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SUIMA Students Collect "Pennies For Peace"



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Tribal Members, Area Residents Gifted With Writing Inspiration and Coaching

by Tyson Sampson EBCI Member Special to the Drum

Outhern Ute Tribal member Tanaya Winder has been facilitating writers workshops for seekers of inspiration and guidance since last November for anyone in the Reservation area. The writers workshops have been held at the Ignacio Community Library with the aid of Library Assistant, Christina Robinette.

Tanaya initiated creativity in her workshop attendees by promoting an activity where her students were instructed to complete the next line of a poetic statement and people within the circle are allowed to fill in the space with their own musings.

Winder's initial model was this:



Winder is currently living in Albuquerque completing a Master's Degree in Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in Creative Writing at the University of New Mexico.

There will come a day one of us will have to imagine this: you.

room passing the statement on to the next individual and that person wrote the next line.

Invariably poetic writing emerged, (everyone around the table each wrote their own line) creating the following emergence of inspiration:

"There will come a day one of us will have to imagine...

...wearing art instead of clothes. ...and I paint pink and purple polka dots from top to bottom.

...while I imagine the colors of the sunset glowing in the western sky. ...I saw the wood, haul the

water, and do the dishes. ...Being mindful of this pre-

cious moment. ...Be brave and experience joy as you would before you experi-

Group writers went around the **Writing Inspiration** page 6

enced fear.

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students gather around a large collection of pennies, donated by themselves for other students. These pennies, which totaled over seven-hundred dollars, will be used to benefit school children in Pakistan. The project, Pennies for Peace, was founded by Greg Mortenson. He is also the author of the well-received book, Three Cups of Tea, which focuses on peace through education. More information can be found at www.penniesforpeace.org.

by Patricia Hauschild

and pennies? They just seem to go together!

That's exactly what the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy discovered during its "Pennies for Peace" fundraiser. The Academy children collected 71,000 pennies (\$710.00) to be included with other Montessori schools across the nation in presenting a check to Greg Mortenson at the Annual American Montessori Society Conference. Mr. Mortenson was a keynote speaker at the conference where the theme was "Educating for Peace and Social Justice." Three of the Academy staff, Pat Hauschild, Linda

Daniel and Judi Cole, presented

at the AMS Conference and had the wonderful experience of meeting Greg Mortenson.

Maria Montessori, the founder W hat is it about children of the Montessori Educational Philosophy, believed that if we were to attain world peace it would be through the world's children, thus "Peace through Children." Greg Montenson, founder and executive director of the Central Asia Institute (a nonprofit organization providing community-based education in Pakistan and Afghanistan), creator of Pennies for Peace, and recent Nobel Prize nominee as of this January, believes in "Peace through Education."

Peace through children, peace through education, children helping children, no wonder "Pennies for Peace" is so successful! "Education coupled with compassion can create a global fami-

ly dedicated to peace. Pennies for Peace educates children about the world beyond their experience and shows them that they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time." (Greg Mortenson)

The Academy children have experienced a broad range of activities whose focuses have been children helping children, as well as children having an impact on their world. They have successfully participated in the St. Jude Children's Hospital Math-athon, the Earth Foundation ...saving the rainforest one acre at a time, a car wash to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims through American Red Cross, "muffin & punch" sales to profit our Greenhouse and other garden sustainability projects, and one

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Council Recognizes Lifesavers



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Four lifeguards responded to a situation at the SunUte swimming facility with efficiency and bravery, taking all the necessary steps to keep an individual alive until the arrival of medics. Chairman Matthew Box (above left) shakes hands with Jennifer Johnson (above right). Also present were lifeguards Jessica Laue and Ty Conrad. Tribal Council awarded all four Lifeguards an Award of Valor for Excellence on Tuesday March 3, 2009. Shannon Cummins was unable to attend.

Ignacio Receives Threats

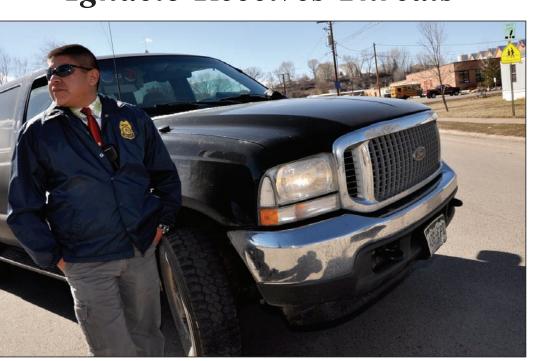


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Southern Ute Police Department and Los Pinos Fire Department reacted quickly and efficiently to a threat received by Ignacio High School on Friday afternoon, February 27, 2009. All roads leading to the High School were blocked by police officials. Students and staff from both Ignacio High and Junior High School were evacuated immediately. SUPD Criminal Investigator, Chris Naranjo, (above) is seen here monitoring a roadblock on Becker Street, one block East of the High School as a precaution. The Sky Ute Casino Resort received a similar threat in the same twenty-four hour period.

March 13, 2009

Express Your Opinions

Missing SUIMA

I am writing this letter to the teachers, staff and children of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. I want them to know that I have missed them so much. But due to my illness I haven't been able to go visit the children and teachers. When I was able, I enjoyed going there to share my life and stories I wrote. How I miss that interaction with the children and teachers. How I miss seeing Ms. Georgia and Ms. Lida, the two people who have dedicated their lives trying to teach the Ute Language. On the other hand I am sad that our Ute Language is fading away. I once heard my aunt Edna tell someone that if the Ute people didn't speak their language they were just another Indian. Language is what identifies people as to who they are, and the tribe or ethnic group to which they belong.

I would also like to say that the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has a group of wonderful, loving, caring and patient teachers. Please do not criticize them. Unless you have been in the classroom, you do not know what they go through. They have to deal with different personalities, different emotions and mannerisms. Their home environment and parental guidance and teaching come into play as parents, grandparents and extended family members are the first teachers before the children ever enter school. Please support your teachers; they are human with feelings and emotions. Teaching is not an easy job. You, the parents are the first disciplinarians. There are so many things children learn from their families.

There are things, words, and expressions they bring to school. By teaching them self respect, honesty, Love, kindness, compassion and respect for others are the keys to raising upright and loving children. I know it is not easy, but it is worth a try. Loving your child and giving him/her plenty of hugs and talking to them about how to behave is helpful. I was told that the actions of a child are the reflections of the parents. Children are mimickers. They learn so much from their home environment as children and then carry what they learn to school with them.

Again I say to parents, grandparents and extended family members stand by your teachers; support them and support your children by helping them with their homework. Talk to them about their behavioral issues and what your expectations are so that they can succeed in school. Teachers are there to prepare your children to be well educated. That is their number one job. Let me say this; none of us are perfect, we learn from our mistakes and we also learn to turn around and make better lives for ourselves.

Again I would like to express how very much I miss and love the staff and children of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. I have found the staff to be very dedicated, caring, loving and respectful. In turn, we Ute people have to show them our love, respect and consideration. I know for certain, teaching is a very exhausting job and they go home emotionally spent and tired. Remember some of them are parents, as well as a wife or a husband. Their day does not end

in the classroom.

The Creator meant for us to love one another, to bear each others burdens. Remember He is the author of love and compassion. Please, please support them with love and respect. They are only doing what you, the family cannot do.

My love and thoughts go to the teachers, staff and children of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. I love all of you and I wish I could continue going there, but at this point in my life

> Sincerely, Annie Bettini Tribal Elder

Thinking Of You

To: Verna Marie Fr: Louis Perez

I just want you to know that no one ever said that love was easy or that there wouldn't be misunderstandings, or moments when lovers would need to be apart in order or love better, or more completely.

I know we've had some difficult moments lately and sometimes I wonder if we'll ever see eye to eye or if our actions will ever reflect what we really feel inside. But I want you to know my heart still belongs to you and no matter how difficult the situation is for us I know we'll get through it. I hope you still believe in me because I still believe in you and I will always believe in US.

May God bless you each and every day that I'm away from

> Con todo mi amor y cariñyo Siempre Tuyo Louis Perez

Intermediate Thanks

Ignacio Intermediate School's Family Math Night Sponsors:

Thank you for your donations to Ignacio Intermediate School's Family Math Night on March 3, 2009. Thanks to your generosity, the evening was a great success!

LaPlata County Sponsors: Big 5 Sporting Goods, Gardenswartz Sporting Goods, Ignacio Shur Value Market, Julie's El Amigo, KSUT Radio Station, Lewis True Value Hardware, Louisa's Movie House, Sky Ute Casino Resort, Steamworks Brewing Company-Bayfield, 7-11 Convenience Store-Ignacio, Tequila's Family Mexican Restaurant-Durango, The Patio Restaurant, The Spaah Shop, Unfinished Furniture For Your Home, Upper East Side Coffee & Deli, Walker's True Value Hardware, and Durango Walmart.

> Sincerely, Denise Krispin Title 1 Math Teacher Ignacio Intermediate School

Resolution 2008-263

On October 28, 2008, the Council, authorizing payment of Severance Compensation to Council Memberswhen they finish their terms of office, approved Resolution NO. 2008-263. The Resolution states, "Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council will be entitled to receive severance compensation upon conclusion of his/her service as a member of the Council. The compensation to be provided pursuant to this Ordinance shall consist of severance equal to six months salary at the Council member's most recent rate of pay and the payment of continued coverage (COBRA) insurance payments by the Tribe for six months."

The reason given for this action was that re-entry into the job market requires several months. Maybe so, but two of the immediately-affected Council members are Tribal Elders already receiving an Elders' Pension from the Tribe in the amount of thousands of dollars every month. I don't think they will be looking for a job any

This also seems unfair to all the past Council members and Chairmen who served Southern Ute Tribal members. They are the ones who made sound decisions for the future of our Membership. All the wealth we have is because of their hard work. This new Council is just riding on the foun-

dation of what past Councils set in place... and now they think they are entitled to more money, plus the benefits?

How can a Tribal person run for Council and say, "I want to help my people. 'I want to be fair and look after our investments." ...and then when elected, turn completely around, forgets his promise to this people and then passes resolutions to benefit themselves. Council members now make over \$100 thousand per year, and get a travel budget that amounts to thousands of dollars, as well.

How much more will this new Council ask for? Will the members sell us out in the future and one day we will wake up and be broke? Everyone who made money off of our Tribe will move on. They will not care about our people and they will find someone else to feed off of.

There is a word in Webster's Dictionary. It is "GREED" ...defined as "an excessive or rapacious desire, especially for wealth".

> Southern Ute Tribal Members Rod Grove Ronnie C. Baker

4H Thank You

I want to thank all 4-H members, families, leaders who donated cakes for the cake walk during the February Sweetheart Powwow and to those

4-H'ers who stay up late and bake up items for our bake sales! Also, much thanks to all supporters who bought goodies during our bake sale on March 10th and to those who give cash donations during our bake sales. Special thanks go out to Ms. Barbara Scott for her generous donations for our 4-H club and to all our volunteer 4-H leaders who take the time to represent! I appreciate you all! You are all truly good luck angels for the Seven Rivers 4-H Club!

