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Rockabilly replacement no go

□ The event founders are not on board with a placeholder event.

By Thomas Garcia
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An attempt to fill the void left by next year's absence of the annual Rockabilly on the Route event has been halted after event co-producer Ungie Davila called the proposal a 'theft of common law trademarks'.

During Wednesday's Lodger's Tax Advisory Board meeting, an event called Rockin' Route 66 was proposed by City Commissioner Robert Lumpkin and Brian

Whitcomb of Hot Pan Productions.

"After discussions with residents (and) tourist and event producers, the consensus was unanimous, we'd be crazy to let this event go away, even for a year," Lumpkin said.

Whitcomb and Lumpkin were requesting \$25,000 from the Lodger's Tax to promote and put on the event they stated would be a placeholder until Rockabilly returned.

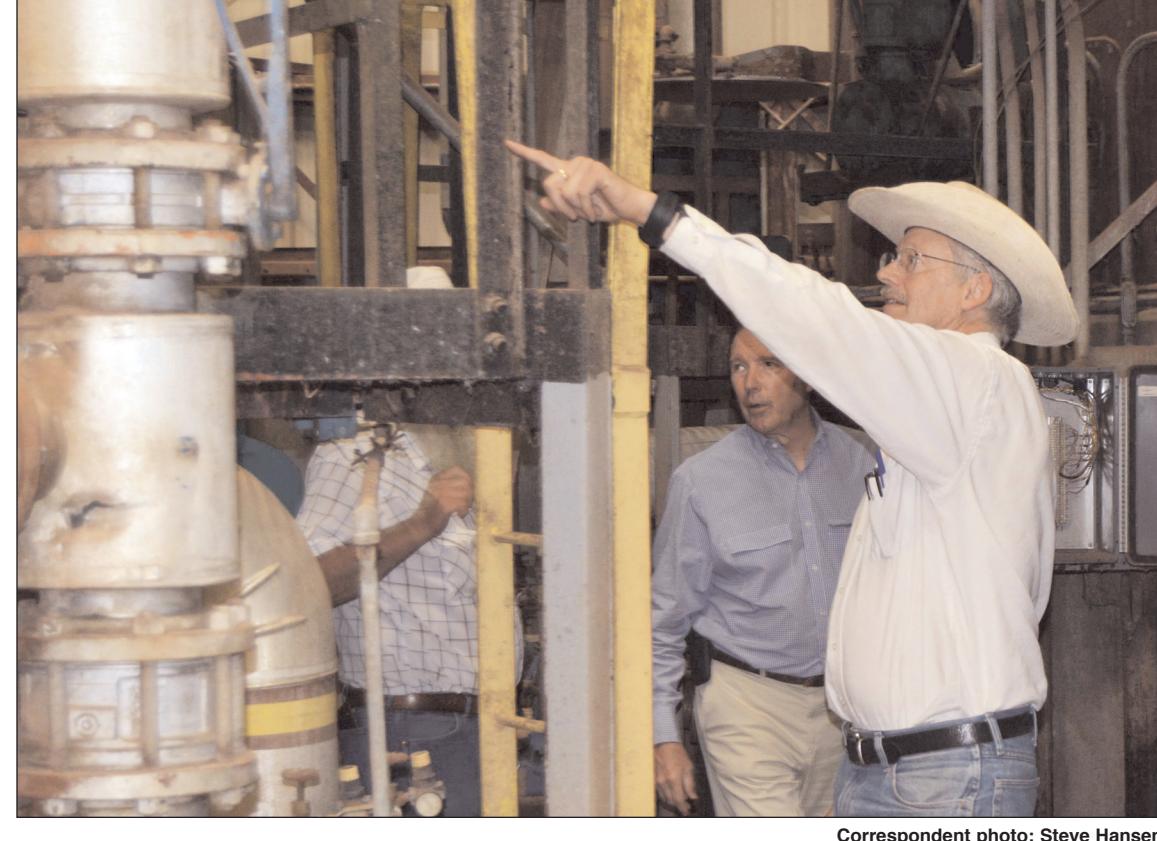
Rockabilly's co-producers Simon Cantlon and Davila announced in 2016 that they were going to take a year off following this year's event. Cantlon said the two needed to take some time off

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Staff photo: Thomas Garcia

Rockabilly on the Route co-producer Ungie Davila reads a letter to the Lodger's Tax Advisory Board Wednesday expressing her and Simon Cantlon's disapproval for a proposed Rockabilly-type event.



Correspondent photo: Steve Hansen

Bob Hockaday explains a device in the old Tucumcari ethanol plant to U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-New Mexico, on a plant tour. Hockaday plans to convert the plant into a waste-to-energy facility.

Sen. Udall tours planned facility

□ The waste-to-energy plant may create as many as 20 jobs.

By Steve Hansen
QCS CORRESPONDENT

To Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., the waste-to-energy facility planned for Tucumcari's old ethanol plant is part of the solution to the current economic depression of New Mexico and rural America.

On July 5, Udall toured the facility with Tucumcari's Bob Hockaday, the scientist who plans to develop the waste-to-energy plant, and local officials.

In an interview after the tour, Udall said the planned waste-to-energy facility is a prime example of the kind of action that could pull New Mexico and the rural U.S. out of their current economic stagnation.

It combines a new agriculture-based business opportunity with a continuing need for renewable energy and could be a major step in making New Mexico "a big renewable energy exporter," when added to existing solar and wind energy installations, Udall said.

In addition, he said, he learned the facility may create as many as 20 skilled labor jobs.

The feedstock for the plant would be cattle manure collected at feedlots in eastern New Mexico and West Texas, Hockaday said.



Correspondent photo: Steve Hansen

Tucumcari Mayor Ruth Ann Litchfield talks with U.S. Sen. Tom Udall as Phillip Box, a Quay County farmer, looks on.

Removing manure from feedlots, he said, could help preserve groundwater quality by preventing contaminants from leaking into the soil.

The Hereford, Texas, area will be an especially plentiful source, Hockaday said.

Hockaday is planning to convert plant equipment designed for ethanol manufacturing, including large processing and storage tanks, for pulverizing then processing manure and maybe some food waste to produce methane gas for motor fuel and carbon dioxide for greenhouses.

Hockaday purchased the ethanol plant in May 2016 with \$87,200 he received in Local

Economic Development Act (LEDA) funds, which are provided through a special gross receipts tax paid by Tucumcari residents and businesses.

Earlier, Hockaday, a former physicist with the Los Alamos National Laboratory, had received a \$50,000 planning grant through LEDA.

In addition to plentiful manure supplies, Hockaday said his process will use acidic wastewater from the Tucumcari Mountain Cheese Factory, which will make use of cheese-processing waste that can potentially cause problems at Tucumcari's

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Q & A

Senator discusses military, health care, immigration

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., was on a visit through eastern New Mexico last week.

He toured Cannon Air Force Base and met with Clovis community leaders and Eastern New Mexico University leadership, along with his visit to Tucumcari.



Udall

Udall, a former state attorney general and member of the House of Representatives, is in his second term as senator.

The following are questions he was asked by reporters of the Eastern New Mexico News during his visits to Clovis and Cannon:

What brings you here?

I'm here because I love Clovis. I just wanted to visit with people, as you can see from what we did here, on the things that are going on in Washington. We want to protect health care, as I talked about. There's a prohibition on lifetime (coverage) limits. We want that to stay. We don't want them to be able to put a lifetime limit on it. We don't want them to have preexisting conditions that prevent people from getting health care. We want those kids to be able to stay on their parents' policies until the age of 26. There's a lot of health care issues I wanted to visit on. Right now, in Washington, they're about ready to repeal a health care law and it would do all of those bad things.

Continuing with that ... consider the gridlock in D.C., Republicans' consistent efforts at repealing the Affordable Care Act, their difficulties so far getting something they can pass via reconciliation (requiring only 50 votes) and Democrats' willingness to filibuster. Is there a chance any meaningful health care legislation gets done?

We want to work with them in a bipartisan way to improve upon the Affordable Care Act. We've made a number of proposals. We're saying, "If you want to bring down the costs of prescription drugs, we're ready to work with you. If you want to work with us on bringing down the overall costs to health care, we're willing to work with you. If you want to work with us on bringing down premiums, we're willing to work with you." They have not said they're ready to do that, but we

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wastewater treatment plant.

Hockaday said the plant should produce fuel for the trucks that will haul manure to the facility and haul away the solids remaining after

processing, while recycling greenhouse gases like methane and carbon dioxide.

David White, a Tucumcari resident, has plans for the carbon dioxide. White intends to construct greenhouses next to the plant in which he plans to produce vegetables and food fish in a process called 'aquaculture.'

