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## Tribal Veterans Honored During Denver March PowWow



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Lights dimmed in the Denver Coliseum during the Saturday night Grand Entry as attendees celebrated tribal veterans with an Honor Song. The ceremony was repeated five times over three days at the Denver March PowWow. Thousands of representatives from tribes across the United States convened at the annual event to participate in traditional dance, song, storytelling and other activities.

## Tri-Ute Leaders Consider New Bylaws

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

Leaders of the three Ute tribes convened for a quarterly meeting in Denver March 19 to discuss mutual issues, among them whether to adopt a new set of bylaws to lend future activities more power and credibility.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of Towaoc hosted the meeting at the Cherry Creek Hilton Garden Inn, with Chairman Ernest House Sr. directing the agenda. During the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's presentation, Chairman Matthew Box made a case to put the years-old bylaws question to rest by presenting a March 16 resolution of the Southern Ute Tribal Council to approve a basic set of rules.

"We started with a short list," Box said. "We can always do other things to these bylaws, but we need something to start off."

The bylaws approved by the



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Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Steve Herrera gives an update as part of the quarterly Tri-Ute meeting in Denver on Friday, March 19. The meeting brought leadership from all three Ute tribes together to discuss topics of mutual interest. To the left is Gary Hayes, vice chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

Tribal Council would officially name the group the Tri-Ute Council, establish quarterly meetings, allow for special

meetings, and outline its powers and relationship with member

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## Eagle Summit Raises Concerns

By Robert Ortiz  
The Southern Ute Drum

Native Americans have always had a connection with the bald and golden eagles, a source of feathers used in ceremonies across Indian Country.

But not only feathers; trunks, claws, wings and tails are a necessity in many ceremonies and dances and are used in regalia. The eagle has long been a crucial part of the Native American way of life.

So tribal representatives from the Blackfeet, Cheyenne (Northern), Chippewa, Crow, Kiowa and Ute tribes, as well as representatives of the First Nations Tribes of Alberta, Canada, gathered to voice con-



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Bernadette Atencio, manager of the National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository in Commerce City, Colo., discusses how the repository works during an eagle summit hosted in part by the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs on Thursday, March 25.

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## CCIA Hires New Executive Secretary



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Carol Harvey, incoming executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, bids farewell to her predecessor Ernest House Jr., a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, during a CCIA meeting on Thursday, March 18. Harvey, a member of the Navajo Nation, holds a law degree from the University of Denver.

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs voted unanimously March 18 to approve the hiring of Carol Harvey, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and native of Santa Fe, N.M., as its new executive secretary.

Harvey, a former energy lawyer, has been involved heavily in encouraging small business development and holds a law degree from the University of Denver. She's also a regular public speaker on Native American issues.

During the commission's quarterly meeting at Denver University's Ricketson Law Building, Harvey said she considered the job a great privilege.

"I am just thrilled, absolutely pleased and honored," she said. "I cannot say what an honor it is."

Harvey takes the place of Ernest House Jr., son of Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Ernest House Sr. The outgoing executive secretary had served in the position since February 2005. He appeared at the meeting to accept farewell gifts from other commissioners and to wish his successor well.

"I know Carol is going to do a great job," he said. "We went through a long process. We are very, very glad to have you."

Harvey was equally complimentary of her predecessor.

"I cannot begin to tell you how much respect, how much regard I have for Ernest House Jr.," she said, adding she thought he would become a great tribal leader someday.

Harvey will be responsible for acting as a liaison between the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes and other organiza-

tions and state agencies. In addition to her law degree, she also holds a master's degree in business and a bachelor's in political science and economics. Her 28-year law career has included work with Conoco in Denver and with the Nordhaus Law Firm serving Native American groups.

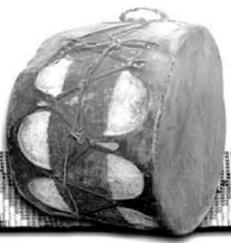
She has been married for 19 years and has two adult sons and five grandchildren.

### Farewell to Ernest House Jr.

During the meeting, several commissioners presented House with traditional blankets and other gifts to honor him for the five years he spent as executive secretary.

"We just miss you," said Lt. Gov. Barbara O'Brien, who chaired the meeting. "You have

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## Tribal Update

### Upcoming GED Test Dates Announced

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: April 2, May 7, and June 4. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class and score a 450 on practice tests. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.

### Culture Fair Coming to Casino April 16

You are cordially invited to take part in the K-6 Cultures Coming Together Fair at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on April 16. We are looking for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to share your culture with our Ignacio students and keep the cultural connection going. We will be glad to assist you in creating your presentation. Each presenter will have his or her own booth. You choose the elements of your culture you'd like to share. We need your help to excite and educate the children about different cultures. Volunteers, call Lisa Brown at 970-563-0675 or 970-563-0650 or email lbrown@ignacio.k12.co.us.

### Ignacio Schools' Relay for Life to Host Dance

Join us for a family dance and bake sale from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 16. Plan to bring your family to the Ignacio Elementary gym to dance the night away with DJ Danny Jaques. All proceeds will support Ignacio schools' Relay for Life team. The proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society to help find a cure for cancer. For more information, visit [www.relayforlife.com/durangoco](http://www.relayforlife.com/durangoco).

### Explorers Club to Host Yard Sale

Explorers Club will be hosting a yard sale in its parking lot on Saturday, April 24. You can rent space for \$15, and all profits you receive from your sales are yours. Start cleaning out your closets, sheds and storage units. More more information, call Deb Otten at 970-563-0675 ext. 345.