> Sincerely. Leonora Burch Agriculture Youth Agent

Facing The Future

The Tribe stands at a defining moment in its history. We are now confronted with the damaging policies and fiscal irregularities of Growth Fund executives and Tribal attorneys. Using this information, the executives and attorneys want less control from the Tribal Council. The full economic and legal impact of these tactics is dramatic.

At a more fundamental level,

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submitted to Robert L. Ortiz, Media Manager for the Southern Ute Drum (970) 563-0100, Ext. 2253

Southern Ute General Meeting Set

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Matthew Box has officially confirmed the next General Meeting.

Friday, March 27, 2009 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Main Event Center, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

or send an email to Robert at: rortiz@southern-ute.nsn.us during normal business hours.

Amy Chua, a professor at the Yale Law School, has identified the economic implications of what she calls "market-dominant minorities" such as the Growth Fund that controls hugely disproportionate percentages of the Tribe's resources. Be warned, it is essential that the Tribal Council is strong enough to control the ambitious measures designed to benefit the Growth Fund and attorneys.

At the onset, the damaging policies create a treacherous environment for the tribal membership. The intent of these policies is to compromise and control the authority of the Tribal Council. A prime example is the applicability and scope of the policy used to exclude college-educated tribal members and American Indians from entering the tribal workforce. It raises disturbing questions about ethics and conflicts of interest.

At the same time, a larger problem facing the membership is financial irregularities. In this context, there is too much money at stake for us to know as little as we do about hedge funds and how they operate. A major problem, which the Growth Fund doesn't want to discuss, is they rely on paid private investment firms to invest the tribe's money in hedge and equity funds to purchase loans that banks make and package as securities. Hedge funds heavily leveraged made billions with these types of securities. But the tribe now faces an unfavorable riskreward situation. Has the Growth Fund stepped back in wake of recent million dollar losses? The easy money is gone. The harsh truth is that what has happen, management inaction has contributed to this loss by relying heavily on consulting agreements.

I believe that the sentiment in the letter recently sent to the tribal membership by the Growth Fund was based more on hope than on fundamentals. Not surprisingly, the information has been met with skepticism because they haven't published anything that can be verified. There's no way of being certain that the worst has passed. There's no real doubt that uncertainty continues to be the prevailing sentiment on tribal investments. Instead it is time to focus on the importance of a candid and through forensic audit to uncover the financial deceits of the executives and attorneys.

> Orville G. Hood Tribal Elder Durango, CO

American Indian Tribal Sovereignty

■ here is a misconception issue by many Southern Ute Indian Tribal members about the unique relationship between the United States and the American Indian tribes. Realistically, the law itself is straightforward, but the derivation is more complex. In the sections that follow, we will look at the broad strategy issues raised by the American Indian Tribes. A basic understanding about the sovereign status of American Indian tribes can only be helpful. Sovereignty is the foundation upon which this relationship is built.

What is Sovereignty?

Sovereignty is an internationally recognized concept. A basic tenet of sovereignty is the power of people to govern themselves.

Tribal Sovereignty

American Indian tribal powers originate with the history of tribes managing their own affairs. Case law has established that tribes reserve the rights they had never given away.

American Indian Tribes Possess a "Nation-within-a-**Nation" Status**

Treaties

Treaties formalize a nation-tonation relationship between the federal government and the

Trust Responsibility

In treaties, Indians relinquished certain rights in exchange for promises from the federal government. Trust responsibility is the government's obligation to honor the trust inherent to these promises and to represent the best interests of the tribes and their members.

The U.S. Constitution

The U.S. Constitution recog-

submitted by Orville G. Hood nizes Indian tribes as distinct gov- Indian Child Welfare Act and the Southern Ute Tribal Elder ernments. It authorizes Congress Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. to regulate commerce with "foreign nations, among the several states, and with Indian tribes."

Court Precedence

Three 19th century Supreme Court opinions serve as a cornerstone to understanding the sovereign status of Indian nations. The cases are the most widely cited with respect to tribal sovereignty.

Johnson v. McIntosh concerned the validity of a tribal land grant made to private Individuals.

- Provided that tribes' rights to sovereignty are impaired by colonization but not disregarded.
- Held that the federal government alone has the right to negotiate for American Indian Land.

Cherokee Nation v. Georgia involved an action brought against the State of Georgia by the Cherokee Nation that sought relief from state jurisdiction on tribal lands.

- Described Indian Nations as "domestic dependent nations".
- Maintained that the federaltribal relationship "resembles that of a ward to his guardian"

Worcester v. Georgia concerned the application of Georgia state law within the Cherokee Nation.

- Held that tribes do not lose their sovereign powers by becoming subject to the power of the U.S.
- Maintained that only Congress has plenary (overriding) power over Indian affairs.
- Established that state laws do not apply in Indian country.

Some Modifications in the Nation-to-Nation Relationship

In 1953, Congress modified the federal-tribal relationship in five states through the passage of Public Law 280. More recently, the relationship was modified by the

Public Law 280 (1953)

Provides for five states, including Minnesota (with the exception of the Red Lake Reservation), to assume general criminal and some civil jurisdiction over Indian Reservations within the state. Tribes retain limited criminal and general civil jurisdiction, but because of a lack of resources have generally not fully assumed these responsibilities.

Indian Child Welfare Act (1978)

Establishes procedures state agencies and courts must follow in handling Indian child custody matters. Creates dual jurisdiction between States and Tribes that defers heavily to Tribal govern-

Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (1988)

Should a Tribe decide to engage in casino gaming, this Act requires the State to negotiate in good faith with the Tribe to form a compact setting forth games, limits and other terms.

Tribal Sovereignty

as a Paradox

While the U.S. Government recognizes American Indian Tribes as sovereign nations, the U.S. Congress is recognized by the Courts as having the right to limit the sovereign powers of Tribes. However, Congress must do it in definite terms and not by implication.

What Does This Mean?

- Tribes remain sovereign nations and possess self-govern-
- Tribes have a nation-to nation relationship with the U.S. federal government. · Only Congress has plenary
- (overriding) power over Indian • State governance is generally not permitted with reservations.

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Tribal Update

Hunter Education Course Offered

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife will be holding its Hunter Education Course in the Buckskin Charlie Training Room (2nd Floor), Leonard C. Burch Building, Ignacio, CO on March 17, 19, 24, 26, 2009 (6:30 pm - 9:00 pm) and March 28 (9:00 am - 11:00 am). *Tuesdays and Thursdays over a two week period and one Saturday. The minimum age limit is 10 years of age. Class is limited to 20 Participants at a cost of \$10.00. Student must attend all classes, pass written test, demonstrate safe handling of firearms. Pre-registration is required, please call the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management (970) 563-0130. Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class, items will be provided. Hunter education courses are recommended for anyone who spends time in the outdoors, whether or not they intend to hunt. Basic outdoor skills acquired in a hunter education course can be invaluable during any outdoor activities. For example, survival basics can help you prepare for and deal with emergencies. And wildlife management lessons provide insight into how and why wildlife agencies manage the resource, particularly by using hunting as a management tool. Other Classes in the Area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs), call the Colorado Division of Wildlife for times and locations (970) 247-0855.

Calling All FryBread Makers!

Sky Ute Casino's PowWow Committee is calling for all FryBread Makers. We are looking for the most delicious and mouth-watering frybread in the Four Corners area. The winning Team will be contracted to serve 500 pieces of frybread during the 7th Annual Casino PowWow's 5 o'clock supper break on June 13, 2009 in Ignacio, CO. The Casino PowWow Committee will be holding a taste test gathering. The Team that submits the tastiest and most visually appealing frybread will be awarded the honors to serve all dancers, guests, family members and judges. The Casino PowWow Committee will provide the winning team with the necessary ingredients to make the delicious frybread (flour, baking powder, shortening and salt). Any special/secret ingredients will not be included. The winning team must provide their personal cooking equipment. Contact (970) 563-3000, Mikki Roubideaux, ext. 1400 or Molly Cotton, ext. 1755. Who: All Food Handler Certified local frybread makers

What: TEAM LEADER must submit 4 pieces of frybread, the names of all Food Handler Certified team members, copies of certification and an invoice detailing the final cost.

Where: Taste-test gathering will take place in the John S. Williams Rm., Sky Ute Casino Resort. When: March 26, 2009: 11am - 1 pm

Attention Aspiring Native Artists

In Native communities, humor is highly valued. The Southern Ute Tribal Court is accepting "wellness cartoons" from aspiring Native cartoonists. Your drawings should be in black and white about 8" x 8". You may submit as many cartoons as you want. 10 cartoons will be chosen from all the entries. One cartoon will be published bi-weekly in the DRUM newspaper. All cartoons are the property of the Court. \$50-\$100 will be awarded for each cartoon that is published. You may either mail your cartoons or bring them in person to: Chief Judge Elaine Newton, PO 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Please put your name, address, and phone number on a piece of paper so we can contact you. Be sure and put you captions on your cartoons. Deadline is March 31, 2009. Any questions call (970) 563-0240.

Painters, Designers, Muralists Needed

Through a Colorado Council of the Arts grant, the Town of Ignacio is sponsoring a design contest and execution of TWO MURALS on downtown buildings along Goddard Ave, Hwy 172. Your submissions should include: Cultural/historical/ regional theme. Design presented on 8.5 x 11 or larger piece of paper WITH COLORS shown. Name, address, age range: Elementary, Intermediate, High School, Adult should be on the back of the design. NO ENTRY FEE. Maximum 4 submissions per person. DUE TUE., MARCH 31, 2009 BY 5PM. Publicity and signature on the completed mural is offered to the contest winners in lieu of commission.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Anna-Marie Garcia

Job Title: Receptionist/Mail

Description of Duties: Greeting Clients-Answering Phones-Providing information about Tribal entities.

Family: Daughters - Jentrie and

Kristie. Tribe: Descendant of a

Southern Ute.

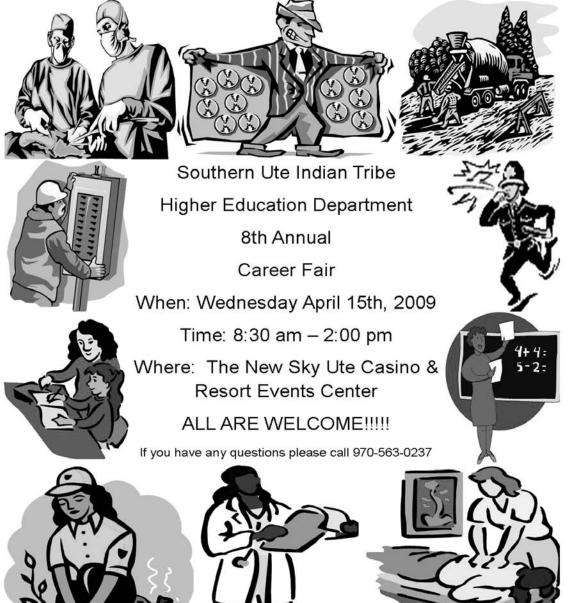
For anyone in the Community (with Tribal Members given preference) Chief Ignacio Room, LCB Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Light dinner provided. Register with Stacey Lock (970) 563-0100, ext. 2600 slock@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Financial Skills

for Families

*Classes every Wednesday for six weeks, ending on 4/29/09 (no class on April 1st due to Spring Break)



Ignacio Community Library News & Events "A cool place to check out!"

