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THE (ONGOING) SAGA OF BOB THE COP

David van Dyk & Eric Thomas

Our small village has recently come up with its own solution to those speeding 18-wheeler oil rigs and Walmart delivery trucks that roar through our quietness to save 40 miles connecting with the Interstate...and those late-to-State workers zipping by at 85mph to get to Santa Fe on time .

Enter a used Santa Fe County Sheriff car donated to our fire department, parked on Hiway 41 and moved daily. At first this worked as "slow down...cop car ahead!" But it wasn't until Bob arrived that things got interesting. He's a John Nissen dummy (mannequin) imported from Berlin, Germany. The fire department dressed him in uniform and aviator glasses and gave him an old hand radio phone.

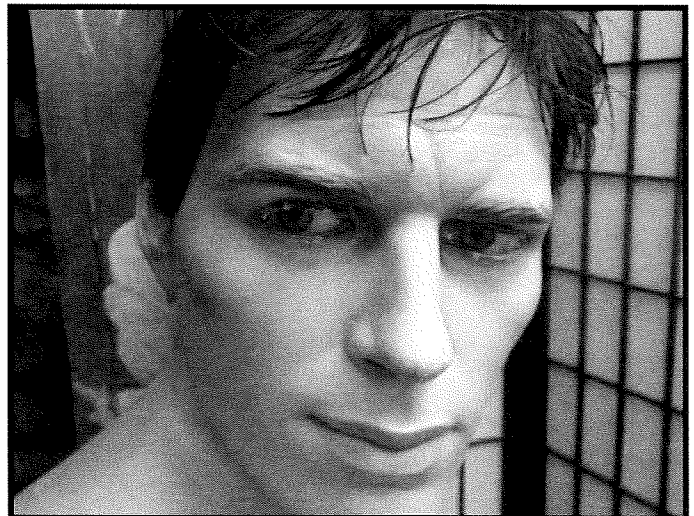
One day, an unknowing Santa Fe County beat officer stopped, thinking Bob was a "real" cop who'd had a heart attack or stroke in the heat of the day, He called 911. Our fire chief heard the dispatcher say, "There's an officer down in Galisteo, I think he's had a heart attack." Jean said it was the best laugh she has had on her birthday, ever!

One recent afternoon, Bob was cited for being "one of the rudest cops in America," for not responding to an elderly Sikh truck driver from New York who had just driven across the U.S. and had stopped to ask Bob for directions. He told the adobe workforce at La Sala: "I knocked on da window twice and he didn't even bother to open his damn winda, he was too busy on his hand radio, you guys should report dat cop!" He drove away, leaving the gang rolling on the ground with laughter.

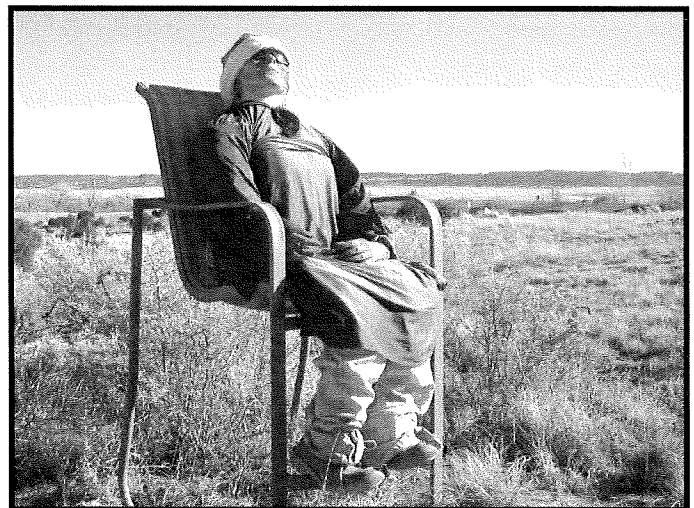
Some have suggested that Bob needs an attitude adjustment class. Others think he should learn to speak English (since he's a Dutch/German dummy). Others have said he needs coffee and a donut. Yet Bob has definitely filled his monthly quota of fun (revenge) with the truck drivers. He has them slowing down, turning heads and turbans,

So when you drive by Bob on his regular beat, give him the thumbs up. He may not respond, but he'll appreciate your driving 35mph through the heart of our village.

