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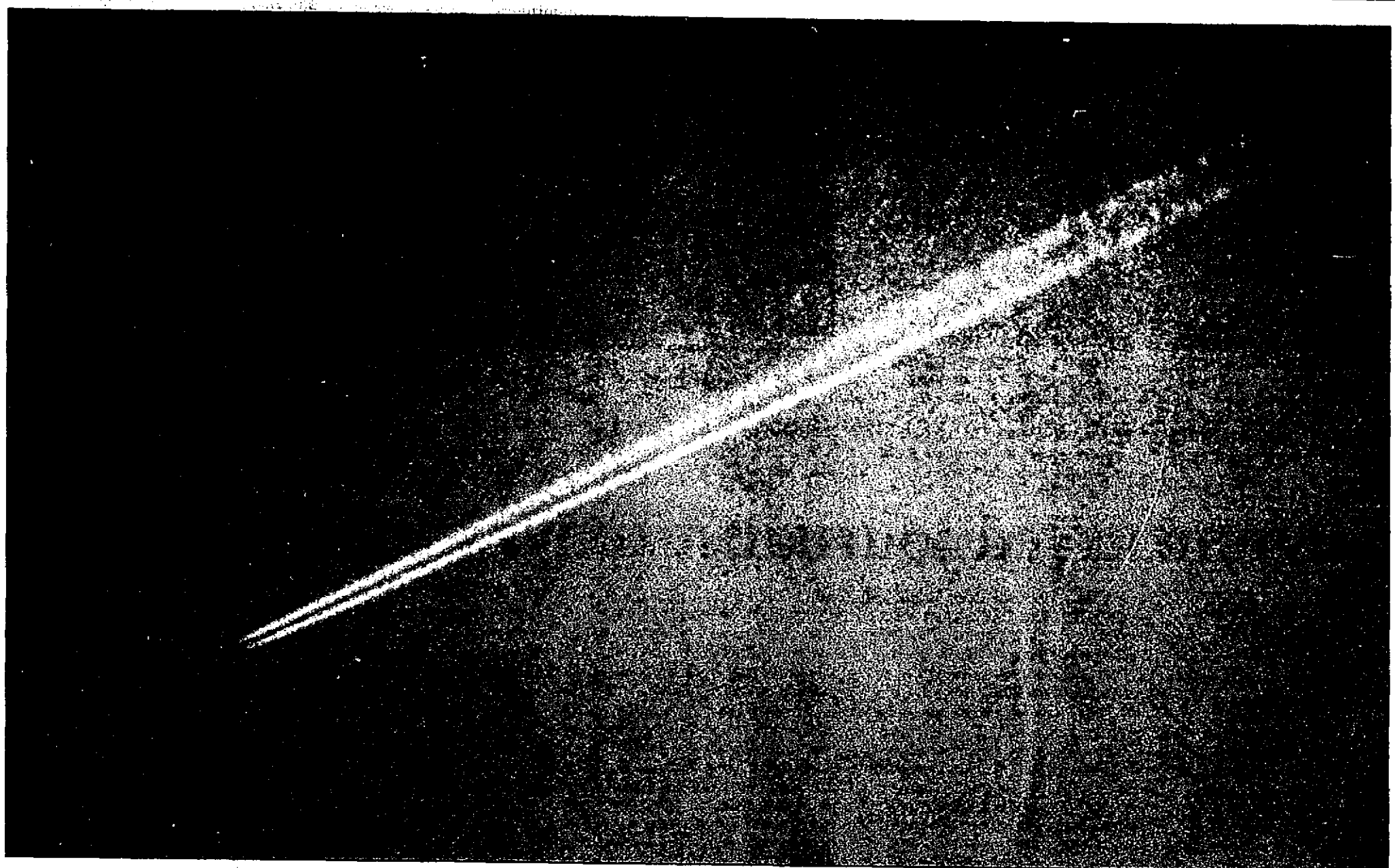
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K.I. Brownlie of Santa Fe caught **La Mitotera** in an error in last week's column. Santa Fe Opera founder **John Crosby** does indeed have a birthday this summer, but not later this month. Crosby's birthday is July 12, Brownlie pointed out. "It's the same day as mine. I used to tell people we had the same birthdate, but in truth I was born in 1925, instead of 1926 as John Crosby." This year's birthday won't be a big day for Brownlie, since it falls on a Tuesday. His plans are to celebrate a few days earlier by taking friends — where else? — to the opera. But, he noted, "Next year is my Diamond Jubilee, I call it. That's what **Queen Victoria** had. I'm having a big party here in Santa Fe."

It's a not very well kept secret that Santa Fe gallery owner **Charlotte Jackson** is opening a sweet little space (sub-gallery?) in Newport Beach, Calif. Jackson has a client who owns a building on Balboa Bay and suggested it would make a great gallery space. Jackson had her doubts, but leased the space. Since February, Jackson has been going back and forth once a month for a few days to Newport Beach, preparing the gallery. Though she hasn't officially opened yet, she's sold art every time she's gone to work on the space, she said. In Newport Beach, Jackson represents her usual stable of what she calls "radical" painters, artists who produce only monochromatic work. But she's also planning to show some other artists, including what you could call "radical Californians" — if that wasn't an redundancy. Jackson is hoping to have time to have an official grand opening at the Newport Beach gallery — which is called Charlotte Jackson Fine Art, as is her local gallery — in September, she said.