The plants will be raised without soil in nutrient-enriched water surrounded by a carbon-dioxide enriched atmosphere, he said. The fish will help keep the water clean and productive while they grow, White said.

Udall said he was especially glad to hear about the

waste-to-energy plans directly from Hockaday.

"He knows the science and the water and energy problems," Udall said.

He added he would like to see more ideas designed to assist the state's economy emerge from the Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories.

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and I are ready to step forward. They're doing this bill that you're talking about totally with Republican votes, which is completely opposite of the way we did the Affordable Care Act. We had an open process, their process is behind closed doors. Our process had 141 Republican amendments that were accepted, so we had an open process and we accepted amendments. We took two years. They're doing it overnight in closed-door, secret meetings. It's a pretty bad process.

You said you wanted to work to improve the Affordable Care Act, which seems like an important distinction. Do you think you can approach a position of what you can do to improve the American Health Care Act?

I don't think so. What I view this as, the president is pushing this, he's saying, "Just repeal." This is Trumpcare, and Trumpcare's going to be very bad for America, and particularly bad for New Mexico.

Speaking of President Trump, have you had an opportunity to meet with him on anything?

We've told him, "We want to work with you on infrastructure." Democrats have put a proposal together on infrastructure. There couldn't be anything people in New Mexico would like better than a bipartisan infrastructure bill — build roads, renovate schools, build bridges, things like that. You put people to work, help communities, help small businesses.

What makes you so passionate about the military?

We live in a very dangerous world; we need a strong, capable military, and we need to always be asking questions. That's why I like to eat lunch with the average folks here. I told them I wanted to have lunch with the airmen. They seem like they're very committed to their mission.

Do you feel like another round of base closures should take place?

I think that we should try to listen to the reasons coming from many of the administration. We've now had two administrations who have argued for (base realignment and closures). In the last four or five years, most of the time when I come and I talk about the things I want to see done, they say, we can do a lot more if you let us have a BRAC. That's the administration side.

I don't see any real interest in the Congress right now in going through a BRAC. And I hear that from my Republican colleagues, the people that I work with on the defense subcommittee and others.

We're (legislators) a little reluctant right now, and we're not convinced it's needed right now, so that's kind of where we are.

I feel pretty good about our three Air Force bases here (in New Mexico). I think we've seen major improvements. Holloman (Alamogordo) has just attracted two new squadrons of F-16 fighters, and Kirtland (Albuquerque) has always been strongly tied into Sandia National Laboratories. And they've grown.

And the real thing that's important to these three is this is the best flying space in the whole country. If you're a base in the middle of a big city and that city has commercial aircraft — like Phoenix — then you're in a much different situation.

If another BRAC were to take place, your feelings would be that Cannon is still needed?

Yes. First of all, the conflicts we're going to have in the future very much involve special operations, more than big armies being deployed. You're seeing more and more smaller confrontations; you're seeing the surveillance that's done (by special ops).

There are only two (special operations bases) — there's an east and a west special operations in the Air Force, and one's in Florida and one's here. Those have grown over the last 10 years ...

I think the military is looking more and more at the kinds of conflicts we've been in and realizing that there are going to be more of these insurgency-type operations, the guerrilla war-type operations, so we need to be prepared for that and special operations is where you want to be to do that and the remotely piloted aircraft.

The military is increasingly seeing we need to adjust to the kind of conflicts we have.

Your website references coming up with a "long-term, comprehensive solution to fix our immigration system."**What does that entail?**

Part of a long-term plan, first of all, is that we have 11 million people in the United States of America that are undocumented.

ed. The first thing you need to do is figure out how you're going to deal with that situation.

Some of the people are people who are coming here to work, but they don't want to be citizens; they just want to continue to work — that's a more discreet problem to deal with. That's a very important part to New Mexico, because we are a big agricultural state, and we need the people here.

Many of the people who come here are coming here to have a better life or to have a better life for their families.

I think if they're here in the United States and they haven't broken the law, they've obeyed all the rules and paid their taxes, they should be put on a path to citizenship. And it's a path to earn citizenship.

The second part is they're coming here for jobs, so you have employers who are hiring many of them, and they shouldn't be hiring them. What we try to do is to make sure that in the future, if you're hiring people who are illegal, you're going to be punished for it.

The other side of it is the undocumented people who are here who are criminals, they should be deported — violent criminals, people with criminal records, people who have come here to deal drugs — we need to have a really strong effort to make sure that they don't stay.

— Compiled by managing editors Kevin Wilson and Alisa Boswell

JULY 1960

- A tourist information center opened in Tucumcari managed by Bob Field.
- Six Tucumcari Boy Scouts attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Colorado Springs. They were John Dunn, Billy Jackson, Allan Isbell, Terry Turner, John Funk and Larry Williams.

■ Evans Foodway advertised two-pound packages of Campfire bacon for 98 cents, rib steaks for 59 cents a pound, three dozen eggs for \$1 and 10 pounds of sugar for 98 cents.

■ Nita Re Parker and



Leroy Howard, Quay County 4-Hers, were awarded a trip to California from the Talent Club of the Producers Grain Corp.

— Compiled by QCS staff

Events calendar**Thursday**

- City Commission Work Shop: 5 p.m., Tucumcari City Hall
- City Commission: 6 p.m., Tucumcari City Hall

July 19

- Tucumcari/Quay Regional Emergency Communication Board: 10 a.m., Tucumcari City Hall

July 24

- Quay County Commission: 9 a.m., Quay County Courthouse
- Library Advisory Board: 5:15 p.m., Tucumcari Library

July 25

- City Finance Board: 10 a.m., Tucumcari City Hall
- Economic Development Corporation: Noon, EDC offices
- Planning and Zoning Advisory Board: 5:15 p.m., Tucumcari City Hall

July 27

- Housing Authority Board: 5 p.m., Tucumcari City Hall

Senior menus

The following are the menus for the Tucumcari and Logan senior centers for today through July 19:

Coffee, tea and milk served daily

Logan

Thursday: Red chili beef enchiladas, salsa corn, salad with dressing, apple cobbler

Friday: Spaghetti, salad with dressing, spinach, garlic bread, sugar cookie

Monday: Philly steak, French fries, broccoli, cantaloupe

Tuesday: Pork ribs, baked potato, margarine, salad with

Wednesday: Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, turnip greens, toss salad, biscuit, margarine, peanut butter cookie

Thursday: Lasagna, honey glazed carrots, garlic bread, orange, lemon bar

dressing, potluck roll, tapioca pudding

Wednesday: Chicken fettuccini, cauliflower, margarine, garlic bread, apricots

Tucumcari

Thursday: Santa Fe chicken, rice, broccoli with cheese, buttered carrots, pineapple upside down cake

Friday: Salisbury steak, baked potato, margarine, spinach, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit

Monday: Baked chicken breast, creamy coleslaw, green beans, whole wheat roll, margarine, chocolate pudding

Tuesday: Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, turnip greens, toss salad, biscuit, margarine, peanut butter cookie

Wednesday: Lasagna, honey glazed carrots, garlic bread, orange, lemon bar

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Obituaries

Evangelina Garcia

November 23, 1938 – July 3, 2017

Evangelina (Engie) Garcia age 78, life time Tucumcari NM resident passed away in Clovis New Mexico early Monday morning July 3, 2017 following an extended illness.

Engie was born November 23, 1938 in Tucumcari. She had been a member of the St. Anne's Catholic Church. She was an Aunt and SISTER to all who knew her. She had a joyful and giving heart. She enjoyed working with her cousins on genealogy and loved reading historical books and articles about her ancestors. She loved trying out new restaurants and checking out new stores.

Surviving her is her brother Jose Garcia & Irene of California along with nieces and nephews including Deborah Fowlkes. She is preceded in death by her parents Hilario and Bentia Garcia, Her sisters Flora Garcia-Fowlkes and nephew Clifford Fowlkes. Also preceded by siblings George and Frances who passed away when they were young.

Rosary will be recited on Tuesday morning July 11, in the St. Anne's Catholic Church at 9:00 AM with the Mass of the resurrection following at 10:00 AM on Tuesday morning also in the St. Anne's Catholic Church with Rev Father Hyginus Anuta as Celebrant. Burial will follow in the Tucumcari Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the Dunn Funeral Home of Tucumcari New Mexico.

**Laurie Ann Jones**

November 7, 1955 – July 5, 2017

Laurie Ann Halsell Jones, 61 years of age, passed away in Albuquerque, NM on Wednesday July 05, 2017.

Laurie Jones was born November 07, 1955, in Tucumcari, NM and has been a long time resident of Tucumcari. She was a beloved wife, Loving mother, and best friend to many, to her family as well as in her community.