Update

Citizens Put the "C" In **Community Libraries!**

During the month of February our volunteers gave more than 35 hours processing and mending materials, helping with programs, assisting the staff, and tending the building. Gene Christiansen has joined us to water and take care of the plants on a regular basis. Arnold Santistevan is helping us plan improvements for processing book and media donations. In February alone citizens donated over 400 items! And there's another "C" in currency. Whether it's someone inviting us to "keep the change" when they're at the Service Desk or mailing in their monthly donation, general donations to the library totalled \$586.00 last month. Thank you to everyone who gives of their time, energy, and money to make OUR Community Library strong.

New Databases

The Library recently subscribed to a set of research databases that includes the Auto Repair Reference Center. There are sections on basic maintenance as well as more complicated sections. The section on Chassis Electrical even Wiring includes complete Diagrams. You can even access it from your home computer at www.ignaciolibrary.org.

Point of View: Excellent resource to help students research multiple sides of current issues including affirmative action, cloning, DNA profiling, HIV/AIDS status discloser, immigration.

NoveList K-8: This resource allows you to discover the fiction titles that are popular with young readers as well as titles to use in your classroom.

New Books

Terminal Freeze by Lincoln Child A Darker Place by Jack Higgins **True Colors** by Kristin Hannah Run For Your Life by James Patterson

Dark of Night by Suzanne Brockmann

The Associate by John Grisham Power of Four: Leadership Lessons of Crazy Horse by Joseph M. Marshall

The Centurion's Wife by Davis Bunn and Janette Oke

Cat Sitter On A Hot Tin Roof by Blaize

Clement A Beautiful Place To Die by Malla Nunn

Murder in Four Parts by Bill

Crider Fed Up by Jessica Conant-Park

and Susan Conant The Séance by John Harwood

Childhood Unbound Taffel War Child: A Child Soldier's Story by Emmanuel Jal Waiting For The Apocalypse by Veronica Chater

The Second Opinion by Michael Palmer

Rejuvenated Jewels: New Designs From Vintage **Treasures** by Amy Hanna

We have great new gardening books for you to check out! High Altitude Western Gardening The Garden in Winter Month-by-month Gardening in New Mexico

High and Dry Gardening

We received a new shipment of Adult large print talking books make sure to look through that section. We receive new books in this area every three months.

New DVD's

The Presidents 10 Days That Unexpectedly **Changed America Into The West** The Art of Knitting 4 Kids

March Computer Class

Thur., March 19, 5 - 7 p.m. E-Mail Computer Class, Part Two: In this class we will continue to examine email and how to make it work for you. We'll learn to send attachments and look at contact lists. This class is for those who took the first class in January, or those who have some email experience.

Digital Camera Class

Mon., Mar. 23, 5:30 pm - 7 pm This will be a three part series. Please bring camera and manual to classes.

Part 1: How to use your digital

Part 2 (April 6): How to take the best photos with your camera.

Part 3 (April 20): How to print the best picture possible Glenn Tinnin from Tinnin Photography will be presenting this class for us. This is a free class you must sign up; class space is limited.

Heart Health Screening

Thur., Mar. 26, 1:15 - 5:15 pm Call for an appointment at the library (970) 563-9287. Each appointment takes about 20 miniutes. This is a free heart health test provided by San Jaun Basin Health. This is for adults that have no insurance or underinsured. This is held in the community room of the Ignacio Library. Screening includes:cholesteral assessment, (HDL<LDL<TOT-LAL) blood glucose check. blood pressure, body mass index and explanation of results tips for improving your heart health.

Writer's Workshop

Sat., Mar., 28, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Anyone interested in learning new techniques or honing their writing skills are welcome.

Spring Art Exhibit April 1 - June 30

Calling all artists to apply for an art exhibit space for the Spring Art Exhibit! Artists may pick up an "Art Exhibit Request Form" at the Ignacio Community Library or may download the form at www.ignacio.colibraries.org. The form may be mailed in or faxed to the library at (970) 563-9296 or may be e-mailed to the librarian at jsalazar@ignaciolibrary.org. For more information, contact Jo Ann Viola Salazar, Librarian at (970) 563-9287 option 4. Deadline is Friday, March 20, 2009

Teen Scene New Teen Books

The Tales of Beedle the Bard by Michael Scott

Impossible by Nancy Welin Theseus and the Minotaur by Nel Yomtov Jason

The Golden Fleece by Nel Yomtov **Teen Audio Books**

The Cabinet of Wonders by Marie Rutoski Smile to Go by Jerry Spinelli

Blog Til You drop!

Tell the internet world about cool books you have read and have it posted on the library website. All you have to do is e-mail or hand write us your book blog. March Book Blog winner will receive one admission to the Storyteller Theatre in Durango.

Library Book Scavenger Hunt

Wed., March 18, 3:30 pm Join us as we send you off into the bowels of the library to follow clues and hunt down library treasures. Snacks will be provided.

Library Book Scavenger Hunt Winners Kylie Bell & Jessie McDonald **Book & Movie Charades**

Guitar Hero Tournament

Winner is Kaitlyn Bell

Mon., March 23, 3:30 pm Kids age 6-9years starting at 3:30pm. Age 10 and up at 4:15pm. You will need to sign-up ahead of time. Snacks will be provided. Prizes will be awarded.

Movie Day: Iron Man

Mon., March 30, 1 pm The ultimate superhero adventure movie. Snacks provided.

> **Teen Tech Week** March 8 - 14, 2009

Film & Digital Photography Mon., March 9, 3:30 pm Watch a film made by teens, we

will also take pictures & use computer software.

Computer Autopsy!

Wed., March 11, 4:30 - 6 pm What makes a computer work? We'll take a look inside to see if there really are elves in there. Adults will be admitted if there is space left after teen sign ups.

Kids Spring Break

We have a lot of fun things going on at the library the week of spring break.

Kids Legos All Day/Movie

Mon., March 30, 10 am We will have the legos set up in the community room. Starting at 1 pm there will be a kids movie showing in the community room.

> Teen Movie March 31, 1 pm "Ann Lincoln's Show" April 1, 10 am

Comedy magic, and juggling is fun for all ages! Featuring onstage audience participation and magical live rabbit and dove. This is a free program for all come and enjoy.

Onto The Spirit World

SILVA - Fredella A. "Freddie" Silva, 36, died Tuesday, March 03, 2009 in Durango, Colorado. Miss Silva was born January 12, 1973 in Durango, Colorado the daughter of Patrick and Ramona Silva. Ms. Silva was raised in Ignacio and graduated from Ignacio High School. She worked at the Sky Ute Casino and at the Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance.

Freddie was an avid Broncos fan, loved to hang out with friends and listen to her favorite music. She especially enjoyed when the Motorcycle rally came to Ignacio.

She is survived by her mother, Ramona Silva, sisters: Jenny Silva and Fedelia Silva, 2 nieces: Gibran and Bella Silva, her very good friend, Marilyn Griego, and her maternal grandmother, Vida Peabody,

She was preceded in death by her father Patrick Silva, her paternal grandmother, Nettie UncaSam, her paternal grandfather, Vincent Silva, and her maternal grandfather, Fred Peabody.

Visitation was held at Hood Mortuary and a rosary was held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Friday, March 13, 2009. The Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, March 7, 2009 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Father Doug Hunt officiated and burial followed at Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio.

SEWARD - Reverand Allen Seward and family would like to inform the warm and kind-hearted Southern Ute people of the recent passing of their beloved wife and mother, Tula Seward.

Tula and Allen ministered at the Baptist Indian Mission from 1964 – 1981. Tula made many friends among the Southern Ute people and taught hundreds of children about the love of Jesus. She had fond memories of the people and experiences she had while working on the reservation. Friends may access her full obituary at www.rishermortuary.com.



Of Four Corners Interest

The Durango Adult Education Center

701 Camino del Rio, Ste. 301 has scheduled several workshops which might be of interest to you. If you are interested call the Durango Adult Education Center at (970) 385-4354 • March 14, 2009, Hands-on Home Repair, 3-4:30 p.m. cost: \$25.00 • April 11, 2009, Spring Gardening from seeds, 9:00–11:00 a.m. cost: \$15.00

2009 Summer Internships – San Juan Mountains College

Application deadline is March 16, 2009. Natural Resource Interns work with natural resource managers and/or researchers on a variety of projects spanning hydrology, water quality, and ecology, and addressing issues such as mine reclamation, air and water pollution, and ecosystem health. Internships will be based in various locations (but mainly in Durango and Silverton, CO). Interns will participate in a program-wide orientation and field trips. At the end of the program, each intern will prepare a presentation about their experience. Interns will receive a \$2,700 stipend, housing, and mileage reimbursement for travel to program events. Some positions may require that the intern have their own transportation to and from their work site. Send or email an application form, a one page letter describing your interest and experience, a resume, and one letter of recommendation. Interns must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the specific positions and for the application form, go to: www.mountainstudies.org/Research/Internship Program.htm. Internship Coordinator: Aaron Kimple, Mountain Studies Institute, c/o Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO 81301; Kimple A@fortlewis.edu;. (970) 247-7071.

Red Cross Training March Health & Safety March Classes

Class sizes are limited, for more information on any class or to register; contact JoLynn at (970) 259-5383 or email jolynn@swcoloradoredcross.org. Classes also can be scheduled for business locations. Our class schedules are also available on our web site swcoloradoredcross.org. You may challenge any Red Cross Health & Safety class. Cost is \$35. You must pass the written exam and perform the skills without prompting or review. If you fail you must complete the entire course in order to obtain certification.

- First Aid: Tues., Mar., 17, 6-10pm. Cost \$45, includes 3 year certification. *you can also take this class online.
- Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED: Thur., Mar., 19, 6-10pm. Cost \$65, includes 1 year certification.
- Adult CPR/AED and First Aid: Sat., Mar., 14, 8am 5pm. Cost \$60, includes 1 & 3 year certifications.
- Adult, Child & Infant CPR/AED & First Aid: Sat., Mar., 21, 8am-5pm. Cost \$70, incl. 1 & 3 year certification.

