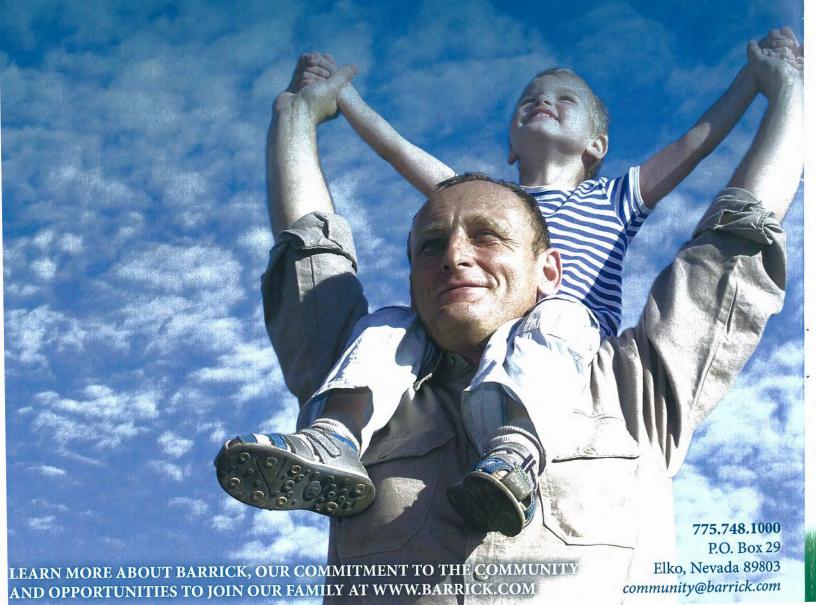


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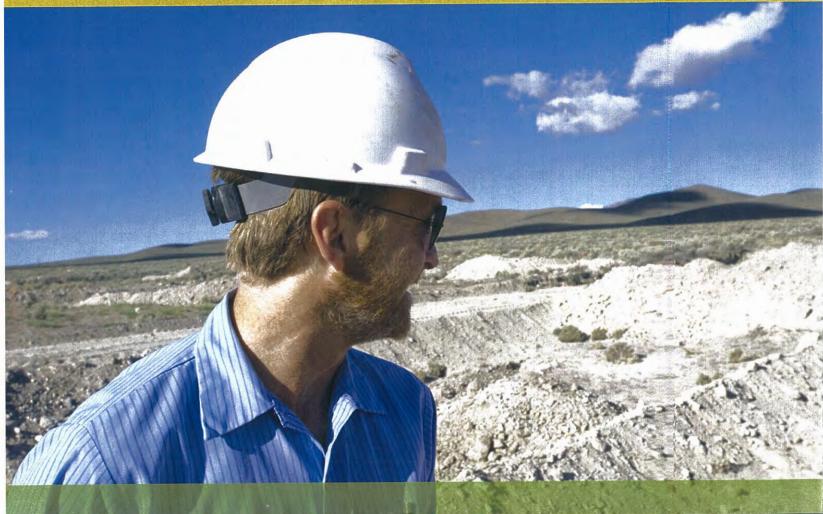
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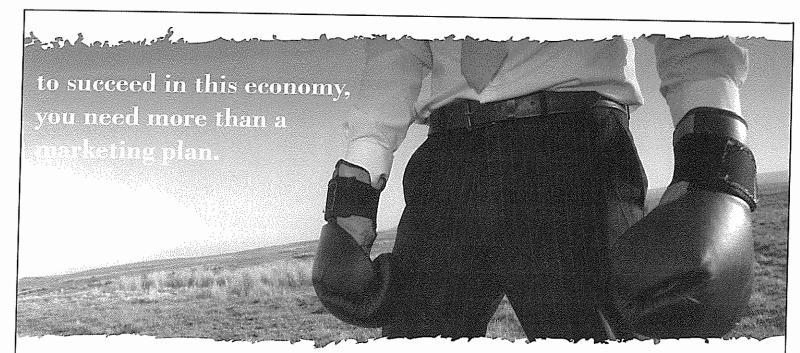
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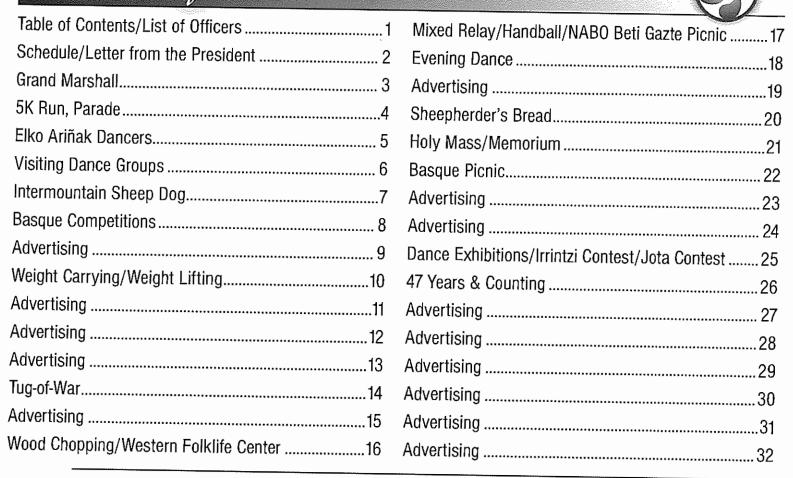
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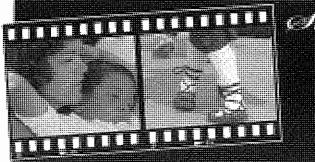
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Friday, July 2nd