### Hunter Education Coming to Ignacio

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. Classes will be in Leonard C. Burch Building's Buckskin Charlie Room on March 29, 30, 31 and April 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and on April 3 from 9 to 11 a.m. The minimum age limit is 10. Preregistration is required: Call the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Management at 970-563-0130. The cost is \$10. Participants must attend all classes, pass a written test, and demonstrate safe handling of firearms. The class limit is 20. Do not bring firearms or ammunition to class; items will be provided. For information on other classes in the area (Bayfield, Durango, Pagosa Springs), call the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 970-247-0855 or visit <http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/HunterEducationCourses>.

### Strengthening Families to Host Parent Education Classes

The Southern Ute Tribal Court's Strengthening Families Program is sponsoring a nine-session parent education lunch class. The class will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays beginning April 8 and running through June 10 at the SunUte Community Center. The aim is raising resilient children by fostering strength, hope and optimism. In-class and at-home activities are designed to help parents recognize the crucial role they plan in their child's emotional health. To register, contact Crystal Thompson, program coordinator, at 970-563-0240 ext. 3255 or by email at [cthompson@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:cthompson@southern-ute.nsn.us).

### Seven Rivers 4-H Accepting Enrollments

New enrollments are being accepted until April 30. The 4-H club is open to any Colorado youth 5-18. 4-H work centers on projects that are fun, hands-on experiences for youth. Through project work, members learn life skills, communication, record keeping, decision making and leadership. We are also looking for adult leaders. Local leaders help to provide a satisfying experience for 4-H members. It takes teamwork of leaders, parents, members and agents to do this. If any families are interested, please pick up a form at the Southern Ute Agriculture building at 655 County Road 517 or contact Leonora Burch at 970-563-0220 ext. 3504.

### Attention Artists: Community Art Contest Open

Submissions are now being accepted for a community art contest. The theme is community health and wellness, women's health, and men's health. Original paintings, drawings or graphic designs in either color or black and white are acceptable. The winning entry will be featured on health education brochures and posters to raise colorectal cancer awareness in the community. The winning prize is a \$100 Walmart gift card. Submissions are due by May 15. Bring all entries to the Community Health Representatives office.

# StarWheels

Horoscopes by "The Starlady"

### ♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The news is good, RAMS. You are in the driver's seat now and have the option to change your direction. The NEW MOON on April 14 in your personal sign signals an action-oriented turn of events. What's more, your individual objectives can be successfully launched at this time. Just remember to follow through, ARIES. The shelf life on this favorable period will only last until April 20. Procrastination will only slow you down and add confusion to the matter.

### ♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The bright and breezy combo known as MERCURY and VENUS are sure to boost your spirits this month, TAURUS. Having your ruling planet VENUS come home to visit is always welcome news. Follow through with domestic projects. You know the drill, TAURUS: color the eggs, fix up the Easter baskets, etc. Yours is the ultimate spring sign. Celebrate the season. Household repairs and spring cleaning may also be on your honey-do list. The good news is that MARS may help to speed up your progress.

### ♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

MERCURY'S slowdown on April 18 is your cue to review future plans and objectives. Be ready to put them into action when your ruling planet moves forward next month. Currently MERCURY, your ruler, and VENUS are huddling in the quiet, thoughtful section of your chart. Keep your momentum strong and hold your cards close to your vest, TWINS. It's best to keep your plans under wraps until you're ready to launch them. Goals have a way of dissolving when they're talked about too much.

### ♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The SUN shines high in your chart this forecast period, predicting a positive turn of events regarding professional interests. Maintain a watchful eye on finances, MOON KIDS. Spendthrift MARS'S fast-forward mode may kick up spending. Additionally, pay close attention to taxes. Ensure they're complete and accurate. You have the opportunity to showcase your talents now. Show them what you can do.

### ♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

No doubt you've been feeling all fired up and ready to rock n' roll now that MARS is making some progress through your sign. Of course, the other planets are also contributing to this newfound energy boost too. The SUN is currently incompatible, while fiery ARIES promotes an interest in travel this month. Think optimistically, LIONS. You might be given the opportunity to pack a bag and fly away. And somehow, magically the funds could be made available to you. The world is filled with little miracles.

### ♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)

Both couples and singles of the VIRGO sign may benefit greatly by keeping watch on finances this month. Taxes are part of the focus, and it will be of great importance to ensure you have covered all your bases and reported them accurately. SATURN, currently in your sign, practically demands truthfulness. With SATURN, the rewards can be great. Money coming back to you may be one of those rewards.

### ♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)

SATURN'S limiting grip on your sign is released on April 7 when the old taskmaster slides back into the sign of VIRGO. It will be like a weight has been lifted. Relationships can be improved with cooperation and conversation while the SUN and the MOON blaze a trail through the partnership area of your chart. New beginnings are not only possible now, they're probable. SATURN is a great teacher. Pay attention to what its lesson is. You're learning patience, practicality and persistence. Invaluable!

### ♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Regardless of the current dismal job market, you might be seriously considering a change. Impulsive decisions are best avoided on April 14, when a fast acting NEW MOON in ARIES could provoke you into making a careless move. By month's end, the FULL MOON in your sign on April 28 lends clarity to future plans and decisions. Because motivation is the primary engine driving you toward your objectives, the bottom line this month is to stay focused.

### ♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Social gatherings and Easter celebrations launch the month on a happy note. Party-loving SAGITTARIANS may be feeling especially lucky on April 17, when VENUS favors your ruling planet JUPITER. Keep in mind that MERCURY begins its backward retrograde on April 18. Take the steps needed to finish up old business first. After that, playtime is all yours. Creative projects and family fun take priority. As an added bonus, successful job opportunities arise to complete your wish list. Keep moving forward, SAGITTARIUS.

### ♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

It may not always be a barrel of laughs, but family issues take top priority this April. Resist the temptation to force certain situations into play. Rather, concentrate on preserving the family harmony. With the SUN currently moving through the inharmonious sign of ARIES, you might have the urge to snap at an elder or possibly blurt out something you shouldn't have said. Think before you speak, CAPRICORN. Keep it light and airy this Easter season.

### ♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Put on your running shoes, AQUARIUS. Your springtime picture includes a faster track regarding daily events, your personal agenda, and possibly beneficial business deals. Be open to all opportunities. This is not the month to cling to old opinions and outworn ideas. Think new, think smart, think positive... think success! The more you are determined to stay put in your current mode, the less progress you will make.

### ♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Springtime planetary activity has you busily moving from one event to the next. Your finances play a large role in this month's picture. New directions and improvements in spending habits are possible now. More importantly, pay attention to all communications. Your undivided focus will be necessary, especially when signing important contracts or documents. This is not the best time to load yourself up with too many social activities, LITTLE FISHES. Practice moderation.

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## 46th Annual Hozhoni Days

# POW WOW

"Inspiring knowledge from traditions"

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Durango, CO**

### March 26 & 27 2010

<b>Host Northern Drum</b> Meskwaki Nation, Tama, IA	<b>Schedule</b> <b>Fri, March 26</b> Gourd Dancing 6pm Grand Entry 7pm <b>Sat, March 27</b> Gourd Dancing 11am 1st Grand Entry 1pm Gourd Dancing 6pm 2nd Grand Entry 7pm Crowning of the New Miss Hozhoni, 2010-11 Wanbli Ota Special: Teen & Adult Team Dancing	<b>Host/Hotel</b> Strater Hotel \$79 + tax 1-800-247-4431 FLC-Hozhoni Days
<b>Host Southern Drum</b> Cozad, Anadarko, OK		<b>Admission</b> General \$5 Students \$3 6 years & under & 60+ Free
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b> Dwayne Tofpi, Albuquerque, NM		<b>Registration</b> Begins Fri 4pm Drum Contest \$25 Dancers \$5 (W-9 required for cash prizes)
<b>Arena Director</b> Bruce LeClaire, Durango, CO		
<b>Head Judge</b> Chad Avery, Durango, CO		
<b>Head Gourd Dancer</b> Andrew Frost, Ignacio, CO		
<b>Color Guard</b> Fort Lewis College Veterans Club		

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## 2010 Tri Ute Games - Fort Duchesne, Utah

### July 21-25, 2010

**Tri Ute Sports include: Archery, Volleyball, Bowling, Cross Country, Basketball and Swimming**

If you are between the ages of 11-18 & wish to participate in the games or would like to coach volleyball or girls basketball, please contact Michelle Alvarez at (970) 563-0100 Ext. 2208.

**Deadline for players and coaches will be March 31, 2010**

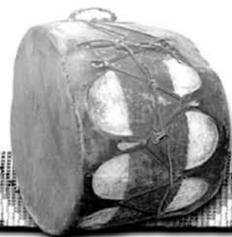
## 90th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and PowWow Logo and Theme Contest

The Southern Ute Public Relations Division, in conjunction with the Southern Ute PowWow Committee, would like to announce the Logo and Theme Contest for the 2010 Southern Ute Tribal Fair for all Southern Ute tribal members.

All medias of art will be accepted until May 31.  
Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches.  
Selected artwork will be featured on all items involved with the 90th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and PowWow.  
Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with all respective artwork.

All artwork will be accepted at the Public Relations Office in the Leonard C. Burch Building in person or by mail.  
Public Relations Division, P.O. Box 737 No. 13, Ignacio, CO 81137.  
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Barry at 970-563-0119 or email [abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:abarry@southern-ute.nsn.us).

The winner will be announced and featured in the June 4 edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



## Of Four Corners Interest

### Bennet, Udall Offices to Host Veterans Resources Forum in Durango

Staff from the offices of Mark Udall and Michael Bennet, U.S. senators for Colorado, will hold a veterans resources forum on services available to veterans and their families on Wednesday, March 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the VFW at 1550 Main Ave. in Durango. Attendees will learn about federal and community-based services and opportunities available to veterans in the Four Corners region and get information on the role congressional offices can play in supporting veterans and their families. If you are interested in attending, RSVP by email to veterans@bennet.senate.gov or by calling Senator Bennet's Durango office at 970-259-1710.

### County Commissioners Seek Fire Code Board of Appeals Members

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners is seeking interested individuals to serve on the newly created Fire Code Board of Appeals. The La Plata County fire code, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on March 16, provides for the creation of a board of appeals in order to hear and decide appeals from the decision of any administrative officer or agency based upon or made in the course of administration or enforcement of the provisions of this code. Design professionals, fire protection engineering professionals, industrial safety professionals, general contractors and general industry or business representatives are encouraged to apply. All Fire Code Board of Appeals members must be residents of La Plata County and be at least 18 years of age. Meetings shall be held at such times as necessary to fulfill the board's responsibilities. All positions are voluntary. An application and board descriptions may be obtained online at [www.co.laplata.co.us](http://www.co.laplata.co.us), or from the Information Desk at the La Plata County Courthouse at 1060 E. 2nd Ave. in Durango. For more information, call 970-382-6219. The deadline for applications is April 5.

### Workshop to Show Teachers How to Fly-fish

Middle- and high-school teachers and mentors are invited to attend a one-day "Fly-fishing in the Schools" workshop presented by the National Fly Fishing in Schools Program on April 6 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program will take place in the Durango 9R Central Admin Gymnasium at 201 E. 12th St. in Durango. The nationwide in-school program teaches fly-fishing to students in grades 6-12. NFFSP teaches students not only how to cast a fly rod in the school gym, but also about fish, aquatic biology and aquatic resources while fostering awareness about conservation and stewardship. No previous fly-fishing experience is required for teachers to participate. Continuing education credit and substitute teacher fees are available from the Colorado Department of Education. Matching grants are available for equipment kits and optional school fishing field trips. Registration is \$50 and the deadline is April 2. To register, contact Katie M. Cole at 970-708-9373 or [katiemcole@flyfishinginschools.org](mailto:katiemcole@flyfishinginschools.org), or visit [www.flyfishinginschools.org](http://www.flyfishinginschools.org).

