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## HAPPY HAPPY HOLLY-DAYS

**December 12th, Community Center, 10-4: Holiday BAKE AND CHOCOLATE SALE, plus Cookie Exchange (Call Cindy, 466-2121 for info.)**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10AM at the old Galisteo bridge: DEDICATION** of the bridge to **Corporal George Michael Anaya** (son of the late Josefina and Andres Anaya), who died in Vietnam, with Veterans' Secretary Garcia and a Color Guard.  
**Dec. 20th, Fire Station, 6:30: First MEETING of Galisteo White Dog Pedal Pushers** (see p. 3 for more info.)

Answer to last month's "What Nobody Knows About Us":  
**BARBARA KING** was tear-gassed at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago.

**NEXT: Who co-managed the career of Debbie DeCoudreaux, Broadway star of Tommy Tunes' "Grand Hotel" and Harold Prince's "Show Boat" upon her return to the U.S. after eight years as headliner at the Moulin Rouge in Paris?**

### COUNTY PLAN PASSED, CODE NEXT

Santa Fe County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan was finally passed unanimously by the Board of County Commissioners after a contentious public hearing on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Now the biggest challenge faces us – construction of the Sustainable Land Development Code to implement the Plan.

Commissioner Kathy Holian has this to say about the Galisteo Basin: "If we were to allow too many new lots to be created in the Basin, and the owners of all those lots each put in yet another well (which they are allowed to do by State law), we would eventually have a situation in which some of the wells in the area might start going dry. This would cost people real money. Either those unlucky folks with dry wells would have to haul water (expensive and time-consuming) or they'd have to drill new, deeper wells (even more expensive, especially if water treatment is required of deeper, more brackish water). One other possibility would be for the County to bring its water utility out to Galisteo – if it has enough water left. This last, even more expensive possibility might be a better deal for Galisteo Basin residents, but all the taxpayers in Santa Fe County would have to foot the bill.

"This is but one of many such scenarios one can think up, in which serial subdivision development – especially in the rural areas – could cause unplanned expenses to residents and/or taxpayers, and I think the Galisteo Basin example gives a good picture of how that could evolve."

Holian suggests that the Plan be known as SGMaP instead of the unpronounceable acronym SGMP, as it "nicely alludes to the fact that it is a 'map' for our County's future."

If you want to receive Holian's e-mails (source of the above), contact her at [Kathleen.Holian@comcast.net](mailto:Kathleen.Holian@comcast.net).

### HAIKU FOR THE HOLIDAYS

from Bill Huckaby (I) and Denise Lynch (II)

I

Just a little whiff  
 Eyes burn, knees buckle  
 Oh babe, we been skunked

Let me out of here  
 I can hear you whispering  
 Get it over with

Toss me that scalpel  
 Amputations go real fast  
 Two o'clock tee time

At the Basin Vista  
 Sideways light and popcorn clouds  
 That one looks just like

II.

Eight days of Haiku  
 This truth invents a landscape  
 Patterns give such life!

The Bosque asks me  
 Galisteo, your true love?  
 A raven answers

Village of ancients  
 Alive in every way  
 Place between spaces

It's so beautiful  
 Writing all night long alone  
 No words can describe

*NOTE: The Haiku at the right were selected by EL PUENTE.*

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

The renowned Pink Adobe, formerly owned by the Hoback family, has closed due to financial difficulties. **Priscilla Hoback**, daughter of its founder, told *The New Mexican* (11/17) "It's been in our family a long time, and we love it. We're trying to get it back. We have a large interest in it. It's very sad that it closed." Her son, Joe Hoback is leading the effort, which is looking good.

Watercolor painter **William Haskell** is showing at the Manitou Gallery, 123 W. Palace Ave. His subject is Northern New Mexico villages, and his technique involves "300 pound watercolor paper with a smooth, hot press finish" which he seals, drymounts, and archivaly varnishes, removing the need for glass.

Galisteans are not shy about writing Letters to the Editor of *The New Mexican*; in the past month, **Joette O'Connor (Trofimuk)** wrote in favor of the Air Force flyovers; **Muriel Fariello** wrote to protest the Archbishop's message that scattering cremated remains is "Pagan"; and **Frank Hirsch** sent a sarcastic note to Governor Elect Susana Martinez.

