



MIKE ANAYA RUNNING FOR COUNTY COMMISSION

Michael D. Anaya, born and raised in Galisteo and on the family's Stanley ranch, served two terms (2003-2011) as County Commissioner for our District 3, and was succeeded by his brother Robert Anaya, who also served two terms. "I feel that in the years I had there [on the Commission] I learned a lot," he says. This year he is running again as an Independent.

Commissioners are limited to two consecutive four-year terms but can run again after a break. According to Secretary of State spokesperson Joey Keefe, by June 28th, Independents need to file a number of nominating signatures equal to 3 percent of the total votes for governor in District 3 in the 2014 general election.

If Anaya makes the general election ballot, he'll face a Democrat. Three Democratic candidates are running in the June primary in District 3: Santa Fe School Board member Rudy Garcia; Filandro Anaya, a general construction contractor in Edgewood (not related to our Anayas); and Santa Fe County Legislative Liaison/Project Manager Donald Reece, also listed as a board member on the County's Health Policy and Planning Commission.

Mike spoke on Wakeup Call on KSFR on March 16th, emphasizing that he would like to cut down the bureaucracy and red tape involved in building a home or starting a small business.

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 10-12, COMMUNITY CENTER: Breakfast and Galisteo Community Association Annual Elections. COME AND VOTE... AND VOLUNTEER.

THANKS to those of you who generously donate every year to the Galisteo Volunteer Fire and Rescue. Most of us have no idea how much time and energy GVFR members put in weekly. We are hugely lucky to be able to maintain such a high-level department in such a tiny village. Thanks especially to Chief Jean Moya, who also serves as the leader of the County Chiefs Association. And to all the other energetic volunteers. **MIL GRACIAS.**

LOCAL RAVENS: WHICH ONES ARE REAL?



LAST WORD ON THE BOSQUE

The bosque continues to be transformed. Much of it looks like a highway at the moment, but all those willows and some cottonwoods planted near the highway bridge bode well for Spring and Summer. The long timbers, sawed off to points and placed vertically deep into the ground, often backed up by huge gray rocks, are forming a barricade to the rerouted creek north of El Puente, keeping it away from the eroding cliffs and eventually forming a natural wall of sediment.

The surprise for workers was that the weather at the end of February resembled that of the end of April, thanks to climate change. The water table was higher than expected, vastly complicating the process. Mud made it difficult for the big equipment, though easier for the plantings. The only downer at the moment is that the walking paths have disappeared, but plans for remediation are in the works.

Here is a detailed account of the project from Jan Willem-Jansens of Ecotone:

The Galisteo bosque restoration project is drawing to a close. In the last few weeks, San Isidro Permaculture (SIP) completed the removal of part of the berm on the northern end of the project area, and WildEarth Guardians (WEG) planted willows and cottonwoods along the creek in the old oxbow wetland behind the berm and down to the northern end of the "S-curve" area, north of El Puente. SIP re-meandered the stream there to improve its hydrology and ecology and to reduce erosion of the steep bank on the east side. This ended up being a very difficult task because of the high water table and muddy work conditions. WEG will return in the next few weeks to complete plantings in that area.

SIP also built three post-and-willow wicker weirs (see above right) in the creek channel, about 80-90' apart. These structures serve as leaky dams that slow the flow and accumulate sediment. They also cause higher flows to spread out over the banks more easily, and altogether create an ecology emulating the work of beavers. (During a recent visit, the Environment Department Project Officer remarked to her surprise, "hey, these structures are in fact *beaver-dam-analogs!*")

WEG has already planted some willows, cottonwood poles and berry trees in the area between El Puente and the highway bridge, but they will return to plant more, especially in the recently disturbed areas. Finally, they will work with SIP to redo mitigation work in the NMDOT Right of Way of the Highway 41 bridge. They have transplanted fourteen poorly placed and partly bent cottonwoods and will return to complete willow planting there. SIP built a set of three post-and-willow wicker weirs, a rock rundown, and rock bowls to stop erosion at the confluence of a side channel joining the main channel beneath the bridge.

