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ANNUAL GALISTEO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETING/ ELECTIONS MONDAY MARCH 10 7PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. SEVEN POSITIONS OPEN ON BOARD. COME PREPARED TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY!

FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR 2003 STUDIO TOUR, Thursday March 13, 7 PM, at the Community Center. Everyone interested in participating, PLEASE ATTEND.

♥ ♥ HOW WE MET: Galisteo Love Stories ♥ ♥

Clarita and Manuel Anaya, now 85 and 89 years old, were married on November 7, 1935, which makes 57 years! They were neighbors on The Hill and she has known him all her life.

Dick and Janice Griscom: "Janice and I met on the stage of St. Francis Auditorium in Santa Fe after one of her recitals. The stage was set..."

Anna and Freddie Cárdenas: "We met at a Halloween party in Santa Fe. He was crashing and I got him in, so he danced with me. And we've been dancing ever since!"

Richard Shuff and Cara Lee: "We met at an Easter picnic at Lafayette Park in San Francisco. Two days later we left for a camping trip in Death Valley, and we've been together every day since. That was 19 years ago..."

Barb and Charlie Holloway: "We met at the College of Santa Fe. He was in my girlfriend's biology class and then I broke my foot and he helped me with my lunch tray."

Mela and Onesimo Montoya have known each other since they were six or seven, and went to school together. They started courting in their teens. Their parents were very strict, so no dates alone, although she admits to sneaking off sometimes! He proposed on Black Mountain (the north dyke) where all the kids hung out. His mother and oldest brother asked for her father's consent and they were married at the church. She wore a white dress with a long train and little buttons down the back, and he wore a black suit: "He's always been a very handsome man!"

Denice Pruett and Antonio Chavez: "I was leasing a horse from Wayne Aarniokoski and I had him out for a ride. I came down the hogback to Ranchitos and there was Antonio standing by the side of the road. We chatted, he said let's go riding some time, and on the third date, he asked me for a sunset bareback ride on his old horse Blue. I said 'Do we wear clothes?'"

Below: *Newfangled Fandangos* (Photo: Jen Alexander)



Socorro and Nick Contreras: "We met in boarding school for Job Corps in El Paso, so we saw a lot of each other. I was from Santa Fe and he was from El Paso. When we came to Galisteo, Nick said 'It's so small.... What do you do here?'"

Barbara and Joe Cooper: "We grew up together. We've known each other since we were 12 years old, at dancing school in Syracuse, N.Y. We were best friends for years and years...and we still are."

Isabella Gonzales and Tom Morin: "We met at Acoma Pueblo, studying pottery with Mary Lewis Garcia. His tent was next to mine and we had a strange vulture connection. Just before I came, in my garden in Oregon, a huge shadow passed over; I'd never seen one so close. And Tom had been doing vulture research; he told me about the vulture tree in Galisteo."

Jean and Steve Moya: "We met on a blind date. It was set up by Steve's niece, who was a good friend, in my high school. She wanted to go out with Steve's friend and he didn't trust this guy, so he said get me a date too...."

Kathleen Murphy and Steve Kellogg: "We were go-on-walks-and-chat friends when I was a teenager in Boulder. When he wanted to leave Colorado, I encouraged him to try Santa Fe, where I was born. I did my best to help him out of town because I wanted his cheap apartment. A few years later he ran into my mother and asked about "your daughter" because he'd forgotten my name. He called, we began meeting, camping and courting in midway places like La Veta. A few weeks later we were living together, engaged, and pregnant. We got married in the middle of nowhere in Utah seven years ago June."

Suzi Calhoun and Janie Katz: "We met through a friend. I was working as receptionist at a rec center and Janie was coming to a meeting in the basement."

Victoria Prewitt and Bob Harte: "It's an age-old story which is seldom true. I was a flight attendant and he was a passenger. After eight years I had never picked up an extra trip and this was my only one in 16 years of flying. It was from San Francisco to New York."

Joette and Nick Trofimuk were both teaching school (Joette history, Nick chemistry) in New Jersey, when they met in their early 20s. What she noticed first about him was his kindness. "It was easy to be around him." He proposed six weeks later and they had a full Catholic wedding. They've been together so long, she can "barely remember not being married."

Thanks to Kathleen Murphy for help with this feature. We'll do it again next year and catch some of the rest of you!

NOTICE: We are very sad. Our brown Lab, Amica, died last week from eating rat poison. Please do not leave rat poison around so that pets can get at it!! There are pet-proof varieties you can buy; they are also provided by New Mexico Pest Control (Tel: 474-5972). — **Bobbie and Chuck Miller**

LAND USE PLAN MEETING

Almost 40 people showed up at the Community Center on January 23rd to continue discussion of a traditional community land use plan. The meeting was called by the "ad hoc committee to get this going" (Tom Morin, Richard Griscom, Ted Fleming, Lucy Lippard) and was attended by Beth Mills from the County Planning Department and Dave Henkel of the UNM Planning

Program, who will direct some of his graduate students in a survey of community opinion here over the next 3-4 months. It was the consensus of those gathered on January 23 (and on July 19th) that we should do all we can to help them come up with a list of community priorities.