**Catherine Ferguson** won first place in the poetry division of the Santa Fe Reporter's Annual Writing Contest for her "Postcards from the Mother City." Her biography notes that she was raised in Phoenix and came to Santa Fe with her grandmother at age 15. In 1972 her mother took an art class at Ghost Ranch. "Catherine visited and never left the area."

**Priscilla Hoback** was featured in the November issue of *THE Magazine* which wrote: "When we encounter the person and the work of Priscilla Hoback, we encounter New Mexico's *anima*...She lives and works in a historic building in Galisteo, surrounded by the creatures and landscapes present in her work." She quarries her own clay, and says "I begin with mud and end up with rock. The heat of the kiln is a test of fire that fuses materials with stories....Daydreaming can turn into the next successful piece, or just watching the light change as the clouds go by. I wouldn't trade this for anything..."

The community extends its condolences to **Mark Lyons** on the death of his sister Barbara Diane Lyons, a jewelry designer who lived in Madrid.

## FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wayne King

Recently, thinking to save some money, I bought a combination Carbon Monoxide-Smoke detector for the kitchen at the Fire Station. Only after I opened the package did I find that it is supposed to be installed on the ceiling or high on a wall. This is appropriate for a smoke detector, but not for CO, which settles around the floor. By the time the gas rises as high as the ceiling it might be too late for a sleeping person to react. Therefore, reader, be careful about combination detectors.

People have called the Fire Department to ask about maintenance for their fire extinguishers and about proper disposal of empty propane tanks. Our own large extinguishers carried on the trucks and small ones for the station interior are serviced by Fire Safety Sales CO., 04A Florence Rd., behind a house near the

street (off Cerrillos near I-25); 471-7057. They will also recycle old fire extinguishers. Call ahead to make sure Scott will be there.

Empty propane tanks can be disposed of at Ferrellgas at the corner of Cerrillos and Airport Rd. They do not pay for empty tanks but will accept them. Ferrellgas will also refill empty tanks. Other companies may or may not deal with small tanks, so call before trying them.

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Many homes in Galisteo have locked gates at their entrances. Our current system of getting second keys or lock combinations from homeowners is inefficient during an emergency. Searching for key or combination can delay our response. Short of relying on bolt cutters, the simplest way to secure a gate while allowing access to emergency responders is to use a padlock from the Knox-Box Co. Each lock has a unique key for the owner's use but also comes with a master key for emergency responders.

Two Galisteo properties are secured by Knox-Box systems and we have been able to gain access without delay. If you have a locked gate, please consider replacing your current padlock with a Knox-Box. They cost about \$65 and are available through the Santa Fe County Fire Prevention Division, 22 Bisby Court in the Turquoise Trail Office Park, corner of Rancho Viejo and Cerrillos near I-25. Call Assistant Fire Chief Buster Patty (995-6526) or Google Knox-Box for additional information.

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**NEED A LIFT?** The GVFR has a "lift chair" available to anyone in the community who might be in need of one. It is an attractive, comfortable recliner with the capacity to lift an individual to a standing position. For details, please contact Jean Moya at 466-1544. The chair was donated to the community by Judy and Phillip Tuwaletstiwa.

## GCA UPDATE: COMMUNITY CENTER REPAIRS

from Roger Taylor, Secretary

At the moment, the Board is reviewing a list of repairs to the Community Center and will be setting up a schedule in the new year. We are in the process of deciding what could be "volunteer" work and getting estimates for the rest. Here is what we are looking at:

**Building Rear:** The ends of the roof vigas have been deeply splintered and dug out by birds. They need to be cut, sealed, and capped. A gutter running along the length of this side would be helpful. Probably best to do these in the Spring as weather warms. There are also evidence of gopher mounds here and in the front garden which should be attended to soon.

**Building Front:** The ends of the roof vigas are showing some stress and could be capped. No rush on this. The wood frames around the windows, and wood under the eaves, need a coat of oil stain soon. This could be done by a group of volunteers. Cracks in the outside wall should be repaired, especially around the windows.

