



**SEPT.17, 6PM: DEDICATION OF COMMUNITY CENTER KITCHEN TO MELA MONTOYA (Cocina de Mela).** Family and GCA invite you to coffee and cookies at the unveiling of the sign made by Onesimo and Ted Montoya.

**SEPT. 19: Eldorado Community Center: Galisteo area public input meeting on Agriculture for the Sustainable Land Development Code.**

**SEPT. 24, Community Center, 6PM: THE GCA's CHILE AND MARGARITA COOK-OFF.** Bring your entries at 5:30. Prizes will be awarded. Fun will be had.

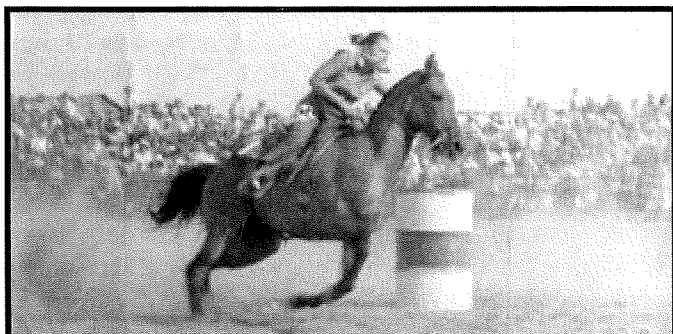
**OCT. 15-16: STUDIO TOUR.**

*In honor of the 41<sup>st</sup> Rodeo de Galisteo, which took place in July, here are some reminiscences of Priscilla's early teens, excerpted from her contribution to Ayer y Ahora.*

## JOEY & ELVIS

Priscilla Hoback

I had ten neatly folded twenty dollar bills stuffed deep in the picket of my jean jacket. This money had been carefully saved to buy a horse of my own. There were large cattle ranches north of Las Vegas on the open grasslands, good horse country. Every spring ranchers sold a few of the three-year-old colts. I remember that Sunday afternoon so clearly, stepping carefully around clumps of dead yellow grass, a chilly spring wind made walking difficult and the sky was a brilliant blue... We walked downwind toward the small herd of horses. A sturdy buckskin colt caught my eye. Born on this ranch, he had been bred to be a cow pony, his history and blood showed in the color of his coat and tiger striped legs. His eyes were bright with intelligence.



Priscilla Hoback and Joey barrel racing in Española

**WHO KNEW?** Amber Haskell was one of five Americans invited to the first ever Family Violence Prevention Conference in New Zealand in 1991.

**NEXT:** Who played chess with John Cage and dined with Margaret Mead?

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**At the risk of sounding like national public radio, how many of you have sponsored an issue of *El Puente*, sent a donation, or written something? Maybe it's time!**

This was my first venture of "horse trading." I handed over one hundred fifty dollars. We shook hands, and I had my horse and money to buy a used saddle. One of the cowboys got a rope on him. We pushed him, stiff legged and shaking, into the old trailer and drove back to Santa Fe. On the ride home I named him Joey, probably because I always loved the folk song, "Little Joe the Wrangler."

We were headed to a new stables on lower Alameda Street, next to the old World War II internment camp... This stable was the center of my universe for the next few years. I thought of it as my home, my school, my job and the most wonderful place imaginable.... I grew up around cowboys and cowponies. I had worked several summers at Bishops Lodge Dude Ranch.... now I was working with show horses...to make the money that supported Joey and my pickup truck....

Joey quickly responded to saddling, riding, shoeing and vigorous grooming. No more shaggy tangled hair or cackleburs on his shiny black tiger striped legs. I polished his coat until it shined like copper.... Horses were welcome in Santa Fe then. Joey would jump into the bed of my pickup just like a big dog. We would go up San Francisco Street, then around the plaza. There was a horse watering trough provided by the city next to the library. One time on a double dog dare, a friend and I rode into the Hotel La Fonda lobby, stepping gingerly up steps and across polished *saltito* tiles and then on into the bar. We were graciously asked to leave.

I remember being at Berts Burger Bowl one afternoon with Joey in the pickup. I can clearly see my friends wearing pearl-studded shirts, black rolled cowboy hats and sporting a few pimples on their lean faces. Peter LaFarge put dimes in the juke box and called me over to listen to a brand new song he was excited about - "Heartbeak Hotel." I thought I would never have a hard day.

(Photos courtesy of P. Hoback; see also p. 3)

## PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

For those of you who miss seeing **Will Mares** at the Eldorado Transfer Station, he is retired. We wish him well.

Contributions to the new book *Ayer y Ahora: Yesterday and Today*, edited by Robert Wolf, include a poem by **Denise Lynch** and a **Priscilla Hoback** memoir (see p.1).

**Rosales Candelaria Anaya**, born in Galisteo in 1921, has passed away. She was the wife of Celso Anaya of Galisteo, and mother of seven, including Trinidad Perea.