Kick Off • 6:00 p.m.
Western Folklife Center

Saturday, July 3rd

5K Run • 7:00 a.m. Elko Basque Clubhouse

Parade • 11:00 a.m.

Customary Downtown Route, Ending at Elko County Fairgrounds
Thank you to our Chairpersons - Jim & Rose Connor for coordinating the parade

Basque Games • 12:00 p.m.

Elko County Fairgrounds, Following Parade
Admission \$5.00 per Person, Children Under 12 Free
Weight Lifting, Wood Chopping, Weight Carrying Competitions,
Girls & Boys Tug-of-War: EHS vs. SCHS,
Dancing, Music, Sheep Dog Exhibition,
Sheep Hooking, Running from the Sheep

Handball • 6:00 p.m. Handball Court, Elko City Park

Saturday Night Dance • 10:00 p.m.

Elko County Fairgrounds • \$10 Admission

Sunday, July 4th

Handball • 9:00 a.m. Handball Court, Elko City Park

Sheepherder's Bread Contest • 10:30 a.m.

Will be auctioned off after Mass Elko City Park

Catholic Mass • 11:00 a.m.

Basque Picnic • 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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I would like to thank all of the many volunteers who sacrifice their time and diligently strive to make the Basque festival a success each year.

The Elko Euzkaldunak Club would like to extend our appreciation to all of the businesses who provide financial support for this important cultural event.

I offer you a warm welcome and invite you to participate in all of the events at the 47th National Basque Festival.

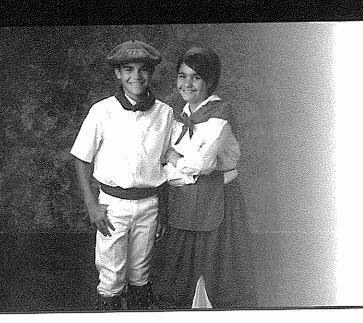
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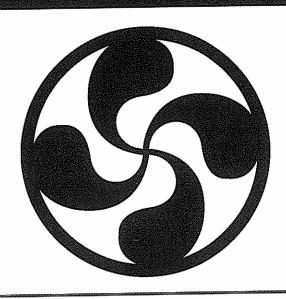
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GRAND MARSHALL 2010.