The first question, from Muriel Fariello, was to define the "threat from outside interests." The erasure of small villages all over the state and the west, swallowed up by sprawl like that on US 285, might be the best answer. I think most of us want to maintain the quiet, rural, historic character of Galisteo, but we don't want to see it become moribund, static, and resistant to positive change. (And we could certainly use some commercial amenities, like a coffee shop...)

A community plan/ordinance would give us a tool for zoning, and some control. One reason given for the abysmally low voting rate in the U.S is that people feel powerless because they have so little control over their immediate surroundings. Well, here's our chance to improve that situation.

We are not yet on the County's waiting list for staff help in creating a plan. According to their flow chart, we still have to: Establish a representative planning committee; List reasons for starting plan (what problems we are hoping to solve); Propose community participation plan; Request staff involvement and resources; List community commitment of (human) resources; Map proposed boundaries; and Give proof of reasonable notice to community.

(A lot of this we've already done, informally, over the past five years, but the understaffed County Planning Department has not been able to give us much time. Mapping is the toughest task ahead. We can begin to brainstorm on that at the next public meeting.)

Then a report on all of the above goes to the CDRC, which reviews the application and forwards its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners, which reviews the proposal, suggests changes, and votes on continuation. The BCC can direct staff to participate at this point, or send the application back to the community for revision.

Then, and only then, does the actual planning process begin. In order to have real teeth, our final product must include *a plan, a map, and an ordinance* (which comes after the BCC adopts the plan – a process involving two public hearings and, possibly, some compromises.)

Several good ideas came up at the meeting. Frank Hirsch (who now lives here full time and has been through a similar planning process in his much larger hometown in Illinois) suggested that the zoning boundaries be conceived in three concentric rings – the traditional village core/historic district, perhaps Ranchitos, and then the scattered homes over to the railroad track, around Cerro Pelon, and to 285. It was agreed that everyone who contributes to the community should be included.

Most planning committees ask input from neighbors who are not within the boundaries because, as Henkel said, we have to think "way beyond the box" in order to be able to deal with whatever's coming down the pike. Our wish list would include the participation on some level of the big ranches (Ford and San Cristóbal), and the Trust for Public Land (the Thornton Ranch), although they cannot be directly included in a traditional community plan.

It seems that at the moment the only formal Galisteo boundary is a generalized square drawn on County maps, more or less 3/4 mile in each direction from the church and crossroads. Clearly this needs to be refined in terms of what's actually on the ground. The loose, original boundaries (from the 1980 master plan) were set for health and safety, water supply and waste issues, to determine which settlements are beyond their carrying capacity— and Mills said we are pretty much on that edge now.

There are three zoning types: traditional, agricultural and residential. Dave Henkel worked with the Assessor's office to help La Cienega figure out where their lines really were.

Family transfers do not occur in traditional village boundaries since the minimum lot size is already 3/4 acre. This can be made larger by our plan, but not smaller. *No one's current lot size would be affected by the plan.*

Boundaries already in place, but not related to zoning or planning, are: the *State Historic District*—roughly, the village core, east to San Cristóbal and west to the cemeteries and old school and teacherage (Burk and Trofimuk homes); and the *Fire District*— which goes a little west of the railroad tracks, down to Clark Hill and over to 285. GVFR Chief Steve Moya suggested at the meeting that we use that as a beginning map.

Henkel's students will draft a survey (somewhat along the lines of the flyer for this meeting) and bring it to us for our approval within a month. It will go out to residents and there will be some door-to-door conversations. On the basis of the survey, and the last census, an economic analysis and a land use map will be developed, noting utilities, services, etc. At the end of May, they will present us with a community profile. It should be fascinating, and extremely useful to us as we continue.

In April 2001, a letter appeared in *The New Mexican* from Elizabeth German, president of the San Pedro community planning committee in southern Santa Fe County. It read in part:

"Recently the residents of San Pedro had the opportunity to create our own community plan. After three years hard work drafting a plan designed to protect the rural nature of our community in the face of the growth-oriented development of some of our neighbors, we presented our plan to the Santa Fe County Commission for approval...[Former Commissioner] Javier Gonzales "clearly heard our requests and exercised leadership in working with the rest of the commission to approve [a plan that] protects our quality of life and the priceless attributes of our community; a plan that recognizes the importance of the environment, the scarcity of water resources and the value of our abundant wildlife; a plan that prohibits many of the things other communities seem to want but we don't. The land use staff assisted us every step of the way. This is the way government is supposed to work."

Let's cross our fingers that it goes that well for us! We're lucky to have a commissioner who was raised in the village and will be able to support us in the BCC.

On Thursday, Feb.20, 7PM, at the Turquoise Trail School on Rte.14, there will be a meeting of the San Marcos Association about their plan. Although theirs is a vastly different area, they are our neighbors, and some of the issues are the same. Any of you interested in the process, please attend.