### County Presents 'Southwest Community Design Academy III'

La Plata County is hosting the third annual Southwest Community Design Academy (SWCDA). The SWCDA is seeking participants who have an interest in promoting quality design and development in their community. This nine-week interactive class is designed to bring together elected officials, active community members, local business leaders and interested citizens to make educated and significant contributions to the community while supporting sustainable development in a way that is symbiotic with local municipalities, neighborhood communities and sovereign nations. The purpose of this class is to educate, motivate and empower potential leaders and policymakers in the community so they can critically look at community design issues and articulately express their ideas within the community. The cost of the class is \$195. Classes will take place at the Durango Public Library, Room 1, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings which began March 15 and will continue until May 10. For additional information, contact Julia Stantic in the La Plata County Planning Department at 970-382-6261 or by email at [stanticja@co.laplata.co.us](mailto:stanticja@co.laplata.co.us).

### County Commissioners Seek Water Conservation Board Member

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners is seeking an interested individual to serve as a member of the Southwestern Water Conservation District. The District was created by the State of Colorado to protect, conserve, use and develop the water resources of the San Juan and the Dolores rivers and their tributaries, and to safeguard for Colorado all waters of the basin to which the state is entitled. Included in the Southwestern Water Conservation District are nine counties, each with one representative: Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Montrose, San Juan and San Miguel. The length of term is three years. Individuals with experience or interest in water policy issues are encouraged to apply. All positions are voluntary. Detailed qualifications, the board description and an application may be obtained online at [www.co.laplata.co.us](http://www.co.laplata.co.us) or from the Information Desk of the La Plata County Courthouse at 1060 E. 2nd Ave. in Durango. For more information, call 970-382-6219.

### Ute Mountain Starting Men's and Women's Open Basketball League

League play will begin April 6 and the tournament will be played at the end of June. Entry fee is \$200 and must be paid before your team will be scheduled. Includes league play and tournament. Call 970-564-5752 or 970-564-5360 or e-mail [ntraweek@utemountain.org](mailto:ntraweek@utemountain.org) for more information.

## PowWow Trails 2010

### Honor the Youth Contest Pow Wow April 3, 2010

9169 Coors Blvd. NW • Albuquerque, NM  
Contact: Tom Goodluck  
Phone: 480-221-3118  
Email: [thomas.goodluck@ihs.gov](mailto:thomas.goodluck@ihs.gov)

### USC PowWow April 4, 2010

University Park Campus • Los Angeles, CA  
Contact: Ian Skorodin  
Phone: 323-466-7400  
Email: [contact@uscpowwow.com](mailto:contact@uscpowwow.com)  
Web: [www.uscpowwow.com](http://www.uscpowwow.com)

### Benefit/Contest PowWow April 10, 2010

Road 7150 • Bloomfield, NM  
Contact: Elsie Brown/Ernest Chiquito  
Phone: 505-960-3411  
Email: [llarvingo@yahoo.com](mailto:llarvingo@yahoo.com)

### APS Spring PowWow April 21, 2010

4700 Coal Ave. S.E. • Albuquerque, NM  
Contact: Shelby Atcitty  
Phone: 505-259-3722  
Email: [sla\\_hhs\\_10@yahoo.com](mailto:sla_hhs_10@yahoo.com)

### Gathering of Nations April 22-24, 2010

Avenida Cesar Chavez Blvd. SE • Albuquerque, NM  
Contact: Gathering of Nations  
Phone: 505-836-2810  
Web: [www.gatheringofnations.com](http://www.gatheringofnations.com)

### 18th Annual Spring Contest Powwow May 8-9, 2010

CSU Foothills Campus, 701 S. Overland Trail • Fort Collins, CO  
Contact: No. Colo. Intertribal Powwow Assoc.  
Phone: 970-498-0290  
Email: [ncipa@fortnet.org](mailto:ncipa@fortnet.org)  
Web: [www.fortnet.org/PowWow/NCIPA\\_powwow.html](http://www.fortnet.org/PowWow/NCIPA_powwow.html)

## Many Moons Ago



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## 10 Years Ago

The Denver March PowWow, the first major powwow of the season, attracted its usual huge crowds March 17-19, 2000. Lindsay Box Jr., Miss Indian Colorado/Little Miss Southern Ute, and Marcy Herrera, Miss Indian Colorado, were part of the Grand Entry, with special honorees leading the dancers into the arena.

This photo was published in the March 24, 2000, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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## 20 Years Ago

The 1990 Hozhoni Days PowWow was held at Whalen Gym on the Fort Lewis College Campus on March 23-24, 1990. Pictured here are members of a Southern Ute drum group.

This photo was published in the March 30, 1990, issue of *The Southern Ute Drum*.



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## 30 Years Ago

Head table of the Hozhoni Days PowWow, Master of Ceremonies Rev. Allen Neskai keeps things rolling at the powwow.

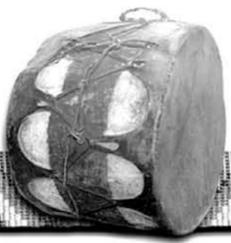
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## Ute Language

pöniyÜ - Skunk  
tüiyüraachì - Fawn  
kùchupukuraachì - Calf

Editor's Note: The Ute Language and "Translation" are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996



# Kidney Corner: 'End Stage Kidney Disease'

By Dr. Mark Saddler  
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As kidney doctors, our primary task is to preserve kidney function.