Durango Parks & Recreation Opens Registration for Softball and Soccer Durango Parks and Recreation will be holding the captains' meetings for Adult Softball and "6 vs. 6" Soccer

at the Community Recreation Center. League Registration first opens at the meetings. League manuals and rosters are available at the Durango Community Recreation Center, 2700 Main Avenue. More league details are in the league manuals and on the City's website, www.durangogov.org, under Parks and Recreation, League Information. You may also contact Chris Clements at <u>ClementsCS@ci.durango.co.us</u> or (970) 375-7324). • Adult Softball meeting is March 25 at 7:00 p.m. • Adult Soccer meeting is March 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Fix A Leak Week

The Water Information Program (WIP) would like to remind area residents that national "Fix a Leak Week" is March 16 to 20, 2009. Sponsored by the U.S. EPA's WaterSense program, Fix a Leak Week is an opportunity to improve the water efficiency of homes by checking for and fixing leaks, which waste an average of 11,000 gallons of water per home each year. Nationwide the amount of water leaked from U.S. homes each year could exceed more than 1 trillion gallons, which is equivalent to the annual water use of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami combined. Your participation in Fix a Leak Week could help nip those drips and create serious water savings. www.epa.gov/watersense/fixaleak. For more information related to the WIP, visit www.waterinfo.org Contact: Denise Rue-Pastin Water Information Program Coordinator 841 East Second Avenue • Durango, CO 81301 (970) 247-1302 (970) 259-8423 [fax](970) 946-9024 water@frontier.net www.waterinfo.org

Fort Lewis College March Calendar

Tuesday, March 17

- "Gender, Politics and American Art Criticism, Case of Cecilia Beaux" Lecture 6 p.m., Noble Hall, Rm. 140 • Junior Jazz Recital: Bob Demmon - 7 p.m., Roshong Recital Hall at FL
- Wednesday, March 18
- Senior Recital: Brendan Sheldon, percussion 7 p.m., Roshong Recital Hall at FLC Thursday, March 19
- Student Recital 12:20 p.m., Roshong Recital Hall at Fort Lewis College
- Eleanor of Aquitaine Performance by harpist Sylvia Zurko 5 p.m., Roshong Recital Hall at FLC
- Senior Recital: Brandon Akins, guitar 7 p.m., Roshong Recital Hall at FLC • Life-Long Learning Lecture: "Adventures in Afghanistan" - 7 p.m., Noble Hall, Rm. 130
- Friday, March 20
- "Issues Impacting Women Scientists" Panel Discussion 12:20 p.m., Memorial Student Lounge • Artist in Residence Recital: Nicola Melville, pianist - 7 p.m., Roshong Recital Hall at FLC
- "Title Yet to be Determined" Lecture by Dr. Marjorie Chan 7:30 p.m., Chemistry Hall, Rm. 130
- Saturday, March 21
- Los Lobos Concert 7:30 p.m., Community Concert Hall at FLC

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month

Southwest Center for Independence and the Southwest Circle Group are sponsoring a community wide brain injury awareness/education event on March 26 from Noon to 2:00 at the Durango Recreation Center. Nancy Freeman, an organizational consultant the training Division of Denver Options will be presenting. For details, call Sharon Mehsey at Southwest Center for Independence at (970) 259-1672.

Southwest Smile Makers Dental Clinic

Offers Teeth Cleaning for Adults Southwest Smile Makers Dental Clinic is offering teeth cleaning services for adults. The cost is \$60. SmileMakers can now accept CHP+. For more information or to schedule an appointment, (970) 385-4480 in Durango and (970) 264-2409 ext. 33 in Pagosa Springs.

Native Food Concessions Denver March PowWow

Fri., Mar. 20, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Sat., Mar. 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Indian Tacos, Mutton Stew & Frybread PowWow Special: Buy 3 Tacos get 4th 1 FREE

Denver Christian Indian Center: 501 S. Pearl St. (Virginia & Pearl) (303) 733-3693 or christian_indian_center@msn.com or www.denvercic.org. Vendor Info: Fannie (303) 682-9540 or facrank@msn.com. All proceeds benefit CIC's non-profit status.

PowWow Trails

13th Annual Apache Gold Casino Intertribal Pow Wow

March 13 - 15, 2009 5 Miles E. of Globe, Hwy 70 • San Carlos, AZ Phone: Paul Thompson III (800) 272-2438 Email: mktpt@agcr.us

Web: www.apachegoldcasinoresort.com

35th Annual Denver March PowWow March 20 - 22, 2009 Denver Coliseum, 4600 Humboldt Street • Denver, CO

> Phone: (303) 934-9045 Email: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net Web: www.denvermarchpowwow.org/

Fort Lewis Hozhoni Days PowWow

March 27 - 29, 2009

Fort Lewis College Gym • Durango, Co Web: www.fortlewis.edu/student_life/native_american_center

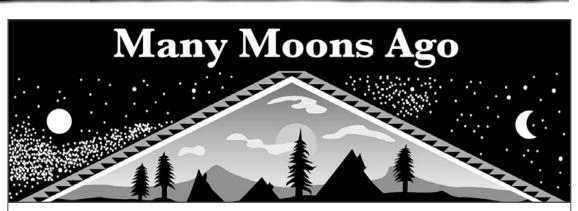




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10 years ago...

A reception to honor the artist of the 1999 Southern Ute calendar was held of Thursday, Febuary 25th, at the Southern Ute Cultural Center. Artist signed calendars and were celebrated for their beautiful works.

This photo was published in the March 12, 1999 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

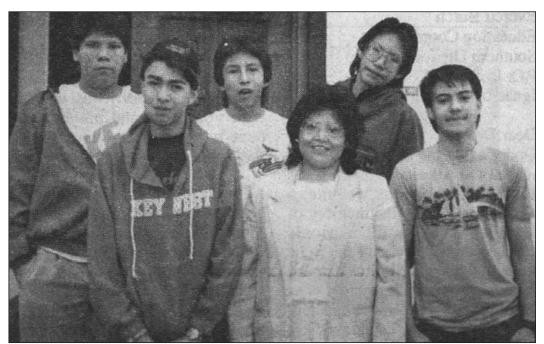
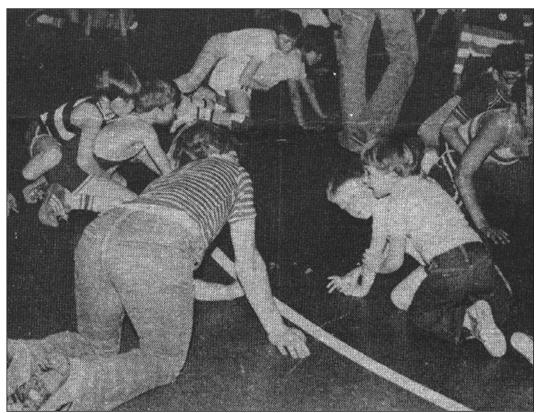


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20 years ago...

Washington Bound five students and a chaporone will be attending the Washington D.C. Workshop, March 20-24, 1989; Eric York, Angelo Valdez, Calvin Richards, Ramona Eagle (chaperone), Norman Harlan and Rendell Cloud.

This photo was published in the March 17, 1989 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



30 years ago...

photo Archives/DRUM

Elementary school students practicing under the direction of Butch Metlton and varsity wrestling students. The students practice every morning before school starts in the Ignacio Jr. High Gym.

This photo was published in the March 16, 1979 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

Ute Words Aanuchi [Means: Modern Ute]

Editor's Note: The "Ute Word" is provided from material being currently taught to Tribal Employees, The Ute Language instructor is Georgia McKinley.

Healthy Perspectives: "MRSA"

by Matthew A. Clark, MD Southern Ute Health Clinic

The overuse of antibiotics has led to the development of strains of common bacteria that are resistant to certain antibiotics. In particular, a strain known as Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus (also known as MRSA) has become one of the leading causes of skin and soft tissue infections.

Bacterial infections are usually treated with antibiotics. These "wonder" drugs which were first developed in the mid part of the last century really ushered in a new era for medicine, since many infections that formerly caused threat to life could now be treated. In the decades that have passed since the development of antibiotics, however, many bacteria have grown resistant to certain antibiotics.

Staph Aureus is a common bacterium that lives on the skin. For most otherwise healthy persons, it does not cause illness. Damaged skin, such as due to a rash or injury, can allow the bacteria to gain entry into the deeper layers of the skin and soft tissues below the skin. This results in infection. The types of infections that can be caused by Staph include pustules, cellulitis, and abcesses.

Usually Staph bacteria respond



easily to common antibiotics. However, many have begun to develop resistance to these antibiotics. These resistant strains are known as MRSA. When these resistant strains first developed, they were mostly confined to hospitals, where antibiotics were used frequently.

However, in recent years, socommunity-acquired MRSA infections have become increasingly more common. As a result, newer antibiotics are often needed to treat these infections.

MRSA is spread through direct contact with an infected lesion. Persons suffering from MRSA infections are often isolated from other patients when in the hospital. This is because MRSA has been shown to spread easily in hospital settings and because hospitalized patients often have weakened immune systems

which make them more susceptible to infection.

Non hospitalized patients with MRSA infections are usually instructed to simply keep their infections covered with a bandage to reduce the threat of spread. Fortunately, most of these infections resolve quickly with proper treatment. The affected individuals do not require isolation in the community setting.

So what does an MRSA infection look like?

Many persons will note either a collection of pustules, or a red area of the skin that they think is a "spider bite." Left untreated, the infection may reach deeper layers of tissue and form an abcess, or boil. These require prompt medical attention. Abcesses are typically lanced and drained while infected skin lesions are treated with appropriate antibiotics.

Everyone can help reduce the spread of resistant bacteria. Since a leading cause of resistant bacteria is overuse of antibiotics, persons should never use antibiotics without consulting first with a physician. It is also important to know that viral infections do not benefit from the use of antibiotics.

Good hygiene is also important and includes frequent handwashing to reduce the spread of many types of infections.

The Kidney Corner: "The 24 Hour Urine Collection"

Health

by Dr. Mark Saddler, MD Elizabeth Helms, MD and Erin Hamlin, PA

Durango Nephrology Associates

"My doctor has asked me to do a 24 hour urine collection. Why do I need to do this and what is the proper way to do it?"

It can be useful to measure the amount of various substances in the urine to help diagnose different forms of kidney disease. The kidneys can make urine either very concentrated or dilute, depending on the body's needs at a given time. So if only a single urine sample is taken, the measurement of, a given substance could appear to be very high (if the urine happened to be concentrated at the time) or relatively low (if the urine was dilute at that time). We sometimes get around this problem by measuring full day.

Some examples of substances following:

Protein. This substance is excreted in excess in most forms of kidney disease, and the amount excreted gives useful

clues to the type of kidney disease. Very high levels of protein excretion (usually above 3 grams per day) are usually associated with disease of the glomeruli, or filtering parts of the kidneys.

Creatinine. This normal component of urine can be measured to determine accurately how well the kidneys are filtering.

Sodium. The daily output of sodium is usually equivalent to the daily intake, so measurement of sodium can help determine how well a patient is controlling his/her salt intake.

Calcium, oxalate and uric acid tend to be excreted in excess in patiens who form stones in the

Magnesium and citrate tend to be reduced in patients who form

Catecholamines and their byproducts can be excreted in the excretion of a substance over a excess in some rare forms of hypertension.

Measurement of urine volume we might measure include the can be useful in some forms of excess urine production.

Urea may be measured to assess dialysis adequacy in patients on dialysis.

If your doctor asks you to col-

lect a urine specimen, you will be given a collection bottle with a screw-on lid. If you anticipate a high urine output, a second bottle can be supplied. You may keep the bottle at room temperature during the collection.

On the morning the test is to begin, urinate (empty the bladder) on getting out of bed. Do not keep this first urine specimen in the collection bottle-it should be discarded in the toilet. Every drop of urine passed subsequently for 24 hours (all of that day and night) needs to go in the bottle. It doesn't matter whether you make a lot of urine or only a little that day, as long as it all goes in the bottle. On the next day, urinate again on getting out of bed, at the same time of day as on the first day. This time, the urine does go in the bottle. So, you discard the first urine and keep the last one.

If you have a bowel movement, try to collect the urine separately without contaminating it with feces. If it does get contaminated, or if you accidentally forget to collect some urine, or if some is spilled, it is usually best to empty the bottle and restart the collection on another day.

Recipe Rally!

Provided by Amita Nathwani, Nutrition Specialist for the Shining Mountain Diabetes Program.