JULY 20-21: 42nd ANNUAL RODEO DE GALISTEO: Sat.: 11AM: Parade thru village. Sat. & Sun.: 1PM at the Rodeo Grounds. OCTOBER 19-20, Galisteo Studio Tour.



**Have You Seen This Man? (Bob the Cop)
(Photo: Eric Thomas)**



Dummies everywhere in Galisteo (don't take it personally), this one on CR 42 on the edge of town.

PUT YOUR SKILLS TO WORK

Barbara King

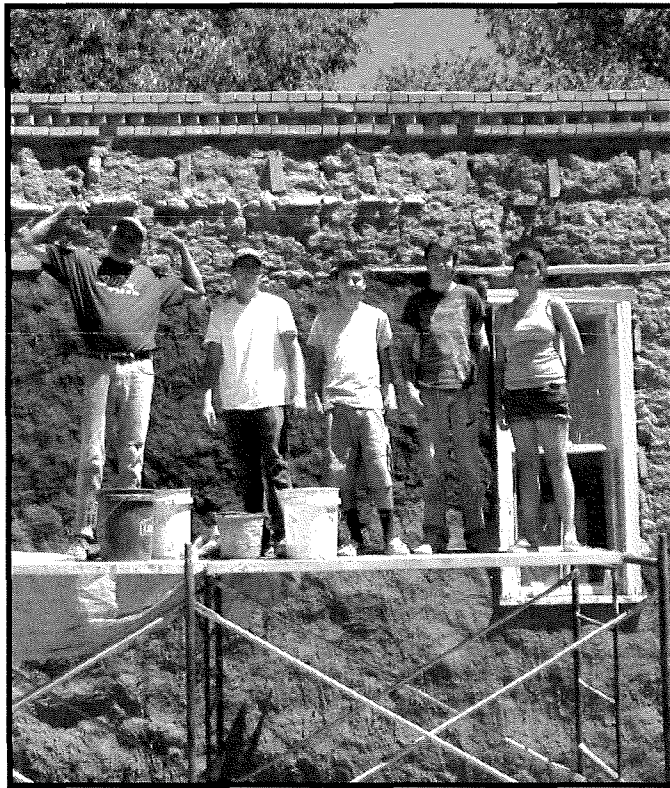
Do you like to get muddy? Can you swing a hammer? Do you grocery shop? Well...it just so happens all these skills are coming in very handy this summer at La Sala!

Have you noticed the new adobe mud on the south wall? It's the result of partnering with Cornerstones' restoration experts. All summer long (Fridays and Saturdays, 9am to 3pm) our local young interns -- John Garcia, Joseph Garcia, Ruben Anaya, Joseph Sandoval, Oliver Bulger, and Emily Montoya- will be helping this new look extend around the building.

On the vacant lot next to La Sala, thanks to José Ortiz y Pino, we now have an adobe "factory" where we make bricks and mud to restore and re-plaster our 100-year-old dance hall. Antonio Chavez donated the professional grade adobe forms. Jim Sloan and Phillip Tuwaletstiwa provided and operated the earth moving equipment to clear the property and dig for good adobe clay. Water was trucked in by the GVFR and generous Galisteans are pitching in with additional brawn. As part of this restoration, we will also continue refurbishing the ten windows. Help is needed for this project as well -- nice indoor work on these upcoming hot summer days... It's very cool inside.

Or you can just drop off bottled water or soft drinks for all these hot volunteers. So it's EZ to help on many levels! Stop by over the summer and see how far the village has come with this restoration. While you are there, come on inside and see the interior bracing system and... We have really neat T-shirts and hats for sale too.

And word is spreading. Tour groups from Michigan and Wisconsin are coming to help mud plaster La Sala's walls!



