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BRIDGE SERIES AT COMMUNITY CENTER

*Sunday Feb. 17: DADOU & TEODORO, *French accordion and Gypsy violin* + VALENTINE'S CAFÉ... with fabulous desserts. *Sunday, March 17: LAURIANNE FIORENTINO, *Acoustic Originals*. * Sunday April 14: ONESIMO MONTOYA & FRIENDS: *Northern New Mexico Music*. *Sunday May 19: RON HELMAN QUARTET, *Jazz*.
All shows are at 3PM, \$5. Free to children and seniors.

COOK RANCH SOLD; MCKEE WATER RIGHTS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO WALDO?

Now it's official. The Cook Ranch has been sold to Tom Ford, 39, a Gucci designer who just took over from Yves St. Laurent. Ford was born and raised in Texas, but in his teens his family moved to Tesuque and he attended Santa Fe Prep. We welcome him to Galisteo.

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The Cook/Ford (formerly McKee) Ranch is also in the news because application has been made by Lauren and Mary Peppler to buy and transfer a large parcel of water rights, detached from the ranch ownership, from the estate of Philip McKee to the defunct mining town of Waldo, just west of Cerrillos. This transaction sends up a red flag to residents of the Galisteo Basin.

Not only should we worry about impairment of all wells in the Galisteo Creek watershed, but the Waldo area was to be the site of the J.R. Hale gravel mine, vehemently protested by Cerrillos residents and open space advocates since it threatened to destroy Buffalo Mountain, on the edge of the new Cerrillos Hills Park, and turn the village into an industrial suburb. Hale withdrew its application at the end of 2001, due to lack of water. Could it still be in the works?

And if not a gravel mine, perhaps the diverted water heralds a large development — something else the area does not need. The amount of water in question is considerable — 260 consumptive acre feet, which translates into 58.713 diversional acre feet to be taken annually from a point on the Galisteo Creek.

The "move from" lands are described in the legal notice as located "approximately one mile south of the village of Galisteo and approximately 2.5 miles west of State Route 41 on the McKee Ranch Road" (now Ford ranch road). The "move-to" well sites

are located "between the railroad track and Interstate 25," with boundaries approximately 3/4 of a mile and 3 miles from Waldo. (Linda McKee, by the way, is not executor of her deceased husband's estate and has no control over this sale.)

El Vadito de Cerrillos Water Association has protested the Peppler application. The Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association followed suit and asked to be kept informed by the State Engineer's office. What's next remains to be seen. EL PUENTE will do its best to keep you up to date on this extremely complicated situation.



MIKE ANAYA ENTERS COUNTY RACE

On February first, at the Galisteo Community Center (and later at the Elk's Lodge in Santa Fe), Michael D. Anaya announced his candidacy for County Commissioner in the newly redrawn District 3. EL PUENTE interviewed Mike on Jan. 16th.

Born and raised in Galisteo village in an old local family, Mike lived here for some 34 years before moving to the family ranch southeast of Stanley in 1997, with his wife Dora and two children. Active in the Sociedad de San José, he maintains property and his Electrical Concepts office in the village, and has been approved to build a small commercial development (El Tanque Viejo) on Highway 41 south of the church. Although this is his first run for an elected office, Anaya has been active for several years in local politics.

EL PUENTE: You served a term on the EZC?

MIKE ANAYA: Yes. The Extraterritorial Zoning Commission is made up of 3 members from the County chosen by the Commissioners, 3 members from the city chosen by the City Council, and one at-large member living outside Santa Fe's five-mile radius, appointed by the other six. That was me. They approached me. So I said yeah, about 8 years ago, before we moved to Stanley. Before that, all my life in Galisteo, we would go to work on the ranch every weekend with my mom and dad.

EP: You were also president of the Galisteo Community Association, and Vice President of the Water Board. What made you do all this?

MA: First of all, I like to help people out, people and communities. Along with my mom and dad and my brothers and sisters we've been talking about this for about seven years now — about one of us running. Robert will eventually run for something someday. But we thought this race was a good idea.

EP: Who else is running?

MA: So far there's Tom Dominguez, who works for the County, and Robert Romero from La Cienega.

EP: Just a month or so ago we were redistricted, weren't we? Now we're represented by Javier Gonzales instead of Jack Sullivan?

MA: Yes, and Javier's already done his three terms.

EP: You've never run for office before?

MA: No.

EP: How are you going about it?

MA: Basically there's a lot of things I don't know yet about the County, so I've been attending a lot of the boards that the County appoints. I know the EZC pretty well. And I sit on the CDRC (County Development Review Committee). I've been Vice Chairman for about a year and a half. I sit on the County Road Advisory Committee too.

So right now I'm going to things like the DWI Council, the Health and Planning Commission, and the Fair Board — on the County Fair. I'm getting out there to learn, to understand the County better. So when someone has a problem, I'll know where to go to find help.

