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NOTICE TO WATER ASSOCIATION

MEMBERS: The EPA-required annual report on water quality for 2001-02 is posted on the bulletin board by the Philip Watts Memorial Playground behind the church. This satisfies public notification that must be in place by June 2003. So, last year what you drank didn't hurt you!

NEXT MEETING OF GVFR FIESTA AND SILENT ART AUCTION COMMITTEES:

Sean Gilmore's house, Sunday, April 13, 4PM (466-9040)
All Volunteers Welcome!

CORRECTION: Manuel and Clarita Anaya have been married for 67 years, not 57! We didn't do our math.

ANNUAL GCA MEETING/ELECTIONS

Around fifty people attended the Galisteo Community Association annual meeting on March 10th. The atmosphere was festive, as we come together only once a year as a community, aside from the occasional social event. There were kids in attendance, but the traditional canine community was barred.

As an appetizer, Marilyn "Pete" Forbes and a colleague spoke on the Vista Grande Library and reminded us again that it exists for all the surrounding communities, not just Eldorado. The children's section and programs are particularly outstanding.

Bob Harte gave a pitch for the Fire Department (donations are down and we need to pay our share of a new brush truck). Janice Felty announced the chipping project (see above).

The main course was the elections, which went very well with more new candidates than in the last couple of years.

President Joette Trofimuk's and **Board member Tom Morin's** terms continue. Alternate **Cindy Lux** replaces Vicki Snyder for the last year of her unexpired term. Joette also announced the retirement/resignations of Treasurer Suzi Calhoun, who is leaving Galisteo, and Florence Sohn, who has served for many years, and created the history archive in the Community Center. "They will all be sorely missed."

Vice President Barbara Holloway, Secretary Barbara Cooper and **Board members Mela Montoya and Richard Shuff** were re-elected. The new **Treasurer is Barbara Seiler**. (Being named Barbara is obviously a political asset.) Secret ballots were passed out for positions with more than one nominee.

WOOD CHIPPING MARCH 20th 8:30AM IN THE BOSQUE BY THE BRIDGE.

We are borrowing a chipper (and operators) from Vista Clara, thanks to Kaye Sandford. (The County won't bring theirs to Galisteo again until there is much more community involvement.) A large pile of dead wood and brush has been accumulated near the bridge. Add your own (*before the 20th if at all possible*) or come with a truck and help your neighbors on the bosque. If it catches fire, a lot more will go too. Chips available for mulch, driveways, etc. If you can help, call Janice and Dick at 466-3996 or just show up.

NOT ALLOWED ON BRUSH PILES: cut lumber, wood larger than 4" diameter, bark-beetle-infested wood, and wood from outside Galisteo.

The new **Board Member** is **Ted Fleming** and the new **Alternate** is **Victoria Prewitt**.

It was announced that event rental for the Community Center (still under Mela Montoya's expert care) is now \$100 for non-residents and \$50 for residents. Funerals are no longer free. For any event open to everyone in Galisteo, rent is free.

When asked, "What is the Board doing now?" the cheerful reply was, "It's quiet - no lawsuits or anything!" And on that happy note, the meeting adjourned.



Grace, Althea, Walker, and friends (photo: Richard Shuff)

LATEST ON COMMUNITY LAND USE PLAN

Since the January meeting, we have met with the five UNM students in Dave Henkel's planning class; they are bright and enthusiastic and will be fun to work with. They are also culturally diverse, including a young woman from Ecuador and a young Hispano from Santa Fe. They are in the process of preparing their survey questions for the Galisteo community.

A steering committee for the continuation of "planning for the plan" was appointed with representation from the different geographical communities (the village, Ranchitos, the farther flung homes) and representatives from the GCA Board, Fire Department, and Water Board. They are: **Anna and Freddie Cárdenas, Janice Felty, Ted Fleming, Richard Griscom, Frank Hirsch, Lucy Lippard, Anette Meertens, Tom Morin, Jean and Steve Moya, Maria Padilla, Denice Pruett, Sam Sloan, David Snyder, and Dorothy Victor.** Some "outside advisors" with more expertise may be added at a future date. There will be plenty of room later for others to join subcommittees when (and if) we embark on the full journey.

Three of us (Ted Fleming, Richard Griscom, Lucy Lippard) went to the San Marcos Association's meeting on their Community Plan on Feb. 20 to see how other communities operated. They are *much* larger than we are (the plan covers 55 square miles, their quarterly newsletter is mailed to 1700 households, and their hundreds of members pay dues!) They also have "the best community planning committee the County has ever seen" including six professional planners and an owner of the Bonanza Creek Ranch. They hope to introduce voluntary alternative energy measures as guidelines along with the plan.