La Sala's youth crew: Eric Thomas, Joseph Sandoval, John Garcia, Oliver Bulger, Emily Montoya; Joseph Garcia, not pictured. (photo: David van Dyk)

GCA REPORT ON NM 41, BRIDGES

From Wayne King and Roger Taylor for the GCA

According to the DOT, an RFP for the two bridges will go out to bid in August, and will be awarded in November. Work on both bridges will begin March or April, 2014. Truck detour signs will be placed at the junctions of both 285/41 and 40/41.

Construction will take c. 6 months, with one lane open on each bridge for through-traffic while the other sides are being re-built.

The Galisteo Creek Bridge will have casings drilled to bedrock at 30' for metal and concrete pilings, with a normal noise factor. However, the San Cristobal Bridge will need to have a hydraulic hammer pound steel piles down 100', and this will be noisy. Vibration monitoring will be performed for the duration.

The design for the bridges is close to the existing appearance, slightly wider, with guardrails, and an elevated pedestrian walkway on one side only. Cyclists will use the paved shoulder.

Funding for re-paving NM 41 (with 12' lanes and 6' paved shoulders/bicycle paths) has been delayed. The new target dates are: San Cristobal Bridge to Clark Hill, Spring 2017-2018; Goose Downs Farm to Rte 285, 2019-20. Work in the village center (from Goose Downs to the Galisteo Bridge) will most likely be done in 2018. There the lanes will taper from 12' to 11' (current width) with a 4' shoulder. NMDOT will look into the possibility of a natural/tan coloring for the shoulder in the village center. Surprisingly, there is some paved shoulder there already, just hidden under accumulated dirt and gravel.

There will be medians between lanes by Goose Downs and the Galisteo Bridge, to slow down traffic. Each median (planted with native drought-tolerant vegetation) will be 17' wide, tapering down to c. 600'. Roger and Wayne will continue to represent the GCA in meetings with NMDOT. Next update, Fall 2013.



Michael and Jerry Anaya helping on Community Cleanup day, May 11 (photo: John Young).

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

Matthew McQueen and Caroline Siegel (right) were married among the aspens north of Santa Fe on June 22nd. They will be living in Galisteo.

Shaun Gilmore and Janice Wall are having an exhibition, "Mostly Clear and Partly Cloudy: Climate as Metaphor" at the Mesa Public Library, 2400 Central, Los Alamos, 7/3-8/4. Reception 7/12, 4:30-6:30; Gallery talk, 7/26, 3:00.

Evelyne Franceschi was pictured twice (wiping away tears and wildly waving a flag) in *The New Mexican* as she received her U.S. citizenship in a ceremony at the NM History Museum.

Deborah Madison was on the cover of *Pasatiempo* in March with an article on her latest book, *Vegetable Literacy*, and *The Magazine* (May) ran her full-page portrait, waving a bunch of carrots. Rob DeWalt wrote that when Madison "discusses vegetables, she sounds like she's doting on the smart and beautiful children in her family. And in some ways, she is."

Tommy Chavez, born in Galisteo, brother of the late Luis Chavez and Joe D. Anaya, passed away on June 14th. Services were held at Nuestra Señora de los Remedios.

Roberta Lorraine Gomez, daughter of Mary and Clyde Peña and sister of Sandy Duran, related to the extended Peña, Chavez, and Anaya families, passed away on June 21.

Sandra Bosben's petfood business, Marty's Meals, has moved to 1107 Pen Road and was written up in *The New Mexican*. She credits her home-made dogfood formula with saving the life of her rescue dog Marty. She now turns out more than 1000 lbs. of healthy food a week and hopes to create a community educational center for animal health care.

In a complicated agreement, the Hoback family has sold the Pink Adobe restaurant to the owners of the Guadalupe Café and retained ownership of its Dragon Room (*New Mexican* 5/31/13).

Santa Fe Southern has canceled its seasonal tourist trips on the railroad spur line between Santa Fe and Lamy. Its freight business halted in 2009.