**Roof:** The asphalt shingles on three sides of the parapet have deteriorated significantly, and need to be replaced soon; this is probably where the leaks are coming from. Sections of the tin roof adjoining the parapet will need to be pulled and then put back. Probably need an estimate from a professional roofer.

## MELA MONTOYA: COMMUNITY LEADER

Robert A. Anaya (County Commissioner Elect)

My family and I would like to express our sincere condolences to the family, friends and neighbors of Mrs. Mela Montoya. Mela was an advocate for Galisteo and translated her words into action. She did not just express her viewpoint and walk away, she stood behind her convictions and followed through. As a young boy and an adult, I can remember Mela as Board member and leader in the Galisteo Water Users Association, at meetings held at her kitchen table and the kitchen tables of other members. Mela knew it was important (as did my father, Joe Anaya and my mother Mary Ann) to stay involved and be heard. Disagreements existed, but the members knew, as did Mela, that the community's work must go on.

The Community Association, Water association, and the Church, were a few places important to Mela, but nothing was more important than her family. She proved beyond doubt, through actions, not words, that they were her priority. She also proved that you could raise a family, be a good daughter, mother, wife, sister, grandmother, neighbor and friend, and still stay involved in your community – a lesson we can all learn from.

Many changes and challenges face the village of Galisteo and the surrounding community. There are new neighbors and neighbors that have been around for generations. To continue as a strong village, all viewpoints need to be heard and represented. The traditional long-standing members of the village form the history and the culture that we must all protect. New members have inherent rights that we must respect. I hope and pray that the Montoya family continues to be present and involved in the community. I encourage other traditional Galisteo families and newer community members to do the same. We can all learn from and follow Mela's lead.

We thank and appreciate you, Mrs. Mela Montoya. May you rest in peace, and may God continue to keep your family strong and with faith.

## GOT BIKE?

Anyone interested in bicycle riding but not interested in sharing asphalt with motor vehicles? The initial meeting of the "Galisteo White Dog Pedal Pushers" will be on Monday, December 20 (*see p.1*). Biking in your own back yard is a great and fun option for everyone with a fat-tire bicycle. There are plenty of trails and options throughout the Galisteo area without involving pavement. Weekly rides and skill building sessions are part of the initial plan. All skill levels and riders with any interest or curiosity are welcome. Any questions? Call Frank at 466-2121 or forbeslux@aol.com.

## TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE FULL MOON

In the wee hours of the night of Monday Dec. 20-21 (12:41-1:53AM), a total eclipse of the full moon will turn it dark red, reflecting from the earth's atmosphere all the sunrises and sunsets taking place on our planet at that time. Also, according to Alan Hale of Hale-Bopp fame, the Geminid Meteor Shower can be seen in the middle of the night of December 13-14.