On Sept. 30 (5-7), **Shaun Gilmore**, with Michelle Cooke and Lora Fosberg, opens a drawing show at 8 Modern (231 Delgado) that runs until Nov. 3. Gilmore also has a large hanging sculpture – *Eye of the Storm Curtain*—at the Community Gallery at the Santa Fe Convention Center as part of the Art Commission's Storefront Project.

**Woody Gwyn** showed his paintings as "Summerset 2011" at David Findlay Jr. Fine Art in New York this summer. **Judy Tuwaletstwiwa** had a solo show in August at William Siegel in the Railyard; African textiles were shown "in dialogue" with her work. **Tom Martinelli** shared a painting show with James Hart – "Particles and Orbs"-- at Phil Space in July.

The **Galisteo Basin Preserve** is looking for trail stewards. (gbp@commonwealconservancy.org).

There was a bad automobile accident near **Vista Clara** on August 30. NM 41 was temporarily closed.

The goats arrived in late July, thanks to Dave and Becky of Sun Herb Farm, southwest from Madrid.

On August 12<sup>th</sup> **La Sala** held a portal fundraiser featuring vintage prints by **Fritz Scholder**.

Intermittent Galisteña **Nacha Mendez** is hotter than ever. *Pasatiempo* (9/11) says she's "always on the move," with regular gigs at El Farol, La Posada de Santa Fe, and La Boca, having just performed at the Peñasco theater. Her *Trova!* plays at El Farol Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8; reservations required.

## NM41 SURVEY

This summer, 177 Galisteo residents received surveys from the GCA about the NMDOT's plans for Highway 41. Of the 46 replies (a 25% rate that qualifies as a valid statistical response), 12 were "quite favorable" to the current proposals and 34 were "mixed or unfavorable." There were favorable responses about general road safety for bikes and drivers. Many expressed concerns about maintaining the historic look and feel of the village, about bridge safety, and grass shoulders (given the recent fires). There was a general consensus that the bridges need repair or replacement --but only with structures designed to be similar to the originals.

The majority felt that the proposed road was too wide and suggested one 4' shoulder for multiple purposes (emergency stops, bikes, pedestrians). A significant number rejected outright the walking path through the central village or any wider road there.

In late August, Anna Cardenas, Roger Taylor and Joette Trofimuk met with Commissioner Robert Anaya and the NMDOT Secretary to discuss the survey results. All points of view were

presented, and the Board members focused on alternatives such as pushing for US 285 as an alternative for truck traffic, and limiting truck traffic on NM 41 to local destination deliveries and emergency vehicles instead of through traffic. It was resolved that NMDOT would get back to the Board through Commissioner Anaya early this Fall.

## SIGHTINGS FROM THE GALISTEO ZOO

Corey McGillicuddy saw a coyote at mid-day brazenly sauntering down La Vega, and has spotted him elsewhere too. He is distinctively reddish, without the usual white points, and very much at home. She recommends keeping cats indoors. And in early August, mountain lion tracks were sighted in the McKee Road area going south toward the Galisteo Creek. Mountain lions are nocturnal, so be alert when walking dogs in early morning or at dusk. Protect chickens and animals with sturdy enclosures. Report additional sightings or signs to the Fish and Wildlife Service, 505-342-9900.

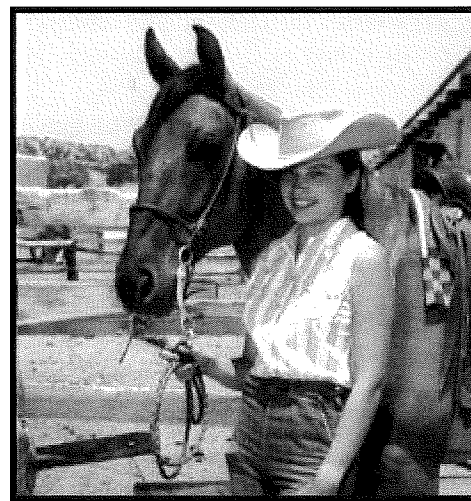
And, we fear, a sad consequence of the above: Alfie, an all black 14- year- old male, Sweetie, a black kitten with white paws and a white chest, Twinkie, a black and white kitten, and Funny Bunny, a gray tabby kitten, have all disappeared in the past few weeks. The cats stay inside at night but have a cat door and so can roam when they want to, but have never been known to wander off of the property. If you have any clues, please contact Sandy Duran at 466-3227 or at sandy@d7music.com.

## BAD NEWS

Thieves have been plaguing the area. They took a TV, DVD, and other items, then destroyed property inside a Ranchitos house after a rainstorm in early September, gaining entrance by breaking a sliding door window. Police photographed tire and foot prints around the house and took finger prints and other evidence. If the thieves are caught, their DNA is on file with Santa Fe police and will be used to prosecute them and seek financial compensation.

Robbers also broke into a home in Lamy and took all the kitchen appliances and other electronic equipment. Other recent neighborhood incidents have involved dumping of skinned coyote carcasses in the arroyo off Los Angelitos and non-permitted target practice; many bottles and cans with bullet holes in them were found on private property, despite a sign indicating "no trespassing or dumping allowed."