Talus Wind Ranch (formerly Frank Anaya Ranch) was included in *The New Mexican's* annual "Bienvenidos": "Out on the dusty plains near Galisteo... Timothy Willms is living a new kind of life," going from an art dealer for Sotheby's back east to owner of a heritage meat business in New Mexico. His goal has been to help small farmers/ranchers (many now going out of business due to drought). His processing plant in Mountainair is open to ranchers across the state. He is also involved with 4-H and with a mobile grocery taking healthy foods to the pueblos.

During film activity at Cerro Pelon Ranch in the spring ("The Sixth Gun," an NBC pilot), complaints about night-time lighting were made to the GCA. When contacted, the company was very gracious and quickly turned the lights away, extending an apology to anyone disturbed.

In a letter to the editor (6/10), Nick Trofimuk corrected the location of an 8,000' house "in Galisteo" (actually in Commonweal's Galisteo Basin Preserve) stating that our village dates to the 1500s (!) and is "no way a part of the Galisteo Basin Preserve" -- expressing concern about water. A subsequent opinion piece from Jan Willem Jansens praised Commonweal's preservation program.

Good press for Turkey Vultures as biologists explain how they "are a natural way of cleaning the environment, taking carcasses and preventing disease" with their "ironclad stomachs."

Albuquerque is the 4th driest city in the nation (average annual rainfall 9.47 inches), according to the Trust for Public Land.



WHY SO MANY WESTERN TANAGERS?

Jan Saunders

So many Galisteans reported mobs of stunning Western Tanagers at their suet feeders this May that I felt duty-bound to search out an explanation for this unprecedented concentration of what I consider *the most beautiful bird in the world*.

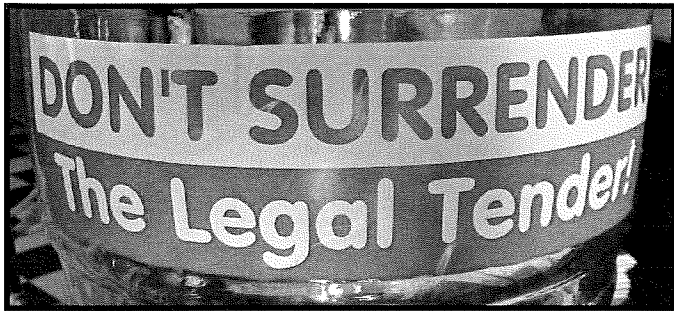
Here's what I found out.

In her Wild Birds Unlimited column in *The New Mexican*, Anne Schmauss explained the phenomenon this way: "Yes, the deep drought has compressed the corridor of migration so that birds are more dependent on backyard feeders and birdbaths. With no rain, few leaves, and fewer insects, birds that don't normally frequent our feeders for seeds are finding that suet cakes are just the ticket for desperately needed nourishment."

In addition to the drought, strong weather systems stalled over southern Colorado caused birds to stay put in New Mexico. Not unlike people caught in an airport when outgoing flights are cancelled, birds began to "stack up" and "pile up" in the same fast food lines in an avian holding pattern. Backyard bird feeders were never so vital.

May 2013 brought the most amazing birding I have ever experienced. The Galisteo Bosque, a well-known *hot spot*, got even hotter as it provided shelter to many exquisite rare species such as Painted and American Redstarts; Scarlet, Summer and Hepatic Tanagers; Lazuli Buntings; a pair of Blue-winged Teal, an Eastern Blue Jay and an Eastern Towhee, to mention a few.

As a result, the Bosque was a daily scene of fired-up birders flitting about attached to binoculars, camera, iPods, bird guides and smart phones in a desperate effort to get the low-down and a "good look" at the rare species of the day. It was wild. It was wonderful. Feed the birds.



It worked! If you've been following the Legal Tender saga, you know that thanks to regional community support (and attorney Brian Egolf), Cindy and John Jednak won the legal battle with the Lamy Railroad and History Museum (which wanted a "smaller" restaurant). The Legal Tender is back on track. Yee haw!

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MORE EVENTS: July 14th, 9-12: archeological tour of the Galisteo Basin Preserve with Cherie Scheick; Aug. 2, 5-8:30: picnic and geology tour with Kurt Kempter. (Call 982-0071.)

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