

# EL PUENTE DE GALISTEO

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## WATER ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

by Joe Cooper

The 1999 annual meeting of the Galisteo Domestic Water Consumers' Association was held on March 8 at the Community Center. Attendance was the highest in recent years, easily reaching a quorum.

Romona Scholder reported a healthy financial condition with a decrease in delinquent accounts.

Foreman Roman Attenberger and Jim Sloan reported on the installation of a new 8" main line, a bigger tank, and six new fire hydrants. Although they fixed some leaky connections along the line, we must all be on the lookout for other leaks that could waste water and reduce pressure. Installation is now virtually completed and the system seems to be working. But some residents have reacted negatively to the inevitable water outages and traffic disruptions. Hopefully, these ill feelings are now behind us and the entire community will realize and appreciate that the new system will provide better fire protection and can mean lower insurance rates for all of us.

Following up on a brainstorming session the week before, members considered how to reorganize the Association to meet current and future needs and how to spread the responsibility and workload more evenly among the entire membership. It was suggested that, working within the current by-laws, we should encourage the sharing of certain jobs and form working groups made up of Board and non-Board members to do the tasks that need to be done. The membership endorsed these ideas and elected the following:

**PRESIDENT:** Rod Hall, succeeding Steve Moya who was congratulated for his work on the system.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Scott Diffrient.

**SECRETARY:** Joe Cooper

**TREASURER:** Catharine Fleming, who will work with Romona Scholder.

**BOARD MEMBER:** Steve Moya.

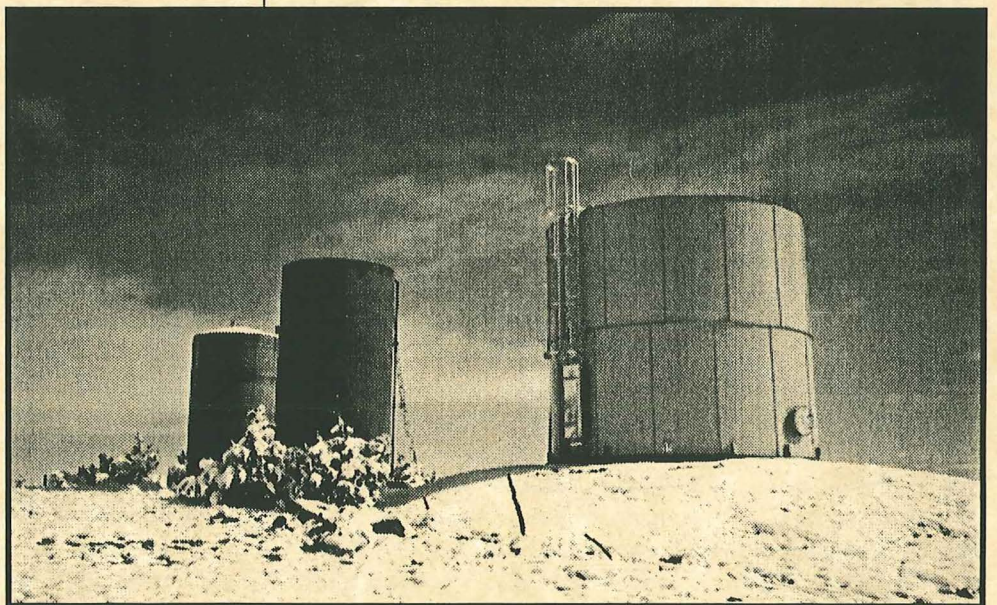
**ALTERNATE:** Antonio Chavez, who is also Assistant Foreman.

All of the above were elected for two-year terms, joining Board Member Lisa Griego and Alternate Teresa Montoya, who each have one remaining year.

Among the various working groups being considered are: *Mechanical* (making the system work more efficiently); *Legal Affairs*; *By-Law Revisions*; *Violations*; *Future Planning and Fund-Raising*. Those wishing to serve in any of these groups or wanting to suggest others should contact a Board Member.

As the Board gets organized, we plan to publish regular reports in *El Puente* and encourage members of the community to share their ideas with us.