Surviving Laura Jones is her husband of 42 years Jesse Jones; 2 daughters, Leann Jones of Louisiana, Crystal Jones of Logan, NM; 3 sons, John Halsell of Austin, Tx, Bruce Jones and wife Stephanie of Tucumcari, NM and Robert Jones also of Tucumcari NM. Also living at home with her were Angie and Braxton French, two of eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be on Sunday July 09, 2017, at 11:00 AM at the Jones Family Farm in Tucumcari. Officiated by Family. Pall Bearers will be John Halsell, Bruce Jones, Jesse Halsell, Antonio Martinez, Richard Martinez, and Anthony Mirabal. Honorary Pall Bearers are Kaylene Jones Joni Jones Jasmine Jones Melaine Jones and other friends.

Interment will follow in the Jones Family Cemetery. All services for Mrs. Jones have been entrusted to the Chavez Funeral Home of Santa Rosa. To place an online condolence please visit our website at www.chavezfuneralhome.com

**Sierra Ruth Byrd**

April 12, 1959 – July 7, 2017

Sierra Ruth Byrd, 58, went home to be with the Lord on July 7, 2017. Services will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Logan Assembly of God, 1001 School Street, Logan, NM.

Sierra was born April 12, 1959, in Tucumcari, NM to Billie Warmuth and Winona Mae Callison Warmuth. She married the love of her life, Clemmie Larry Byrd, on November 3, 2000. Sierra was strong in her faith. She loved to bake. She loved to be around to help in any way she could. Sierra obtained a RN Degree in 1994. She worked cleaning houses and as a waitress. Sierra loved being outdoors. She always had a smile on her face and a unique sense of humor. She enjoyed and loved being a wife, mother, sister, and friend. Her loving arms and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Survivors include: her husband; Clemmie Larry Byrd, six children; Christina Hall, Kenneth Arnold, Will Ed Byrd, Cathy Byrd, Shawna Byrd, and Merlin Byrd, two brothers; Lloyd Williams and Billy Warmuth, two sisters; Kathy Brumfield and Desree Smith, her grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son; Russel Byrd.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Muffley Funeral Home and High Plains Crematory, 575-762-4435, www.muffleyfuneralhome.com

**Rachel Lou Scoggin Collins**

June 23, 1928 – November 17, 2016

Rachel Lou Collins, age 88, passed away at Quail Ridge Assisted Living Facility in Tucumcari, NM on November 17, 2016, after an extended illness.

Rachel, the youngest of three children, was born on June 23, 1928, in Hope, NM to William and Bess Scoggin. In 1940, at the age of 12, her family moved to Portales, NM because of water issues. As a teenager she participated in high school drama and taught GAs and Sunday School at First Baptist Church. Rachel graduated from Portales High School in 1946. While attending Eastern New Mexico College she worked for the home economics teacher, at the college switchboard, and later in the Registrar's Office. While on duty at the switchboard in 1947, the call came through that ENMC was officially accredited as a four-year institution. On November 7, 1949, she married Sidney Prichard Collins at First Baptist Church, Portales, NM.

Except for a short stint working at Fabrifric in Tucumcari, NM, Rachel was a stay-at-home mother and homemaker. Her sewing machine ran constantly keeping her boys in shirts and pajamas. She shared her love of the outdoors with her family during camping and fishing expeditions. She made wonderfully tasting meals on a Coleman stove, sometimes while wearing waders and standing in deep water. In addition, she was a perpetual partner in whatever projects that Sid was undertaking.

Surviving Rachel Collins are two sons, Richard Collins and wife Sharon of Roswell, NM, and Anthony Collins and wife Lori of Littleton, CO; four grandchildren, Diedra and Taylor of Littleton, CO, Allison of Plainview, TX, and Patrick of Roswell, NM; as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rachel was preceded in death by her husband Sidney Collins, her parents Will and Bess Scoggin, her brother Robert Scoggin, and her sister Billie Richards.

Memorial Services celebrating the life of Rachel Collins will be conducted in Dunn Memorial Chapel on Saturday, July 15, 2017, beginning at 10:30 AM with Rev. Steve Kulback, minister of Logan First Baptist Church, officiating. Following her wishes, cremation has taken place.

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What Constitutes Worship?

Dear brother Clem: Some have taught that in order to worship we must eat the Lord's Supper, sing, teach, pray and contribute. That all of these must be done for it to constitute acceptable worship. Others say that every thing we do in service to God is worship. Would you please explain what constitutes worship? -F.H., TN"

Webster defines the verb, worship: "to adore, to pay divine honors to, to show reverence by performing acts adoration." The use of "worship" in the Scriptures shows the same basic meaning. When Abraham went up the mountain to offer Issac as a sacrifice, he called it worship (Gen. 22:5). When his servant, on his errand to find a wife for Issac, came to the house of Rebekah's family, "The man bowed his head, and worshipped Jehovah" (Gen. 24:26). Thus a prayer of praise was worship. Those that were crucifying Jesus sought to humiliate and degrade him, "And they smote his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him" (Mark 15:19). They did it with mockery, but it was still called "worship." Thus, each of those acts in the question is worship, whether we do all of them or just one or two. When one praises God in song, that is worship. Prayer is worship, etc.

By definition, any "act of homage to God" is worship. That is, any act that has as its direct purpose to honor God. An act of kindness to a needy person is an act of service to God, but its primary purpose is to help that individual; thus, that act is not worship. We may run a business, work at a job, go to school, play at some sport—all of these things can involve our service to God. But they are not worship, because the primary purpose of them is not to glorify God. The end result may glorify Him, but the act itself is not designed to Glorify Him. So, not everything we do in life is worship. All of our "good works" may bring glory to God as an end result, but such works are not worship. That is, they are not done for the primary purpose of glorifying God. — Clem Thurman

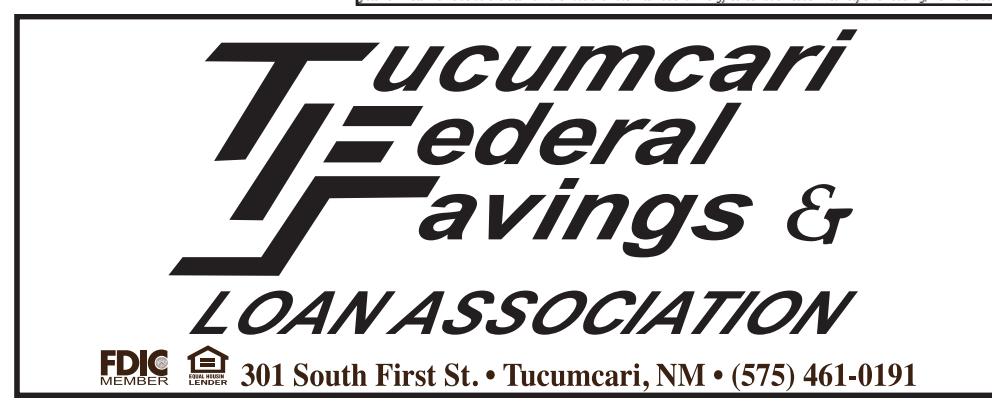
Death notices**Roger Weidemier**

Roger John Weidemier, 82, of Logan, died Friday, June 30, 2017, at his home.

He was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Orland, California.

Services: Cremation has taken place and services will be held at a later date.

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A Life Well Lived

The family of John Cammack wishes to thank their friends and neighbors for honoring him with their presence and support at the celebration of his life. The music, food, flowers, cards and calls are truly appreciated. The honor of the support from many Fire Departments and the special declaration bestowed by Governor Martinez will always be treasured.

We would like to recognize the caring staff at both Dr. Dan Trigg Memorial Hospital and at UMC Burn Center in Lubbock for their care. We also thank Charles Dunn at Dunn Funeral Home for his assistance during this time. The respect and love shown for John was totally overwhelming. Our hearts will forever be grateful.

**The Jay and Linda
Cammack Family**



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Viewpoint

Trump's good moves lost in his behavior

Americans have always been proud we live in a country where anybody can grow up to become president.

Barack Obama is an excellent example: A biracial kid raised by his white grandparents of modest means who became leader of the free world.

Agree or disagree with his politics, Obama was an outstanding role model when it came to civility and manners.

Agree or disagree with his politics, you certainly can't say that about the current resident of the White House.

Donald Trump shocked the world with his election last November after a rough-and-tumble campaign in which the rich political outsider upended both the Bush and Clinton political dynasties — all the while handing out insults like Halloween candy.

From his oozing blood comments about Fox anchor Megyn Kelly to his "look at that face" insult of Carly Fiorina, to "Little Marco" Rubio, Trump seemed to relish any fight, no matter how low the stakes. His "crooked Hillary" mantra was almost statesmanlike by his standards.

Many thought, or at least hoped, that would change once he occupied the Oval Office. Alas, it was not to be.