San Marcos too will have a survey by UNM students, but are waiting a while. There are some fears that need to be allayed (as there probably are in Galisteo as well) that the plan will want to outlaw trailers or hurt property rights or mess with people's lives and businesses. *There is no reason for any such problems to arise, so long as everyone participates and expresses their concerns.* When asked what the general community can do to help, one of the SMA officers said: show up to support it and pressure the County Commissioners to move on it. Amen.

On February 27, some of us went to a well-attended meeting held by the Earth Works Institute at Eldorado, perhaps beginning a coalition of all concerned in the Galisteo Watershed. The goal is a watershed-wide strategy for eco-restoration and resource conservation that will encompass everyone's visions. Public input is welcomed. More on the details and future meetings in coming issues of EL PUENTE.

LAMY JUNCTION PUEBLO ACQUIRED BY COLTPAC

The County Open Land and Trails Committee has finally completed the acquisition of 91 acres between the Galisteo Creek, US 285, and the road into Lamy. The "Anasazi" pueblo ruin is known as the Lamy Junction site; in the Tewa language, it was called *Hae Haa Wing-ing T'owa Vi Oweengeh*.

The almost invisible ruin was bought from Joe Miller for \$750,000 (with \$4,000 raised by the village of Lamy and additional funds offered by the Archaeological Conservancy) after several months of negotiations and occasional threats to call

the deal off. At the center of the controversy was the relocation of four mobile homes on the property. Miller, who bought the land in the mid 1980s from AMREP Corp., the developer of Eldorado and Rio Rancho, planned to subdivide, but the County refused a permit, in part because they wanted to preserve the prehistoric archaeological site, and in part because of the building moratorium in the Eldorado area.

The ruin itself comprises 31 acres of the land purchased, with some 19 unexcavated house mounds, one kiva, a shrine, a clay pit, and a possible reservoir. In 1882, archaeologist Adolph Bandelier was the first professional to take note of the Lamy ruins (there are more in the area). He was followed by Nels Nelson in 1915, H.P. Mera in 1922, Reggie Wiseman in 1981, and Dave Legare in 1995. Tree ring samples and pottery sherds indicate that this large village was inhabited from the mid 12th to the mid/late 14th centuries, which makes it highly significant in the history of the Galisteo Basin.

Some of the site was damaged in the construction of the old Lamy-to-Galisteo road. There has apparently been some illegal pothunting. Miller too has excavated, with backhoes, which is perfectly legal (although very damaging to future archaeological investigations) if you own an archaeological site -- so long as you do not disturb any burials.

Most of the site's secrets about the settling, occupation, and pre-Conquest population of the Galisteo Basin still lie underground. Thanks to COLTPAC, they will remain there until they can be professionally excavated.

More pueblo news: Owners Susan Rothenberg and Bruce Nauman have protected the extremely important Galisteo Pueblo ruin (on their property north of the village) with a Cultural Resources Conservation Easement under the Archaeological Conservancy. Now and then a rare public tour will be conducted for members of the Conservancy. (505-266-1540 for information on how to become a member.) The Conservancy also instigated the federal legislation designed to protect some 24 archaeological sites in and around the Galisteo Basin in voluntary partnership with private owners, who receive help preserving the sites. The bill was approved by the U.S. Senate. It is stalled in the House, where Reps. Udall and Wilson are sponsoring it.

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

On March 4, **Linda Durham Contemporary Art** celebrated its 25th year in Santa Fe, Galisteo, and New York. March 4, 1978 to March 4, 2003 and still Going Strong! In the mailer, former Galisteña Agnes Martin is quoted: "An Artist is one who can fail and fail and still go on."

Wine and Roses, **Nick Trofimuk's** handsome photograph of a bottle of wine, a full glass, and a rose, adorned the Valentine's Day issue of *Pasatiempo*. His show at Photogenesis in Santa Fe opened that day. **Scott Diffrient's** photoportrait and some of his jewelry was a recent ad for Packard's on the Plaza.

A large number of Galisteo residents attended the gigantic rally against a war in Iraq on Feb. 15. It was the largest march in Santa Fe's history, a reported 7 or 8000 people, some from around the state, filled the plaza and adjoining streets.

Jesse Cirolia, 16, a Nizhoni School student, participated in the rally at the Roundhouse against the expanded Patriot Act.

She was quoted in the *New Mexican* on March 3, replying to Republican leader Stuart Ingle of Portales, who supports the Act because it keeps his daughters safer. "I'm a daughter, a high school student, and an American," she said. "Are my constitutional rights being jeopardized by the very people whose job it is to uphold those rights?"

Context Design (Tom Morin and Isabella Gonzales) designed the impressive catalogue for *Idea Photographic*, a large exhibition in the fall at the Museum of Fine Arts.

