

EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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EDITORIAL: MUDDY WATERS

There has been some confusion and unfortunate confrontation around the issue of whether or not the bosque should be temporarily closed off to vehicles because of fire danger. Behind the current discussion is the longstanding dilemma about how to manage the bosque and a legal battle over who owns the bridge area – the village in general or Richard Griscom, whose land abuts the bridge. And behind that dispute lies an apparent conflict between tradition and safety. (Continued p. 2)

**** IMPORTANT: READ THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FROM SANTA FE COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL ON PAGE 3. ****

THE CAFÉ AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER will re-open July 15-16 and on a regular schedule in August. Look for flyers in your mailboxes for dates and flea market.
* THE RODEO DE GALISTEO IS JULY 22-23. *
Correction: Goose Downs events (free, all welcome) reported in the last issue are June 24-25 and July 1-2.

BELOW: *José Abel Anaya family in early 1900s (see p.2).* Photographer unknown. Courtesy of Simona Baros Garcia.



(Editorial continued)

Tradition and safety can co-exist.

There is a longstanding tradition of communal use of the bosque. Older residents fear still another encroachment on their memories. The traditions are old ones, and it would be a shame to see their vestiges disappear. For well over a century, the bosque was the site of community gatherings, music, parties, play, and religious ceremonies. Until the early 1960s a large number of Galisteans hauled their only water from the river. It is a cultural and a natural resource that must be maintained.

The Galisteo Community Association is charged with maintaining this tradition. Nobody wins if the bosque is trashed. If it goes up in flames, it's all too likely to take the whole village with it.

To complicate matters, there is also the question of the ecological safety of the bosque, the river, and its riparian environment. The creekbed and riverbanks are damaged when motorized vehicles of any kind barge across them. When they proceed up or downstream, it becomes still more difficult to monitor fire hazards such as smoking and campfires.

In early June, the Community Association and the Galisteo Fire Department agreed that it was necessary, at least temporarily, to close the bosque for some purposes (which need not preclude responsible hiking, horseback riding and even partying). Those who still haul water from the creek would be given keys so they can continue to do so. Vehicles would be parked in the side road rather than in the bosque.

This seemed a sensible solution, but many felt it threatened tradition. A cable with sign was not installed and angry words were spoken.

In order to avoid unwelcome division in the community, the GCA decided in an emergency meeting on June 14th to mount a sign that says simply "Extreme Fire Danger: No Campfires, no Smokers, no Fireworks."

The real issue is who will take responsibility for policing the area. Self-policing is always preferable. All of us who care about tradition and safety should see ourselves as guardians of the bosque.

All these controversies muddy the waters, so to speak. But let communal good be served. Let cool heads prevail during this hot season.

THE JOSÉ ABEL ANAYA FAMILY PICTURE

The family lived in the home recently remodeled by the Snyders, above the bosque. In the back row are the sisters Remedios Anaya (who married a Mora), Ursula Anaya (who married a Portugese named Diaz), Martina Anaya (who married the schoolteacher José Villanueva), their parents Simona Baros Anaya and José Abel Anaya, and brother Desiderio Anaya.

In the front row the children are Basilio Anaya, Remedios Anaya (who married a Flores from Pecos), and the baby Antonio Anaya. (Another child, Faustin, was born after this picture was taken.) José Abel Anaya, the patriarch of this substantial family, was the owner of many sheep and a prominent citizen. He is the grandfather of Joe Anaya of the Anaya Ranch in Stanley. Basilio, the little boy in the front row, is the grandfather of Mike, Robert and Mark Anaya and Jean Moya. This picture, taken at the turn of the century, comes to us by way of an extraordinary woman

— Simona Baros Garcia — niece of José Abel and Simona (her father's sister, who died young). Sra. Garcia is now ninety years old and living in Santa Fe. She was raised in Galisteo and has kept up with relatives and friends here despite having left the village in 1924, having graduated from 8th grade at the Galisteo school. She seems to have forgotten nothing, including any number of *versos* handed down from her elders.