The new tank holds 54,000 gallons and stands twenty feet high. A gauge on the side like a large ruler measures feet starting with "one" at the top. A float inside the tank measures the water level and guides an external red marker which shows the number of feet of water inside. If the marker reads halfway between 17 and 18, there are about 17 1/2 feet of water in the tank. Jim Sloan says that all tanks of this type measure fill level in this way, even though it may seem upside down. Our deepest thanks to Jim and all those who made it possible.



The new tank. (Photo: Richard Shuff)

## GCA DOINGS

by Barbara Cooper

At the end of March the GCA launched its first fund drive by writing to all members of the community, including those who live here part-time. We are hopeful that monies received in this drive will enable us to plan ahead and undertake new projects. Donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted.

Now is the time to contribute whatever you can to this special village in which you live. We are dedicated to preserving its character. And we do need money to do so. Our hope is that an annual fund drive will mean that we do not need to keep asking for money throughout the year.

In February a new committee of the GCA Board was formed to research our community-held properties. Barbara Holloway and Wendy Monroe will research this at the County Courthouse, with the goal of eventually marking the common land with educational signage. They are hoping that community members will alert them to information or documents that might help their search.

## WHAT WAS THE CADIAL?

by Lucy R. Lippard

One place to begin the search for common lands would be to define the *Cadial* (or *Cadillal*), a word scholars don't seem familiar with. In talking to village elders, I have often heard references to this strip of common grazing land that ran more or less parallel to the San Cristobal Ranch at the village's east boundary, down to around the Rodeo Grounds, but it is turning out to be hard to define. I thought the word *cadial* simply meant common grazing land, but Sarapio Montoya told me that it means cocklebur pasture. Luis Chavez has also been helpful about its location. But I have yet to find anyone outside the village who knows the term. It must be pretty local, which makes it all the more interesting.

In the book *In the Footsteps of an Educator: Memoirs of Victoria D[avis] De Sanchez* (found in the Moriarty History Museum), the author, a granddaughter of Sylvester Davis, who married the thirteen-year-old Josefita Ortiz c. 1866 and lived in the Hacienda now occupied by Woody and Diana Gwyn, says that Davis "acquired the Cadial land grant and raised sheep."

In the 1860s American real estate values, which did not acknowledge common-use lands, were taking over those of the Pueblos, Spain, and Mexico. Lands originally in the *ejido* system were being bought and sold to individuals. The Davis grant (not usually called the Cadial Grant, unless that is a separate entity) was a patent for 164 acres granted him in 1891, almost thirty years after he arrived in Galisteo. According to David Kammer's research, this land was a "strip located between the Galisteo Creek and the townsite on the hill. Although parcels within the Davis patent have changed ownership over the past century, many of the contributing properties within the [Galisteo] historic district lie within the patent area or just to the east of it and can be traced to members of the extended Ortiz and Davis y Ortiz families."

The original Davis y Ortiz property centered on the hacienda compound, but Sylvester Davis also acquired other parcels over the years. I've been told the Cadial was acquired later by the

Ortiz y Pino family and Thomas Catron in partnership, around the turn of the century, I believe, when it was supposedly no longer being used for common grazing. (Perhaps by then it was overgrazed and had gone over to cockleburrs?)

I'd be grateful for any information about this and will keep *El Puente* readers apprised of further research.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

While reading the December issue I came across the "Teddy Roosevelt letter." I have done quite a bit of research on this and would like to correct some misconceptions.

This document is not actually a letter and Theodore Roosevelt probably had nothing to do with it. What you printed is a copy of a page from a General Land Office Patent Record Book. The General Land Office once managed all public land in the states and territories. In 1946 it was consolidated with the Grazing Service to become the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This document is a record of the land patent recorded in a Santa Fe County Book of Records (and re-recorded, in 1917, I think, after New Mexico achieved statehood). So what is a land patent?

A patent was issued to establish legal boundaries and ownership of "unclaimed land." Public land that had never been *deeded* could be acquired by patent, which established the rights of ownership just like an invention patent establishes ownership to a design. In the Territory of New Mexico, "unclaimed land" belonged to the Federal Government. A Patent Certificate, in this case No. 2388, was issued by the General Land Office, as proof of the granting of the patent and thereby ownership.