The president, it seems, is as addicted to these pathetic battles as a junkie is to crack, most recently with the likes of MSNBC "Morning Joe" hosts Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski. And he outdid himself with his buffoonish tweet of a Trump-like avatar beating up a man whose head had been replaced by the CNN logo.

Of course Joe and Mika have happily joined the fray, calling Trump's a "fake presidency," contending he is mentally unhinged and even bringing up the dreaded topic of "small hands." But while their audience might care what Scarborough and Brzezinski say, the president of the United States has more important things to focus on, and he should.

For a guy who says he hates "fake news," it seems at times as though he's operating in the world of professional wrestling — it's all for show.

Therein lies the problem. Trump's not in the WWF. He's the president of the United States with a full plate of real problems — from North Korea to seeking some kind of consensus to fix or replace an imploding system known as Obamacare.

He actually has done some excellent work that includes a number of executive orders and appointment of a top-notch national defense team that he actually lets do its job — rather than have key decisions made by a gaggle of political operatives in the White House. Washington Post columnist David Ignatius said in recent interview that an audience in Syria cheered every time Trump's name was mentioned, evidence that for the first time in years we are projecting American leadership in the world's hot spots.

But all this gets lost in Trump's antics.

For example, the passage of Kate's law dealing with the deportation of criminal illegal immigrants was relegated to second-tier coverage status vis à vis Trump's "Morning Joe" and CNN tweets.

For Trump, this is self-inflicted damage that seriously undermines his ability to do the work that needs to be done.

And from an American perspective, it's sad that parents can't tell their children the president of the United States is someone they should look up to and emulate.

— Albuquerque Journal



True silence found in eastern NM



Steve Hansen
Local columnist

I have recently visited parts of New Mexico that have evaded me in the nine years I have lived here.

For the most part, I have concluded most of New Mexico is gloriously diverse in climate and geography and sometimes gloriously, sometimes disturbingly empty.

Only the Rio Grande Corridor, the green strip running down the middle of our huge state's western half, seems to contain enough humanity to host economic diversity.

Most recently, I have driven through the desert from the pistachio orchards southwest of Tularosa to Las Cruces, where the desert meets the Rio Grande and concentrated humanity.

I can only say I've found an area of New Mexico that appears even less hospitable than many of eastern New

Mexico's cattle ranches.

Cows don't care about human amenities as long as there is either grass or feed available. And in eastern New Mexico there's lots of grass, so cattle ranches don't need grooming. The land is wild and often rugged.

In the Southwest, but still east of New Mexico's Bootheel area that I have not yet visited, the desert is sparsely dotted with bushes and bordered by the mostly bare rock of the Organ Mountains.

Instead of cattle, the desert

appears dotted with small compounds having something to do with what seems to be the main activity there, which is launching vertical objects with fins into the air so they can come down and blow up without hurting anyone.

The White Sands Missile Range hosts weapons testing for the U.S. Army and tests of other projectiles that go up and down harmlessly for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

If anything hush-hush is going on for the government here, you wouldn't know it from the signs that cheerfully tell you you're in the missile range, the missile turned monument near the southern border, and the water-tank mural that depicts missiles and the Space Shuttle.

Contrast that with Area 51 in the even more barren Nevada desert, which is not

announced and is guarded by high fences and nasty MPs with mean dogs.

There is enough going on in the White Sands area, it seems, to give the city of Las Cruces a pretty healthy-looking economy. That, New Mexico State University and the green chili industry.

As in eastern New Mexico, however, the expanses of open space dominate and, to me, the best thing about such spaces, including those in Quay County, is that once in a while you can pause there and learn what silence really sounds like.

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One of these is not like the others



Rube Render
Local columnist

According to Wikipedia, "A conflict of interest exists if the circumstances are reasonably believed (on the basis of past experience and objective evidence) to create a risk that a decision may be unduly influenced by other, secondary interests, and not on whether a particular individual is actually influenced by a secondary interest."

Reading this carefully tells me that the appearance of a conflict of interest is, de facto, a conflict of interest.

According to the King James Bible, Matthew, 6:24: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." I think Matthew nails it.

Scenario one: The governor

of a small southern state is married to a woman who has

a law degree from a prestigious eastern university. The governor mentions to his friend, who happens to head

the largest law firm in the

state, that his wife is seeking employment. This law firm does several million dollars' worth of business with the state each year. The governor's wife applies for work with the law firm and is hired. Is this a conflict of interest?

Scenario two: A senator serves on the committee that oversees the activity of the communications industry. The senator's wife is a registered lobbyist and has the XYZ Communications Corporation for a client. Is this a conflict of interest?

Scenario three: A special investigator is appointed to consider whether or not a certain behavior rises to the level of a crime. The chief witness in this investigation is not only a friend of the appointed investigator, he is an extremely close friend who has worked with said special investigator for a number of years and considers this investigator to be something of a mentor. Does this constitute a conflict of interest for the special investigator?

Scenario four: The president of the United States owns a luxury resort hotel in a distant state. Many wealthy and notable people stay at this resort on a regular basis. A wealthy foreign political figure reserves a suite at the hotel. The opposition party claims that this transaction creates a conflict with the emoluments clause of the Constitution and thus makes the president a candidate for impeachment. Is this appearance of a conflict valid?

If you ask a worker leaning on a shovel in a ditch these questions, he will probably answer, "Yes," "Yes," "Yes" and "Are you serious?"

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2 WGN	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	
3 KVII	Penn&Teller (N)	Hooten and the Lady (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Queens	Queens	Rules	Rules		
4 MTV	Fear F. "Party Games"	Fear Factor	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out	Wild 'N Out		
5 TBS	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Conan (N)	Seinfeld	Conan	Seinfeld		
6 KCIT	Love "Singer Slinger" (N)	FOX 14 News at 9 (N)	BigBang	Modern	2%Men	Anger M.	2%Men	The Insider		
7 KVII	Battle-Network Stars (N)	The Gong Show (N)	ABC 7 (N)	:35 Jimmy Kimmel Live	:35 Nightl.	YearSEC	:35 Paid			
8 KOB	America's Got Talent (N)	The Wall (N)	Night Shift "Control" (N)	News (N)	:35 The Tonight Show	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly			
9 KAMR	The Wall (N)	Night Shift "Control" (N)	News (N)	:35 The Tonight Show	:35 Seth Meyers	:35 C. Daly				
10 KFDA	Big Brother (N)	Zoo (N)	10 News	:35 The Late Show (N)	:35 James Corden	:35 Million?				
11 KENW	Frontline	Song of the Mountains	Dest.Craft	Red Green	Infinity "The Revivalists"	Charlie Rose (N)				
12 KOAT	Boy Band (N)	Battle-Network Stars (N)	The Gong Show (N)	Action 7 News Live (N)	:35 Jimmy Kimmel Live					
13 KRQE	BigBang	Life Pieced	Big Brother (N)	Zoo (N)	News	:35 The Late Show (N)	J.Corden			
14 FSNM	5:00 MLB Baseball	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Arizona Diamondbacks	MLB Baseball St.L./Arz.							
15 CNN	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360					
16 MSNBC	Rachel Maddow (N)	The Last Word (N)	The 11th Hour (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					
17 KASA	Jenni Rivera: Maripo (N)	Querida centauro (N)	Señor de cielos (N)	Noticias	Titulares	Querida centauro				
18 MAX	Movie	:50 ♫ ★★ Chernobyl Diaries	Twinkie	Pitch Black (00, Thril) Vin Diesel.	:10 ♫ Domestic Distu...					
20 TLC	My 600-lb Life "Doug's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story"	600-lb "Doug's Story"							
21 ESPN	X Games Minneapolis (L)	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter						
22 HBO	Movie	Ballers	:35 The Defiant Ones	The Defiant Ones	:35 The Defiant Ones	Defiant				
23 FREE	4:15 ♫ Harry Potter & ...	The Bold Type "Pilot"	The 700 Club	♫ ★★ 13 Going on 30 Jennifer Garner.						
25 USA	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Queen of the South (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U.	Law&O: SVU "Savant"	Queen of the South					
27 A&E	Fist 48 "See No Evil" (N)	Fugitive (N)	Fugitive (N)	:35 First 48 "Cranked"	:35 First 48 "Blood Alley"	:35 First 48 "See No Evil"				
28 GALA	Vacinos	Guapos	P. Luche	Vacinos	XH Derbez	Vacinos	Rebelde	Cuentos		
29 NICK	:50 ♫ Ice Age: Dawn of t...	Nashville	Friends	Friends	Friends	:35 Friends	:40 Fresh P.			
30 AMC	6:00 ♫ ★★ Twister Helen Hunt.	Twister	The Italian Job (03, Act) Mark Wahlberg.	Twister	Gridiron Gang					
33 UNI	La doble vida	CONCACAF Fútbol Copa Oro Mexico vs. Jamaica (L)	Contacto	Impacto	Impacto	Noticie				
34 CNBC	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Profit	The Profit	Profit	Profit "Precise Graphix"				
35 LIFE	Married "Intimacy: Part Two" (N)	Married "The Truth Comes Out" (N)	Married	Married	Married	Married at First Sight				
36 TNT	6:00 ♫ ★★ Insurgent	Will	:35 ♫ Into the Woods (14, Fant) Johnny Depp.							
37 SPIKE	8:00 ♫ ★★ Fast Five	The Mist "Pequod" (N)	Shannara "Fury"	♫ ★★ Escape Plan ("13, Act) Sylvester Stallone.						
38 HIST	Mountain Men (N)	:35 Alone (N)	American Ripper	:35 Mountain Men Fully	:35 Mountain Men					
39 TOON	Cleveland Amer. Dad	BobBurg. BobBurg.	Family Guy Family Guy	RickMort	TysonM.	Squid BobBurg.				
40 HALL	The Middle The Middle	The Middle The Middle	G. Girls G. Girls	G. Girls G. Girls	G. Girls Frasier	Frasier Frasier				
41 SYFY	6:00 ♫ Zombieland	♫ ★★ Ghost Rider ('07, Act) Eva Mendes, Nicolas Cage.	# Death Race 2050 Manu Bennett.							
42 DISC	Daxed and Afraid	Naked "Ashes to Ashes"	Sharktacular	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid					
44 NBCSN	6:00 Cycling Tour de France	Dew Tour	Cycling Tour de France							

