

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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STUDIO TOUR MEETING. May 23, 6:30, Community Center. Mandatory for participants. Pick up paperwork, go over rules, etc. For info: B. Seiler (466-4767) or C. Lux (466-2121).

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SUNDAY JULY 1, 1-3 at the Fire Station: GVFR's 20th Anniversary Party (details in Summer issue). FREE SMOKE DETECTORS (one per family) available at the Fire Station, Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00.

ONESIMO MONTOYA, 1929-1912

Galisteo lost another of its respected elders when Onesimo Montoya passed away in his sleep, at home, during an afternoon thunderstorm, 19 months after the death of his beloved wife Mela. They had nine children, but lost Linda in 1974. Anna Cárdenas, Dave Montoya, Ted Montoya, and Lisa Griego (and sister in law Mary Alice Anaya) still live in Galisteo. Jimmy Montoya, Priscilla Prada, and Geri Peña live in Santa Fe, and Angie is in Ohio. There are 19 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Onesimo was one of seven children of Isabel Baca and Luis Montoya. He was born in Ilfeld, NM, and as a child moved to Lamy, where his father died. The family then moved to Galisteo to be with his mother's people. (They rented a house on Avenida Vieja.) He was a skilled guitarist and carpenter (creator of furniture in the Community Center), who owned a construction business with his family. As Jimmy Montoya remarked at the funeral, "Dad's work ethics were not for the weak. Dad was a master craftsman, Gold Hammer recipient of the *Furniture Custom Cabinet Builder and Installer Award*. He was featured in *Popular Mechanics Magazine*." In 2005 Onesimo and Mela, among others, received the Archbishop's Saint Francis of Assisi Award at the Basilica of Saint Francis in Santa Fe.

In Anna's moving eulogy (read by Angie at the funeral mass), she recalled family outings, fishing trips, baseball games with the grandchildren. "As a young father he was a hunter, worked on cars, made his own tools, parts for broken machines, kept us warm by going for wood, made adobes early in the morning with his son Jimmy, then headed into town to work all day....He was stern, but lovable, and he had so many wonderful stories of all his adventures, mishaps, his *batallas!*"

G.C.A. is still looking for hosts for First Saturday Coffee/ Book Swaps for June 2, July 7, Aug 4, Sept. 1, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1. G.C.A. supplies the coffee. Hosts can bake or buy their pastries, breakfast items or anything else. We ask that you take out trash from kitchen/baths. And change it up a bit with music or speakers, presentations, etc. **To volunteer or sign up**, call Amber Haskell at 466-2905 or e-mail at ahaskell@aol.com.

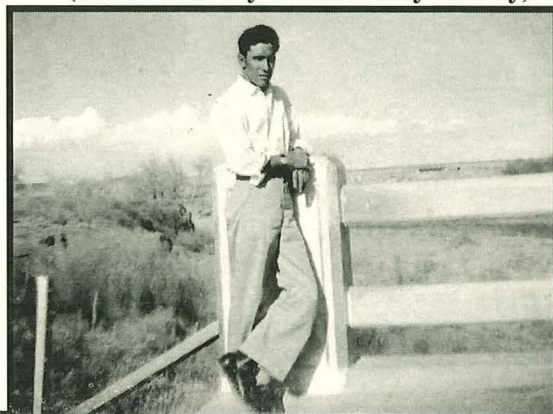
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Merry Christmas! If some of you were surprised to receive a December issue of *El Puente* in the mail this month, it's because while sorting old issues for the May 5th Coffee, I discovered a batch that were never mailed. Oops! Better late than never? — LRL

Onesimo learned guitar from his older brothers and played at La Sala in the early days, then often at the Community Center, "when his friends and neighbors came by to visit, or when we went camping in Pecos with Tio Joe and Tia Rosina, Tio Pancho and Tia Mary Alice, Benjie and Carmen, Rudy and Cecelia, Frank and Doris, Chris and Rita, Nick and Corinne and all their families... Pecos was never the same!We remember summer evenings in Galisteo when Dad played his guitar and my Mom sang along." Sometimes he played with Tacho Sandoval, Luis Chavez, Rudy Sena, Linda Rice, Marghreta Cordero (Nacha Mendez), and Julian Prada, who played at the funeral.

The family thanks everyone who contributed to the service and the reception at the Community Center.

(Photo: Courtesy of the Montoya family).



CANDIDATE FORUM: STATE SENATOR

On Monday April 30th, the three Democratic candidates for State Senator representing District 39 met at the Community Center for a forum organized and moderated by Roger Taylor and introduced by Richard Ellenberg, Democratic Party Chair (accompanied by a large white dog that was more interested in snack crumbs than politics). Longtime incumbent Phil Griego faced his challengers, Nicole Castellano and Jack Sullivan. Griego, a cattle rancher from San José in San Miguel County, chairs the Water and Natural Resources Committee and the Corporations and Transportation Committee, and sits on the Senate Conservation and Legislative Finance Committees. He has been married "to the same woman" (Jane Petty) for 40 years.