In the next month, Ecotone will work with the Galisteo Community Association to organize a community work event to celebrate the completion of the project, sow native grass seed across the disturbed areas, and remove woody debris and any remaining Russian olive sprouts. After that, the area will be left to the healing powers of Nature to green up and let the waters flow and do their work. If you have any questions, please contact jwjansens@gmail.com.



PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Speaking of birds, any moment now the turkey vultures should be returning to nest in their habitual rookeries in the bosque. (We can only hope that the restoration activity won't scare them away.) Warming up in the early mornings, they often perch, wings spread, on the dead tree next to the McQueen/Seigel home. Once they take off, showing off their signature V-shaped wingspan, they circle slowly, catching warm air that lifts them higher and higher until they are almost invisible.

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Anna Cárdenas has been accepted into the Spanish Market this coming July.

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Deborah Madison (who gets a gold star for being *El Puente*'s most newsworthy resident) was featured in *Pasatiempo*'s article on New Mexico writers (3/9). She said her famous cookbooks were "mainly inspired by those little stapled paperbacks that you buy in gas stations and curio shops... The recipes still strike me as good now as they did then. I mean, what's not to like about chile stew with corn dumplings?"

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Elizabeth Ann Massey, who with her husband Paul has been delivering our newspapers for years, passed away on Feb. 28th at the age of 80. She wrote an award-winning column for Colorado newspapers, reflected in their sprightly holiday letters.

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Some tools and copper wiring were stolen from the Fire Station's construction site. Security cameras are now in place.

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Harmony Hammond has had two solo exhibitions in Los Angeles so far in 2017-18: "Recent Paintings" at Susanne Vielmetter Los Angeles Projects, which was reviewed at length in the *LA Times*; and "Erasing Censorship" at Artists Curated Projects, through March 29, which focuses on her powerful photo work, *A Queer Reader*, from a book of gay male portraits vandalized in a San Francisco public library.

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Joette O'Connor (Trofimuk) wrote a letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* (2/21) advocating the Trump plan for a showy parade to honor our military for its sacrifices.

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Two bodies were found on and near Basilio Anaya Road off NM 41 south of the village, and were later identified, as was the alleged murderer. (Cont. p.3)

Lucy Lippard and colleague David Kozlowski wrote a "My View" in *The New Mexican* (3/4) about the illegal (and even dangerous) random building of cairns, or rock stacks, on public land. Archaeology and ecology suffer from these personal monuments, and many are offensively erected in places that are sacred to Native Americans.

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SAVE THE GALISTEO BASIN PRESERVE!

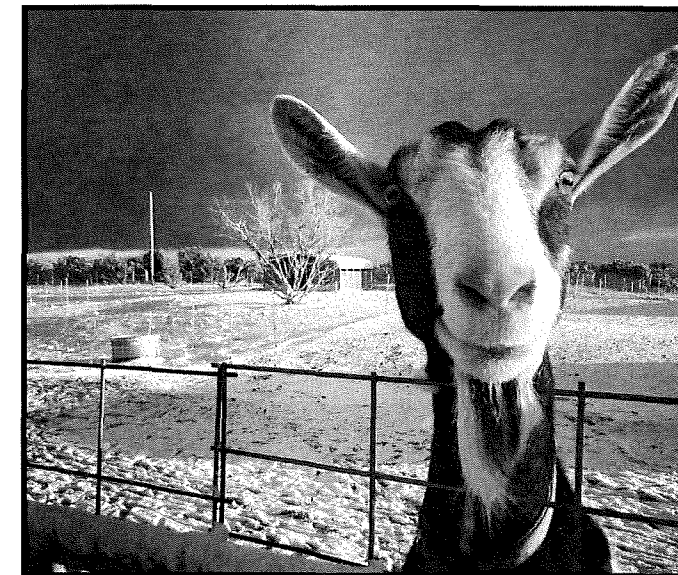
By now we all know that the Commonwealth Conservancy's Galisteo Basin Preserve (and Trenza village proposal) are in financial trouble and may soon be foreclosed. The 9,500-acre open space (3,500 acres of which are currently at risk) is the only area where we can legally walk into our views.

