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***** **HAPPY NEW YEAR** ***** **FELIZ AÑO NUEVO** *****



JOSEPH MORGAN COOPER Jr.
(1933-2015)

Barbara Cooper

On October 15th, I lost my best friend of almost 70 years. It was a peaceful, quiet ending, for which I am grateful. Joe grew up in Syracuse, NY, spending many happy summers at his family retreat – The Pines, in Skaneateles, NY. He was a proud graduate of Phillips Exeter Academy and Yale University, and had a long career in corporate advertizing with Procter and Gamble, Eastern Airlines, Pan Am, and Xerox.

Joe and I met as children in ballroom dancing classes and we had a magic marriage of 58 years. In the early 1960s we

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moved with four children under the age of seven to Manila, the Philippines, where our fifth child was born. Five years later we all moved to Mexico City. Our life was full of discovery, adventure, and travel.

Twenty eight years ago, Joe chose early retirement and we bought the Lucas Anaya house on The Hill in Galisteo. After renovations, we moved in on June 1, 1987. At the time there were only 110 hardy souls in the village. When we arrived, Manuel Anaya, next door, welcomed Joe over the fence: "I understand that you are *buena gente*." And this we have always tried to be.

Joe worked for many years on the Water Board with Rod, Scott, and Anton, who became like sons to him. He was instrumental in the endless Lamy Well lawsuits. We were founding members of the Studio Tour and took part annually for 18 years. We also helped Lucy to found El Puente, now a beloved institution.

Joe was an artist, a reader, a bird lover, and a gentle and caring friend. His delicious sense of humor, his sonorous voice, deep laugh, and endless curiosity endeared him to (almost) everyone he met. As a close friend said, "There was always an element of surprise with Joe." To me he was a fun-loving and funny companion as we explored the world together. He often said, "We have gambled with our lives." And that we did together, loving each discovery of the new, the different, the interesting.

Joe lived a full life, adoring his five children, their spouses, his eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He has bequeathed to us all a gentle affirmation of life in its fullness and an optimistic, happy view of the world he knew for 82 years. We miss his bright spirit. Galisteo and our caring friends and neighbors have filled our lives with joy and now bring me great comfort. I am full of gratitude, and cannot grieve.

COUNTY CODE/ZONING, IMPERFECT... BUT APPROVED AT LAST

Both the SLDC (Sustainable Land Development Code) and Zoning Ordinance were approved during a packed marathon 7-hour session of the BCC (Board of County Commissioners) on December 8th. A number of personal and philosophical issues were presented by the public, and two in particular were raised by representatives of Galisteo, the Turquoise Trail Preservation Trust, and the Rural Conservation Alliance.

The first concerned setbacks for sand and gravel operations of 10 acres or less. The Ordinance includes a provision mandating that operations must be 200 feet from a roadway or property line. A number of people presented concerns that 200 feet provided insufficient protection from dust, noise, and traffic. At least 500 to 1,000 feet was recommended. The Commissioners did not address this except for one suggestion to possibly revisit the issue in July 2016, when the SLDC is open for review and revision.

[This comes up as the County faces three lawsuits by Albuquerque-based Buena Vista Estates, Inc. which had applied to blast, mine and crush basalt for construction on 50 acres the company owns on La Bajada Mesa. Under widespread public pressure, the BCC rejected its contract in order to protect the iconic southern entrance to Santa Fe.]

The second issue raised on Dec. 8 was a last-minute amendment presented by Commissioner Robert Anaya allowing family sub-division transfers of 40 acres within Agriculture/Ranch properties (which are zoned at 160 acres per dwelling). This could potentially be used to evade Master Planning requirements, opening a back door to developers. The purpose of the amendment was not well explained, and public discussion was limited. Yet it was approved by four Commissioners, with only Kathy Holian strongly opposed [as is *El Puente*.] (Thanks to Roger Taylor for this report.)

PEDACITOS/ BITS AND PIECES

Jean and Steve's son **Craig Moya**, with his wife **Heather**, has received a good dose of publicity for their **New Mexico Hard Cider Taproom**, which opened recently at the Luna Center (505 Cerrillos Rd.). A feature in *The New Mexican* (12/2) reports that Craig resigned from the Santa Fe County Fire Department to open his first bar. Apples first came from his uncle's 200-tree orchard in Villanueva, one of five orchards in Chimayo and Southern Colorado now sourced by the business. The ciders have catchy names --Doña Tules, Bruja's Apple Pie, Manzana Muerte, and Dry Mariachi (which took the gold medal at this year's State Fair).