She tells us that the Baros family was a distinguished one, owning many sheep. Her grandfather, Marcelino Baros, was known as an outstanding musician and horseman, who won the 1878 *corrida de gallo*. (See EL PUENTE Oct. 1999.) Simona tells a story about a carload of Anglos who drove by during a *corrida de gallo*. They asked a little boy what was going on and he said, "All I know is all day long they're killing the rooster. And at night time they're having a revolution." (Presumably a *baile*, turning round and around...)

As a founding member of the Sociedad de San José, Marcelino Baros (who lived for a while in Judith and Lester's home) donated the land on which the Sala was built. His son Eugenio Baros, also a musician, was Simona Garcia's father. He married Matilda Sena (Rudy Sena's aunt) in 1893. They lived in what is now Roman Attenberger's house between the bridge and the old schoolhouse. In a little structure in front of the residence Eugenio operated as a barber and a cobbler, one chair for each.

Simona's maternal grandmother was Refugio Sena who lived on the other side of the river, where Dick Griscom and Janice Felty live now. In the long property next door, bordering the east side of the creek and facing Avenida Vieja, once stood a substantial home that belonged to Pedro Ortiz y Pino. Simona was friends with his daughters Virginia and Reynalda (later Dinkel Ortiz y Pino) from his first wife, who died. (The house was moved adobe by adobe to the Old Las Vegas Highway in the 1940s.)

EL PUENTE has been interviewing Simona Baros Garcia regularly and will publish more of her memories in future issues.

HOW GALISTEO VOTED

We had a good turnout — 113 voters—for the primary elections on June 6. (It isn't clear whether absentee ballots and early voting were included in the tally.) Two Greens voted for Ralph Nader for president and Xubi Wilson for County Commissioner. The six Republicans voted for George Bush for President and were divided over the Senate candidates: 3 for Steve Pearce, 2 for Bill Redmond and 1 for Bill Davis.

Most of us are apparently registered Democrats, but of varied stripes, as indicated below. **President:** Al Gore 31; Bill Bradley 7; Lyndon Larouche 1. **US Senator:** Jeff Bingaman 34. **US Representative:** Tom Udall 36; Francesca Lobato 4. **State Senator:** Liz Stefanics 24; Phil Griego 17. **District Judge:** Barbara Vigil 19; Tim Garcia 18; Dennis Luchetti 1. **District Attorney:** Henry Valdez 20; Angela Pacheco 13. **County Commissioner:** Joe Griñé 17; Jack Sullivan 10; Meredith Lowry 10.

Gore, Bingaman, Udall, Griego, Vigil, Valdez, and Sullivan were the ultimate winners. So Galisteo's Democrats were out of step in only two of seven races.

(Thanks to Barbara Holloway, who gathered the official results posted on the Community Center door.)

* FIRE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE *

Effective Monday May 8, Santa Fe County will impose an Emergency Ordinance as a result of dangerous fire conditions in the County and adjacent areas. Due to continued hot and dry conditions, low winter precipitation and runoff and fire activity over the past several months, the following restrictions will apply:

- NO FIREWORKS.
- NO OPEN FIRES except in approved, developed campgrounds or areas specifically designated for such fires. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns or grills meeting UL Safety specifications are currently exempt from these restrictions.
- NO BURNING OF VEGETATION OR RUBBISH.
- NO SMOKING WITHIN COUNTY PARKS, campgrounds, or wildland areas except within an enclosed vehicle or building.

This Emergency Ordinance will be in effect for one year or until the Fire Marshal has determined that the fire danger has alleviated, whichever comes first. The Resolution banning fireworks will be effective for a thirty day period to be extended every thirty days as determined necessary. Violations of the above ordinance or resolution may be punishable by imprisonment of up to 90 days and/or a fine of up to \$300 for each offense.

The Santa Fe Arson Task Force will be patrolling the County and has adopted a zero tolerance policy as related to violations of the above items. For more information contact Hank Blackwell, County Fire Marshal, at 992-3070.