Stuffed Chicken Breasts with **Spinach and Feta Cheese**

Presentation of this dish is quite lovely:

2 teaspoons olive oil 1/4 onion chopped into small pieces

1 bunch of fresh spinach (or small package of frozen)

1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

2 tablespoons bread crumbs

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

1/8 teaspoon dried thyme

1/8 teaspoon ground pepper Salt to taste

1 1/4 pounds boneless and skinless chicken breast (2 whole breasts, halved)

Paprika to taste

2 Tablespoons white wine Preheat oven to 350

2 Tablespoons water

In a medium skillet, heat the oil over medium high heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until translucent, about 30 sec. Remove from heat. Stir in the spinach, feta, bread crumbs, oregano, thyme, pepper, and salt.

Pound the chicken breasts between 2 pieces of wax paper until 1/4-inch thick. Remove wax paper. Spread evenly 1/4 of the spinach mixture on each chicken breast. Then fold and fasten with toothpicks

Place the breasts in a baking dish, cover with foil and bake 25-30 mins or until cooked through. Serves 4, and pairs nicely with brown rice.

Vision Is Now Reality

Submitted by Lynne Mitchell Pagosa Springs (CO)

Area Program Director

In the small southwestern town of Cortez, Colorado lives a remarkable woman who had a remarkable vision. Her vision was an agency to assist people with disabilities. That agency is Ability Consultants and her name is Barbara J. Howe

Ms. Howe, a person with disabilities, is the founder and relationships, both with clients Executive Director of Ability and businesses we work with. Consultants for the past 7 years. Ability Consultants (AC) is a State and Federally recognized non-profit corporation. They bring resources to people with disabilities and their families.

"We have resources for people to include but not limited to housing issues, food banks, and assistance in obtaining durable medical equipment, i.e. wheelchairs, scooter, canes, etc. We help our clients navigate the disabled world on their road to self-sufficiency.

We are a One-Stop-Disability-Resource-Center and work hands on with our clients", states Ms. Howe.

"We have incorporated the Native principles I was taught growing up into our business We all benefit from these Native principles."

This is a very difficult time for everyone. We all feel the crunch because of the failing economy, jobs and money are scarce. This

hits the disabled community even harder. People are overwhelmed and scared. Ability Consultants act as advocates to help find resources and to teach people how to advocate for themselves.

A/C has in the past received small amounts of tax-deductible donations from both business and private sources. We are now an established entity and we are seeking major funding for capacity building here in the Four Corners Area as well as the State of Colorado.

For further information please contact Barbara J. Howe at the Cortez office at (970) 564-9882. Tom or Lynne Mitchell at the Pagosa Springs office at (970) 731-3909. You can also find information at our website: www.abilityconsultants.org.

Back Country Horsemen Will Hold Consignment Tack Sale On April 4

Media Release

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen will hold their annual consignment tack sale at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, April 4, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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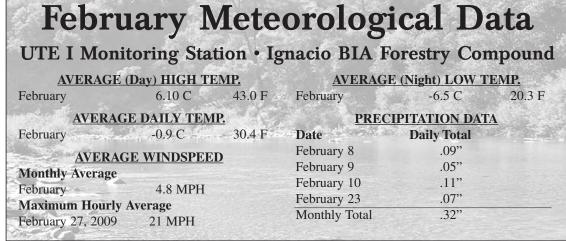
ety of horse-related tack, saddles, blankets, equipment, trailers, vehicles, clothing and more. Western, English, dressage, Aussie—the discipline doesn't matter. There will be something for everyone.

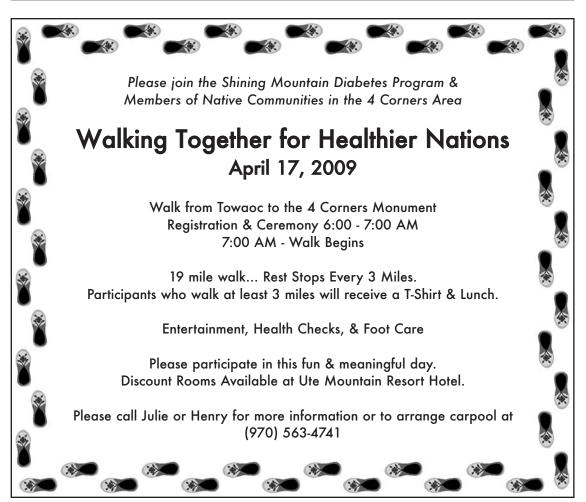
Have you got a tack room too full to walk in?

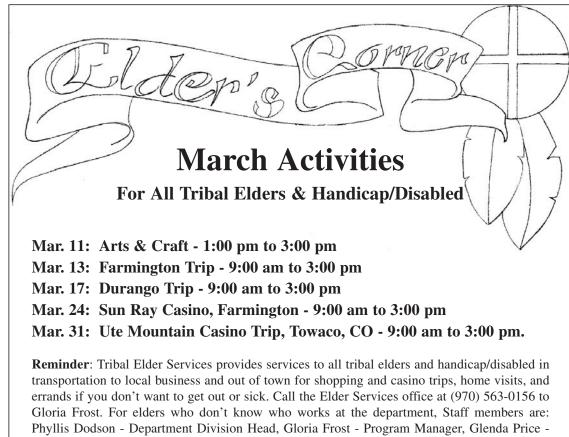
Clean it out and make some money. Consignments will be Buyers with a sharp eye for a accepted Friday, April 3, from 1-7 p.m. and on the day of the sale,

starting at 7 a.m. Consignment fees are 15% except for trailers and vehicles, which have a fee of 10% with a cap of \$300 fee max. Consignment fees support the work of the 4CBCH on behalf of everyone who enjoys our public lands.

Riding season is almost here. Stock up at the 4CBCH sale. For information and consignment forms, call Don Kelly at (970) 769-6342 or visit www.4cbch.org.







If you need assistance please call Elder Services Department (970) 563-0156.

Secretary/Driver, Wilbur Solomon - Driver and Dorothy Wing - Driver.

Family Math Night



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Ignacio's Intermediate school set up a series of fun, math related, hands-on activities to emphasize the importance of math skills to students and parents on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. The participants were rewarded with prizes donated by local businesses. Intermediate school teacher, Cindy Valdez (left), can be seen here with students, (from left) Miel Diaz, Rebekah Powell, and Cortney Baker-Wilson, explaining the measurement aspect of her activity "The Cookie Jar". In another activity, "Measuring the Past", students and parents dug for real fossils using measurements and graphing. Families rotated between a total of five interactive math related activities hosted by Intermediate School faculty.

B&G Club Visits Drum



On Friday, March 6, 2009, the Boys & Girls Club visited the Southern Ute Drum. Marquetta Howe, Comp Tech for the Drum, explained the production process and the layout of the newspaper. Marquetta showed the children how the digital photos are archived on computer, and all were given a Southern Ute Drum newspaper to review. The students also took a quick tour of the dark room and the Photo Archive room where print photos from the early 1950's are stored. Rose Rivera, (left) a student volunteer, explained the contents of the Drum newspaper, pointing out the Ute words that are used in every issue, such as the Ute Word, (located on page 4), and the page numbers. She then decribed various sections of the Drum starting with the Index on the Front Page.

photo Marquetta Howe/SU DRUM

Junior High Letters To The President

Dear Mr. President, My name is Mariah Pena and I wanted you to be aware of the problems that we are having in our little town of Ignacio, Colorado. One of the worst problems is Alcoholism. We live on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Reservation and there are many hardships. When young adults and teens (even adults) go through any kind of a hardship they feel as if they have to turn to Alcoholism. This is ruining our generations to come and I would like you as our leader, to please change this lifestyle. Also, people of our community turn to violence in relationships and gangs. When these people feel like they are less than others and because their different they feel the need to harm others to make themselves feel safer and better about themselves. I would like you to help our community and let them know they are not just the minority... they are future. I am a young tribal member and I see this stuff all the time; it hurts me knowing that our community is going downhill and it should be going uphill. Another thing I would like you to recognize is that the suicide rate is highest in Native American teens. I don't want this to be "us" anymore... known as the crazy people who are too lazy or fat or something ridiculous like that. I want the stereotypes and the discrimination to stop... it is up to you to show us the way to a better future. Thanks for reading my letter and I hope you give this lots of thought.

Sincerely, Mariah Pena

Dear Mr. President,

My name is Lance Tackett and I live in Ignacio, Colorado. I am 14 years old and I would like to congratulate you on becoming the president of the United States of America. I would like you to stop the war in Iraq so I could see my cousin again. I think you should come to our school.

Sincerely, Lance Tackett Dear Mr. President,

My name is Aleaxxandria Troup, although most people jus call me Ali. I am 13 years old and I live in Ignacio, CO. Ignacio is locate about 7 to 8 hours away from Denver, CO. My schools mascot is the Bobcat. My favorite colors are hot pink and lime green. My favorite food is Buffalo wings. I love to sew clothes and make jewelry. I would really appreciate it if you would take time out of your busy schedule to read this and write back. It is okay if you don't, I understand. Thanks a lot for your time and congratulations on being the president.

Talk 2u L8er, Ali Troup

Dear Mr. Obama,

My name is Jason Taylor. I am a 7th grader at the Ignacio junior High School in Igbnacio, Colorado. Congratulations on becoming the first African-American President of the United States. Your family must be very proud of you. Now that you are President, there is just one thing I would like you to do and that is STOP the violence here in Ignacio, Colorado.

Jason Taylor P.S. Please write back.

Dear President Obama,

My name is Jasmine Soberanis. I live In Ignacio, Colorado and I would like for you to shorten the school day to 4 days. When you wee elected I was so happy because I knew from the beginning that you would become president. I just wanted to know if you went through really tough times. Have you ever been to Durango or Ignacio? Oh, and I am 12 years old and in the 7th grade. Please write back. It would be really awesome if you write back.

Sincerely, Jasmine Soberanis

Higher Education Offering the Essential Skills in Business Class

Beginning Monday, April 6, 2009. The program is offered to Tribal Members who had completed their High School Diploma or GED. This certificate will prepare tribal members for office jobs in the work force. The Essential Skills Certificate includes 13 classes, over a six month period, which provides 34 San Juan Basin Technical College credits. Classes

include computer operation, software training in word processing, spread sheets and data bases, business English and math, basic accounting, personal finances, preparing resumes, technical writing and customer service. Classes will be offered Monday -Thursday, from 8:00 am until 12 noon. Scholarships will be available for 12 tribal members which will include tuition, books/supplies and a monthly scholarship. The deadline to apply for this scholarship will be Monday, March 23, 2009, in order to participate. In order for this program to start April 6, there must be a minimum of 10 students. Please contact the Luana Herrera, Adult Occupational Coordinator at (970) 563-0237 for scholarship applications, or for more information.

SUIMA Collects "Pennies For Peace" • from page 1

particular favorite was a bake sale and "classroom adoption project" of animals for Best Friends Animal Sanctuary. Yet, it doesn't stop there - to bring their activities and sincere intentions closer to home, they have participated in various Christmas food, clothing,

and gift collections here in Ignacio. The Southern Ute Academy has hopes of a future endeavor with a sister Native American tribe to share their wealth of history, language and

What does the future hold? Want

to flip a penny! Our wish is lots of educational learning experiences. lots of "sharing" programs, lots of compassion, and lots of hope for our next generation of "world leaders" - a promising future for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students.