In some of the previous articles in the Kidney Corner, we have discussed some of the ways this can be achieved. But despite best efforts to protect the kidneys, sometimes they fail. Sometimes the onset of kidney failure is not accompanied by any symptoms: patients may feel fairly well even though their lab results show severe impairment of kidney function. These patients can sometimes be in danger of getting seriously ill or dying from their kidney failure, so treatment can be an emergency.

More commonly, various symptoms indicate the onset of kidney failure. Nausea and vomiting are frequent, and loss of appetite can cause weight loss and weakness. Protein stores can be compromised, and it's often important for patients with kidney disease to try to eat more protein to replenish the stores.

Itching of the skin is also common, and occasionally this can be difficult to treat. Modern types of dialysis have largely corrected this. Sometimes patients or their families report



excessive tiredness, and sleep disorders are common in kidney patients, some sleeping much of the day while others report an inability to sleep. Untreated, kidney failure can cause severe illness including seizures, coma and heart disease.

In addition to removing waste from the body, the kidneys also remove excess fluid, so accumulation of fluid can sometimes be seen in patients with kidney failure. This can cause puffiness of the extremities or face which can be uncomfortable and unsightly. More severe fluid overload can cause a buildup of fluid in the lungs, which can interfere with the ability to breathe.

One symptom that tends not to happen, at least at first, in patients with chronic kidney disease is a

failure to make urine. Patients are often surprised by the fact that they are making normal amounts of urine when their kidneys have almost completely failed. In fact, sometimes the kidneys actually make increased amounts of urine even though they are failing to provide adequate clearance of toxins from the body. The quality of the urine in this situation is the problem; although adequate amounts of urine are being made, the kidneys are not adequately excreting waste products.

Fortunately, treatment options are available for patients with advanced kidney disease. The first priority is to try to get the kidneys working again, if possible, by correcting the underlying cause of the kidney disease. This is more often possible in patients who have had a recent onset of their kidney disease, rather than in chronic disorders. If restoration of kidney function is not possible, then dialysis or transplant may be necessary. There are two main forms of dialysis available to treat kidney failure: hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis.

In future editions of the Kidney Corner, we will discuss some of these types of dialysis and talk about transplant, another option for treating end-stage kidney disease.

# NCAI President Applauds Improvements to Indian Health Care

Media Release  
National Congress of American Indians

Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians, released a statement March 22 applauding the U.S. Congress for passing health care reform that includes improvements to the Indian health system.

"As American Indian and Alaska Native people, we know, more than most, that health care reform is long overdue," he said. "Indian people have been waiting for over a decade for reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Indian Country's health care bill. Yesterday's vote represents a moment of celebration for Indian Country and recognizes the importance of tribes in delivering health care to our people."

He continued: "The Indian health care system is the first point of contact for many of our people to get the care they deserve in some of the most remote communities in the country. The inclusion of Indian Health Care Improvement Act in the nation's health care reform legislation reaffirms the country's trust responsibility to provide health care to Indian people.

"The bill passed by the House of Representatives... has many improvements for the Indian health system. It is not perfect, but it is a much needed step toward improving the health of our people. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act has been made a permanent law of the land thanks to the dedication of tribal leadership, the relentless efforts of the National Steering Committee on the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, and our many partners and champions in Indian Country, the U.S. Congress and the administration."

With passage of the health care reform bill and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, Indian Country's health care delivery system will see:

New long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living, and community-based care.

Additional mental and behavioral health services, including programs for suicide and domestic violence prevention.

Mammography and other cancer screening consistent with the screening recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

Additional programs for health

care facility construction, including demonstration programs for modular component construction and mobile health stations.

New grants to prevent, control and eliminate other communicable and infectious diseases in addition to tuberculosis, including hepatitis and HIV.

Indian Country is included in many of the other, non-Indian Health Care Improvement Act sections of the health reform bill. These improvements will include:

Indian health provider protections.

The exclusion of qualified Indian health benefits from being treated as gross income.

Exemption of American Indians and Alaska Natives from individual penalties and cost sharing.

In a March 21 vote, the House agreed to the Senate amendments made last December to H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Section 10221 of the final bill incorporates the provisions of S. 1790, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments, as that bill was approved by the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, also last December.

# Sports Camp to Focus on Healthy Living, Indian Identity

Media Release  
Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

This summer, the NFL Players Association and the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health will hold the 14th annual Native Vision sports and life skills camp for American Indian high school students.

The camp will take place at Santa Fe Indian School in Santa Fe, N.M., from Thursday, June 10 to Saturday, June 12. It will be hosted by Santo Domingo Pueblo. As many as 60 professional and collegiate athletes will gather to provide instruction in football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, running and lacrosse and join in all other camp festivities.

Over the past 13 years, the Native Vision Camp has enjoyed great success and rapid growth. More than 4,000 students from 30 tribes have participated, traveling to the camp from 15 states. Students, coaches, players and parents alike express excitement over intertribal participation and the fact that the professional athlete mentors focus on healthy lifestyles as much as they focus on sports.

Professional athletes not only instruct young players on the fundamentals of sports, but also share stories of personal hardship, courage and victory. In addition, Native leaders who take part encourage the students to become better citizens, to respect their elders, and to take pride in their Indian identity.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be taking junior high and high school students to the Native Vision sports camp. The event is free and we will be staying in tents during the event. We will also be providing.

All volunteers chaperoning will have appropriate background checks. If you are interested in volunteering, apply by May 1. Nonmembers of the Boys and Girls Club will need to complete a membership packet and pay a \$10 fee.

For more information, contact Darrell Clah at 970-563-0100 ext. 2690.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3, 2010  
10:00a.m.