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2 WGN	BlueB. "The Art of War"	Blue Bloods	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules		
3 KVII	Family Guy	Family Guy	BobBurg. BobBurg.	FamilyGuy	Seinfeld	Rules	Rules	Chlorine		
4 MTV	4:40 ♫ The Parent Trap	♫ ★★ Love Don't Cost a Thing (03, Com) Nick Cannon.	Safeword	Fear Factor						
5 TBS	BigBang	BigBang	BigBang	Frontal	Wrecked	♫ ★ Kicking and Screaming Will Ferrell.				
6 KCIT	6:00 Boxing	News (N)	Paid	Grit "Camp Love"	Paid	2 Broke G.	2 Broke G.	Amer.Ninja		
7 KVII	6:00 In An Instant (N)	Still Star-Crossed (N)	News (N)	:35 RingHonorWrestling	Outdoors	:35 Judy	:35 Judy			
8 KOAT	Little Big Shots	Dateline NBC (N)		News (N)	Saturday Night Live					
9 KAMR	Dateline NBC (N)		News (N)	Saturday Night Live	Kingdom	Paid				
10 KFDA	48 Hours	48 Hours	10 News	:35 CSI: Miami	:35 Elementary	:35 Paid				
11 KENW	L. Welk "County Fair"	Served?	Red Green	Austin City Limits	Novae	Big Pacific "Passionate"				
12 KOAT	20/20: In An Instant "Home Invasion Horror" (N)	Still Star-Crossed (N)	7 News (N)	Castle	Scandal					
13 KRQE	Doubt "Faith" (N)	48 Hours	48 Hours	News	:35 Major Crimes	McCarver				
14 FSNM	5:00 MLB Baseball (L)	Post-game Post-game	MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Atlanta Braves	Cesmat AZ						
15 CNN	CNN Special Report	The Nineties "The One About TV"	The Eighties "Raised on Television"							
16 MSNBC	The 11th Hour	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup					
17 KASA	6:00 ♫ 2 Guns	Crepusculo la saga: Amancene II (12, Drama)	Titulares	Videos	Videos asombrosos					
18 MAX	6:00 ♫ Alien: The Direct...	♫ ★★ Aliens ('86, Sci-Fi) Sigourney Weaver.	:20 ♫ ★★ Alien III ('92, Sci-Fi) Sigourney Weaver.							
20 TLC	6:00 Say Yes-Dress "Outside the Box Dresses" (N)	:35 Say Yes to the Dress "Outside the Box Dresses"								
21 ESPN	5:00 X Games Minneapolis (L)	SportsC.	Beach Volleyball World Series (L)	SportsCenter (N)						
22 HBO	Movie	:50 Boxing HBO After Dark Site: The Forum		:35 Real Sports	:35 Paid					
23 FREE	Movie	♫ ★★ Toy Story 3 (2010, Animated) Tim Allen, Tom Hanks.	♫ ★★ Frankenweenie ('12, An) Winona Ryder.							
25 USA	# Blood Father (16, Act) Mel Gibson.	SVU "Criminal Stories"	Queen of the South	Shooter "Recon by Fire"						
27 A&E	Live PD	Access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L) (N)	Live PD							
28 GALA	La rosa de Guadalupe	La rosa de Guadalupe	Como dice el dicho	La rosa de Guadalupe	Paid					
29 NICK	# The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water	Friends	Friends	Friends	:35 Friends	:40 Fresh P.				
30 AMC	TURN: WA Spies (N)	TURN: WA Spies	Spies	♫ ★★ The Godfather II ('74, Drama) Robert De Niro, Al Pacino.						
33 UNI	Balon de Oro (L)	Durmiente	Noticiero	Estrellados	Desmadrigados					
34 CNBC	Undercover Boss	Under Boss "Busted!"	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss						
35 LIFE	♫ From Straight A's... ♫ To Kep Woman ('15, Drama)	Courtney Ford.	♫ From Straight A's to XXX Haley Pullos.							
36 TNT	♫ The Hunger Games: Mockingjay... ♫	♫ ★★ Insurgent ('15, Sci-Fi) Theo James, Shailene Woodley.	♫ ★★ The Help							
37 SPIKE</td										

Local to transport Spirit Ride casket through town

By Thomas Garcia
STAFF WRITER

Local resident Linda Unruh will transport the American Towman Magazine's Spirit Ride ceremonial casket Tuesday through Tucumcari honoring the memory of her late son and deceased first responders nationwide.

"We are all out there together," Unruh said. "This is an important message to remind everyone to slow down and move over."

Bobby Unruh, 37, of Tucumcari was killed on Feb. 19, at mile marker 318 on I-40 near Montoya.

At the time of the accident Unruh was attempting to tow a commercial vehicle on I-40 that was broken down.

The ceremonial casket is part of the American Towman Magazine's efforts to promote the awareness of the "Move Over" law that is "often ignored on our nation's highways," according to their website.

The memorial trip is being coordinated with more than

250 towing companies transporting the casket across the country and back to New York. The trip started in 2017 and is scheduled to be completed in 2018 involving more than 5,000 tow truck and emergency service vehicles.

"I am truly honored the Spirit Ride has chosen to come through Tucumcari to honor my son Bobby," said Linda Unruh, president of All-Rite Towing said.

"I have a different outlook on this tragedy," Linda said of her son's death. "We need to find the good; that good is to promote Bobby's Law, so first responders across the state and nation can go home to their families."

Senate Bill 76 was signed into law on April 6 by Gov. Susana Martinez.

The law dubbed "Bobby's Law," imposes criminal sanctions, including jail time for failure to pull over to the inside lane when encountering an emergency vehicle, including law enforcement, ambulance operators and tow trucks outside of the road.

Linda said she was overwhelmed by the support of the local community and state legislators in the passing of this law. She said it had been passed over for four years by the state legislature.

"Bobby would have been shocked by all of the support," Linda said. "From those who attended his funeral to those who spoke out in support of the law."

Linda said she will pick up the ceremonial casket at 12:30 p.m. July 11 at the Texas/New Mexico state line. She said she will load the casket on to "Bobby's truck" and transport it on Interstate 40 to Tucumcari.

The casket will be taken along Route 66 through the center of Tucumcari, then to the Tucumcari Convention Center where a local ceremony will be held.

"I want to invite all first responders, their families and residents to come out and support this ride," Linda said.

More information about the Spirit Ride can be found at <http://atspiritride.com>.

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from the event to pursue other projects.

Lumpkin said he was approached by several individuals about the need to continue the event after the festival had ended. He said he began speaking with Davila and Cantlon about the possibility of holding an event similar to Rockabilly during their absence.

Dialog was started with Whitcomb to produce the event in order to continue the economic benefits the festival has brought into the area.

Lumpkin said during this year's festival, the convention center bar reported \$16,000 in sales, one motel reported \$15,000 increased revenue and the New Mexico Route 66 Museum raised \$4,000. He said after speaking with Cantlon and gaining his support, the proposed event was created to prevent a loss in the economic benefits and tourism created by Rockabilly.

However, as the advisory board was considering the proposal, Davila asked to read a prepared statement from Cantlon and herself regarding the event.

"We were never approached about the event that Robert Lumpkin and Brian Whitcomb are proposing," Davila said.