Castellano has not held public office, but she is on the NM Citizen's Advisory Board at LANL and comes from a Santa Fe "founding family." Her father was "the youngest DA in the U.S.," and her mother was "a trailblazing Democratic woman," and former State Democratic Party Chair. Castellano, who has a background in retail, has a BA from the University of North Texas and an MBA from Baylor, both in Business. She advocates increased Border protection. Her husband Jim Williamson is a rancher from Milensand, near Portales, and director of Consumer Relations at the PRC. They live in La Cienega and have two children, ages 4 and 6.

Jack Sullivan is a Vietnam Vet, a civil engineer with degrees from Georgia Tech and Stanford, who was raised in Philadelphia and has lived in Santa Fe since 1972. He runs a small business that deals with water engineering and served two terms as a Santa Fe County Commissioner, helping to forge the gas and oil ordinance when Tecton threatened to drill in the Galisteo Basin, and to mediate the Buckman Direct Diversion agreements. He is married to Vickie Manzanares, a Spanish-speaking NM Native.

All three emphasized jobs, education, conservation and renewable energy. Asked what they would do about jobs "aside from housing development," Sullivan preferred a stimulus approach with renewable energy, citing New Mexico's 1.9 growth rate as "fairly stagnant," and emphasizing the need for an educated work force that will draw companies to the state; he noted that PNM has not met minimal requirements for funding renewables. Castellano also touted greenness, and said she would urge PNM to come up with cleaner energy, and proper transmission lines. She is also in favor of a Farmer Protection Act, taking State money away from Monsanto, and is opposed to the governor's "third grade mandate." Her primary issues are "kids, vets, seniors and the disabled." "I am not for earmarking, I am for accountability."

Griego, who prides himself on speaking for rural communities, said that we are an oil/gas and agricultural state. Rural schools are "awful," and the educational criteria are not being monitored. It is hard to get volunteers in rural towns like El Valle and Cerrito. He would earmark dollars for education: "No student left behind didn't work."

Sullivan noted that while we think a lot of money is being thrown at education, spending is actually down from 52% to 26%: "We're not putting our money where our mouth is." He mentors 2nd and 3rd grade kids who have not attended kindergarten. Going

door to door, he spoke to a Level 3 teacher making \$51,000 who said salaries and benefits were poor but what she really wanted was a decrease in class size from 25 to 15 -- which would make all the difference: "If we don't start with early education, we've lost them." Castellano agreed: "Preschool should be a right not a privilege."

All three candidates support the moratorium on oil and gas. Griego claims credit on the State level and says he took the Santa Fe County model to Mora County. Sullivan helped write the County ordinance, but warned that we "will see more and more pressure to be lenient at the State level."

To a question about the role of government in health care, all three supported Obamacare. Castellano said she was not a proponent of big government but basic necessities should be provided. All supported a woman's right to choose (Castellano said she was pro choice and pro-life). All supported Galisteo's right to participate in discussions on Highway 41. "My voice is your voice!" said Griego. Sullivan held that as an engineer he could talk to the DOT in their own language and he supported context-sensitive design. Taylor remarked that there was little coverage of water in the pending County Code. Sullivan said he had recommended that the code be very specific because developers will find the loopholes.

When asked about parental notification, only Sullivan was against it. On the balance of rural and urban power, Sullivan was told by people from Torrance County that they felt forgotten; Griego said that he has brought \$12 million to small towns.

TWO ENDORSEMENTS

... *But do your own research and think for yourself!*

El Puente joins Paul Campos, the Sierra Club, and Conservation Voters of NM in endorsing Jack Sullivan, based on his record as County Commissioner. Sullivan is emphasizing education and jobs, which he sees as firmly connected. He volunteers with at-risk kids, and is a longstanding advocate for conservation, unlike Griego, whose conservation voting record is an undistinguished 64%. The incumbent has been in office for 16 years; where has he been on all these Galisteo issues he's now promising to fix? (And I won't forget receiving homophobic flyers supporting Griego when he ran against Liz Stefanics.) I don't always agree with Sullivan, but he is progressive, a hard worker, and has real expertise in the most crucial areas of New Mexico's future. He offers us some long term thinking—which is in short supply these days. -- **Lucy Lippard**

We are endorsing Senator Griego for his re-election to District 39 because he has great influence over rural water committee funding and he is the chairperson of the Corporations and Transportation Committee (NMDOT). He is working to help release the funding for the Galisteo River Reclamation project started by Earth Works. Also, he is trying to obtain funding for the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Association to complete their infrastructure projects. He is in agreement with us that Highway 41 should be kept small and will work closely with the community to make sure our voice is heard.-- **Muriel Fariello and Roger Taylor** (as private citizens)

By the time this issue comes out, a forum on the District 50 State Representative to replace retiring Rhonda King will have taken place at the Galisteo Community Center with candidates Stephen Easley and Patricia Lincoln on Monday May 7. El Puente is not able to be there and hopes for an account in the next issue from someone who attended.

