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Left: Nicolas Trofimuk, *El Puente in Winter* (Not *this* winter, obviously.) We are celebrating the beginning of *El Puente's* 10th year!! The first issue came out in January, 1997.

LAND GRAB DEFENDANTS TO MEET

Wednesday **January 18, at 7PM** at the Community Center, attorney Thomas Patrick Whalan will meet to discuss recent developments, actions and answer any questions that the twenty nine defendant families and organizations might have about the Gafford land case. Mark your calendar and help with this very serious issue.

Galisteo families and friends who wish to support the legal defense of our historic and precious community resources can make a donation to the legal defense fund. Please make contributions to the Galisteo Community Association (put "legal defense fund" on memo line) and mail to: GCA, 35 Avenida Vieja, Galisteo NM 87540; or call Richard Griscom, Antonio Chavez or Tom Morin. Thank you.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Four potential new members came to the monthly business meeting of the GVFR on January 3rd: new resident and real estate broker **Sam Medford**, who grew up in Truckee, CA., where, when there was a fire, "they just came downtown and grabbed anyone they could to fight it"; **Bill Mitchell**, a cinematographer who was once in a fire department but got kicked out because he was underage, and thought he'd try again; **Enrique Guerrero**, the Galisteo Inn's admired chef, who was raised on a little ranch in Mexico and after being in a fire until the smoke woke him up, decided he'd like to do something; and **Ken Spicocci**, from Eldorado, who was in that fire department and for many years was a cop at LANL. He thought he'd downgrade a bit since retirement and chose Galisteo, where his long experience will be a valuable asset. (*Cont. p.2*)

The GVFR held elections on January 3rd. Chief Jean Moya, Assistant Chief Linda Anaya, and Treasurer Frank Lux were re-elected. Other officers are: Captain Brian Moya, First Lieutenant Steve Moya, 2nd Lieutenant Charlie Holloway, EMS Officer Miguel Padilla, Safety Officer Nick Contreras, Fire Prevention Officer Estevan Padilla, and Secretary John Fitch.

The movie being shot at Vista Clara will have some night fire scenes and will pay the GVFR to be on hand. The Light Institute also holds Fire Walks – not on the list for most fire departments—only in Galisteo.

Because of the unusually dry winter, there are new rules for burn permits. To burn anything at all, including trash, you always need a permit, which must be acquired from Chief Jean Moya. The permit is good only for one day; if you do not burn because of wind or weather, it must be re-issued.

RETROFIT FOR SOLAR POWER?

There is a firm that travels out of state and “regularly installs radiant floor systems with solar active water systems. Depending on how much water is needed (size of house etc.) such a collector system averages \$4,000 installed.”

If you would like them to give a presentation when they visit our house, give me your name and I will contact you. I understand that New Mexico gives a \$2000 tax rebate and PNM will pay you back for electricity you put back into the grid.

Perhaps retrofitting solar power is the way to go to beat those rising gas/electricity prices? – **Liz Rose, 466-6003.**

ALL WE NEED IS AN OLIVE BRANCH

Jan Saunders

If the dove is truly the symbol of peace, then Galisteo must be a very peaceful place. In the last few years, two newcomer species have joined our two resident species, the Mourning Dove and the Rock Dove. Both new Doves, the White-winged and the Eurasian Collared, have moved into the basin from diverse exotic ranges far to the south and southeast of New Mexico. The White-winged Dove has been steadily expanding its range from as far south as Mexico, and the Eurasian Collared Dove came to the southeastern United States from Europe by way of the Bahamas and is rapidly colonizing North America. All four Doves are frequently seen in Galisteo as they perch in our tall Cottonwoods, on telephone wires, or on the cross atop the church. Just stop a moment at the mail boxes and you're sure to hear one of these doves cooing.

The four species are not difficult to identify. The Rock Dove, or common Pigeon, was first introduced into North America by the French at Port Royal, Nova Scotia, in the 1600s. Although their color pattern is highly variable, the Rock Dove is generally blue-gray with iridescent feathers on his head and neck. I have noticed one or two pure white Pigeons near the church. This very common bird has a fascinating place in history. The Pigeon was apparently the first bird to be domesticated for its meat, around 4500 BC, and then later valued as a message carrier. My resource says that Caesar sent a Pigeon to Rome to declare his conquest of Gaul, and England received news of Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo by way of messenger Pigeon.