PEDAZITOS/ BITS AND PIECES

Our sympathies go out to Priscilla Hoback and Denise Lynch as well as to John Masee, who suffered deaths in their families in early June.

Priscilla's mother (and Denise's grandmother, and Sean Sohn's great grandmother), Rosalea Murphy, an artist and renowned doyenne of the Pink Adobe, passed away on June 7. She opened "The Pink" after a divorce in 1944 and went on to become an icon in Santa Fe, befriending innumerable artists and celebrities. Murphy was also the author of a bestselling cookbook and exhibited her paintings.

John's sister Kate Tremper, who lived in Eldorado, was another high-achieving woman, credited with having introduced gourmet food to Santa Fe. At the age of 17 she ran the test kitchens at the *New York Times*. Daughter of cookbook author Dorothy Ivens, Kate lived in Paris and New York before opening the Cheese Board and Masee's in Santa Fe.

On a happier note, there was a half-page story on the Galarosa Stables (Bebe Givaudan and Rudy Sena working out of the rodeo grounds) in the *New Mexican's* Eldorado supplement on June 14. The picture included Melanie Monsour as a happy client. It was a surprise to read that Bebe, a Parisian refugee who is a consummate horsewoman, had never ridden a horse before taking one of Rudy's trail rides ten years ago. Since then she has bought the stable and leads rides twice daily, year-round. (Call 466-4654).

In the same issue of the paper was another extensive story on the Nizhoni summer camp and summer school (July 28-August 11, for ages 8-13 and 14-24). Rafting, hiking, sports, meditations, sweat lodges, firewalks, incarnational sessions, cranial sacral treatment, math, science, computers and English are offered.

Dueto Chuparosa (Marghreta Cordero and Melanie Monsour) are playing Italian and Mexican classics on guitar and accordian at Anthony's restaurant on the Las Vegas Highway, Friday and Saturday nights, 6:30-9:00.

LAND DEALS

The good news is that it looks like the Thornton Ranch deal with the County Open Spaces program is going through — 780 acres plus 435 more on lease and adjacent to 2000 acres of BLM land. It's across the RR tracks from us and contains marvelous petroglyphs — a great package of public land in the Galisteo Basin.

The bad news is that the purchase of the 355-acre Galisteo River Park south of the village, also slated for acquisition as part of the Open Spaces bond, has been dropped, due to the owner's unwillingness to negotiate with public agencies. The Trust for Public Lands continues to seek a conservation buyer for the property, which not only buffers the traditional village and borders over a mile of the creek, but contains the historic Galisteo grant in entirety. Any ideas? Contact Lucy Lippard (466-1276) or Kelly Huddleston at TPL (988-5922).

GCA REPORT

(from minutes by Barbara Cooper)

Moirra Walden came to the June 7th GCA Board meeting well equipped with maps and legal documents to speak on behalf of village ownership of the Bosque. Richard Griscom also spoke, suggesting that there must be a solution to this case other than a lawsuit.

Chris Fields came to talk about the village brush dump by the bridge, which has become an extreme fire hazard. He asked the GCA to close the dump temporarily and to ask Jim Sloan for an estimate on 2 or 3 truckloads of dirt and tamping down the debris.

The June 3 Cleanup Day was a great success, with some 25 people turning out. And this year there were no broken bags by the side of the road redistributing the trash to the four directions! Thanks to organizer Richard Shuff.

Janice Felty reports that her phone call to Robert Martinez of the Highway Department bore fruit. Three new speed-limit signs have been posted within the village.

Mela Montoya has sold three prints of the painting of the church for \$35 each. There is a storage problem at the Community Center and it was decided to do a tough spring cleaning rather than buy a tough shed. The donated pine bed will go to Stephens Consignment.

Improvements continue. The Center's floor refinishing (erroneously reported here as completed several months ago) will now be done in July. Kitchen cabinet restoration will be done by David Padilla. Kaye Sandford has offered to donate \$1500 for a new sign for the Community Center.

The Community Center rental rates will go up in September. For non-residents it will be \$100 per day and \$225 for three days for workshops. The Archive Room may be rented for \$35 per day to non residents. Residents pay \$35 per day for the Center itself.