The name of Teddy Roosevelt (President of the U.S. from 1901 to 1909) appears on the document not because he was personally involved in the granting of the patent, but because the sitting president was referred to in every Land Patent record. It is possible that he was returning political favors. I suppose one could find out if Candelario Martinez was in the Spanish American War in 1898, but I think the document is more important than just a letter from a President.

It is important because it establishes the priority of community land, held "in trust for the general use and benefit of the occupants of the townsite of Galisteo."

Candelario Martinez, to whom this patent was granted, was a probate judge of Santa Fe County. The question is, did he acquire the patent as an individual or as an official representing Santa Fe County? I put this question to a Santa Fe County Attorney a few years ago and he thought that a case could be made for the latter. If that could be done, then the County of Santa Fe holds title to the remaining land in this patent. It also bears the responsibility of protecting and defending the land, "for the general use and benefit of the occupants of the townsite of Galisteo."

Are there other patented land parcels held in trust for other villages in New Mexico? Who was Candelario Martinez and why did he establish this trust for Galisteo? Why was this trust status for two hundred and nine acres forgotten?

I'm sure the answers to these and other questions are in the several archives in Santa Fe. Someone should dig deeper.

Patrick Mehaffy

**NOTE: THE OPEN FORUMS BEFORE THE GCA BOARD MEETINGS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH HAVE BEEN CHANGED FROM 6:30 TO 7:00 PM. THE NEXT ONE IS APRIL 19TH AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.**

## PEDACITOS/ BITS AND PIECES

Last month **Jane Hiltbrand's** dog was killed on Route 41 by a hit and run driver. (She owns Bill Kastle's house under the hill east of 41.) Watch your animals if you live near this speedway.

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**Shaun Gilmore's** painting *Rake* won the second prize in "Contemporary Art '99," an art exhibition held at the Art Center of Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. Entries from six states were juried by SITE Santa Fe director Louis Grachos.

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The **WIPP** trucks are rolling by on Route 285 now, about a mile and a half from Galisteo. It's kind of scary, since local fire departments are not physically equipped to deal with WIPP-related accidents.

There are ongoing legal protests in court and demonstrators have met the trucks on the road. Protests have been hampered by constantly changing schedules, bad weather, and nocturnal hours, but those opposed to radioactive hazardous waste moving through the city and onto less than safe highways were present when the first shipment came off the unfinished Relief Route onto Airport Road. The trucks from Los Alamos are not always passing through at the times previously agreed upon (1 to 5AM, when there is less city traffic abroad) and Santa Fe Mayor Larry Delgado is still negotiating with the Department of Energy, now headed by former WIPP opponent Bill Richardson.

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The **Galisteo Basin Legislative Proposal** held a community meeting and slide show at the Saint Joseph's Hall in Cerrillos on March 23. The speakers were Mark Michel, president of the Albuquerque-based Archaeological Conservancy, and John Roney, an archaeologist from the BLM. They gave a persuasive argument for protection of sites from La Cienega to Arroyo Hondo to Pa'ako (near Golden on Route 14) and including the great pueblo ruins of the Galisteo Basin. The legislation will be based on a 1980 act to protect 39 Chaco Canyon outliers. Senator Domenici reportedly sees this as one of his major achievements.

If these pueblos had been built of stone instead of adobe, the area would be more important than Chaco. The 24 sites covered by this proposal total ca. 3500 acres. The legislation calls for enhanced protection of publicly owned sites, encourages the Secretary of the Interior to develop voluntary cooperative agreements with private owners of sites and to acquire lands within the sites' boundaries on a voluntary basis. Those available would be acquired by donation, purchase or exchange. A general management plan would be prepared for identification, research, protection and public interpretation.

There will be a similar meeting in Galisteo sometime soon. The organizers encourage people to write to Bingamen, Domenici, Udall and Wilson in favor of this initiative.

## HERE THEN/ AQUÍ ANTES

### KAMMER REPORT COMPLETE

Historian David Kammer has completed his house-by-house inventory and narrative on the Galisteo Historic District for the New Mexico State Register of Cultural Properties. A copy of this impressive document will be kept in the new Archives at the Community Center. It's a great communal resource and we will be running quotes and sections from it, by permission, as part of *El Puente's* ongoing historical detective work.