For 11 years, **Q.** (short for "Quarrier") **Cook** of Santa Fe was in retail partnership with her daughter. Their store, Santa Fe Style, was in Washington, D.C., where Cook's daughter lives. Cook did the buying from her home in the City Different. Last year, daughter called it quits for retail when she and her husband began their family, and Cook thought she'd just retire. Alas; it didn't work. "I was unhappy being retired," she said. Serendipitously, the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, on whose board/advisory councils Cook has served for many years, decided it was time to open a full-time gift shop. Though the festival has always sold its signature **Georgia O'Keeffe** and other art posters at its musical events, through the mail and at its offices at 239 Johnson St. (at the corner of Chapelle Street), it's never had a store open year-round. When the Spanish Colonial Arts Society moved out the office space next to the festival in the same building, the festival's executive director, **Erich Volmer**, snapped it up, and called up Cook. Cook has been acting as buyer, helping staff member **Denise Sahagian**, who manages the box office and concessions, get the shop up and running. This Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., the festival will celebrate the opening of the shop, called *The Place for All Things Musical*, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. **La Mitotera** got a sneak preview last week. Hold onto your wallets, folks. There is a lot of cool stuff here, and not just for chamber music aficionados. How about a pair of sterling silver earrings in the shape of teeny trumpets? A bolo tie made with ivory and ebony recycled from old piano keyboards by artist **Jay Jackson** of Tesuque? "Rusted" metal cutouts of Southwestern icons like **Kokopelli**, for the wall or as a lamp base, by **Posy Franzetti** of Taos? Check it out, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

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An airplane seen over Santa Fe on Wednesday.

David Kaufman/The New Mexican

LOOK, up in the sky

Group says contrails left by airplanes are 'chemtrails' with potentially deadly bacteria

Story by Steve Terrell • The New Mexican

THEY ATTACK FROM THE SKY, the believers all say. Unmarked government planes, puffing strange white smoke, making cryptic Xs and tic-tac-toe designs, covering the air above as the puzzled populace looks up in fear and confusion.

For this is no mere sky-writing stunt by some cadre of testosterone-charged hotdogger pilots. These are not normal contrails — harmless frozen vapor from the jets' engines streaking white across the sky.

No, these are "chemtrails" — an insidious poison being spewed down by an evil government, the believers say.

Some say the "chemtrail" planes sometimes leave a strange goo like substance that is packed with potentially deadly bacteria.

Is it some type of bio-warfare experiment? Some secret program of weather control? A nasty conspiracy dedicated to killing off a big chunk of the population?

Too early to tell.

But one thing for certain, according to members of a recently formed group of New Mexicans who call themselves the "Skywatchers," people are getting sick with "flu like symptoms."

Never mind that federal aviation officials insist that the stuff coming out of aircraft over Santa Fe are nothing but normal contrails. Never mind that local and state medical authorities say that there has not

The "chemtrail" controversy is visible on the world wide web. Here are some of the sites mentioned in these articles

■ **Clifford Carnicom's Santa Fe "Chemtrails" site**
<http://www.carnicom.com/contrails.htm>

■ **The William Thomas Web Site**
<http://www.islandnet.com/wilco/>

■ **Jay Reynolds' Skeptical View on "Chemtrails"**
<http://www.sightings.com/ufo3/contrailmystline.htm>

■ **Another Site for Skeptics:**
<http://www.borderlands.com/contrails/contrail.htm>

■ **A Scientific Look at Contrails**
[http://www2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/\(GI\)/guides/mtr/cld/oth/cntrl.rxml](http://www2010.atmos.uiuc.edu/(GI)/guides/mtr/cld/oth/cntrl.rxml)

been any significant increase in upper respiratory illnesses in the area in recent months.

The Skywatchers see through what they call knee-jerk government denial.

"The cloud that got me sick this week was real low," one woman said at a recent Skywatchers meeting at Cafe Oasis. "My son is sick. I'm sick of being sick."

"Some people feel it burning in their nose," said another woman. "Why isn't this in the news?"

Jessica Lujan, 20, one of the younger Skywatchers present, told the group it is important to keep a



Lem Price/The New Mexican

Alan Hutner at a skywatchers meeting.

spiritual perspective. "Visualize clear blue skies," she suggested.

But the low-cloud woman answered, "All that

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Santa Fe Rose Show honors all the roses of the 20th century



Craig Fritz/The New Mexican

Fragrant Delight

By **JAN HALE BARBO**
For The New Mexican

Betty Boop isn't likely to show this year in the Santa Fe Rose Society's 40th annual show, but Elizabeth Taylor and Sexy Rexy just might. Peace may reign and Fragrant Cloud waft through the air.

So what's in a name? When it comes to a rose show, everything. Following American Rose Society rules, a blossom must first be correctly identified by varietal name in order to be exhibited.

Juanita and Jack Ortega are positively passionate about growing and showing roses and, along with other Santa Fe Rose Society members, will be on hand Saturday to answer questions and assist with

Santa Fe Rose Society Rose Show

noon to 4 p.m. Saturday

DeVargas Center Mall

Show schedules are available at local garden centers or by calling Ann Friedman, 983-4158

Exhibitors need not be members of any rose society.

identification of rose cultivars.

"Jack and I first attended a rose show in the mid-70s, shortly after buying our first home, and that's how we got drawn into it," Ortega said. "We'd planted some roses, but the bushes were really suffering." She recalls meeting rosarians at that show who were helpful and friendly.

"I fell in love with the blossoms and left feeling that we just had to grow more roses," said Ortega. The next year, she entered the show and won a

ribbon. "Once you win a ribbon, you're hooked and you plant more and more and more."

Today, the garden surrounding the Ortega home, a mile or so north of the Plaza, contains hundreds of roses — miniature, floribunda, hybrid perpetual, polyantha, hybrid tea, Gallica, hybrid musk, climber, shrub, English (David Austin), hybrid rugosa and old garden roses (those

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