

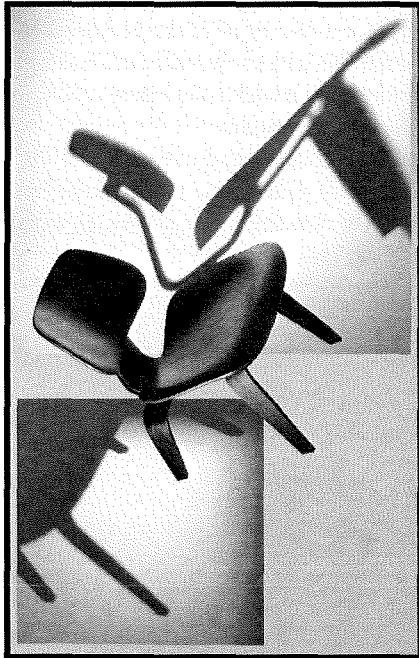
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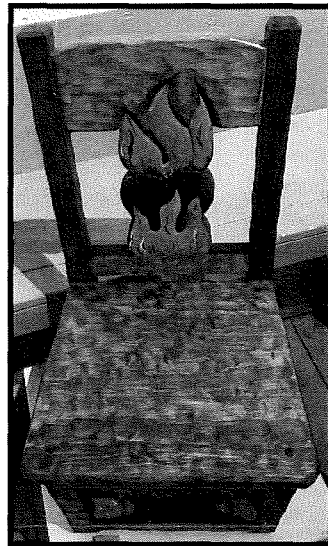
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“BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE”

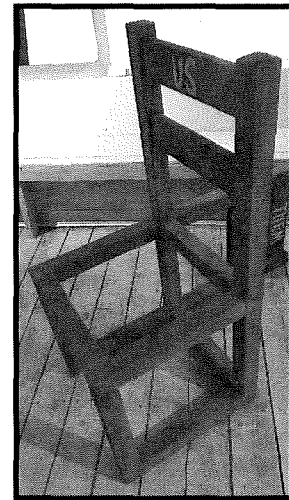
The gala opening of the chair show at La Sala on May 26th, with jazz guitar by Pat Malone, attracted some 170 viewers. More than 40 artists from Galisteo and beyond offered functional and non-functional, playful and critical works. The show is open Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 to 5:00, through September 16.



Nick Merrick, *Eames LCW*



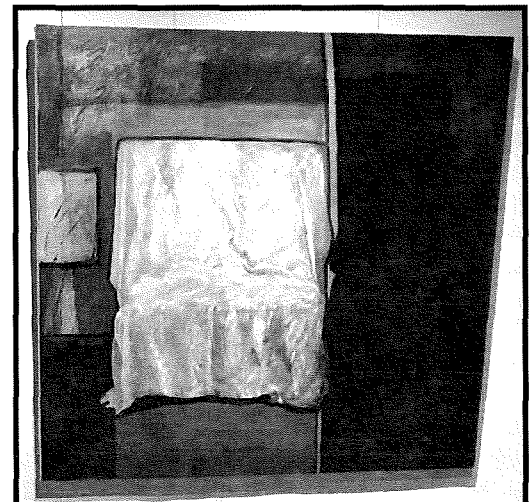
Matthew Duran, *Sacred Heart*



Peggy Diggs, *Us & Them*



Tom Berg, *Gail's Mexican Chair and Universal Chair*



Vernon Wilson, *Separation with Yellow Light*

LA SALA LECTURE SERIES

Nick Merrick's well-attended slide talk, "Beauty and Structure: Interpretive Architectural Photography" on June 14th, was an illuminating account of his own long career. **Next up: author and film historian Jeff Berg's "Made in New Mexico," June 28th at 7PM.** He will show film clips from 1912 to c.2015, It's free. Audience participation encouraged.

TO PAVE OR NOT TO PAVE? THAT IS THE QUESTION

Elizabeth Rose (with apologies to William Shakespeare)

*alas poor Galisteo I see thee still,
thy land bare to the New Mexican sky
thy dust upon which coyote's padding tread marks his trail
alas poor Galisteo I knew her well
throne to Jack Rabbit
she has borne me on her back a thousand times
welcomed the scratch of quail
rain's gentle shower and pounding hail
the burning sun*

*how abhorred in my imagination it is the black river
of death
foreseen by the ancient guardians of this world
my gorge rises at it
I will tie black ribbon about my arm to speak my mourning
to your eternal entombment*

SONGS OF THE TIMES

Picture this; I'm sitting on bleachers in anticipation of what I am about to witness. The stage is dark, and suddenly there is smoke coming up from it. Then very bright lights shine on four individuals wearing costumes of some kind. The smoke disappears, and very loud music pierces my ears. A young man sitting directly in front of me is moving his head forward so fast to keep in sync with the beat that I'm wondering how his neck will feel tomorrow. He seems to be feeling no pain right now.