Mercedes Mendive

Grand Marshall of the 47th National Basque Festival

Mercedes Mendive was born and raised in Elko, Nevada. Throughout her young childhood, she had always had strong music influences long before she began playing the accordion. Her first influences in Basque Music were ultimately prompted by her dad Joe, and later nurtured by her mentor Bernardo Yanci. One of the advantages to the style of music that ultimately became her preferred genre was that she was fortunate enough to have "live accordion music" being played every Saturday morning at Basque Dancing practices. These dance practices would also play a pivotal role in teaching her the fundamentals of music and rhythms long

before she became a musician.



At the age of ten she picked up an accordion for the first time. She remembers thinking back to those early days when she was just beginning her musical journey and wondering where it might take her one day, if any place at all. "I remember in the beginning I was just learning the basic fundamentals about the accordion and about music in general. I couldn't play but just a few songs at the time, but the one thing I was absolutely certain of was that it felt right. Everything about the accordion for me was right."

Over the next several years Bernardo Yanci would play a huge role in shaping her talents. He would come every Saturday morning to teach her without missing a beat. He became one of her greatest mentors, but more than that, he became her friend. His incomparable style and talent would have huge impacts on Mercedes over the years that followed, all of which could never be duplicated.

In 2003 Mercedes wrote and composed ten songs for her debut CD Journey to Euskdai. "The majority of the music," she explains, "has primarily Basque influence and undertones, but it was also important for me to blend it with something a little more modern... to try to give it something of a contemporary feel, which, in retrospect, I think I was able to accomplish that."

Mercedes has performed at a multitude of venues in various cities throughout the United States as well as town fiestas in the Basque Country. Some of her performances include her debut CD concert in Gardnerville, Nevada; the prestigious International Accordion Festival in San Antonio, Texas; Jaialde; NABO conventions; Basque festivals throughout the western United States; The Florida "Accordion Smash" in Orlando; Great Basin Community College's Cultural Week; John Ascuaga's Casino in Reno, Nevada, as well as a cameo on stage for pop music group Haley for her debut album release at Bimbos night club in San Francisco; as well as many others.

Although Mercedes now lives on the southern east coast of Florida, she continues to write music in hope of getting back into the studio sooner rather than later. Her musical priorities have somewhat taken a back-seat to her daughter, whom was born in November 2008, but she always makes time to play when she can. "I used to find the greatest amount of calm and joy in just sitting down for an afternoon and practicing and playing a little music, but since my daughter was born, I take much more pleasure in seeing her interrupt my practices by pushing miscellaneous keys on the accordion while I'm trying to play it. Granted, I don't get a lot done that way, but I know that I, too, am influencing and nurturing a happy and musical child in some capacity. It's my hope that this influence will be the reason my daughter too will have a song in her heart long before she picks up an instrument. For me, there is no greater gift I can offer her or receive from her."



5TH ANNUAL 5K Run/Walk



Saturday, July 3, 2010 7:00/8:00 a.m. - Elko Basque Clubhouse

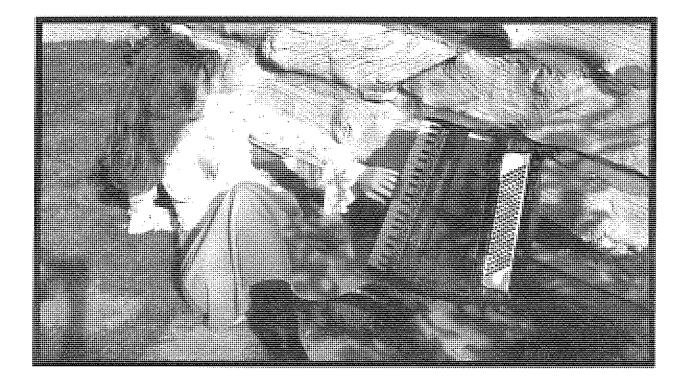
Run or walk – sign up on the day of the event at the Elko Basque Clubhouse at 7:00 a.m. Race starts at 8:00 a.m. To reserve a t-shirt, or for more information, please call Cody Krenka at 738-6479.