The SF Reporter (11/25) devoted its weekly "3 Questions" to Craig, who ascribes the popularity of cider to its wide range of possibilities. Local ciders are less sweet than commercial ones, with no artificial flavors or colors. The taproom also has 15 beers on tap and Moya specializes in "small batch" offerings. Food can be ordered from next door at the Talin Market's noodle bar and from Bang Bite food truck. Plans are to show sporting events and "have lots of music." The bar is open Mon.-Thurs., 3-11PM, and 11AM-11PM Fri., Sat. and Sun. Support a born-and-raised Galisteños's startup!

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Sadly, **Los Pastores**, planned for Dec. 13th, was canceled due to weather and couldn't be rescheduled because the Belen troupe was booked through the holidays.

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From *The Santa Fe New Mexican* for Aug. 26, 1915: "News was received in the city today that **Antonio Ortiz y Pino**, the seven-months old son of **José Ortiz y Pino**, chairman of the board of county commissioners, died of whooping cough yesterday afternoon at his father's home in Galisteo. For months the baby had suffered with whooping cough...Mr. Ortiz did everything in his power to effect a cure, summoning numerous physicians and lavishing the best attention on the infant. The funeral took place this afternoon from the Catholic church, where services were held. Interment was in the Ortiz family plot in the Catholic cemetery."

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And in Nov. 21, 1965, *The New Mexican* reported a theatrical squabble between the Santa Fe Community Theatre and the Pink Garter Blackouts at the Lamy saloon later called **the Legal Tender** when both groups performed George Bernard Shaw's *Mesalliance* at the same time.

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Renee Villareal, who is running for the District 1 seat on the Santa Fe City Council, is fondly remembered as one of the County's liaisons with the Galisteo Community Planning Committee. Renee has three opponents and has been endorsed by retiring councilor Patti Bushee.

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Good news for local Amtrak passengers. The company has finally received a \$15 million grant from the US Department of Transportation to do track and service repairs here in order to keep the **Southwest Chief** rolling through Lamy and NM.

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Sina Brush, our most persistent writer of Letters to the Editor, deplored a recent State Game Commission decision to allow the mass killing of cougars, coyotes, and bears which, she notes, will mean more deer munching on forest vegetation that will be replaced by flammable undergrowth and more rodents--carriers of hantavirus and plague.

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An advertisement for women's designer clothes from Apiece Apart in New York says the new collection is "inspired by **Galisteo, New Mexico** and the wide open spaces of the Southwestern high desert."

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Some of us in SoGal have been worrying about a **shy but friendly dog** who appears to be a stray in this harsh weather. (Galisteo has a reputation as a good place to dump unwanted animals because we're "bleeding heart liberals.") He is a dark brindle with a white face and a neighbor feeds him now and then. If you know any more about his whereabouts, please contact *El Puente* so we can notify Animal Control if necessary.

BOSQUE RESTORATION PROJECT

From Roger Taylor

You may have noticed a cluster of vehicles by the old wooden bridge, and several men walking and placing flagged stakes along the Bosque. Thus began Phase 2 of the Galisteo River Restoration Project, involving survey work along the 25-acre project area (from the northern hogback to the Galisteo bridge on NM 41). A map of the actual work to be done along the route is being drawn up. It includes removals of invasive species such as Russian Olives and Salt Cedar (Tamarisk), and plantings of native species, such as grape vine, willow and other saplings.

At times surveyors may need to access the top of the higher banks along the Bosque in order to take sightings and readings. Phase 1 of the project involved negotiations and contracting of all parties involved: 3 State agencies (Dept. of Fish/Game/Wildlife; Dept. of the Environment; State Engineers Office), 5 subcontractors for surveys, permitting, and the actual removal and planting work; and 18 Landowner Agreements with those who have property along the Bosque banks. Although only 17 Landowners signed the Agreements, we managed to get a special exception from the State Engineers Office to continue. Without that exception, the grant funds would have had to be returned and the project would have been cancelled.

Phase 3 will most likely begin in January. The completed survey will be used to obtain final permits to conduct the work (probably in February). Once the surveys are completed, Roger Taylor (acting as Project Manager on behalf of the GCA) will discuss the more specific plans with each Landowner.