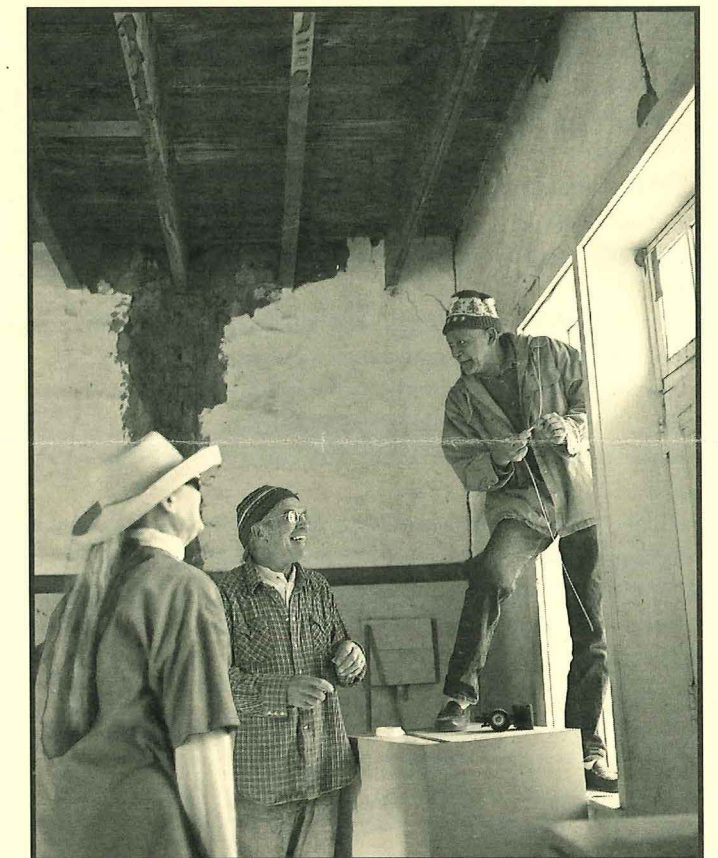
## WINTER IS A COMING

Jan Saunders

Out among the grasses where Scaled Quail make panic runs and Chipping Sparrows conceal summer nests, perfect circles of no grass -- tiny sand-grained-sized pebbles piled into ten-inch-high mounds some three feet across -- conduct the heat of the sun down into the labyrinthine nests of Harvester Ants. Their round mounds are also here in the Bosque, away from the river's flood, in sunny spots unclaimed by cottonwoods.

I first noticed --really noticed-- these tidy symmetrical nests back in September, lingering a moment to watch multitudes of ants hurrying their summer harvest into a deep winter pantry. That's when I saw tiny golden hulls, like corn husks, piled around the edge of the nest. The ants clean and shuck the seeds, leave the waste on their threshing floor and carry only the nutritious kernels down into their underground store rooms. An impressive work ethic, considering that each time they venture out in search of food, the long sticky tongues of Red-shafted Flickers wait to flick them up. By late October, the ants are safe, deep in warm chambers, snug and well fed until spring. Winter winds will flatten the pebble pile and whisk away the chaff, leaving a bare circular outline.

Making a mental note to research what Flickers eat during the long winter, I hurry my dogs away from the river toward home, my warm kitchen, a simmering pot of harvest soup, and piñon wood stacked neatly by the door.



Dianna Gwyn, David van Dyk and Eric Thomas sprucing up La Sala (Photo: Tom Martinelli)

## PLANNING COMMITTEE BORN AGAIN

The Galisteo Community Planning Committee will reconvene to complete the details of the plan in regard to the upcoming Country Land Use Code (see p. 1). The plan was written over a period of several years but there are a couple of sections that were not completed. Contact Frank Hirsch (efhirsch@aol.com; 466-0109).

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## GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

**ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. PLEASE CALL 466-1276 TO UPDATE, CHANGE, OR DELETE YOUR ADS. Next deadline: January 5th. SERVICES**

**Plan Your Christmas gifts now with Valrhona French Chocolate** in holiday wrappers, handmade by Evelyné of Galisteo: available at La Sala or call 466-4860.

**Pet and housesitting, watering plants, feeding animals, etc.** Call Linda Jones, 466-6624.

**Carpentry:** Custom closets, hand-carved tables, benches, gates, doors; also electrical work. Ted Montoya, 466-1430 (messages).

**We build and repair coyote fences; haul trash; do yard work & other odd jobs.** Fair prices, local references, Michael Anaya, 660-8920.

**Dragon Lady: Full Service Catering,** Corey McGillicuddy, 660-1236.

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**Computer tutor/personal assistant.** Contact Paige, 466-1002. **MacTech Support and Tutoring,** photo digitizing and organizing, and Photoshop lessons: Tom Martinelli, 466-1020. Beth is available for **petsittings in Galisteo,** 470-7606.

**Need a pet sitter or house sitter?** I will do short or long-term care, occasional overnights, reasonable rates, refs. available. For info, call Maria, 466-8930.

**White Dog Cyclery:** Certified bicycle maintenance/repair. Your family bicycle service. All bikes, repairs. Call Frank, 466-2121.

**Saturday Art Classes for children and adults,** Retablos and watercolors. 10-12AM or 2-4PM, weekdays or weekends. Catherine Ferguson, 466-2765.

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**Need a permit? Computer Aided Drafting Support** for architects, engineers, contractors etc. Adan Cárdenas, 466-8967.

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