Writing Inspiration and Coaching • from page 1

...in time this experience will fade covered over like cobwebs ...in the dusty corners of my mind."

Tanaya introduced those present with excerpts from authors she had chosen for the workshops by acknowledging times when people do not feel creative or inspired. She said, "Wallace Steven calls that (the winter of the mind)". Other writers like Native American Poet Joy Harjo say that "in the Muskogee world Women are accepted as artists". When someone mentioned that they feel "uncertain" about coming out with any stories, Tanaya did not miss a beat to giving more encouragement with another writer's philosophy: "art lies in uncertainty".

Writing is a realm where many people do not get the prod or encouragement they could use unless they have been submerged in the "field of study". Tanaya's humble service at the local library on quiet, sleepy Saturday afternoons propels her participants to feel like writing on any level is possible. There is no pretentious expectation when attending Ms. Winder's class, she truly wants to hear people tell their story.

Winder explained why she enjoys the category in the field of Writing which is not made of fantasy or falseness but rather peo-

ple's own unique experiences called Non Fiction. She said, "a lot of people write to make sense of ourselves and to make sense of the world around us. It is important for us to get out the personal stories that we have. The personal stories allow it to become universal so others can see the vulnerability of the writer." She added, "It is so important to tell personal stories and how we make sense of things so that other people can make sense of their world too."

Tanaya Winder gives immediate feedback to each individual student as they stream their own consciousness into a writing exercise or a poem. When participants were given an exercise by Dorothy Allison entitled "Why do I write?" Some of the exercises were simple fill-in-the-blank and offered quick discoveries into a hopeful future even if it means simply jotting thoughts or ideas down from time to time. Tanaya offered that some of the following responses about writing were pretty good:

I write to... make sense of my

I write for... my nieces, that one day they can have insight

I write in spite of... being told I write in hope of... change.

I write in fear of... the story staying the same. I write in desire... to become more proficient in human lan-

I write in excitement... that my perceived hilarity in life can be

I write in despair... and feel that I'm at the scene of a train wreck. I write with... my tongue and

my breath. With the enthusiasm and support of a good guide like Tanaya, surely some of the best dusty old stories and legendary tales will once again return. She commented, "I would like to recommend an Anthology about a place, even in this area there are many small

towns like Tiffany". Winder is currently living in Albuquerque completing a Master's Degree in Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in Creative Writing at the University of New Mexico. She leads her special classes when she is on weekend breaks spending quality time with her dear Mother, Cindy.

Once again, you can take an honored seat with Tanaya and another Writer's Workshop on Saturday March 28, 2009 at the Ignacio Community Library. If you have any further questions, please contact Christina Robinette at (970) 563-9287.

Healthy Lifestyles La Plata Presents

The Festival of Color

Celebrating the bountiful produce of our lives!! Shur-Valu Market Ignacio, CO Monday, March 16, 2009 from 4-6 pm Free Samples!! Recipes!!

Raffle for free produce!!

Spring

If you like mornings you will love spring showers. It is a time that you can go outside and play with your friends.

You can also have picnics with your parents.

You can plant a garden with your Mom.

You can go swimming and you don't have to wear your jacket.

You can plant April flowers.

You can play in your yard. You can play on your trampoline.

I love planting flowers with my mom

You can lay o the grass and look up at the clouds.

These are the reasons I Love SPRING!

By Jade Katelyn-Varoline Richards - Age 10

Birthday & Congratulatory Wishes for March



To our son Alex Pena,

We are so proud of you! You said you would be a State Champ and you made your dream come true! Keep up the hard work and you will achieve anything you want in life! You worked hard and sacrificed many good meals to ge twhere you are. Congrats! We love you. Mom, Dad, Mariah, Iasic, Lorenzo & Bella

To the Ignacio High School Wrestling Team Good job this year boys! You worked hard spank it up! Love you guys,

Pena Family

P.S. Casey, thanks for being a great wrestling partner for Alex!



To our nephew Ethan Ben Barry, Happy 2nd Birthday! We love you and can't wait to celebrate with

you. Hope you have many more!

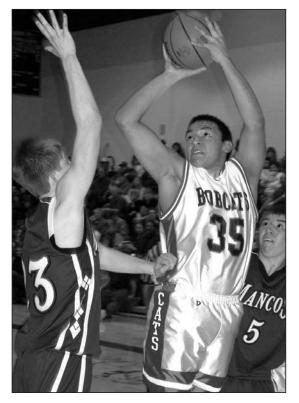
Love you, Auntie Amy, Mario, Ty & Gracie

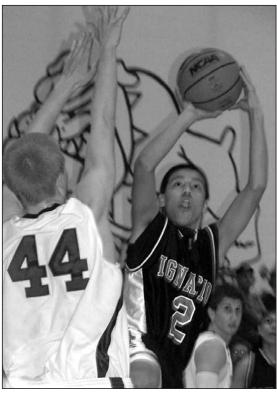
Happy Birthday to my love, Alan Herrera Sr. on March 9th

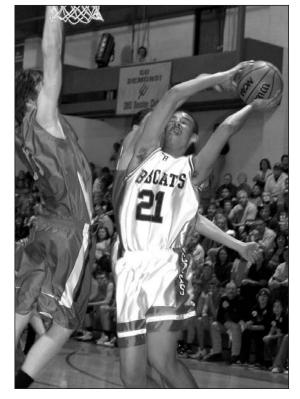
Hope all your days are filled with happiness and love. God Bless you always and take

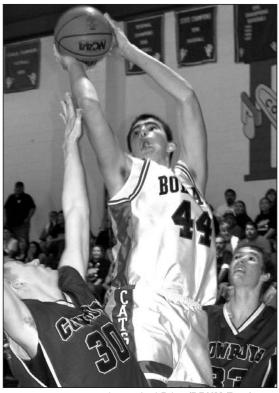
> Love you, Melinda (F.A.)

22-1: Bobcat Boys 'March' To Pueblo, State!









(Photos left-right) Ignacio's Anthony Porambo is locked in against Mancos' Cade Mitchell (left) and Emilio Marquez (right) during the SJBL District Tourney inside Dove Creek HS. IHS blew the Blue Jays away, 71-18 on Feb. 27.

Tournament finale inside Dove Creek HS. IHS pulled out a 44-36 win on Feb. 28, for their second close call against the Miners in three tries.

Ignacio's Trae Seibel gets a tough look against Telluride's Kevin Doody during the SJBL District

IHS' Micah Odoms goes hard to the hole, and gets hammered by a couple La Veta defenders March 6 inside Durango HS during the Bobcats' 60-46 win in 2A Region 3 action.

IHS' Alex Herrera leans in for two against Plateau Valley's Landry Coon (30) and Dalton Schuman (33) during the Bobcats' 65-44 win on March 7 inside Durango HS for the 2A Region 3 championship.



The Bobcat boys remind everyone inside Durango High School's DemonDome this past Saturday of their season-long goal, to be #1 in Class 2A hoops. After winning the Region 3 championship, IHS advanced into this week's Great Eight round - at least - of the state tournament in Pueblo.

by Joel Priest Special to the Drum

last exorcise last season's verted a breakaway layup, and demons in...the DemonDome.

And make Durango High School their temporary home away from home.

But after the Bobcats' sluggish third quarter last Saturday afternoon, even the mostly-partisan capacity crowd seemed to be growing a little restless, as the underdogs from Collbran just wouldn't quite crumble. No matter; Ignacio's opening offensive possessions of the fourth effectively put Plateau Valley down for the count.

First, senior forward Taylor Dean rejuvenated the rooters with a soaring right-handed dunk in transition, a helpless Cowboy posterized underneath in photographers' pictures. And sophomore guard Pedro Vigil followed it with a carving drive through the Cowboys, threw in a nifty shoulder fake, and scored a layup with a D.J. Schuman (15 points) quickscooping motion to keep the fans

roaring at maximum volume. With the two highlight-reel buckets in the books, IHS' lead quickly swelled to 51-33. Seven and a half minutes later, finalized with six-of-six shooting at the stripe (courtesy senior Ryan Egger, junior Trae Seibel, and junior Shane Brooks), Ignacio officially erased the mental imagery of 2008's Class 3A State Tournament loss to Valley [Gilcrest] by claiming the 2A Region 3 championship.

And, most importantly, claiming a berth in this week's Great Eight in Pueblo.

"It's awesome," said Seibel during the on-court celebration after the 65-44 victory. "I don't know what else to say. But the losing teams that were sitting in here—I know what they're going through right now. That was us last year, but now we're the ones moving on."

IHS had ousted La Veta the previous night, 60-46, and promptly dashed out to an 18-9 lead after a quarter of combat with the Cowboys, capped by two Seibel free throws. Dean had already introduced himself with five points in the frame, as

did junior Oakley Hayes.

Starting the second stanza, PV countered well and offset Ignacio's first six points with It was only fitting they'd at eight of their own. But Dean consenior Micah Odoms (14 points) tie early in the third quarter and drained a three-pointer with PV forced the 'Cats to re-affirm their unaware of his outside game.

> Now ahead 29-17, fellow Bobcat big man Alex Herrera (eight points) dropped in a shortrange hoop, and Plateau Valley turned the ball over on an offensive foul after inbounding. Herrera then took a feed from Seibel and put in another easy two points, and Vigil added a FT following a steal for a 34-17 advantage.

> Sophomore Ryan Brooks, who'd just turned 15 the night of Ignacio's win over the Redskins, then buried one of his regular, no-respect threes off a slick Odoms assist with 0:50 left before halftime, and Vigil then hit another freebie to give the 'Cats a 20-point pad at 39-19.

Cowboys Landry Coon and ly cut it back down to 39-24 with a trey and a deuce, respectively, after the break. Seibel (13 points, 6 assists) dropped in a floater to get IHS re-fired, but both teams stalled before a nasty collision between Herrera and PV's Dalton Schuman brought about a long pause in the action with 4:26 left and IHS up by 17.

Fighting for a loose ball in the paint, Schuman's head hit the court and trainers were rightly careful in moving him. But things got uglier when the Cowboy's mother came out to vent her mind at Bobcat head coach Chris Valdez—as if it was his fault—while he expressed concern over the situation. Technical-foul free throws were awarded to Plateau Valley, but Coon bricked the pair and nothing

came of the ensuing possession. Coon did manage a five-point run later, bringing PV (18-4) back to 43-33, but they would come no closer after Hayes closed the quarter with two free throws and rebuilt the lead to 47-33.

Improving to 22-1, the Bobcats then combined to sink 10-of-13 at the line in the fourth (finishing 24-of-35 while PV was just 10of-18) to help ice the outcome.

totaled 14 points, Seibel added 11, and Odoms and Dean each chipped in with nine as IHS pulled away in the second half after LVHS had fought to a 32-all collective commitment.

MEET US AT MASSARI: Opening the Great Eight with yesterday's 8:45 a.m. game inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena, Ignacio was seeded fifth and took on four-seed Heritage Christian Academy [Fort Collins]. HC owned a 22-2 record after winning

ed Holyoke (23-1) or eight-seed Sargent (16-7) at 4 p.m., while the loser dropped into the consolation 8:45 eye-opener against the Dragons-Farmers loser.