The debt to the Los Alamos National Bank and two other financial institutions is around \$10 million. A group consisting of deep-pocket donors, Land Trust, and County representatives are discussing ways to address preservation of the Preserve, which is the major recreation amenity in the eastern Galisteo Basin. Its 28 miles of trails connect to the 15-mile Santa Fe Rail Trail. Another section of the Thornton Ranch off CR 42 is County Open Space and is in the management stage of planning, dealing with limited access in order to protect Native American sacred sites.

The Galisteo Basin Preserve also provides a crucial migration corridor for wildlife, while development could threaten local water sources. Least known, and least visible, is the archaeological and historical significance of the Preserve. While there are no major pueblos, the remnants of pre-European gardens, campsites, seasonal dwellings, and other scattered traces show that this landscape holds important evidence for reconstructing some 7,000 years of Pueblo history, according to archaeologists Eric Blinman and Cherie Scheick, both of whom have worked in the Galisteo Basin for decades.

Agreements may be dependent on dropping the conservation village plan. There are patches of state and federal land inside the Preserve's borders, which could help future planning. If it is foreclosed, it will surely be developed. Public access to some 40% of the trails could be cut off. "Instead of being in a natural, wild place, the way it is now, you'd be walking past a neighborhood," warned Ted Harrison, Commonwealth director, who has spent some twenty years on this conservation project, only to be defeated by the 2008 recession and water woes (as well as some local opposition to the high density town plan). Parts of the property have been sold to private owners in order to finance the larger proposal, but private sales did not meet expectations.

"When wild land is developed, people generally don't take good care of it," said Jan-Willem Jansens in an extensive front-page article in *The New Mexican* (2/20). The newspaper also devoted an entire editorial (2/22) to the Preserve, entreating local groups to save it. As Jessica Brown, of Lamy, wrote in a letter to the editor (2/24): "Let's get on it, New Mexico. Save this. Or, what the heck, let's just drill oil there, put up a bunch of plywood adobes and look at nature online."

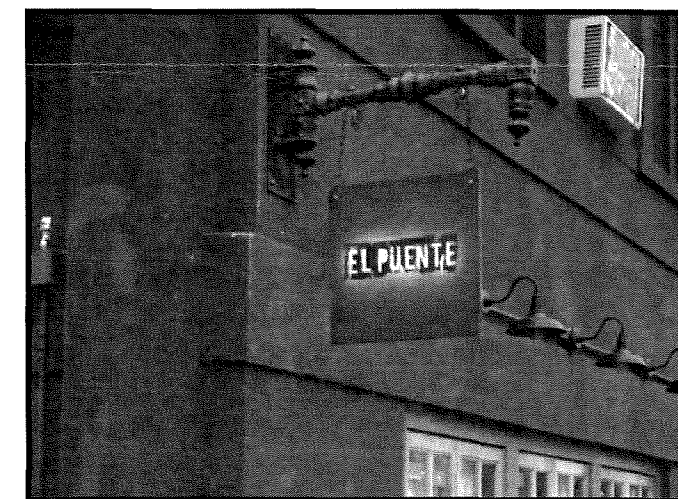


Gertie, Our Favorite Goat (Photo: Marcy Hintz)

GETTING YOUR GOAT (CHEESE)

Mix a thwarted yearning for a pet goat and herb-marinated feta samples at the farmers' market and you get...a job at a dairy goat farm! Estelle Berger and Marcy Hintz started volunteering at Dream Catcher Ranchito after meeting owner Mary Ann Andrews at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market and tasting her delicious wares. In between mouthfuls, they asked if Mary Ann needed volunteer help at her farm. Why, yes she did! So Estelle and Marcy started trundling out on chilly, still-dark mornings to feed and milk the goats, including bottle-feeding fuzzy newborn kids. Estelle recently began apprenticing as a cheesemaker and has thus far helped make chevre, feta, and mozzarella.

Dream Catcher sells goat milk, buttermilk, and yoghurt in addition to a variety of cheeses. Contact Mary Ann at 505-699-3080 or find her booth at the farmers' market if you're interested in trying these wonderful local dairy products for yourself. A Galisteña might have helped make them!



Our fame has spread: Pop-up restaurant on Court St. in Brooklyn, NY. (Photo: Ethan Ryman).

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