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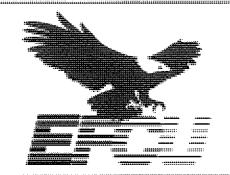
Saturday, July 3rd, 2010
11:00 a.m. - "Our Youth, Our Future - Gure Gazteak, Gure Etorkizuna"

The downtown streets of Elko will be filled as the 47th National Basque Festival Parade starts at 11:00 am. The parade will begin at 7th and Commercial Streets, and then proceed with the customary parade route ending at the Elko County Fairgrounds. This year's parade will feature sheep dogs, dancers, and much, much more. This year's Grand Marshall is Mercedes Mendive, accompanied by her mother, Veronica Mendive.



The Elko Basque Club would like to extend a special and heartfelt "Thank You" to Jim and Rose Conner for their many years of "Parade" service! Eskerrik Asko!





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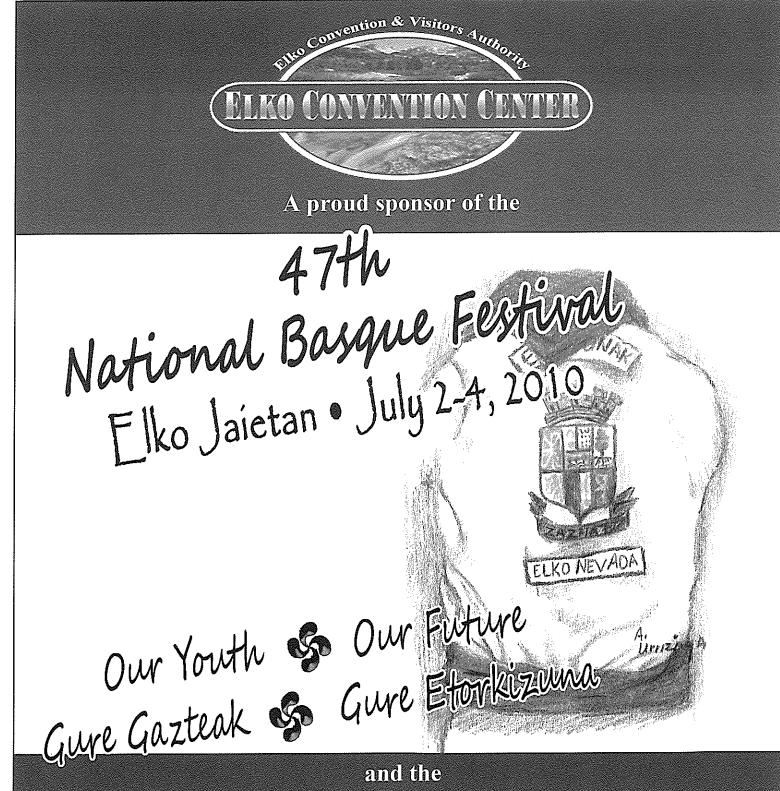
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Official Minutes From the very first Elko Basque Club Meeting

In the background, is a copy of the meeting notes taken during the very first meeting of the Elko Euzkaldunak Club, with a typed copy in the foreground. The first meeting of the Euzkaldunak Club was held at the Nevada Hotel, with 32 present.

The following officers were nominated:

President -John Aguirre

Vice President -Joe Urriola

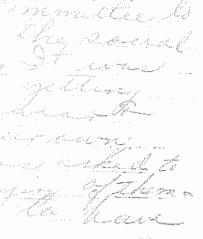
Treasurer - Marguerite Aguirre

Board of Directors:

Louie Urriarte, Albert Samper and Lenore Halbert.

The following items were brought up for discussion. Initiation fees per person at \$10.00 a year. Meetings to be held once a month. Louie Uriarte is to see about getting the Elk's Hall. Adele Shust and Mary Wunderlich are to provide the entertainment for the next meeting to be held Tuesday, January 5. A committee to be appointed for the social of each meeting. It was discussed about getting Basque hats to wear and each to buy their own. Joe Anacabe was asked to look into the buying of them. It was discussed to have our meeting put on social calendar of K.E.L.K. and also in the Free Press. Decided on having membership cards made up. The Board of Directors and the officers are to meet at the Nevada Hotel on December 22.