Championship will be decided Saturday at 5:15 p.m., with the third-place game preceding at 2 p.m., and the consolation championship starting things at 10 a.m.

CORRECTION: After readding point totals from the Feb. 28 San Juan Basin League Tournament (2A District 3) finale, it has been found that Ignacio defeated Telluride 44-36 and not 43-36 as previously reported.

Editors note: Basketball box scores from the last two games are on the following page, page 8.

BREAKING NEWS! THE IGNACIO BOBCATS DEFEAT-ED #4 SEED, HERITAGE CHRISTIAN ON THUR., MARCH 12, BY A SCORE OF 55-54. THE #5 SEED, BOB-CATS WILL PLAY THE WIN-NER OF #1 SEED, HOLYOKE AND #8 SEED, SARGENT, ON FRI., MARCH 13 AT 4:00 PM IN THE CSU-PUEBLO, MASSAIR FIELDHOUSE IN PUEBLO, IN THE "FINAL 4". FINALS OF THE BOYS' STATE BASKET-BALL GAME WILL BE ON SAT., MARCH 14, AT 5:15 PM.

Against La Veta, Herrera

Region 8 over Calhan, 61-51.

The winner advanced to today's Final Four against either top-seedside of the bracket for another

Three-seed Colorado Springs (22-2) took on #6 Lutheran-Parker (17-7), with the winner facing either #2 Meeker (23-1) or #7 Sanford (19-5) in the other Final Four semifinal.

The Class 2A State

Still Kickin' It



IHS' Ashley Seibel fights for possession during last season's home match against Bayfield. The Lady Bobcats' 2009 season in the 3A Southwestern officially 'kicks' off against Pagosa Springs today (Mar. 13, 4 p.m., IHS Field) then continues against the BHS Lady Wolverines away next Tuesday (Mar. 17, also a 4 p.m. start).

photo Joel Priest/DRUM Freelance

Two Truths

Special to the Drum

■ here are two absolute truths for those that fly-fish. The first is you can never have too much gear. The second is fly-fishers sometimes speak using terms that are way too grandiloquent. When I say way too much gear I'm not speaking about stuffing your vest with spur-of-the-moment, counter gadget purchases that you will never use. I'm talking about gear that is actually usable. My newest gear purchase that fits the usable definition is the monomaster. Even though this really neat tool can be displayed at the check out counter, it is a really cool and worthy addition to anyone's gear collection. In fact, it is one of those things you look at and say, "Why didn't I think of that?" The Monomaster is a device that collects and stores your old leaders and tippets.

I'm sure your thinking, "Why do I need something special to put fly-fish we sometimes talk about my old, short, wind knotted, monofilament in; what's wrong with just stuffing the stuff into one of the 500 pockets in my vest?" The answer is really easy. How many times have you put your old leader and tippet into one of your pockets, only to have it develop a

Don Oliver mind of its own and slither out of the pocket, like a worm escaping from a Prince Albert worm holding can? The Monomaster puts a

stop to this ever happening. The Monomaster is simply a small plastic tube with a center rolling device that grabs the leader and tippet when they are inserted into an opening on the side. Once the leader and tippet are inserted you turn the center rolling device and wind the monofilament into the tube. When the tube is full you open the top of the monomaster, pull the leader and tippet off the center rolling pin, put it in the trash can, and begin the process all over again. I am sure you're thinking this is some kind of Ronco commercial; honest, it's not. I have one of these nifty gadgets clipped to my vest and find it to be a very usable and valuable addition to my stockpile of equipment.

The second truth deals with grandiloquent. As people who a piece of equipment in terms meant to confuse those who do not fly-fish. The item in question is a Thingamabobber. Really, that's what it's called. And, I use it. What is it? It is a strike indicator, which in fly-fishing terminology means a bobber. The

Thingamabobber comes in different sizes and colors. It attaches to your line via a non-slip hole, and is as sensitive as a balloon indicator. When I find myself fly-fishing on the dark side (nymphs) I use them. I think they are really great.

So much for the sales pitch. My real point is, why do those who fly-fish continue to use a term meant to disguise what we are really doing? We are simply putting a sinking fly on the end of our line and need a bobber to indicate a strike. Certainly it is smaller than the old red and white bobbers we used when our dads took us fishing with a cane pole and worms. But strike indicators are doing the exact same thing the old red and white bobbers did. I think we need to stop talking in highfalutin terms and start saying what we really mean. Who knows what will happen when our vocabulary returns to more understandable terms. Maybe, we might be tempted to round up a youngster, grab a cane pole (could be viewed as a bamboo rod), with a big red and white bobber attached to the line, a can of worms, and head out for the nearest pond.

When this happens maybe, just maybe, we'll begin to understand what fishing is really all about.

March 13, 2009

Tribe/Sky Ute Casino Resort To Host 10th Annual \$20,000 Non-Profit Booth

Sky Ute Casino Resort

Fifteen non-profit organizations from La Plata and San Juan Counties will compete for their share of \$20,000 on Thursday, May 14 at Sky Ute Casino Resort in the 10th Annual \$20,000 Non-Profit Money Booth. Since 1999, when Sky Ute Casino Resort held the first Non-Profit Money Booth Event, over \$200,000.00 has been given to local charities to support a variety of worthy causes.

Last year, selected organizations included: Adaptive Sports, Advocacy for La Plata, Relay for Life, Bayfield Early Education

Media Release Program, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Farmington Intertribal Indian Organization, George's Independent Boxing Club, La Plata Council on Aging, Native American Disability Law Center, Skills for Living and Learning, Violence Prevention Coalition, Volunteers of America, and Women's Health Coalition.

> Says George of George's Independent Boxing Club., "We are grateful to Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for continuing to put on this event and support all of these wonderful area non-profits. It is a great thing for the community and for all of the worthy organizations."

A reception will be held in the John Williams Banquet Room from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to honor the selected organizations and present each with a \$500 check. Then, the action will get underway at 7:00 p.m. when a representative from each organization will enter the money booth for 45 seconds to grab as much cash as they can!

Applications are now available at the Sky Ute Casino Resort front desk. All applications must be turned in no later then April 24 by noon to be considered for admittance into the event. For further information, contact Special Events Coordinator Carol Taylor at (970) 563-1761 or carol.taylor@skyutecasino.com.

Bobcats' Championship Basketball Box Scores

Feb. 28, 2009 [2A Dist. 3 FINAL, at Dove Creek HS]: IGNACIO 44, at Telluride 36

I (11-6-14-13)—T. Seibel 1 0-0 2, Hayes 0 4-4 4, Odoms 3 5-7 12, S. Brooks 2 2-4 6, Herrera 4 0-1 8, Dean 3 0-2 7, R. Brooks 1 0-0 3, Vigil 1 0-0 2, Egger 0 0-0 0, Porambo 0 0-0 0, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Watts 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 11-18 44. 3-PTR'S: Dean, Odoms, R. Brooks.

T (5-7-10-14)—Matthews 7 0-2 15, Schroedl 1 0-0 2, Brown 0 0-0 0, MacCracken 6 1-2 13, Doody 1 0-2 2, Gerald 1 2-5 4, Koenig 0 0-0 0, Reich 0 0-0 0, Zarr 0 0-0 0, Radford 0 0-0 0, Hazen 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 3-11 36. 3-PTR'S: Matthews.

compiled on site by Joel Priest

Mar. 7, 2009 [2A Reg. 3 FINAL, at Durango HS]: Plateau Valley 44, at IGNACIO 65

PV (9-10-12-13)—DJ Schuman 4 6-8 15, Hawkins 0 3-4 3, Bruton 2 0-0 4, Hoard 2 0-0 5, Coon 4 0-2 10, Gross 1 0-0 2, Schweer 0 0-0 0, Da. Schuman 2 0-2 4, Grundy 0 1-2 1, Langley 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 10-18 44. 3-PTR'S: Coon 2, DJ Schuman, Hoard.

I (18-21-8-18)—T. Seibel 3 7-8 13, Hayes 1 4-47, Odoms 45-614, S. Brooks 02-22, Herrera 4 0-2 8, Dean 4 1-2 9, R. Brooks 2 0-2 5, Vigil 1 2-4 4, Egger 0 3-5 3, Porambo 0 0-0 0, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Richmond 0 0-0 0, Watts DNP (injury). TOTALS: 19 24-35 65. 3-PTR'S: Odoms, Hayes, R. Brooks.

Request For Qualifications (RFQ)

ARCHITECTRUAL, PLANNING AND DESIGN SERVICES - GRVP, LLC

Requests For Qualifications:

The Request for Qualifications document is available for the above named project is available for download online at the following address: www.threespringslink.com (User kprinslow@sugf.com, Password: Architects). Any applicant who downloads the RFQ from or otherwise obtains this document must send an email to kprinslow@sugf.com with the party's contact information to ensure receipt of addenda and further information.

General Statement Of Work:

The Owner (GRVP LLC) is requesting Statements of Qualifications from qualified professionals interested in providing Architectural design services for the planning, design and the construction documentation of a variety of building types at Three Springs. The Architect's team of consultants shall include but is not limited to the Architect, and supporting sub-consultants such as Civil Engineer, Landscape Architect, Structural Engineer, and Mechanical / Electrical Engineer. Architect's may present their Statements of Qualifications for all building types or their Statements of Qualifications may focus on their design team's abilities on a specific building or type. The selected Architect will work with representatives of GRVP LLC, prospective tenants, the Three Springs Design Review Committee (DRC), the qualifications and responses.

and the City of Durango. The Owner reserves the right to, at any time during this process, add, delete, or otherwise modify the proposed scope of services. The Three Springs Indian Preference Policy will be implemented during selection.

Response Information:

Responses (printed Statements of Qualifications) to RFQ Dae due by 3 pm local time, on March 26,

Delivered to: GF Development LLC Attn: Kurt D. Prinslow, Planning Manager 175 Mercado Street, Suite 240 Durango, Colorado 81301

The Owner will respond to written questions. Questions may be mailed, faxed or emailed to kprinslow@sugf.com.

Deadline to Submit Questions March 16, 2009

The competitive selection process outlined in this RFQ will focus on the qualifications and prior history of performance on similar projects by the Architect and members of the proposed Design Team, in accordance with the selection criteria outlined in this RFQ. Thoughtful written responses to this RFQ will enable the Owner to select the most qualified professionals. In the Owner's best interest, the Owner reserves the right to reject any or all of the submittals and waive informalities in

Request For Bids (RFB)

LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE FOR THREE SPRINGS IN DURANGO, COLORADO

Bid-Notice is hereby given that Bids from qualified contractors shall be received by DHM Design in their office located at 1309 E. 3rd Ave, Room 11, Durango, Colorado 81301, until 3:00 PM (MST) on Thursday, April 2nd, 2009.

Each Bid must be clearly marked with the Bid Title and Firm Identification. Bid evaluation will comply with the Three Springs Metropolitan District, Indian Criteria in Bidding Program. Bid requirements and information may be obtained by contacting Mr. Walker Christensen at (970) 385.4219, via e-mail at wchristensen@dhmdurango.com, or can be picked-up at DHM Design's

office starting on Monday March 9, 2009 after 10:00 am.