EP: What is the redrawn district?

MA: It's big. This district is a half of Santa Fe County, maybe a little more than half.

EP: That doesn't sound like great redistricting.

MA: They had to do it with population and ethnic representation, that's how they came up with this. If you're going down Airport Road, Jemez Road, it starts there, goes from there around down to La Cienega to Cerrillos, Madrid, Golden, San Pedro, Edgewood, Stanley, Galisteo. And back into White Lakes onto Rowe Mesa. It includes the Lone Butte Store, but right across Highway 14 from there is Jack Sullivan's — the San Marcos development, Lamy, and anything on that side of the railroad tracks is District 5.

EP: What about schools?

MA: There are schools in Edgewood, but Stanley, Cerrillos and Galisteo go to schools out of their districts.

EP: So you won't have much to do with education. What are your major issues?

MA: Well, water's the big issue. Affordable Housing. Health Care. A lot of talk about roads. Nobody's brought up solid waste to me yet, but that's an issue.

EP: What about the County Four-Year Water Plan? Do you think we should be developing before we know where the water's coming from?

MA: I think we should wait on development until we have some kind of a plan for water, for the San Juan Chama diversion. Affordable housing's one of the top issues on my list. But we can't have affordable housing if we don't have any water.

EP: Where do you stand on metered wells or restrictions on private wells?

MA: I haven't really thought about that. It used to be you got 3 acre feet; then I think it was one.

EP: The new Haciendas Tranquilas subdivision north of town has only .57 acre feet per lot.

MA: I know they're having a problem up in Chimayo where the private wells are getting contaminated because of the septic systems. It would probably be a good idea to get on a community system over there.

EP: Is that likely to happen in Galisteo?

MA: I would like to see all the residents in Galisteo get hooked up to water. Maybe the Water Association could try to purchase more acre feet and get everyone in the community hooked up. When we put this water system in, it would have been nice to have put in a conduit for that. So we don't have to come back and tear anything up. But that's down the line. It could be done. And a sewage system. You have to get involved so that when some developer comes in and you don't want it, you'll have some say. I'll go to the community and say do you want it or not? What are the issues here?

EP: Galisteo's so small. How can we make ourselves heard in county politics?

MA: What does this community want?

EP: I wish I knew!

MA: I want to go to the communities and find out what you guys want. I don't want to run for County Commissioner to say all my ideas. I want to know the community's ideas. If somebody comes to me with a problem I'll ask them what does your community think? Are you involved in your community? And if not, maybe you have to go to the meetings and get involved.

EP: Right. Like the Traditional Community Land Use Plan. The County can't even meet with us and advise us for a year or two because they're so understaffed. So Galisteo is on the waiting list. And they don't want us to start meetings and planning without them. In my opinion, even if we never get a full-scale land use plan going, we could at least have some meetings and come out with some kind of consensus about what the community wants—so when you come to us we'll know where we're at. Where should Galisteo be headed? Do we want subdivisions on all sides? Cluster development or ranchettes? County Open Space and ranchland or what? Now that the Cook ranch is sold, we should really start thinking about it.

MA: The County wants to guide you in the right direction. I know that CDRC just approved San Pedro's community plan and it went through the Board of County Commissioners about a week ago.

EP: We've seen some of the local plans. They all look very complicated for a village this size. Do you think it's a good idea?

MA: Like I said, if that's what the community wants. The thing to do is when that time comes and the community is ready,

call a meeting and tell them: the County will be here, are you guys serious? Let's do it!

EP: The village is changing so fast. It's a different place than when I came here 10 years ago. A community plan is going to need good leadership. The Community Association only has one public meeting a year. And it seems like the older community has pretty much withdrawn.

MA: Yes, Very much. If the community plan comes about, I'd like to see input from not only the locals, the Hispanics, but from everybody. I wish there were some way we could get the local people in Galisteo involved again. I wish there was a way to bring the people who grew up here back into the Community Center so we could all talk about it. I remember meetings when they were almost all there.

EP: I do too. That's why I wanted to live here.

MA: It happened in San Pedro, where the newcomers came in and wanted to do a community plan. They were the only ones who showed up to the meetings and they got their plan. Like in Galisteo, the newcomers would come in and make their decisions without the locals. Then all of a sudden there's ten local guys come in and start complaining. And we have to say: Wait, didn't they have any meetings? Didn't you go to the meetings? And I've sat up there saying: Get involved with your community. I know what you're doing because I come from that. You go to these meetings, they have twelve meetings, you never show up, and then the last meeting, you're there complaining. It's a hard decision. Usually I will go with the community that came together. If *everybody* would come to the meetings, it would be easier for the commissioners.

EP: And of course the Anglo part of the community doesn't all agree either. As one of those newcomers who wants to do things, I don't know how best to involve everybody.