Behind Sun Ute Community Center  
Playground Area and Baseball Field  
Ute Road

Ages: 0-4 5-8 9-13

Contact: 970-563-0246  
Don Folsom 970-759-5979  
Gail Pena 970-749-7149

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### March is National Red Cross Month

- Adult, child and infant CPR/AED on Tuesday, April 13 from 6 to 10 p.m. \$50.
- Adult, child and infant CPR/AED and first aid on Saturday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$65.
- Wilderness remote first aid (new outdoor program) on April 17 and 18. \$165.

For information, call Nicole Manning at 970-259-5383 or email nicole@swcoloradoredcross.org.

### Child Care Providers Wanted!

Child Care Providers needed to open their doors to infants, toddlers and school age children.

The Southern Ute Tribal Child Care Development Fund Program will cover the registration costs for upcoming classes that are required to become an in-home child care professionals.

For information call 970-563-4740/0209, ext. 2459.

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# Language Committee Talks Culture Preservation

By Ace Stryker  
The Southern Ute Drum

You must learn where you come from to create a positive future.

That was the message on Friday, March 20 during a meeting of the Tri-Ute Language Subcommittee. Composed mainly of elders from the Southern Ute, Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes, the group convened for about five hours at the Cherry Creek Hilton Garden Inn in Denver to map out plans to teach younger generations the importance of Ute language and heritage.

"To me, and I think to each one of us, this culture is important," said Manuel Heart, a Ute Mountain Ute councilman and former chairman, who coordinated the meeting. "We're not teaching these young ones. ... This is important. They don't understand because they don't speak it or they don't do it. We need to keep pushing that because it's important to us."

Much of the meeting took place in Ute and in a traditional structure, many committee members taking turns telling family stories. While plenty of laughs and a general feeling of solidari-

ty presided, some also expressed lingering fears that what has constituted Ute life for thousands of years could be lost if not passed on to today's youth.

"We understand in historic ways our elders and our Ute language are part of who we are," said Kenny Frost, a Southern Ute elder. "It is important that the committee be established to carry on this, along with the mission statement, so that we can work together in unison, hand in hand."

While the group's mission statement has yet to be finalized, a draft presented at the meeting reads as follows: "Noohmweeqya



Noochew Nooh Nooh Ahq Kutoom [We the Utes and the Ute people]: In order to protect and implement our Ute language and culture and traditions, we will respect, trust, develop a common goal, and have patience with our unique relationship with the three

Ute tribes. Southern Ute, Uintah and Ouray, and the Ute Mountain Ute tribes for the benefit of today's and tomorrow's generation for the preservation of the Ute nation."

Among the topics discussed were how to secure funding for the committee, how to encourage

learning and use of the Ute language, and whether to use modern software like Rosetta Stone to make lessons available to a wider public. Heart said learning the traditional language is important, even if many people outside the tribe have tried historically to prevent children from doing so.

"Don't be scared to speak Ute. Even if you don't say the word right, we're all Ute," he said. "We're supporting each other. Where does it start from? Right here."

The committee agreed toward the end of the meeting to make efforts to involve council members from the three Ute tribes in future events.

"Let's do it our own traditional way and invite them," Heart said. "Once you sit here, you get that feeling: 'I want to be a part of this.'"



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Southern Ute tribal elder Kenny Frost shares his thoughts during a meeting of the Tri-Ute language subcommittee in Denver on Saturday, March 20. Also representing the Southern Ute Tribe was tribal elder Phoebe Kent. Helen Munoz of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe holds up an illustrated teaching tool for the Ute language during the conference. The meeting was coordinated by Councilman Manuel Heart of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.



## Eagle Summit Raises Concerns • from page 1



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Councilman Harold Cuthair of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe asked the panel of federal government officials if they had permits to carry and display the eagle feathers in their possession. Leaders of many tribes, including Southern Ute Indian Tribe Chairman Matthew Box, were among those in attendance during the four-hour eagle summit. At its conclusion there was much to still be discussed and the question was posed: Why not have an all-day summit?

cerns and ask questions of a panel of federal government officials during a four-hour summit at the Union Building in Lakewood, Colo., on Thursday, March 18. They were there to discuss procedures used at the National Eagle Repository in Commerce City to attaining eagle feathers and eagle parts.

The panel included Jim Dubovsky, chief of migratory birds; Bernadette Atencio, manager of the National Eagle Repository; and Steve Oberholtzer, special agent in charge of law enforcement in Denver.

Atencio offered a presentation outlining the processes used in distributing eagle feathers, explaining the demand for feathers far exceeds the supply at the repository. She said between Oct. 1, 2008, and September 31, 2009, there were just 1333 bald and 499 golden eagles with 3270 requests filled and 2800 new ones being submitted.

When an eagle is brought to the repository, notes are made of the condition of the bird, feathers are counted, and depending on the condition of the eagle, various

parts are separated. The feathers are sorted according to condition quality and dispensed accordingly. Very few eagles are received in perfect condition, Atencio said, and some are decomposed or severely mutilated.



Dubovsky highlighted the permit programs and population management and explained some of the definitions outlined in legislation like the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918. That act states that "persons may not pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, attempt to take, possess, offer for sale, sell to purchase, or deliver

(export) any migratory bird." Only Native Americans can possess or give an eagle feather to another Native American, but never to a non-Native American. Native Americans may apply for permits for religious purposes which are good for life. Reorders are then submitted directly to the repository – a recent change.

A question was raised concerning the registration of feathers prior to the act itself, as some war bonnets containing eagle feathers have been in families and handed down for hundreds of years. The panel answered that the act does not require registration of these feathers, as they were in existence before the law. But the act clearly states that any part of either a bald or golden eagle, if found, must be reported to local government authorities.

Oberholtzer is among 230 special investigators that enforce the laws pertaining to the protection of bald and golden eagles.

"Our goal as law enforcement agents is to respect the cultural and religious importance that the eagle has to Native Americans," he said.