August 5th is the tentative date for a community pot luck and barbecue, hopefully with live music.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To: Galisteo Community Association Board; cc El Puente

I just returned from driving my husband, a volunteer firefighter, to a fire in San Marcos. We arrived to find fire trucks screaming in from all directions, residents being stopped at the entrance to the area, and an enormous swath of scorched and sizzling grassland. At this time, I do not know what the outcome of this fire will be in terms of land, residences, or lives.

On the way to the fire my husband informed me that the GCA Board had convened an emergency meeting earlier this week at which you rescinded your previous decision, made at your regular Board meeting, to temporarily close the bosque and the brush dump that joins our property. The Chief of the Galisteo Fire Department strongly recommended these closures to you at that meeting, due to the extreme fire danger this season. The GCA Board acted correctly in ordering these closures.

I know that these closures may be inconvenient to individual community members; however, election to the Board brings a responsibility to act for the benefit of the entire community even if it sometimes means making an unpopular decision. It is your duty to follow recommendations of experts when the safety of Galisteo's residents is at stake. A hundred acres can burn in minutes, and everyone east of the highway is at risk from a bosque fire. Clearly, reducing the risk of fire in the village is the only responsible decision you can make. You can, in the process, make provisions for those who must access the bosque for water.

I hope you will reconsider your decision, and close these areas immediately for the safety of all Galisteo.

Alison Tinsley, June 15, 2000

GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. Put your ads in Box 77 (Rte.41 across the creek at Avenida Vieja) or call 466-1276 by **Sept. 5** for next issue. Please call to have ads continue or not.

WANTED

Seeking Housesit month of July; responsible, references, already in Galisteo. Call Marshall 466-6003.

Seeking Summer Sublet: responsible, respectful, tidy artist to housesit/rent 7/15-8/10. Can maintain plants, pets, additional domestic tasks. Reference available Contact Greg, 212-724-0484 or e-mail gregmurr@earthlink.net.

Housesitter for the week of July 3-10, including care for low-maintenance dog. Call Ted Fleming, 466-2363.

FOR SALE

Broyhill bedroom set: headboard, nightstand, bureau w. mirror, \$300 OBO. Call Melanie and Marghreta, 466-8319.

Tasco 58T Telescope and tripod, D=60mm,F=700mm. Three lenses and photo lense. Excellent condition, \$50. Call Nancy 466-6820.

FOR RENT

4-room house for rent in Galisteo village, \$600 per month plus utilities and damage deposit. Call Mela 466-1430.

SERVICES

Babysitting for your kids or other random jobs, Call Athan, 466-9040.

Have tractor, will travel, Mowing service for large areas; extreme fire danger makes it a good time to clean and protect your property. Call Brian, 466-1544.

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

Professional vegetarian chef/teacher/consultant available for half-day workshops, trainings, and more! Please call Chef Al at 466-4597.

Housecleaning and general yard maintenance. Call Marghreta, 466-8319.

Native Bloom, Landscape design and maintenance. Call Linda at 466-4658.

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

Galisteo Caretaking Services for your property or animals. For the Chores You Ignore! Short notice, small jobs OK. Will housesit, have truck. Call Richard, 466-7723.

Private exercise training in the village with Ron Helman. Thirty years experience. All levels and conditions. 466-1919.

Dave's Auto Repair: tune-ups, oil change, minor repairs, auto restoring, painting, Local reference, free estimates. David Montoya, 466-2097.

Car and Truck Detailing: Will clean and vacuum the inside of your vehicle and do the windows. Call Miguel Padilla, 466-8930.

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

Avon Representative in Galisteo. Free brochure, call Maria 466-8930.

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

One of a kind sterling silver jewelry, decorative art in wood and tin. Barbara and Joe Cooper, El Estudio, #18 the Hill. Call 466-3827 or 466-0133 to make sure we're there.

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

Custom decorative paintings for homes: a new old look in furniture, murals, architectural accents. Call Munson, 466-4760.

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