Victoria Leyba, who had celebrated her 100th birthday in November, passed away soon afterwards. She married **Vincente Madrid Leyba** of Galisteo on June 15, 1920, and they raised six children. Her husband would have been part of the family that had a large house and a *cantina* next door to Onesimo and Mela Montoya's. (see EL PUENTE Feb. 1999). A member of the Leyba family also ran a *cantina* at Kennedy Station. It is possible that they are descended from the Leiva family that had an *encomienda* near the Galisteo Pueblo mission in 1680, at the time of the Pueblo Revolt. The family was killed in the revolt, but Pedro de Leiva was returning from Mexico at the time and survived. For a few hours he was governor of New Mexico.

CHURCH BULLETIN UPDATE

Maria Padilla

There will be a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting on March 18 at 7 PM at the Galisteo Community Center. The Council invites your calls and input. All are welcome to attend. Your Council representative for Galisteo is Maria Padilla (466-8930).

Fr. Jerome Martinez y Alire, JCL, will say the Fiesta de San José Mass in Galisteo on March 23, 12 midnight. Anyone interested in donating food or time for the preparation of the Fiesta in Cerrillos, contact Loretta Perea at 471-2874. All are welcome to attend. It starts at noon.

Our next healing mass will be on Wednesday March 26, with Fr. Bob Lussier at 7PM. The last one was cancelled due to snow and icy conditions.

For shut-ins in our community, which includes all sick, homebound, elderly, and others who are unable to join their parish community in mass on Sunday and would like a visit from a priest or Deacon Tom, please contact Deacon Tom at 471-1562.

Parish Membership: Anyone living within the territorial boundaries of the Parish is considered a parishioner. However, we ask all parishioners to register so we can better serve you. St. Joseph is totally dependent on the generosity of its parishioners for support. The use of envelopes, regardless of the amount of the contribution, makes our parish activities and services possible. To register, call Maria for the forms or get them at mass on Sundays.

BREAD BULLETIN: Several kinds of delicious homemade loaves are now for sale every Friday after 8AM, at 6 Marcellina Lane—produced by Victoria Prewitt, former independent baker for Dean and DeLuca in New York City. Call 466-6359 to order.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Remember: If you are planning to burn any brush or fields, you must call Fire Chief Steve Moya (466-0396 or 466-1544) for permission.

Because of the extremely hard work (and not enough play) done in the past by a few of the GVFR members at the summer Fiestas, it had been decided to hold some other kind of event as a fundraiser this year. That is, until Kaye Sandford rushed into the breach. She called all over the village and got 50 people signed up to work on the fiesta at Vista Clara (date to be announced, probably either August 9 or 23rd). Many came to the last GVFR business meeting and a few stayed to learn more about the possibility of becoming members. Kaye, Shaun Gilmore (veteran of the art auctions of the past) and Patricia Heller will be co-chairs, acting to revive the Fire Department Auxiliary, which has been languishing somewhat in the last couple of years. This is a great way to do something for your community, less demanding (if less exciting) than firefighting.

The auxiliary "job description" is: A volunteer member who provides administrative or other support services, although participation in any emergency scene is strictly limited to a "safe zone." Auxiliary members can assist with record keeping, data base entry, purchasing, fundraising, public education activities, etc. (And there's also truck cleaning and station maintenance, flipping burgers at various events, bringing sustenance to firefighters at work, and whatever else you can think of to help out the GVFR.)

Firefighter Nick Contreras has passed two more tests. Congratulations!

The roof of the station has been repaired. The wind had loosened many screws. Of the 678 calls on Med 80's 2002 list for the County's Eastern Region, 23 were in Galisteo. But we also had numerous mutual aid and public assistance calls.

An article in the March/April issue of the AAA magazine, *New Mexico Journey*, tells how to make a "natural defense" against fire, as developed by landscapers and Los Alamos residents after the Cerro Grande fire. Some two dozen houses, were saved because of smart landscaping. One of the owners, Mary Zemach, leads tours of her "natural defenses."

Resident Amy Lawrence, a master gardener who documented the total destruction of her old home, has rebuilt with less wood in the construction, far fewer trees, and a surrounding rock-lined moat that serves as a catch basin for rain and runoff as well as a buffer against ground fire. Lawrence says, "One thing we've learned is that you can have a fire-resistant yard that is still very attractive."

Taking no chances, the town of Ruidoso has passed an ordinance requiring that all new buildings be built of fire-resistant materials.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF SANTA FE is looking for volunteer tutors. An estimated 13,000 adults in the area need special services and another 15,000 immigrants need to learn English as a Second Language. For further information contact Letty Naranjo at the Santa Fe Community College, 428-1353 or lnaranjo@santa-fe.cc.us.