If you have any questions or concerns during this project, please contact Roger (505-466-3469 or clearskynm@gmail.com.)

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A December 10th statement from Fire Chief Jean Anaya Moya emphasizes the importance of the Bosque project for our communal safety. In the past few years, The GVFR has been concerned about several issues: "an explosive growth of underbrush and invasive species in the Bosque, heightening the fire danger threat. Flooding that is eroding the banks of the Galisteo River and causing silt build-up in the Bosque. Mosquito infestations that reduce our summer outdoor enjoyment."

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Elections by acclamation for officers in the GVFR were confirmed at the last business meeting over yet another scrumptious meal provided by Cindy Lux. The results: **Chief, Jean Moya; Assistant Chief, Jon Stern; Fire Captain, Jay Hetler; Secretaries, Barbara King and Janice Wall; Emergency Recorder, Wayne King; Treasurer, Frank Lux (who is also President of the 501C3 Friends of GVFR with Janice Wall as Vice-President)**. Congratulations and thanks to all for keeping us safe.

Holiday baskets will be distributed by GVFR members to elders in the village. During the Light Up A Life event in the Santa Fe Plaza on New Years Eve, there will farolitos lit in honor of villagers who passed away in 2015: **Will Mares, Evelyn Franceschi, and Joe Cooper**.

The phone book will be out around the first of the year. Donations of \$75 or more will receive a cool (or hot) T-shirt. Recipes are welcome for the GVFR Cookbook.

Welcome to new member Joshway Short. **And remember, volunteers (especially those interested in EMT training) are drastically needed.**



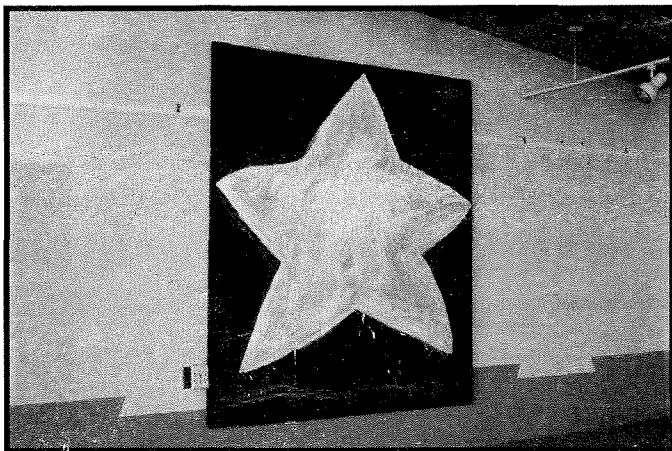
James Martinez and Ventura Herrera of CounterIntelligence installing the new GCC kitchen counter with GCA Board member Peggy Diggs. The kitchen remodel, led by Diggs, Barbara Seiler, and Shirley Hirsch, includes new granite countertops, sink, extended reach faucets, and re-painted cabinet doors. Mike Golino is also helping.

UPDATES

Saddleback Ranch is still in foreclosure and was approved for Ag/Ranch Zoning. Any future developer will have to re-file a new Master Plan under the new Code, and no lot smaller than 160 acres can be sold.

Commonweal: The Commonweal Master Plan Amendment (Galisteo Basin Preserve) has been approved to downsize the proposed development from 10,360 acres to 2,502 acres, as reported in the October issue of *El Puente*. The village of Galisteo notified the County of its concern on the zoning for the 8000 acres removed from the building plan which was still designated as "Planned Development District" (one dwelling per acre.) As a result, 6,146 acres are now proposed as "Ag/Ranch" (one dwelling per 160 acres) and the remaining 2,587 acres as "Rural" (one dwelling per 40 acres). The Ag/Ranch acreage is between the Preserve down to NM 41, along NM 41 to Cerro Pelon, and up Rte 42. The Rural acreage is along 42 on the other side of the RR tracks. Commonweal director Ted Harrison approved this and the Saddleback changes.

Turquoise Trail (Rte 14). A land swap was approved in which Industrial Zoning for a pristine 400 acre parcel on Rte 14 by the old Penitentiary -- was swapped for a Mixed Use Zoning parcel of 313 acres near I-25, meaning that the new Mixed Use designation can be used for movie sets and film-making, while a more appropriate parcel near I-25 is for Industrial use.



Star of Bethlehem painting installed in the Community Center for cancelled Los Pastores performance.

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