The Board of Directors and the officer held their meeting at the Nevada Hotel on December 22. I got the by-laws that were used in Idaho and Winnemucca and we discussed them to see what changes we wanted to make. The committee decided that \$6.00 per person a year would be the dues of the club instead of ten. Louie Urriarte is to talk to Pat Mann about incorporating. Different ideas were brought, up about having these committees; a sick committee, an entertainment committee, a finance committee, a membership committee and a committee to help the Basques who do not speak English with their needs.



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-DAVID BILKAD -DYYTAZDIQ

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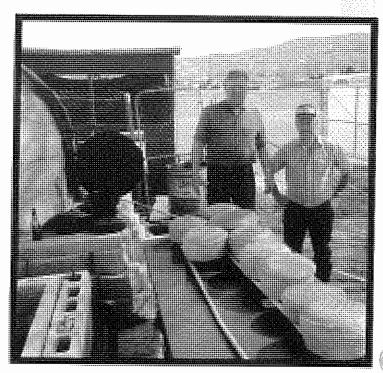


Contest and auction

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Ramon summered with the sheep just west of Jarbridge and then trailed them to their winter range south of Ely (300 miles). In the spring, the trip was reversed with the sheep arriving at the Home Ranch for shearing and lambing in May. After five years on the ranch, Ramon went to work at the Star Hotel, where he cooked until 1978. In 1981, he opened the Biltoki in Gooding, Idaho. Ramon moved the Biltoki to Elko in November of 1983. This property was originally called the Corner Bar and was operated by Maria and Antonio Jaurgui for many years. The bar and a small rental house next to it were combined to form the present building, which was a pizza parlor prior to Ramon's occupancy. Ramon grew up around his mother's restaurant, which is still run by his sister in Gernika, Vizcaya. Many of the dishes found on the Biltoki special board were learned at his mother's side. Biltoki's family style method of serving originated in the Basque Hotels with the strong ranch influence dictating the use of much beef and lamb.

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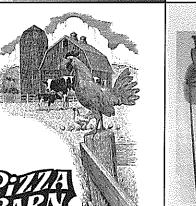
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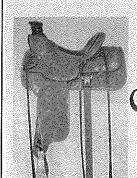
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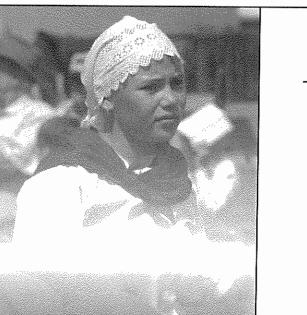
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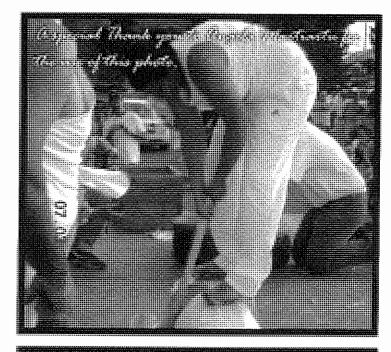
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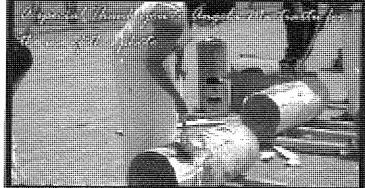


The wood chopping event is comprised of male and female students from UNR. 800.00 in prize money will be divided amongst the top three competitors. They are organized and coached by veteran Basque Wood Chopper, Juan Brana.









AT THE Western Folklife Center

Friday, July Znd, 2010

The historic Pioneer Saloon at the Western Folklife Center will be open for cold drinks during the kickoff activities!

CDME ON BY TO SOCIALIZE, SEE EXHIBITIONS AND VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP During Friday and Saturday of the festival, please stop by the Western Folklife Center (501 Railroad Street) to see the traveling exhibition Amerikanuak! Basques in the High Desert created by the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon. This exhibition tells the story of Basques, their settlement in the American West and the impact they have made upon the region since their arrival. The Basques have carved out an identity in the western United States that may be most known by non-Basques for its food, lively dance, and intense sports competitions. This exhibition expands on those commonly known details of Basque identity to tell a much larger story.

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