Meanwhile, my sons are sitting on either side of me, and I'm getting a little peeved at them because they keep moving me from one place to another. Finally, I ask, "why are you guys moving me? I can't see the show." They tell me those guys are blazing, and we don't want you to get a contact high. Now, being naïve about all of this, I'm wondering what a "contact high" means. I'm finally allowed to stay in one spot and enjoy the music. There is quite a bit I don't know about these concerts, and what goes on there. For the most part, it was alright. It's certainly not what I was accustomed to listening to, but for one evening it was entertainment. The crowd was eager to please their entertainers too. When the camera light shone on different areas of the audience, some girls were lifting up their shirts, and creating a show of their own.

It certainly was a night to remember. Imagine me, someone who is used to music from the Big Band Era, and New Mexico Spanish, sitting in the audience of a heavy metal concert and listening to "Motley Crue." This experience takes me back to the time I took an English class with a room full of youngsters. The instructor requested that we write a paper on something we really loved and enjoyed in life. Well, that was an easy subject for me. I've always loved music, and I can get lost listening to Glen Miller, and all those Big Bands, so my paper was on my passion for music from the old time bands.

It was interesting when we read our papers in class, because the only one who knew about the Big Band Era was the instructor.

I had to explain to all the young people that another time existed, and other music was made for listening, dancing, and just plain enjoying the sounds.

CONSERVE WATER, IN THESE DRY TIMES

The average U.S. household of four uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day, but Santa Fe County has reduced this to 200 gallons. Small changes can make a big difference, becoming second nature. Here are some tips from the State EPA:

Short showers: 5 minutes uses four to five gallons compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath. Rinse and shut-off, lather, rinse.

Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.

Water-efficient showerheads are inexpensive, easy to install, and can save up to 750 gallons a month.

Run clothes washer and dishwasher only when full, and save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

Water plants before 10 or after 6, 3 times a week max, slowly, so soil can absorb it. Check drip system for disconnected heads, which can leak lots of water; set auto controls for early morning hours before the heat rises; use lots of mulch.

Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Use low-flow toilets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.

Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill! See www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

UPDATE ON SPIRIT WIND DEVELOPMENT

Daniel Martinez, an associate of notorious developer Joe Miller, led a public hearing at the former Country Store in Eldorado on June 22 to inform Lamy and other nearby communities about the Spirit Wind West Subdivision -- planned (and permitted) just south of the Railway tracks on US 285. The plan has been in the works since 1994, so it proceeds under the old County Code, as a result of a settlement with the County. Water rights (7.9 acre feet) have been procured through Eldorado Water, and an archeological survey has been completed.

Barker Realty is handling the 39 lots (3 acres with water hookup included = \$89,000 each). Buyers can build their own homes or take the developer's. Covenants were amended to allow horses, barns and fencing. Much of the discussion focused on the maximum of 12 "modular" homes (that apparently meet affordable housing requirements); the rest are "stick-built." Martinez insisted that "modular" (i.e. prefabricated) homes placed on permanent cement foundations are not "manufactured" homes. Despite a one-story limit, two stories may be allowed given the right topography. Walking, biking and equestrian trails will connect to the Basin Preserve and Lamy open space/park. The 285 ALL Steering Committee will review the proposed covenants. Still under revision is Miller's Cimarron Shopping Mall up past the gas station. It will be publicly presented in July. (Like we need another mall?)

PEDACITOS/BITS AND PIECES

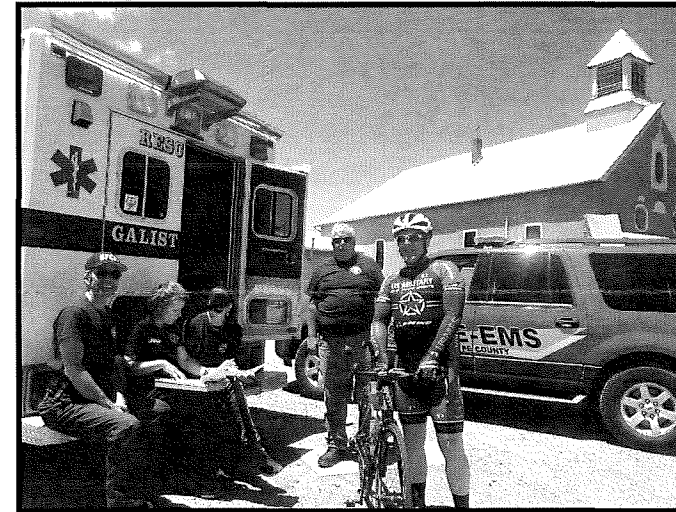
The GVFR has installed signs at several key points in the village and on NM41 to remind the community and those driving through of the **extreme fire danger** we face.