Oberholtzer was asked why, in some instances on Indian reservations, tribal agencies are not an active part of operations within their own boundaries. His response: "Some operations are undercover, and this is for the protection of the agents."

For many in attendance, concerns were raised regarding the treatment of eagles, as for many tribes mourning for the life of the birds must be respected.

"Our staff has undergone cultural sensitivity training," Atencio answered. "However, a more active participation from leaders is appreciated."

For more information on applications, permits and regulations, visit the Fish and Wildlife Service website at [www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/baldeagle.htm](http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/baldeagle.htm) or the National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository at [www.fws.gov/le/natives/EagleRepository.htm](http://www.fws.gov/le/natives/EagleRepository.htm).

## CCIA Hires New Secretary • from page 1



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Carol Harvey, newly hired executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, receives a warm welcome and applause during a CCIA meeting on Thursday, March 18 at the University of Denver's Ricketson Law Building. Among those in attendance is Colorado Lt. Gov. Barbara O'Brien, who chaired the meeting.

been part of our family and I hope you know that you will always be part of our family in the lieutenant governor's office.

It is our loss, but you're going to go on and do great things."

Southern Ute Chairman Matthew Box added his thanks,

saying he expects many good things from House in the future.

"Thank you, Ernest, for everything that you've done," he said. "There's so much to do and you have your mind in it, and we're so grateful for that."

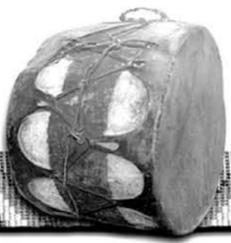
Box and Terry Knight, a Ute Mountain Ute elder, both honored House with a song. Finally, the time came for the outgoing executive secretary's father to offer some words. Ernest House Sr. said his son has made him proud by following the standard of excellence set forth by his grandfather.

"That's a legacy we have to follow," he said. "When we do that, it's a hard road sometimes. ...I'm very proud of you today."

Given a chance to respond, Ernest House Jr. thanked his colleagues and told them they haven't seen the last of him.

"It's been a huge honor to work with each and every one of you," he said. "I've learned that your heart is in the right place."





### To the Decorators Go the Spoils



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Participants in a Southern Ute Education Department after-school program enjoyed a pizza party and ice cream floats as reward for winning the annual Christmas door decorating contest last December. Individuals, departments and classrooms from all over tribal campus decorated doors. Third graders Samara O'John and Lorraine Watts finish up root beer floats while fifth grader Lorenzo Pena sports a bright pink mohawk to the party on Monday, March 15.



### Tri-Ute Considers New Bylaws • from page 1

tribes and with local, state and federal governments – all basically things that are already being practiced.

Rather than ask for approval of the bylaws, Box invited leaders of the other tribes to take the document back to their councils for discussion and reconvene at the next meeting.

"I know we need more discussion," he said. "If there are other bylaws or other guidelines that are more complete or are better streamlined or offer greater efficiency, then we should look at those as well."

During the meeting, Box also voiced his support for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and the Tribal Law and Order Act. He explained the Tribe's ongoing work to lobby the federal government for funds to rehabilitate the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project.

"At home, we still have a lot of work," he said.

Box also took the opportunity to thank Ernest House Jr., the outgoing executive secretary of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs.

"We'll always be grateful for the things he has done for our tribe," he said, adding that House is a personal hero of his.

Also present at the meeting were Councilman Steve Herrera of the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Chairman Curtis



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Gary Hayes, vice chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council, presents some information on regional priorities to leaders of the three Ute tribes during the quarterly Tri-Ute meeting in Denver on Friday, March 19.

Cesspooch and Councilman Phillip Chimburas of the Northern Ute Tribe Business Committee, and Vice Chairman Gary Hayes and Councilmen Manuel Heart and Harold Cuthair of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council.

During the Northern Ute update, Cesspooch described plans to take advantage of increased support under President Obama's position on tribal sovereignty and move forward with several projects, including building a tribal museum and a fish hatchery and reopening the bottling plant.

"There's going to be a lot more employment for our people," he said.

Lonnie Favel, recreation director for the Northern Ute Tribe, gave an update on this year's Tri-Ute Games, which will take place in Ft. Duchesne, Utah, from July 21 to 24. He said this year's games would include basketball, women's and coed volleyball, swimming, archery and bowling.

Ernest House Sr. called the meeting to an early close when a strong winter storm forced the Southern Ute representatives to bow out ahead of schedule.

*The Southern Ute Royalty Committee Presents*

***Royalty Workshop #1***

**Royalty Etiquette & Ute Language**

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee will be sponsoring a series of workshops starting with the first workshop on April 1, 2010 at 6:00pm at the Sun Ute Recreation Center. These workshops are open to all eligible enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member girls between the ages of 5 to 25. Tribal eligible girls and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. We will have two tribal member guest speakers. Workshops are currently being planned to include a new royalty category this year, the Southern Ute Brave. Snacks will be provided and door prizes will be given away. For any questions please contact the committee secretary, Lorena Richards at 970-563-0255.

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**Rolling Thunder Lanes Bowling Center!**

**Monday Couples Night!**  
6-9pm Dinner for two in the Rolling Thunder Grill Steak & Shrimp Special, bowl two games and shoes rental for \$20. (must be 21 or older)

**Tuesday Guys Night Out!**  
6pm-10pm  
\$2.50 a game and \$1.25 Shoe rental.

**Wednesday Ladies Night Out!**  
6pm-10pm  
\$2.50 a game. 50% off Appetizer Sampler (shoes not included)

**Thursday Buddy Night!**  
4pm-11pm  
Buy One Game Get One FREE  
Shoe rental not included

**Friday Cosmic Bowl!**  
10pm to close  
Spin the wheel win prizes and so much more!

**Saturday Cosmic Bowl!**  
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**Sunday Family Day!**  
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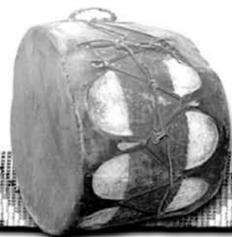
**Southern Ute Indian Tribe Education Department**

**9th Annual Career Fair**

**Tuesday, April 13th, 2010**  
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Sky Ute Casino & Resort Events Center**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**  
Questions? Please call 970-563-0237



## Precipitation Monitoring Network Seeks Volunteers

**Media Release**

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Have you ever wondered how much rain fell out of the storm that just passed overhead? Or why the airport is so much drier than your house? Wonder no longer.