MA: I think there are ways to do that but it'll be hard.

EP: We could certainly use that coffee shop, a daily meeting place.

MA: Right now my Tanque Viejo project is on hold because of lack of funds, but eventually that will go ahead. It would bring people together, and then: Oh, did you know about that meeting tonight? People get their mail and go home and don't feel like going to the meeting today.

EP: What's your vision for our area? For the Galisteo Basin?

MA: I would hope it would stay pretty much like it is. I know that this side of the village over here (south and east sides) will probably stay pretty much the same for a while. I know they've started to develop to the north. Other than that I don't see any big change.

If contacted, EL PUENTE will also run statements or interviews with the other two candidates for District 3's Commissioner.

PEDACITOS: BITS AND PIECES

The San Marcos Association and the citizens of Cerrillos and Madrid to our west have been busy recently. The **Turquoise Trail area** has been targeted as "the infill corridor between New Mexico's two principal cities," according to the *San Marcos Association Newsletter* (Winter 2001). Community planning and zoning is crucial, so residents can have some control over what

is about to be done to them. Concerned Citizens of Cerrillos has effectively organized to demand that the scenic integrity of **Highway 14** be maintained. They have protested the width of the road with some success and are now tackling the guardrail placement, which, they say, forms a visual barrier, virtually replacing the scenery with the highway itself as scene. State engineers (who had received an award for their NM 14 design), have promised to continue meeting with concerned citizens and to come up with some changes to the plans.

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On January 18-19 the **Quivira Coalition** held its first annual conference in Albuquerque. Proponents of the "new ranch," this coalition of ranchers, scientists, bureaucrats, and environmentalists from around the west is devoted to preserving rangeland and supporting traditional ranch culture. Their ideas on economically and ecologically sound grazing with emphasis on riparian, soil, and grass care are gaining approval, although it will be an uphill battle. Among the Galisteans in attendance were **Sunny McCleave** and **Mollie Busbey** from **Saddleback Ranch**.

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Galisteo's media star — **Nacha Mendez (aka Marghreta Cordero)** — was in the papers again, subject of a long Spanish-language feature in the *New Mexican* (Jan. 21) titled *Corridos! Con el tiempo esta forma musical cambia para reflejar la cotidiana de la vida*. Another feature ran in the *Santa Fe Reporter* (Jan.25). Cordero, who was raised in Union, N.M., took the name Nacha from her grandmother, who came in turn from a family of *corridistas* and taught her granddaughter. Nacha II, whose grandfather, Esteban Rivera, rode with Pancho Villa, began to perform publicly at age five. *Corridos*, she points out, are story songs created so that the history of daily life is not forgotten. The occasion for all this attention was her concert at the College of Santa Fe on January 26, where she was accompanied by pianist and composer **Melanie Monsour**, among others.

UPDATE ON ROAD SURFACING

Richard and Janice Griscom

On January 25 we had an informal meeting in Galisteo with James Lujan, Robert Martinez, and Mike Ortiz from the County Public Works Department, regarding the dust on La Vega, Otra Vanda and La Puente roads. (For background information on this situation, see the December 2001 issue of EL PUENTE.)

We were informed at that meeting that the County is considering adding a clay-like substance to the roads that will bind the small particles and therefore reduce the amount of dust by speeding vehicles. The county officials promised to send us the details of this approach in a letter. When we receive it, we will summarize its contents in the next issue of EL PUENTE and make copies available to anyone requesting them.

During the meeting the county officials stressed that *speeding was one of the principal reasons for the excessive dust* that we all experience on these roads. We take this opportunity to request again that the speed limit be observed by everyone.

In the January 25 meeting, as well as in several phone calls, the county officials have been forthcoming with information and have frequently expressed the desire to work with the village on this complicated and difficult matter.

****IMPORTANT: BE SURE AND ATTEND****
ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 13, 7 PM.
GALISTEO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD
(and dessert served)
HAVE A VOICE! RUN FOR THE BOARD!

HEART BLESSING

Ron Helman

Sometimes I'm conscious of the fact that I am "in my head rather than my heart." We all know what that means. The endless pursuit of balance comes into play once again. In my business, the heart has even more consideration. Is there any other organ that has so much wonder about it? This month we celebrate Valentine's Day and I know my wife Pamela will take that very seriously. We talkin' LOVE. Just take *this* moment and feel the beat of your heart and give thanks for the wonderful work that it does. If it is the *hub* of our emotion and feelings, why don't we care for it more? It gives us life and blessing.

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Galisteo Dream Group: presented by Ann Yeomans, M.A. Join us for a weekly Jungian/ archetypal approach to dream work, beginning Tues. Nov. 20 from 6-8 PM, Call 466-6070.

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Healing Crosses of Galisteo by Maria, 466-8930.

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