An optional/recommended pre-bid meeting will be held on-site at 175 Mercado Street, Suite 240, Durango, CO at 1:30 PM, Monday, March 23rd, 2009. The Owner reserves the right to reject late Bids. The Owner reserves the right to cancel this Bid, or reject any and all submittals, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the Owner.

The Owner assumes no responsibility/liability whatsoever for the preparation of any response to this Bid. Bids will not be accepted by telephone, fax or e-mail.

Request For Proposal (RFP)

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SOUTHERN UTE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

OWNER:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Construction & Project Management Dept. P.O. Box 737 116 Mouache Drive Ignacio, Colorado 81137 (970) 563-1038

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals from firms to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for the new Juvenile Detention Center.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 3:00 PM MDT, Thursday, March 26, 2009. Submittals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact

Marquita Gonzales for a copy of the RFP at (970) 563-0138 or mgonzales@southern-ute.nsn.us.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. No re-bid will be allowed. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at (970) 563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process and to accept the proposal deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.



IN THE LEGAL NAME CHANGE OF: STEPHANIE ELAINE RIVERA, Civil Subject.

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that **STEPHANIE ELAINE** RIVERA filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as STEPHANIE ELAINE GOOD-**TRACKS**. As of March 3, 2009 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that STEPHANIE ELAINE RIVERA'S name shall be and is hereby legally changed to STEPHANIE ELAINE GOOD-

> Dated this 3rd day of March, 2009. **DOLORES ROMERO, Court Clerk**

IN PROBATE NO. 09-PR-028

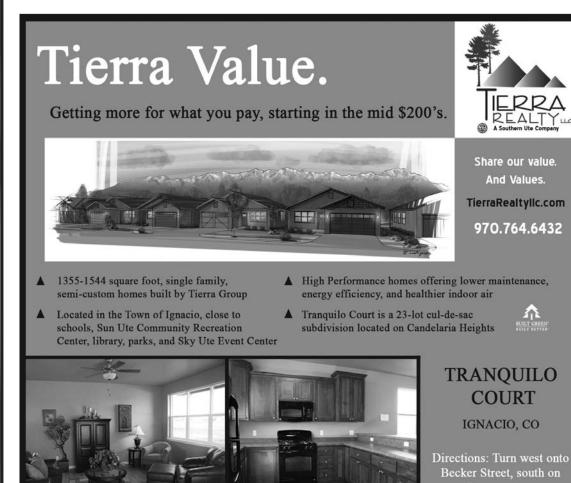
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: VERA SAGE,

NOTICE TO: HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, AND TO ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN SAID ESTATE: THE SOUTHERN UTE

TRIBE OF THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION, IGNA-CIO, CO. GREETINGS: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009 AT 10:00 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 24th day of February, 2009. KELLY HERRERA, Deputy Court Clerk





Classifieds



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - POSITIONS

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 Phone: (970) 563-0100 • Fax: (970) 563-0396 *Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Swimming Instructor

Closes 3/24/09 - Under supervision of Aquatics Coordinator, instructs American Red Cross individual and group swimming lessons at the SunUte aquatics facility. Responsible for preparation of class, instruction of individuals, break down of equipment, and all documentation associated with SunUte individual swimming lessons and the American Red Cross.

Group Exercise Instructor

Closes 3/17/09 - Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director.

Boys & Girls Club Tutor

Open Until Filled - Coordinating and facilitating Boys & Girls Club's Power Hour tutoring program, Mon. Thur., weekly. Tutors will assist youth, ages 6-18, with daily homework or else provide them with additional educational literature during the allotted time.

Detention Officer

Open Until Filled - Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center.

Patrol Officer

Open Until Filled - Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Hotline • (970) 563-4777

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly. *Applications for Temporary Employment are accepted at the Human Resources Department on an on-going basis. Applications are kept on file for 6 months.

Producer/News Reporter

KSUT - Closes 3/20/09

Seeking candidates for a combined position of new media producer and news reporter. This position requires expertise in website design and implementation, video production, social media platforms, experience in managing online services with media partners, new media trend-watcher, writing and reporting, field and production work and expertise with sound and video editing software.

Qualifications: Minimum of a Bachelor's degree; 2 years experience as a journalist; 2 years experience as a new media producer; Professional on-air presence; Proven, solid news reporting, writing and production skills; Excellent editorial and communications skills; Hands-on expe-

rience with radio station facilities and related technology.
To apply, submit a resume, letter of interest, and sample of produced story on CD and links to new media projects to: Executive Director, KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.KSUT is an EEO/Native American Indian preference employer.

For Sale 2006 Dodge Dually, 4x4, Crew Cab, Excellent condition \$20,000. (970) 946-2602.

Estate Sale - Car

2005 Chrysler Town & Country, LX. 30,000 miles. Valued at \$7,000 asking \$5,000. (970) 799-3721.

For Sale

JD 960 Field Cultivator. 17'7' 2004 year model, but never used. Price is \$4500. Custom Farm (970) 563-0220.

SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517 Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Assistant Maintenance/Janitor

Open Until Filled - Early Head Start/SUCAP Ground maintenance & repair. Full-time w/benefits. Must have high school diploma/GED, and 1 year experience preferred. Must be able to operate equipment and tools, able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Must pass background checks.

Dare To Be You (DTBY) Program Aide Open Until Filled - Early Head Start/SUCAP

Program Aide needed for the DTBY program. Parttime, \$8.33/hr. Will assist in implementing DTBY program and its activities. Must have high school diploma/GED. Native American preference applies.

Early Care Educator

Open Until Filled - Early Head Start/SUCAP Exceptional opportunity for those who love children, looking for individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of infants and toddlers AND have their Early Childhood Education paid for as they go! Outstanding health care benefits. Must have high school diploma/GED, and pass background checks. Pay based on ed/exp.

Residential Assistant

Open Until Filled - Peaceful Spirit/SUCAP Full-time. Must have high school diploma/GED, minimum 2 years of continuous sobriety. Must be available to work weekends, nights, midnight shifts, irregular shifts and holidays. Great benefits. Must pass criminal history background check.

Substitute Teachers

Open Until Filled - Early Head Start/SUCAP Prefer previous experience working with children in a group setting. Must pass TB test, criminal history and child abuse/neglect background checks.

Substitute Transit Driver - Part-time Open Until Filled - SUCAP

Must have high school diploma/GED. Transit or school bus exp. preferred. Must have valid Colorado Drivers License and be insurable by SUCAP. Must pass drug/alcohol test, criminal history & child abuse/neglect background checks and pre-employment drug/alcohol screen. Applicants are required to submit a Motor Vehicle Report with application.

Youth Peer Organizer (YPO) Open Until Filled - SUCAP

High school students with good communication skills to recruit other youth to participate in alcohol/substance abuse prevention efforts and policy planning. Requires dedication of 5 hours/week for a maximum of 39 weeks. \$6/hr, Part-time, no benefits.

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND - POSITIONS

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • PO Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Gas Measurement Tech I

Closing Date 3/17/09 - Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Performing meter calibrations, gathering and editing meter data, securing gas samples for analysis, calculating gas volumes, sizing orifice plates, service and repair of meters.

Maintenance Tech I

Closing Date 3/17/09 - Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations safely and efficiently, and performing overhauls of compressors and engines and reconditioning equipment as needed.

Mechanic III

Closing Date 3/17/09 - Frontier Field Services Maljamar, NM. Maintaining equipment at the gas processing plant and field compressor stations safely and efficiently, and assisting in performing overhauls of compressors and engines and reconditioning equipment as needed.

Network Administrator I

Closing Date 3/17/09 - GF Information Technology Enterprise network administration and troubleshooting and manages information systems, servers, as well as network appliances.

Plant Accounting Manager Closing Date 3/17/09 - Frontier Field Services, LLC Tulsa, OK. Calculating plant settlement and producer statements based on gas purchase contracts, accounting for plant revenues and purchases, and preparing financial statements.

PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) Manager

Closing Date 3/18/09 - SU Growth Fund

Leading the internal PeopleSoft HCM analysts, developers and user group, managing identified projects, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support, and, supervising the PeopleSoft HCM Analyst and Developer positions.

PeopleSoft Finance & Supply Management (FSCM) Manager Closing Date 3/18/09 - SU Growth Fund

Leading the internal PeopleSoft FSCM analysts, developers and user group, managing identified projects, upgrades or development as necessary to provide the highest level of customer support, and, supervising the PeopleSoft FSCM Analyst and Developer positions.

Apprentice Operator Program Closing Date 3/20/09 - Red Cedar Gathering Co. Seeking applicants to participate in an Apprentice Operator program to receive training and experience for performing job duties in system compressor, treating facility, pipeline equipment and/or facility operations. Apprentice must complete all required training and testing at each level of program and be able to work independently as a natural gas operator.

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Ink to Paper: The Drum & Daily Times Print Process



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by Jeremy Wade Shockley

Drum Reporter/Photographer

The journalism industry has experienced its share of changes over the last two decades; the advent of digital photography, and the World Wide Web as a medium for exposure have each had their significant impacts. While online readership continues to grow, much of the world still reads their news in print. The process of printing a newspaper is one aspect that has seen very little change since the introduction of the offset printing press over a hundred years ago.

I was fortunate enough to be able to witness and photograph this process for the Southern Ute Drum newspaper as we took a recent issue to print.

The bi-weekly newspaper production begins in Ignacio, where text and photography come together in the layout; the digital files are then delivered to The Farmington Daily Times Newspaper in New Mexico. The printing process begins with the transfer of information from dig-

ital files to the plate burner using a computer. The pages are transfered to plate via a Computer To Plate (CTP) image processing machine onto a thin metal plate by laser. The plates are then mounted to the print press rollers where they transfer the images to paper by picking up the different colors of ink, a 4-Color CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow and Black) process is used. The paper is fed into the "web" and through a series of ink rollers at high speed. The stock paper is pulled from large spools measuring over four feet in diameter. The rollers will lay down black ink or color depending on the specific requirements of each color to each page as needed.

During this rapid process, the press technicians, Bob, Scott and Geno at the Daily Times are kept busy checking the ink flow, print registration, and overall print quality. The final product is visually inspected as it rolls off the conveyer belt, where the newspapers are finally stacked and bound by the The Farmington Daily Times mailroom staff, Roberta, Shirley and Tina and into your hands.





Lifeguards Receive Recognition





photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Los Pinos Fire Department awarded certificates of recognition to four lifeguards at the SunUte Community Center last week. SunUte Lifeguards responded efficiently and effectively to a situation at the swimming pool on February 17th, 2009.

Larry Behrens, of the Los Pinos Fire District, (Above, Left) presented certificates of recognition following the incident, and stated, "These four individuals played a large role in saving this man's life. When my team arrived, the situation had been handled very well, and we were able to take it from there." Behrens also commended these individuals on the responsibility that they assume with this type of position and the value of their training.

Lifeguards Jennifer Johnson and Ty Conrad are pictured above with Fire Chief Larry Behrens. Robin Duffy-Wirth of SunUte said, "While two of these lifeguards were on duty, the other two 'off duty' lifeguards were present, and together they worked as a team with text book efficiency." Lifeguards also awarded certificates of recognition were Jessica Laue (left) and Shannon Cummins (right) pictured at left.