Davila said in past phone conversation with Lumpkin and Whitcomb, they were asked who owned Rockabilly on the Route and how they would feel about an event being held as a place holder. Davila said she and Simon told Lumpkin and Whitcomb repeatedly that any event held in the first weekend of June with a Rockabilly or Americana theme would confuse the audience and be an infringement on their intellectual property rights and damage their brand.

"We told them we would not support such an event. What is being proposed here is theft," She said.

Davila said she felt

Lumpkin acted deceptively in organizing the proposal with Whitcomb. She said Lumpkin was operating on self-serving reasons with blatant disregard to her and Simon's repeated warning and advice in the matter.

Lumpkin said it was not his intention to be deceitful with the development of the proposal. He said through discussions with Cantlon, he made it clear he was going to pursue the options of continuing the event. He said while Brian's proposal outlined a five-year contract, it was decided the contract should only be for a year to cover the vacant year and possibility of Rockabilly's return.

"I am truly heartbroken at the thought that Ungie or Simon think I was trying to steal Rockabilly," Lumpkin said. "I would never go behind their backs or deceive them in order to claim what they have created and built up these past six years."

Cantlon said he was very clear when speaking to Lumpkin and Whitcomb about not supporting any event that was similar to Rockabilly that would be held as a place holder. He said he told them that he would pursue legal action should such an event be attempted.

Lumpkin said there is more than an economic value to the event; each year the event carries the name Tucumcari across the nation and world. He said there was a genuine fear that even one year off could impact the momentum created by the event over the past five years.

"Ungie and I really didn't want things to get to this point," Cantlon said. "We love Tucumcari; it is our second home."

Cantlon said he understands people are upset about there not being a festival in 2018, but he takes it personally when someone tries to "slide in and steal the very event/brand" he and Ungie have spent six years building into what it is today.

Lumpkin said the proposal was being presented at a public meeting with the knowledge that Simon and Ungie would learn of the proposal and meeting by their friends and local residents. He said it was never his intent to steal the event; he was trying to address local residents and tourist desires to see the event could continue in the following year.

Lodger's tax board members voted to table the proposal.

Davila said these latest events may make it seem she and Simon are simply bailing on Tucumcari.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Davila said.

Davila said she and Simon have been working with local resident Chase Dudley, who wants to produce a Route 66 Festival in the fall. She said Dudley would produce the event, and she and Simon would be consultants.

Cantlon said there have also been discussions with City Manager Jared Langenegger about meeting to discuss Rockabilly on the Route 2019. He said it was never their intention to make the residents of Tucumcari think they were pulling up stakes and leaving.

"The past six years has taken a toll on Ungie and myself, and we just needed a break," Cantlon added.

Cantlon said a lot of time and money goes into producing the festival and the two needed time off not only to rest but to rethink the money model of the event. He said the city helps with 35 to 40 percent of the funding, the remainder is generated by the two of them, who feel a better model is needed to streamline and increase the cost and revenue efficiencies.

"We are not making millions of dollars by holding the festival," Cantlon said. "We produce Rockabilly on the Route for the love of the event, for the benefit it brings to the community."

Jail log

The following individuals were booked into the Quay County Detention Center from June 31 through July 7:

- Chasity Lucero, 28, warrant
- Joe Salas, 24, warrant
- Tami Davis, 43, warrant
- Michael Arellano, 41, driving while license suspended or revoked
- David Dangelo, 56, driving under the influence
- Carole Hudspeth, 32, warrant
- Anthony Leal, 21, warrant
- Martha Padilla, 48, warrant
- Sonny McKinney, 54, possession of a controlled substance
- Christina Rivera, 41,

warrant

- Victor Rivera, 48, warrant
- Paul Adcock, 50, driving under the influence
- Steven Canaday, 46, bribery of a witness
- Eric Padilla, 29, warrant

The following individuals were released from the Quay County Detention Center from June 31 through July 7:

- Matthew Arias, 35, transferred to another facility
- Nicholas Marks, 33, bond
- Joe Salas, 24, bond
- Drew Tyler, 26, bond
- Patrick Carabajal, 42, transferred to the department of corrections
- Sterling Hamby, 51,

transferred to another facility

- Danny McKinney, 56, bond
- Martha Padilla, 48, bond
- Justin Phillips, 19, bond
- James Szaloy, 56, bond
- Norma Apodaca, 50, bond

bond

- Anthony Leal, 21, bond
- Carole Hudspeth, 32, bond
- Michael Chacon, 38, bond
- Alan Mask, 49, transferred to another facility
- Sonny McKinney, 54, bond
- Eric Padilla, 29, bond

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Cholera found in Clovis pond

□ First responders in last week's near drowning advised to seek treatment.

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CLOVIS — First responders involved in the July 4 rescue of a boy found in the pond at Hillcrest Park have been advised to seek medical treatment, Clovis City Manager Tom Phelps said on Monday.

"A form of cholera bacteria was found in the pond," Phelps said.

"As a precautionary matter and based on physician recommendations, our personnel who were involved in the water rescue have been advised to start taking a doctor recommended course of antibiotics."

The Centers for Disease Control website defines cholera as:

"... (A)n acute, diarrheal illness caused by infection of the intestine with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*."

The CDC reports the infection is often mild or without symptoms, but can sometimes be severe with "diarrhea, vomiting, and leg cramps," and can lead to death if untreated.

Phelps said the water poses no danger "as long as residents don't go swimming in the pond."

Phelps said he is not aware of anyone contracting cholera in connection with the incident.

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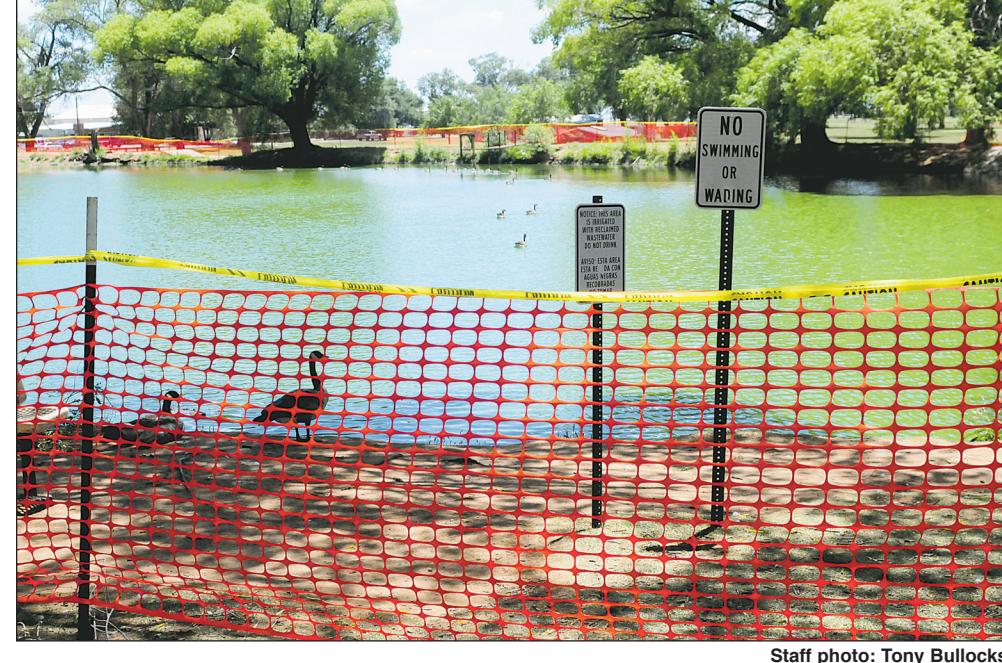
critical condition Monday at a Lubbock hospital after first responders pulled him from the bottom of the 6-foot pond where he'd been swimming with a brother and friends. He'd been under the water for six to 10 minutes, officials have estimated.

Phelps said it was his understanding city police had notified the other boys' families of the cholera finding and that, "I've not been notified of any sickness of any of them."

City officials began taking precautions to keep others out of the water soon after the accident. Officials have reposted signs prohibiting swimming after they said the original signs recently disappeared.

And over the weekend, a

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Staff photo: Tony Bullocks

A barrier is in place around the Hillcrest park pond where a 12-year-old nearly drowned last week.

TOURNAMENT TIME



Staff photos: Thomas Garcia

Above: Mandi Martinez gets under the ball for the pop fly out at first base during Saturday's game against the Rippers.

Left: Alex Gutierrez, center, steps on the base before Mike Estrada, right, tries to tag her out during Saturday's softball tournament in Tucumcari.

Organic certification fees to be restructured

□ The New Mexico Department of Ag met on Thursday in Portales.

By Eamon Scarbrough

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PORTALES — Proposed additions and revisions to two New Mexico Department of Agriculture ordinances were heard Thursday afternoon, with one receiving resounding support from a New Mexico dairy organization.