The Mourning Dove is very slender with a long pointed tail, no neck ring, and black spots visible when the wings are folded. Their call is a mournful, soft, “ooAAH cooo coo coo.” Their wings produce a whistling sound on takeoff. The White-winged Dove is larger and less slender than the Mourning Dove. This migrant from south of the border has a short, square tail and broad wings marked by white along the leading edge. His wings produce a barely discernable whistle in flight. The call “who cooks for you” or “prepara café” sounds somewhat like the call of the Barred Owl.

Our newest addition to the Galisteo Dove family, the Eurasian Collared Dove is pale overall with a black collar around the back of the neck. His wings do not produce a whistle in flight, and the call is louder and harsher than the other three. The flight pattern of all doves is strong and direct. All these Doves feed or forage on the ground and are mostly seed eaters, consuming enormous numbers of weed seeds like those from the pesky Fox Tail. An astute bird observer in the village says the Eurasian Collared Dove eats enormous quantities of Russian Olive fruit.

The Dove has been the universal symbol of peace, innocence, and renewal, dating far back in history to the ancient Greek myth of the bird of Athena. Noah released a Dove after the flood. Pablo Picasso designed his famous Peace Dove after World War II for the International Peace Congress in Paris in 1949. A little closer to home, Northern New Mexico legends tell us that a *bruja* can change her form into any bird except the Dove.

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BIRD NOTES FROM THE GALISTEO BASIN
by Jan Saunders, 466-6620; Jan @KevanSaunders.com.
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COUNTY WATER

A regional water plan is on the wish list of a lot of people in Santa Fe County. In September, the County announced a possible water line extension to 3,000 homes, including the northern part of Eldorado, if they can raise \$3 million. According to Stephen Wust, director of the County's Water Resources Department, he would like to forge an agreement with the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District Board to serve the communities of Cañoncito, Canada de los Alamos, “and even as far south as Galisteo.” Stay tuned, but don't hold your breath.

A recent listing of water prices in New Mexico show what a bargain the Galisteo Water Association provides for those lucky enough to have hookups to the system. For 5000 gallons per month, Eldorado pays \$49.99, Santa Fe \$32.87, Albuquerque \$17.78, Las Cruces \$12.28 and Taos \$9.20. Galisteo is \$15, for an unlimited supply, since we are not metered.

Compare that to the price of hauling water: \$85 for 1500 gallons!

The Galisteo Inn will be closed for their annual winter break from Monday Jan 9 and will re-open on Monday Jan 23. Please visit our website for February events, at [www. GalisteoInn.com](http://www.GalisteoInn.com).

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Good news for the time being: the State Department of Transportation has decided to fix both our **south bridge and the one over the San Cristobal Arroyo** at the same time, which won't be next summer, but in a year or so. A public meeting will be held at the Community Center when it's time to make decisions. *But* letters and calls to the DOT from community members requesting input will remind them we are on the ball.

Beth Foote has taken off for an adventure in Laos and will be gone until March 3rd. She wishes all her animal clients a Happy New Year and looks forward to seeing them on her return.

On the weekend of Dec. 10-11, **Tricia Tusa** noticed planes flying very low and very loud over Galisteo. She was worried, as she had just heard something on the radio about pesticides being sprayed on the Creek. She called Jan Willem Jansens of Earth Works Institute and found that he too was surprised to hear that Santo Domingo Pueblo (at the Galisteo/Rio Grande confluence) was spraying (at night) their bosque from helicopters to eradicate the Russian Olives and Salt Cedars (Tamarisk) that take water away from the old Cottonwoods.

Once sprayed, the dead trees can't be burned because they would affect skin, eyes, and respiratory systems; the wood has to go to the landfill. The low planes might have been Air Force manoeuvres, but the County is also doing an aerial survey of water flow in areas south of Santa Fe; they use radio detection to find water in the soil.

In the latest magazine article to quote **Tom Ford** about his Cerro Pelon Ranch, he has this to say: “The ranch is 24,000 acres, bigger than Manhattan. And it has the second largest vineyard in New Mexico, which is the oldest wine-producing state in America. It's a nine-mile drive [from the main road] to the house. It's so vast and pure. We're surrounded by coyotes, bears, and eagles. We have our own airport and heliport, our own gas station, 16 miles of digital cable, and over 70 telephone lines. It's beautiful and glamorous but also simple. I cook my own steak – and at least I've finally seen a supermarket now. Richard and I go there and push our trollies just like everybody else.”