WATER ASSOCIATION MEETING

April 5th was the annual general meeting of the Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Association and for once (aided by the presence of four new members with recent hookups on the east side of the creek), there was no problem achieving a quorum. There are 58 members of the Association and 84 hookups; 17 members don't live here. Rates (previously \$15, now \$20) are being raised incrementally by \$5 per month to \$30 in 2014.

After a long discussion, the motion to reduce the quorum to anyone present was tabled. Some argued that if there were no quorum nobody would bother to come. A letter from absent Board member Ted Fleming read: "The closer we move towards fewer people making decisions, the further away we move from a democratic process.... This is a community water system and we must keep the control of our water resources in the hands of our community." Anna Cárdenas agreed: "We should communicate with the whole community." Non members can attend meetings but they can't vote or talk unless they have asked for time beforehand.

Elections were held for Board seats vacated by Judith Masin, Frank Croft, and Treasurer Corinne Anaya. Rod Hall remains President and Scott Diffrient Vice President; Wayne King became Treasurer and Janice Felty Griscom and Tom Morin were elected to the Board; continuing members are Joette Trofimuk, Richard Patton, Ted Fleming, and Antonio Chavez (who is also Foreman). Romona Scholder keeps the books and Florence Sohn is a (full-time) "volunteer."

The work of the Water Association Board is becoming increasingly paperwork-intensive and complicated and more professionals (lawyers and tax accountants) will need to be hired to cope with three issues: the expiration of our articles of incorporation; a challenge to our 501C3; a lawsuit by and protest against Commonweal Conservancy.

An article in *The New Mexican* (5/8) on Chupadero's wells drying up highlighted the necessity (and the expense) of improving New Mexico's 650 community water systems, many of which are up to 60 years old. "The Community systems tend to postpone maintenance and don't raise member fees, making it tough" to keep facilities in working order, said the director of the New Mexico Rural Water Association. Galisteo would need some \$750,000 to move forward with: hooking up the old well to the new supply line, under NM 41; a new 55,000-gallon tank to replace one of the old ones; and putting the well on community property on line, with new booster pumps.

Monthly updates from Scott Diffrient on water issues are forthcoming!

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Nancy Holt's exhibition, *Sightlines*, opened at the Santa Fe Art Institute Gallery on May 5th with a talk by Holt and curator Alena Williams on May 7th. This is its last stop on a tour of the US and Europe. *The Magazine* (May), citing Holt as a pioneer of the Land Art movement, reproduces *Views Through a Sand Dune* of 1972. The show continues to June 29th.

Harmony Hammond's new *Cinch* paintings are one of 5 solo shows that make up *Alcove 12.2* at the New Mexico Museum of Art until mid June. The artists will talk about their work in the gallery May 18th, 5:30-6:30. Her work will also be included in a group exhibition at the David Richard Gallery (544 S. Guadalupe), May 18-June 23. This summer she will be teaching in Giverny, France (Monet's hangout).

Catherine Ferguson has a poem in *Odes and Offerings*, a collaborative exhibition of poetry and the visual arts curated by Poet Laureate Joan Logghe at the Community Gallery at the Convention Center in Santa Fe until early June.

Christine MacKenzie and her daughter Lexi MacKenzie have teamed up with Alton Walpole (producer) and Tom Ford (supporter) to produce a feature film called *Texas Hold 'Em*. A story-board for investors was shot at the Legal Tender and around the Galisteo Basin, including Cerro Pelon Ranch. Christine's sci-fi young adult novel *Lisa Bennett Visits Utopia* is now widely available and is translated into German and Chinese. And finally, her documentary *The Spirit of Clay*, featuring several Galisteo artists, will show in July on the "Reel NM Series" sponsored by the Dept. of Tourism. It will be shown at La Tienda in Eldorado (date TBA on the mailbox bulletin board).

In March, after years of controversy, developer Joe Miller was given the green light by the County for a subdivision across from the first entrance to Eldorado that was first proposed in 1991 and was foiled by a long development moratorium. At full build-out, **Cimarron Village** will include 22 commercial lots, one community service lot, 8 multi-family and 3 single-family lots.

In the meantime, archaeologists and friends have mounted a protest to the County about Miller blading part of an **ancient hill shrine** in the Eldorado area associated with the nearby pueblo ruin, Chamisa Locita.

Sina Brush wrote a letter to *The New Mexican* objecting to the cruel trapping of Pocket Gophers and recommended the application of (used) kitty litter or dog poop. Spreading granular castor oil is another humane solution that has been suggested, along with the labor-intensive construction of underground screens and 6 inches of coarse gravel.

GCA NEWS

The second attempt at attaining a quorum for the annual Galisteo Community Association elections meeting was successful, with 40 people showing up for voting and Margaritas. Janice Felty Griscom was elected to the Board, and Judy Tuwaletsiwa will be the Alternate. Also passed was an amendment to the By Laws, changing the number needed for a quorum from 30 to 20 people. The vote was all over in less than 30 minutes (as promised!) and everyone had a nice social afterwards. Due to the election, there was no April meeting.

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