Jan-Willem Jansens published a major article on the recent history of reclamation and sustainability efforts in the **Galisteo watershed**, in which the villages plays a prominent role. ("The Galisteo Wildway" in the latest *Green Fire Times*).

A nattily dressed **David Burk** was pictured in *The New Mexican* (6/4) participating in a dance program for those with Parkinson's disease.

Sina Brush wrote a letter to the editor of *The New Mexican* (6/4) on the potential bear invasion due to drought and lack of forage in the mountains. She notes that every day less than perfect vegetables and fruit are discarded by grocery stores: "Why can't that food be dropped from helicopters to draw those animals back where they belong and save them from certain death?...It's a human relatively simple solution."

Bears were also the subject of a feature in *The New Mexican* (5/26) headlined "Watch Out for Bears in Dry Summer." The reporter, Andy Stiny, lists the following precautions: Don't leave food or pet dishes out at night; Don't put sweet-smelling or meat scraps in compost; clean and store outdoor grills after use; pick fruit from trees when ripe and don't leave it to rot on the ground; remove bird feeders. If you encounter a bear: give it plenty of room to escape and pick up small children; make yourself larger by holding out your jacket [jacket? In this weather?]. If attacked fight back with anything at hand and aim for nose and eyes; if the bear hasn't seen you, stay calm and move slowly away, making noise so it knows you are there. Most important: Never get between a bear and her cubs. (Camping instructions are even more complicated.)



GVFR stalwarts at Century Race (photo: J. Watson-Jones)

Our activist neighbor to the west, UNM professor Kim Sorvig, wrote a letter to *The New Mexican* (6/5) on Mora County's **fracking controversies**, noting that Santa Fe County did it right when they protected the Galisteo Basin from drilling in 2008 (in which many Galisteans were actively involved): "The ordinance we passed has become a national model and is the basis of Mora's current efforts. It holds industry responsible, up-front, for costs it usually expects taxpayers to subsidize." It remains to be seen

how the bills proposed by NM Rep. Steve Pearce to undermine any environmental concerns and encourage fossil fuel extraction will affect the Santa Fe ordinance.

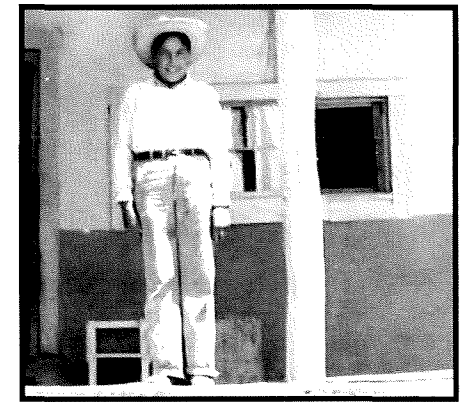
Patrick McFarlin is showing *Tangents on Publications*, paintings and prints, at Collected Works in Santa Fe. An opening reception was held on June 23rd.

Peggy Diggs and **Ed Epping** contributed major pieces to the exhibition OUTRAGE ("Two dozen artists show you how they really feel") at City of Mud in Santa Fe. Crowds of viewers, music, poetry and performances marked the June 15th opening.

Shirley Melis Hirsch did a reading of her book *Banged-Up Heart* at the Coffee Wheel in Eldorado on June 6. Also this month she was in New York at the Copacabana night club to accept a Best Adult Non-Fiction Personal E-Book award from Independent Publishers.

The Chi Center has added many amenities and events. For details, go to their website.

Manuel Romero Chavez passed away at age 91 on June 14. Born to Faustin and Juanita (Romero) Chavez in the Ortiz mountains, he was raised in Galisteo. One of his surviving children is the artist Kenny Chavez, who sent *El Puente* this picture of his father, age 15, on the steps of the family home facing the church (now Lopez-Watermann). He wanted to be buried with all his family's generations in the Galisteo cemetery.



HELP FOR THE OLD CEMETERY

For the last month or so, Michael Moquin has been working to restore and mud-plaster the front of the gates and the *oratorio* (chapel) in the old cemetery on The Hill. Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios is now under the aegis of Santa Maria de La Paz, and Fr. Daniel Balizan has permitted the project. Moquin was hoping for some volunteers -- but so far no one has stepped up.

Around the first of June, some people knocked over and broke in half some ten or twelve headstones, some of which had been repaired the last time we did restoration and maintenance. It has been reported to the police.

In order to continue with the restoration process, rebuild some of the wall on the north and south sides, put new beams on the chapel, cap the whole wall, fill caved-in graves, and fix the broken headstones, we will need volunteers. Mr. Moquin will train them to mix the mud and apply it to the walls. The pastoral and finance council has approved a set amount for another 60 hours of work for the worst parts of the chapel. That will be it, until we can collect enough to continue. Your generous donations will preserve this historical cemetery. Make out your checks to: **Galisteo Cemetery, PO Box 98, Cerrillos, NM, 87010.**

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