A November article in *The New Mexican* on Santa Fe foodie Murphy O'Brien noted that he is working with **Tim Willms**, who is raising heritage breeds of sheep and turkeys at his Talus Wind Ranch outside Galisteo (on the Frank Anaya Ranch Road).

The long-closed **Our Lady of Light church at Lamy**, built in the 1920s and deconsecrated in 1994, is owned by The Our Lady of Light Historic Foundation, which has been struggling to restore it for use as a community center. It will cost from \$265,000-325,000.

The Eldorado section on Dec. 7th included a feature about the refurbishing of the **Galisteo Inn and chef Enrique Guerrero's** “nuevo hacienda cuisine,” which was also the subject of a glowing review in the Dec. 2 *Pasatiempo*.

A full-page photograph, *Cottonwood, 1991*, by **Sam Sloan**, appeared in the *Sun Monthly* in January.

Former Galisteña **Nancy Fischer** was interviewed in the December *Real Estate Guide*, where she noted that she “helped start the Galisteo Fire Department. In fact, the woman who was my office manager [Jean Moya] is now the chief...” Fischer said that she believes the area has a severe water problem. Santa Fe's

“conservation efforts have been heroic, fantastic, but the experts are still very concerned that our growth is not sustainable. In a way it's exciting because we're like a microcosm of the whole globe with shrinking resources and a burgeoning population and we're going to have to learn what to do about it.”

A **Moriarty man** was arrested in mid-December near the Galisteo church on charges of assault on a household member.

Isabella Gonzales' sculptures, *Stones, Bones and Words* (porcelain assemblages in cherry wood boxes by **Antonio Chavez**) were featured in the *Albuquerque Journal's* Santa Fe/North art page on January 6th. They can be seen at the Rift Gallery in Rinconada, 20 miles south of Taos.

Ken Kuhne's buildings were the extensive cover story of *Santa Fe Trend* this month. In “Homes With Heart,” he says “All houses evolve. The plan is one thing, but as the house is going up, as clients see it, as I see it, details change...Every house is site-specific...and people-specific.” He and Terra, whom he met after moving to Galisteo in 1987, lived in a traditional hogan for five years before he built *her* a house.

THORNTON RANCH UPDATE

The Eldorado section of *The New Mexican* On Dec. 18th ran a story about the “Thornton Project” -- now called the Galisteo Basin Preserve – and plans for the 13,222 acres of ranchland being bought in phases by Commonweal Conservancy. Development is concentrated on 300 acres, leaving “nearly 19 square miles” of open space.

The Conservancy is about to present the County Land Use Department with its Master Plan, which includes a village with 3 ½ acres of office, commercial and community buildings including the high school (see Dec. EL PUENTE) and 965 residential units to be built over the next 10-15 years, with some houses ready for occupancy in 2008. Homes will sell for c. \$175,000-\$300,000. It is still unknown what water rights the State Engineer will assign to the former ranch in a transfer from agricultural use, far less demanding than development.

Some upscale lots are being sold to finance the venture: of five large tracts in the West Basin Preserve on County Rd 42, near the County open space around Petroglyph Hill, three have been sold and building has begun; the entrance is on the south side of the road, with a looming abstract sculpture. The New Moon Overlook is on the west side of Lamy Hill. 15 of its 20 lots have been sold. Owners will not be allowed to build “trophy houses” on the ridge's edge (where others already have.)

For more info see [www. galisteobasinpreserve.com](http://www.galisteobasinpreserve.com).

On Sunday, January 22, there will be a **benefit showing (for the New Mexico Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and the Santa Fe Film Center) of Christine Mackenzie's *The Spirit of Clay* (about Galisteo ceramists Isabella Gonzales, Priscilla Hoback, Liz Rose, and Vicki Snyder): 2-5:30 at the Film Center at the Cinemacafé at St. Michaels Village West in Santa Fe. After the film there will be a light supper donated by Il Piatto, Pink Adobe, and Plaza Bakery. Tickets, \$40 per person, available from 988-5225 or send check payable to the S F Film Festival, POB 2167, SF,NM 87504.**

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