GCA BOARD REPORT

(From Barbara Cooper's minutes of meetings, 2/22 and 3/3)

The new GCA Board will prepare questions and invite Ted Harrison of the Trust for Public Land to meet with the Board concerning the Thornton Ranch.

There was a discussion of GCA's tax-exempt status and its use as an umbrella by other community groups, particularly the Studio Tour, to reduce advertising costs. A motion was passed to investigate either making the Studio Tour a program of the GCA or getting a separate tax-exempt number for the Art Association. Suzi volunteered to research this. At the next meeting we were told that if the Studio Tour became a part of the GCA, all their officers and monies would be the same as the GCA's. They would also have to comply with the GCA's mission statement.

It was decided that at this time, the GCA should take no responsibility for the Studio Tour. A motion was made and passed unanimously that "The Galisteo Community Association will not allow the Art Association to use our tax exempt number. Future requests from other groups will be considered on an individual basis."

SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

Ted Fleming and other artists are planning the Galisteo International Stone Sculpture Symposium for 2004. They hope to bring an international group of sculptors to Galisteo to create stone sculpture, creating a dynamic environment for artists and visitors. The finished work would be exhibited here, perhaps sold to generate funds for the next symposium, or perhaps kept to become part of a Galisteo sculpture garden.

The mission statement reads: "The purpose of this symposium is to create a cultural exchange in Galisteo, New Mexico, where ideas, inspiration and enlightenment are shared between artists and visitors. This will also educate the public about the *process* of stone sculpture while promoting Galisteo, Santa Fe, and the symposium artists."

More on this project as the image, à la Michelangelo, begins to emerge from the stone block.

EL PUENTE SPONSOR THIS MONTH: ANONYMOUS

GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY.
Contact: Box 77 (Rte. 41 at Avenida Vieja) or call 466-1276 by April 5 for next issue.

WANTED

Kitchen helpers and servers at Vista Clara Ranch. Call 466-4772 for interviews.

Small place to rent and accommodations for two horses (there or nearby): Barbara, 970-590-0749.

FOR SALE

1987 Komfort 29 ft. Class A Motorhome w/Chevy 454 engine. Many accessories. \$5,000 OBO. 466-3996.

SERVICES

Free instant pain-relief sessions. Learn the Japanese healing system of *seimei* from certified practitioner. Sheila Hewitt: 505-577-3842

Galisteo Caretaking Services: For the Chores You Ignore! short notice, small jobs, housesit, have truck. Richard, 466-7723. Call **Beth** for **housesitting/ petcare/vet runs/odd jobs/studio assistance/party help/you name it...** in Galisteo, 660-6012.

Galisteo Woodworks: for your custom woodworking needs. Furniture and furniture repair. Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

Astanga Yoga (a fun and sweaty form of Hatha Yoga) Monday nights at the Galisteo Community Center, 5:45-7:15 PM; call Lee (a.k.a. Yoga Blue Sky) at 660-0611.

I will take **care of your pets**. I can also **watch children** when needed. (I am thirteen years old.) Simone Montoya, at 466-1518

Nizhoni School: High School, grades 9-12, **College of Divinity, Academy of the Media**. Some classes open to public. Info:466-4336 or 466-1975. For **Soul-Centering Clinic:** 466-2316.

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

Native Bloom, Landscape design/maintenance. Linda, 466-4658.

Computer trouble-shooting and upgrades, software installation, tutoring. Database specialist with 19 years experience. PCs only. \$35/ hr. Johnny, 466-0392.

Restore your old photo: We copy, repair, and reprint your favorite damaged or fading photos. Richard/Cara 466-7723.

Private exercise and Yoga Training with Ron Helman. 34 yrs. experience. All levels and conditions welcome. 466-1919.

Linda Vista Stables: Beginner western riding for children and adults; 1-2 hr. trail rides; short-term boarding. 466-8930.

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

Common sense, gentle dog-training: house manners, management problem-solving at your home; also limited boarding. Twenty years experience. Call Evelyn, 466-1875.

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.

Acupuncture, herbal medicine, feng shui, nutritional counseling, massage. Connie Fisher, Doctor of Oriental Medicine, 470-9314.

Ben Merrick (15 yrs old):occasional **babysitting** weekends and some evenings; 466-9040.

Passive Solar Builders: Locally owned general contractor since 1980. Quality home construction, renovations: Charlie, 466-2118.

One of a kind sterling silver jewelry/ decorative art in wood and tin. Barbara & Joe Cooper, El Estudio, 18 the Hill. 466-0133.

Barbara Holloway Fine Handweaving: scarves, shawls, vests, jackets, coats, handwoven of luxurious chenille. 466- 2118.

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