Hearing officer Charles Greene presided over the two hearings in the McAllister Room at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds, the first of which was a reworking of the fee structure for the

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David Lucero reads a proposal to rework the ag department's organic certification program's fee structure while hearing officer Charles Greene takes notes.



Staff photo: Anna George

Construction crews are expected to complete the new Port of Entry by November.

Texico's Port of Entry relocating

□ The new site is the former visitor's center.

By Anna George

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TEXICO — Trucks and their drivers will have a new welcome-to-New Mexico location in five months, if all goes as planned for the new Port of Entry.

The port's building, about a mile

west of Texico, is the state's former visitor's center, which closed in September 2014.

The project is expected to cost \$2 million, which was awarded to Curry County by Gov. Susana Martinez in capital outlay.

Foreman Kenneth Truelock said the project began construction in mid-June and should be complete in November.

"The trucks will come in along the (east) side of the building and there

will be a scale and inspection center," Truelock said.

Greg Fouratt, former cabinet secretary for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, said last year the existing building is also going to be remodeled, adding new features that include offices, storage and private bathrooms.

No plans for a new visitor's center have been announced.

The port of entry today is on the western edge of Texico's city limits.

Meetings watch

Quay County Commission

The following were actions taken by Quay County commissioners on July 3 at their regular meeting:

■ Approved a resolution for county compliance with the required conditions for participating and using funds from the Community Development Block Grant program.

■ Approved the LDWI grant agreement to receive \$21,000 for the county's DWI Compliance program. County Manager Richard Primrose said a request was made for \$26,000. He said last year's allocation was only \$1,600.

■ Approved the memorandum of understanding between the Quay County Detention Center and 10th Judicial District Court.

Detention Center Administrator TJ Rich said under the MOU, the 10th Judicial District Court will now pay for the urinalysis test required by court's orders on released/bonded inmates awaiting trial. Rich said the detention center had been covering the cost of the test when the individual was unable to pay.

■ Held an executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation.

No action was taken.

Quay County Commission

The following were actions taken at by Quay County commissioners Monday at their regular meeting:

■ Approved a request for \$2,000 to help fund the activities at the city of Tucumcari Public Library. Library Director Linda Gonzalez requested the amount to help pay for supplies for the fall reading program, books and other events open to the residents of Quay County.

■ Approved resolutions authorizing budget increases, presented by County Manager Richard Primrose.

Resolutions included an increase of \$55,000 for the Quay County Detention Center fund; \$5,000 for the

Traffic Safety Bureau; \$4,370 for the DWI/Misdemeanor fee funds and \$1,500 for the DWI Distribution fund.

■ Received a monthly report from Quay County Sheriff Russell Shafer.

For the month of June, the sheriff's office answered 68 calls for service, served 76 civil processes, transported 11 prisoners, made six arrests, issued four citations and conducted 25 traffic stops, according to Shafer.

■ Held an executive session for threatened or pending litigation.

No action was taken.

Lodger's Tax Advisory Board

The following were actions taken at by Lodger's Tax Advisory Board Wednesday at their regular meeting:

■ City Manager Jared Langeneger reported to the board that the Disc Golf course is near completion with the possibility of hosting a tournament in late August, early September. He said the monument sign on the east entrance of town on Route 66 is complete with the west end sign set to be complete soon.

■ Approved the 2018 fiscal year preliminary budget.

■ Approved funding for the following events:

1. YouTube advertising and editing for \$1,254 and \$19,505

2. Billboard advertisements: \$45,000

3. Tucumcari Columbus Club, New Mexico Music Showcase: \$8,000

4. Tucumcari MainStreet, Fired Up!: \$8,000

5. Tucumcari Rawhide Days: \$9,000

6. Rattler Reunion Secretary Todd Duplantis requested the previous request for funding only be to cover the cost of the use of the Tucumcari Convention Center. Board members approved \$2,500.

The approved amounts will be presented to the Tucumcari City Commissioners for final approval.

— Staff reports

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Sandy Pruitt leaves living Christian legacy



Leonard Lauriault
♦ Religion columnist

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the memorial service for my dear friend, Sandy Pruitt – a great Christian lady.

As I listened to the comments of those presiding and attendees who recounted memories, several things occurred to me about her life and the past, present and future for the Christian and the fact that God is the God of all comfort who comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:3-7).

Regarding the past, Sandy loved the Lord and his body, the church (Matthew 16:13-19; Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:13). She really loved all people, and she really loved to talk. She occasionally called to bring me up to speed on her life (like many of us, she had lots of medical issues) and her family members' lives and the lives of all our common friends. While those

conversations often seemed never ending, they'd always end at the right time, and I'd always wind up feeling encouraged and blessed. Sandy's knack for encouragement, along with loving the Lord and his church, is among many other recognizable Christian attributes she had (Romans 12:4-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11-14; Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-25; John 13:34-35).

The presiders read the usual comforting passages regarding the dead in Christ as well as those still alive in Christ: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:19-23; John 14:1-3. (There's no hope outside of Christ,

according to Ephesians 2:12.) As I heard those passages and the other friends' and family members' comments, I realized that although Sandy isn't physically present, she's still among the living in the presence of the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Matthew 22:31-32; John 11:25-26; Romans 6:3-5).

So now, because she faced so many trials while in this life and survived, she left a living legacy that continues to comfort and encourage those of us who are still awaiting Jesus' return. She's in the great cloud of witnesses testifying that they're joyfully experiencing eternal life as they also await being awarded the inheritance that's been promised to those who remain faithful while on Earth (Hebrews 11:1-12:4; Galatians 3:26-29; 4:6-7).

For this reason, while we don't have to be happy about the pain, no matter what we face in this life, we can have joy in times

of trouble because they are achieving for us a glory that far outweighs them all (Romans 8:12-18; James 1:2-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; Revelation 21:1-4).

I'm looking forward to Jesus' return, whenever he comes for me. In the meantime, I know that, try as I may to avoid sinning (and I must try), I'll still not be perfect on my own. So I focus on Jesus, the author and perfector of my faith, and I'm thankful for God's forgiveness, which keeps me blameless in his sight (Acts 2:38-39; 1 John 1:5-9). I have this hope because I know God will rescue me from this body of sin and from this body of pain, just like he did for Sandy (Romans 7:21-25; 2 Peter 2:4-10; 2 Timothy 1:7-12).

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Fees

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organic certification program.

The program, which certifies produce as organic through evaluations, had its previous fee structure repealed, according to NMDA Marketing Division Director David Lucero.

"This fee structure is not sufficient for a self-sustaining program," he said.

The new structure, he said, is based off of the

feedback received through several listening sessions across the state in 2016. It charges a new application fee of \$750, a \$500 renewal fee for previous applicants, and \$65 an hour to cover the operating costs of the program.

The costs will pay all overhead expenses and pay for three inspectors, one educator, and a 1/3 time administrative assistant, he said.

The second hearing proposed adding sanitation ratings for milk shippers and

evaluations of milk laboratories to NMDA's pasteurized milk ordinance.

NMDA Dairy Division Director Dustin Cox said the purpose of the proposed changes is "to develop a more uniform sanitation program."

"Together, with the pasteurized milk ordinance, they create a cohesive system for the protection of milk and public health," he said.

Beverly Idsinga, executive director of Dairy Producers of New Mexico, expressed the support of her organization for the additions.

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"I believe our producers here in New Mexico produce some of the best and healthiest milk products out of anywhere in the nation and the world, and that's in part due to Dustin and his team at NMDA," she said.

After holding hearings across the state, the proposals will be taken before the New Mexico State University Board of Regents to be considered for adoption.

Cholera

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temporary fence was placed around the pond.

Clovis Police Capt. Roman Romero said two children were warned away from the

pond Friday night. That incident prompted installation of the fence, said Clovis Public Works Director Clint Bunch.

Bunch said the plastic construction fencing is just a temporary fix.

"We just felt we needed to barricade or block it off initially," said Phelps, adding

that the final fix may not be a wall or barricade of any sort; officials just do not know yet.

Phelps said he and the city's Parks and Recreation Department staff are considering options for what to do about the pond, which is full of water from the city's wastewater treatment plant

and used on the park's soccer fields and golf course.

"We just found out so we're not at the point of a plan yet," said Phelps, who was named Clovis' interim city manager in April.

Staff writer Anna George contributed to this report.