For starters, yet another correction or two. In *El Puente* Issue #7 (September 1997) we said that the Galisteo grant of 1814-18 involved some 9,000 acres. What is usually called the Galisteo Grant was much later and was in fact only 260.79 acres, covering only the fields [now on the west side of Route 41 below the Hill] cultivated by the 19 grantees. These comprised the Galisteo Grant finally accepted in court in 1892. (The grantees, says Kammer, were claiming 21,740 acres which "included the townsite on the hill where the grantees had built their houses above the cultivated fields" but this was rejected.) The 1898 survey map of the allotments in the Galisteo Grant shows long thin strips of land running south from the Hill to the river and then a few others east of the river where it turns, between the river and what was then called Arroyo Atascasos (?— hard to read) which could be the current streambed or perhaps Arroyo San Cristobal. The list of grantees' names I got from an apparently less-than-accurate source often overlaps but also differs from those on the final map, which are (reading the plots from west to east): Rosa Sandoval, Miguel Lovato, Jesus Benavides, Jose Baca, Manuel Trujillo, Rafael Sena, Jose Antonio Bachiche (?), Miguel Roybal, Diego Pireda, Jose Antonio Alarid, Bartolo Lovato, Jose Lucero, Felipe Sandoval, Matias Sandoval, Luis Lovato, Ignacio Chaves, Rafael Lujan and A. Staab.

Kammer settles on the date of 1795 "as the basis for modern settlement in the Galisteo Basin." During the 18th century the Basin was used as grazing land for military livestock, or the *caballada*; patrols were sent to guard it and finally a small barracks was set up. "As many as 30 soldiers were often assigned to the grazing detail. On occasions they were also accompanied by civilians who were either drafted for a period of service or chose to follow with their own herds in order to take advantage of the protection offered by the army."

Here is an excerpt from the Kammer narrative on the settlement of Galisteo village. (More to come in future issues.)

"Most likely it was this grazing detail that was assigned to construct a small defensive barracks that marked the founding of the Spanish village of Galisteo. A report from Governor Alberto Maynez to the *alcaldes mayores* in 1808 lists a detachment of three soldiers at Galisteo. The specific site of the garrison, however, remains unclear. At least one local resident holds that the building located on the southeast portion of the former Davis y Ortiz hacienda [John Benjamin home] is the former soldiers' barracks, an assertion also stated in an unpublished manuscript prepared by students of the late architectural historian, Bainbridge Bunting. While the site's ready access to the waters of Galisteo Creek make this a logical location for a garrison, no known records support this argument....

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With the greater security provided by a small garrison, settlement soon followed, especially as civilians from Santa Fe sought to take advantage of the native grasses to graze their own livestock. Since people often squatted on lands prior to undertaking an official request for a land grant, it is difficult to determine an exact date of the first civilian settlement. The earliest known claim ....was that of Juan Cruz Aragon who received a grazing grant for land northeast of the present village in 1799. While the Court of Private Land Claims later rejected the claim, as it did many other claims that failed to pass the often-rigid legalisms imposed, it does offer evidence of settlement in the area by 1800. Indicative of the danger that still accompanied life in the area, the grant stipulated that Aragon provide himself with a bow and arrows or firearm to defend himself."

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Suggestions for length of preparedness range from City and County ("a few days") to PNM (2-3 days) to the Red Cross (a week to 10 days). PNM says there is a "low probability" of outages lasting more than 24 hours but outages are more likely in rural areas. All vacation and leave time for Santa Fe police and fire departments has been canceled for next New Year.

**THINK ABOUT:** Stocking up on food that doesn't need cooking; how you'll open cans; how you'll cook without a gas or electric stove, and how you'll keep warm.

**LOOK FORWARD** to food from the Galisteo communal garden being planted at Diana Gwyn's!

**QUIKSEND** at Eldorado (which often proves a godsend) asked us to remind you that they provide keys, copies, Fax, mailboxes, a Notary Public, and shipping by FedEx, UPS, and USPS.

**QUOTE FOR THE MONTH, OR YEAR, OR DECADE...**  
**"Change and Growth cannot be controlled, but they can be directed. Let towns define who they are and proclaim such. Then newcomers will know who they attempt to join."** - Christina Nealson (*Geronimo*, January 1999)

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