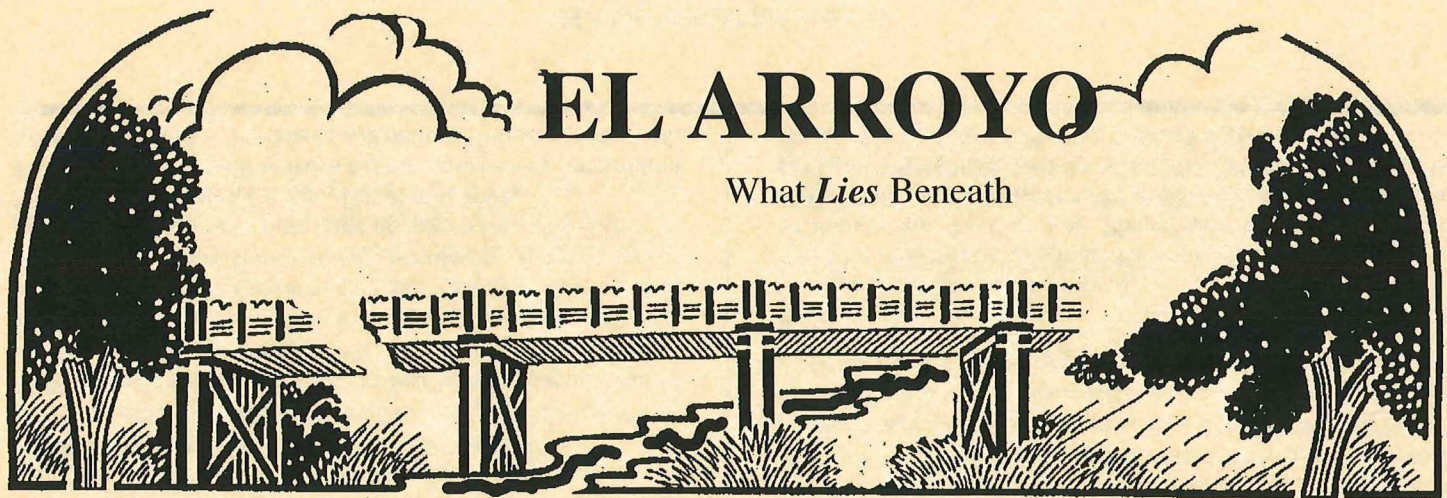
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What Lies Beneath

APRIL FOOL'S EDITION

APRIL 1, 2001

IT'S NOT A COMMUNITY. . . WITHOUT GOSSIP.

Guest Editor's Mission Statement

It has recently come to our attention that many readers in our community find the other paper, well . . . boring. So, in an effort to alleviate the monotony of the truth, here are our humble efforts. Any similarity to real people, places, or events is purely coincidental. And to quote Groucho Marx, "I deny everything - and everything I deny is a lie!"

Q & A

- Q. *What is the Galisteo Rule of Confidentiality?*
 A. You can only tell **four** people.
- Q. *Are people who write spoofs just cowardly, back biting misfits or do they simply have no lives?*
 A. Yes.
- Q. *Recently, I attended a community gathering where someone showed up in a full length mink coat. Is this a sign of pretentiousness and bad taste or simply a pathetic need for attention?*
 A. Yes.
- Q. *I just moved to Galisteo from another state. How do I know if I really fit in?*
 A. You know you're from Galisteo if:
- you dress up to go to the Bobcat Bite.
 - you get excited when you see an emergency vehicle.
 - you moved here because you LOVE the desert and promptly put in 10,000 feet of irrigation pipe to change the "bland" color of the grass.
 - you put off getting groceries because the Agora is "too far away".
 - you're not *really* from Galisteo, you're from New Jersey or Connecticut or Texas or California or Wisconsin or New York or . . .
 - right after you moved to New Mexico it suddenly became too crowded and "no one else should move here".

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UN VERDADERO AMIGO, NO TE DEJA CONducIR PEDO.

photo: not by the other paper's staff photographer, Richard Shuff

This picture appeared in the 1952, '62, '72, '82, and '92 *Nuevo Mexicano* captioned "Picturesque, Yes; But Not Practical". The identity of the cowboy is unknown. Many of the older residents believe the dog may have belonged to one of the Felipe Chavezes. (photo courtesy of the Nuevo Mexicano archival file)