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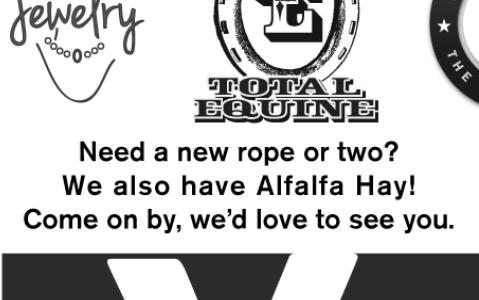
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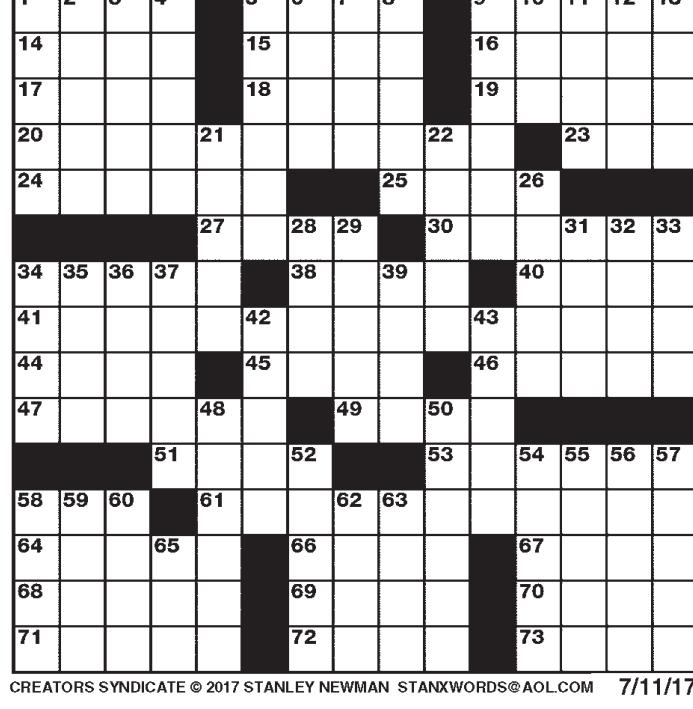
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- 1 Crispy sandwiches, for short
- 5 Shove
- 9 Linguini or ziti
- 14 Runaway victory
- 15 Feel sore
- 16 Driver's full reversal
- 17 Stare at
- 18 Speak unclearly
- 19 French cap
- 20 Having good judgment
- 23 Service charge
- 24 ___ as hen's teeth (rather rare)
- 25 What a manicurist files
- 27 Duo plus one
- 30 Hardly enough
- 34 Cider fruit
- 38 Worry (over)
- 40 March Madness org.
- 41 Egotistical
- 44 Swim meet location
- 45 "It wasn't me!"
- 46 Takes it easy
- 47 Tripped, as a mousetrap
- 49 Stairwell sound
- 51 Window ledge
- 53 Mexican pals
- 58 Frequently, in poetry
- 61 Mild-mannered
- 64 Backup strategy
- 66 Backpacker's shelter
- 67 Line on a list
- 68 ___ wave (destructive water)

DOWN

- 69 Bit of DNA
- 70 Prefix meaning "all"
- 71 Performers' platform
- 72 Unseal
- 73 Untidy condition
- 10 Devoured
- 11 Ride the waves
- 12 Oak or maple
- 13 Poker stake
- 21 Played a role
- 22 Squander
- 26 Jouster's weapon
- 28 "In that case . . ."
- 29 Give a speech
- 31 Cpl. and sqts.
- 32 Diplomat's skill
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FISHING REPORT

Compiled by Department of Game and Fish

The fishing report has been generated from the best information available from Department of Game and Fish officers and anglers. Conditions encountered after the report is compiled may differ, however, as stream, lake and weather conditions alter fish and angler activities.

Blue Hole Park Pond: Fishing was fair to good using liver, homemade dough bait and night crawlers for catfish.

Clayton Lake: Fishing was fair using PowerBait and salmon eggs for trout. We had no other reports. Fishing pressure was light.

Oasis Park Lake: Fishing was fair to good using blood baits, homemade dough baits and liver for catfish. Fishing was slow to fair using night crawlers and spinners for largemouth bass. We had no other reports.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow to fair using jigs, jerk baits, crank baits and tubes for largemouth bass. We had no reports on other

Due to low water conditions, the boat ramp remains closed.

species. A water release began June 16 and was expected to run for 15 days.

Conchas Lake: Fishing was fair using Pop Rs, stick baits, plastic worms, Senkos, crawdads, curly tail grubs, swim baits and jerk baits for largemouth bass and small-mouth bass. Fishing for white bass and walleye was slow but a few were caught by anglers using tubes, leeches, minnows, grubs and crank baits. Fishing was good using shrimp, liver, cut bait and homemade dough bait for catfish. We had no other reports.

Ute Lake: Fishing for smallmouth bass was fair to good using a wide assortment of plastics, including worms, Senkos, tubes, salt craws and finesse worms. Fishing for bluegill was very good using small grubs and worms under a bobber. Fishing was good using chicken liver, cut bait, night crawlers and stink bait for catfish. Fishing for all other species was slow. The surface water temp was in the mid 70s.

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Former Cannon commander dies

By Alisa Boswell
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Upon meeting him, a person might never guess Lt. Gen. Donald Peterson was a high-ranking Air Force officer who commanded his own base.

"He was a three-star general, but you would never know it. That's just the kind of guy he was. He was so humble and personable," said Rob Spencer, Peterson's brother in law.

Peterson served in the U.S. Air Force for 35 years and "loved every minute of it," according to his wife, Gayle, who said she thinks her husband would have done the job for free if asked.

Peterson, whose call sign as a pilot was "Peteo," flew a variety of aircraft and was a command pilot with more than 4,000 flight hours, including 597 combat hours. He was also a Vietnam combat veteran.

From 1988 to 1990, Peterson commanded the 27th Tactical Fighter Wing at Cannon Air Force Base.

He died on Monday at age 72. Services were Saturday in Allen, Texas.

Gayle Peterson, who lives in Fairview, Texas, said her husband loved New Mexico from the time he was a boy from visiting his aunt in the western part of the state.

"To say that he loved being able to command a base in New Mexico is putting it mildly," she said with a small laugh. "He loved New Mexico. We always found that people were down to Earth and kind-hearted and generous. To have everyone in the community be so open-hearted towards our military families and embrace them while they lived there — what a wonderful gift to our military families. The community and the base worked so well together and for the community to welcome all our families meant so much."

Cannon received some of the highest Air Force awards and honors under Peterson's leadership, including the



Peterson

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— Gayle Peterson, Wife

Installation Excellence Award, but it was because of "team effort" by "excellent people," Gayle Peterson said.

Gayle said when part of the wing was sent to Desert Storm in 1990, her husband was heartbroken that he could not go with them, because his tenure as wing commander was over, and he had been selected for another job.

"One of the things that I think meant the most, they had worked very, very hard to be combat ready ... I think he felt like all the hard work everyone had put into being combat ready was a huge blessing when they all got called to go. There is no bigger task for a commander than making sure his people are combat ready," she said.

"It was hard for him to not go with them, but he had faith that they were combat ready, and from what I understand, they did a bang up job."

Clovis businessman Randy Harris said he picked up the phone one day in the late 1980s and called Cannon and asked for the wing commander.

"I told him, 'I don't know anything about the military or CAFB, but I know it's a very important part of our community' ... We met for dinner, and we became lifelong friends," Harris said.

Harris and his wife have gone on water rafting and snow skiing trips with the Petersons over the years, along with other vacations around the country.

"He enriched my life and every life he touched," Harris said. "I could never thank him enough for his friendship, his mentorship and his love. He was truly a great man. He made you laugh; he was humble; he was a leader. He wasn't a stuff shirt. He was just a real, genuine person."

Harris recalled a story when Cannon had a large, formal dinner on base in which a four-star general was in town to attend.

Harris said the visiting general was more of a "hard-nosed" guy.

"Everyone was kind of tense around this guy. He was sitting right next to Gen. Peterson at the time. This waitress was carrying a tray of food, and she stubbed her toe and dropped the tray all over Don (Peterson)," Harris said.

"With great grace and composure, he looked at the four-star general and said, 'Sir, at least it was me.' It made everyone at the table laugh and it eased the tension for the rest of the night. That's the Donald Peterson I remember. Those are small things, but they make a big statement about what kind of character he had."

Spencer said Peterson was so much more than a brother-in-law for him. He was a personal hero.

"My sister and brother-in-law were about 10 years older than me ... he was someone I looked up to from the time I was 8 years old; he was just an amazing guy. He was always ready to help somebody and look after people. He never sat down," Spencer said.

Gayle Peterson said her family is going to try not to be sad, because Don Peterson had "a wonderful life."

"In looking back, it was such an adventuresome life," she said of being a military wife. "It was beyond anything I had thought of. It was my husband's dream, and I went along. I have the most wonderful memories and experiences. The people who are our military families are the best in our nation, and are what make our nation strong. It was a privilege to be with them."

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