We have now placed a locked gate across the end of Los Angelitos and have stepped up the neighborhood watch program. All unfamiliar trucks and cars will be stopped and license numbers taken along with other information if they are just cruising around this area. The police have requested that the information be forwarded to them for follow-up. We will also be on the lookout for potential thieves checking us out. Many homeowners have already placed a loud alarm on their homes so neighbors can respond quickly and thwart a robbery. We ask all neighbors to please keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles or anyone who hears an alarm go off at night to call around for help. This is especially requested for part-time homeowners.



## GCA UPDATE

from Roger Taylor, Secretary

Following the completion of the roof repairs at the **Community Center** in June, the vigas were cut back to remove termite and dry-rot damage, and then sealed in late July. Several massive Douglas Fir beams were mounted on posts to support the roof overhang, and final trim-work and staining/sealing was completed in August. In addition, the front vigas and the underside of the overhang on the front of the GCC had some minor repairs and were then stained and sealed.

A letter signed by the Board President and copied to all County Commissioners was sent to Saddleback requesting a meeting to update the Board on any new plans for this property. There has been no response.

The Galisteo Mutual Domestic Water Association is protesting the transfer of 28.5 acre feet of water rights from Cerrillos to the west of the **Village at the Galisteo Basin Preserve**. Our water rights attorneys are continuing to hold discussions with Commonweal.

The Motion for Summary Judgment in the **Morgan Gafford case** (action for return of fees in the amount of \$24K plus penalties) will most likely be filed in September.

A letter was mailed from the UCSFC (United Communities of Santa Fe County) seeking funds to retain an attorney to represent the UCSFC in reviewing the **Sustainable Land Development Code**, to ensure that the code's language accurately reflects the desires of the residents and communities of Santa Fe County, as documented in the Sustainable Growth Management Plan approved at the end of 2010. The Board is in support of this initiative.

## LABYRINTHINE TALE

Ken Kuhne was sent a photo by Tim Tibbits of a sign announcing a modern labyrinth at Sycamore Mineral Springs in Avila Beach, California. The text reads in part: "Labyrinths have been used by many cultures for thousands of years. The oldest labyrinth in the United States is found in Galisteo [sic], New Mexico and is 3500 years old." Probably not. I've seen a stone labyrinth along the Galisteo Creek nearer Cerrillos, but it was made by property owners there. Even our petroglyphs are not that old. Anyone know what this might be about?

## FALL'S GOLD

Jan Saunders

Nature, in her mean mother mode, assailed the Galisteo Basin with a summer of relentless heat, blast furnace winds and lack-luster monsoons. She sent glittering flocks of Goldfinches to soften the blow. Like much of the Southwest, Galisteo is a summer breeding range for Lesser Goldfinches. Old timers call them "wild canaries." Their plaintively sweet calls fill the river bosque and punctuate my day with pure joy. Late breeders, these small yellow birds with conical seed-eating bills, make sure their fledglings are born into a late summer world filled with abundant seeds offered by fall flowers. As backyard feeder birds, they prefer to eat high on the hog and flock to feeders filled with expensive Nyger thistle seed. (Buy it on sale and keep in a cool place in an airtight bag.)

Galisteo has two races of Lesser Goldfinches -- the Black-backed Texas and the Gray-backed Southwest males are easily distinguished. Lemon yellow breasts and bright white wing spots on both clinch the ID. Olive-green females are beautiful in their own right. As the weather cools, Lessers will migrate to warmer weather south into Mexico. Keep the thistle feeder filled for flocks of American Goldfinch and Pine Siskin that arrive for the winter. (Drawings by Catherine Ferguson).



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(and thanks to Fred and JJ Milder for a donation)

## GALISTEO CLASSIFIED

ADS ARE FREE, AND FOR GALISTEO RESIDENTS ONLY. PLEASE CALL 466-1276 TO UPDATE, CHANGE, OR DELETE YOUR ADS. Next deadline: October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### FOR SALE

**Talus Wind Meat CSA Shares available.** Once a month Galisteo pick-up of NM grown lamb, beef, goat, eggs, and more! Full & Half shares available - reasonable prices. Contact Timothy at 501-4940; twichland@taluswindranch.com ;for more info. <http://taluswindranch.com/meat-csa.html>.

### SERVICES

**The Orchard: Full service catering, personal chef, and Care Network.** Corey McGillicuddy (aka Dragon Lady), 466-1831. **We build and repair coyote fences; haul trash; yard work & other odd jobs.** Fair prices, local references, Michael J. Anaya, 660-8920.

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

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**Massage in the comfort of your own home.** Cathy Crelling, 490-2285.

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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 **petsitting 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.

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**Galisteo Woodworks:** for your custom woodworking needs. Furniture and furniture repair. Antonio Chavez, 466-3601.

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**Nick Contreras: Landscaping, Brush Removal, Trash hauling, appliance pickup, move in, move out.** Call 920-2521.

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