ROAD TEST RECOMMENDED

Richard Griscom

On January 29, a community meeting was held to decide what to recommend to the County as a dust-suppressant on La Puente, Otra Vanda, La Vega, and part of Avenida Vieja. Despite a small attendance, the discussion was full and wide-ranging. The four alternatives most strongly considered were 1) adding a clay-like substance to bind with the silt; 2) treating the surface with magnesium chloride; 3) treating the surface with lignum sulfite; and 4) treating it with an 80-20 mixture of magnesium chloride and lignum sulfite.

Based in part upon the suggestion of a retired Colorado public works official now serving as a consultant on suppressing road dust, it was decided to recommend to the County a test of the alternative calling for adding a clay-like substance. Those attending felt the test should be conducted on La Puente between Rte. 41 and the old bridge. The results would be obvious within two weeks.

This recommendation was communicated to the County on Jan.31. We are awaiting their response. Further developments will be reported in coming issues of EL PUENTE.

REPORTS FROM GVFR, GCA, & RANCHITOS

GVFR: Steve Moya has been elected president of the County Chiefs' Association, a real honor, considering our department is so small. Congratulations!

The Fire Department is preparing for a long and extreme fire season. If you want to burn small piles or whole fields you must let the GVFR know. Do it soon. Burns may soon be banned.

The County has been drawing water from the GVFR hydrant, which comes from the fire station's cistern, *not* from the Water Association's supply.

GCA: Vicki Snyder has resigned from the GCA Board and Suzi Calhoun and Florence Sohn will not run again (Suzi, alas, is moving to Silver City). So we will need to fill seven positions opening on the Board.

No public forums have been requested for four months now. Around 50 people have responded to the 150 fundraising letters sent out in early fall. The Board approved to continue Lee Mather's Yoga lessons on Monday nights at the Community Center, for no rent. It was voted not to fund the Bosque wood-chipping project.

GCA President Joette Trofimuk has been in touch with Ted Harrison of the TPL about the Thornton Ranch project. He will meet with the Board to discuss their concerns.

(From the minutes for November, December, and January. Thanks to Barbara Cooper and Suzi Calhoun.)

Ranchitos election results: President of the *Architectural Committee* (the ruling body): Toby Herbst; Vice President Nancy Holt; Secretary Treasurer, Patricia Heller; Advisor, Dorothy Victor. President of the *Water Board*: Wayne Aarniokoski; Vice President, Julia Moore; Secretary Treasurer, Muriel Fariello; Administration paid volunteer, Barbara Seiler.

Ranchitos has mounted signs warning horse and bicycle riders to proceed legally at their own risk on the subdivision's trails.

PEDACITOS/ BITS AND PIECES

Tana Cárdenas, Elizabeth Montoya, and Micaela Griego are on their schools' honor rolls. **Ismael Cárdenas** graduated early from Santa Fe High. **Adan Cárdenas** is working as a design assistant in computer aided drafting at La Puerta, where **Anna** also works. And while we're at it, **Freddie Cárdenas** is principal at Jemez Pueblo Day School, having been promoted from his previous position at San Ildefonso Pueblo.

Patrick McFarlin had an exhibition of self portraits last month at the Santa Fe Art Institute.

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

Greg O'Byrne has begun writing a wine column for the *New Mexican* on the first Wednesday of each month. Greg is director of both the Santa Fe Wine and Chile Fiesta and the Taos Winter Wine Festival, among other events.

Victoria Leyba died Feb. 1, having celebrated her 100th birthday at a nursing home in Rio Rancho. Born Victoria Gonzales de Tapia, in Tapia, NM, on Nov. 18, 1902, she married **Vicente Madrid Leyba** of Galisteo on June 15, 1920. They were married 72 years, and raised six children. (Vicente would have been part of the family that had a large house and a *cantina* next door to the Montoyas; See EL PUENTE Feb. 1999). A member of the family also ran a *cantina* at Kennedy Station.

Former Galisteños **Gary Grimm and Jim Fickey** had a book signing party in December for their collaboration *The Gay Warrior: Transforming the Trail into Wisdom*.

Artist **Robert Zygmund**, who lived part time in Ranchitos several years ago, drowned in late January in the Barbados.

Developers Allan and Stacy Crossingham have fended off an appeal by the owners of the Agora and are now fully permitted to go ahead with "The Village at Eldorado," a rival shopping center that will include a **three-screen movie theater**, a family seafood and burger joint, a huge video store and other businesses at the corner of US 285 and Avenida Vista Grande in Eldorado.

The village of **Los Cerrillos** (whose population is c. 300, about like us) **ran out of water** at the beginning of the month. They are hauling from National Guard tankers in the center of town. **Madrid** and **Cañoncito** are also in a bad way. County Commissioner **Mike Anaya's** plan to haul water in fire-department tankers fell through because the State doesn't allow them to haul potable water.

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TED FLEMING

GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. Contact: Box 77 (Rte. 41 at Avenida Vieja) or call 466-1276 by **March 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.

SERVICES

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.

House cleaning: openings for Mon., Tues., Wed., weekly, biweekly, or monthly rates. Call Keri, 466-0144.

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.

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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.

Athan 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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