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are measuring precipitation in their own backyards as part of CoCoRaHS, the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, which has grown to more than 15,000 volunteer observers covering every state. But more volunteers are urgently needed.

"We are pleased that this simple backyard monitoring program has

become so popular," said Nolan Doesken, Colorado state climatologist at the Colorado Climate Center in Fort Collins. "These volunteers are providing scientists around the country with excellent precipitation and hail monitoring statistics for tracking weather patterns and water supplies."

The network engages volunteers of all ages, from grade-schoolers to elders, to document the size, intensity, duration and patterns of precipitation by taking simple measurements in their own backyards. Volunteers only need a cylindrical rain gauge, some training and an interest in weather to participate. The specific rain gauges that CoCoRaHS

uses are available from several distributors on the network's website ([www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org)) for \$25 plus shipping. The site also offers online training.

Data from CoCoRaHS volunteers is now being viewed and used routinely by many groups including the National Weather Service, meteorologists, hydrologists, emergency managers, city utilities, insurance adjusters, agribusinesses, engineers and science teachers. Data is used for many applications like water resource planning, severe storm warnings, teaching earth science, predicting crop yields and assessing hail damage.

For more information or to volunteer, visit [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org).

## Ignacio Floral Premieres New Storefront



photo Michelle Alvarez/SU Tribal Information Services

The Ignacio Floral and Coffee Shop building on Goddard Avenue received a facelift as part of the Town of Ignacio's new Downtown Revitalization Project. Standing from left to right are Susan Vissor of the Chamber of Commerce; Sara Wakefield of the Town of Ignacio, Arlene Longfellow of Pine River Valley Bank; Melody Hedin and Kasey Correia, owners of Blackhawk Trading Company; and Ed Morlan from the Region 9 Development District of Southwest Colorado.

**Media Release**

Town of Ignacio

The newly completed Ignacio Floral and Coffee Shop building and Blackhawk Trading Company's facelift were celebrated Wednesday, March 17.

Located at 745 Goddard, these businesses are part of the Town of Ignacio's Downtown Revitalization project and recipients of a loan through the Facade Improvement Fund loan program.

"We are extremely excited to be the pilot project for the Ignacio Facade Improvement Fund and strongly encourage other downtown businesses to take advantage of low interest rates for beautification," said Kasey Correia of Blackhawk Trading. Blackhawk is a wholesale manufacturer of conches and jewelry in the Ignacio area since 1984 with national and international markets.

Ignacio Floral and Coffee Shop now offers locally roasted organic Desert Sun coffee, wi-fi access, and a selection of unique gifts. They have also added a professional floral designer to their team.

The Facade Improvement Fund program was funded by a grant from the Pine River Valley Bank through the Federal Home Loan Bank Joint Opportunities for Building Success program.

The Facade Improvement Fund loan program is a partnership between Pine River Valley Bank, the Town of Ignacio, the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce, and the Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado. The group has worked together since last fall to implement the fund and begin the revitalization efforts of downtown Ignacio.

"The Ignacio Downtown Revitalization Project is the result of two years of community

engagement and a downtown assessment with Downtown Colorado Inc.," said Sara Wakefield, Ignacio downtown coordinator. "We have a strong group of citizens that are really excited about the future possibilities for their town, and citizen groups are also working on a streetscaping plan and an Ignacio Buy-Local campaign."

The loan funds are targeted to property and business owners along Goddard that want to improve the appearance of their storefront. The loans are below-market rates with flexible repayment terms. Funds are still available for the program, but are limited. The Patio Restaurant is also participating, with facade improvements scheduled to begin this spring.

For more information about the loan program, contact Ignacio Town Manager Balty Quintana at 970-563-9494.

## National Weather Service Presents Storm Spotter Training

**Media Release**

National Weather Service

The National Weather Service will host three storm spotter training courses free to the public in March and April.

If you are interested in severe weather, then show up for the training. No need to register for these classes. Learn how to identify and report significant weather to the National Weather Service, and learn how to accurately measure precipitation.

This training will include information on how you can help with the National Severe Storms

Laboratory's 2010 Southwest Colorado Mobile Doppler Radar summer research project.

All three courses will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. and include basic and advanced storm spotter training.

The first will take place on Monday, March 29 at the Cortez Journal Building at 123 N. Smith Ave. in Cortez.

The second will take place on Wednesday, March 31 at Pagosa Fire Protection Building No. 1 at 191 N. Pagosa Blvd. in Pagosa Springs.

The third will take place Thursday, April 1 at the La Plata

County Fairgrounds' La Plata Room in Durango.

For more information, contact Jim Pringle at 970-243-7007 ext. 726 or by email at [james.pringle@noaa.gov](mailto:james.pringle@noaa.gov) by March 25 or visit [www.weather.gov/gjt](http://www.weather.gov/gjt).

Storm spotter training is provided in cooperation with Southwest Colorado county emergency management agencies, the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network ([www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org)), the

Colorado Climate Center ([ccc.atmos.colostate.edu](http://ccc.atmos.colostate.edu)) and the National Severe Storms Laboratory ([www.nssl.noaa.gov](http://www.nssl.noaa.gov)).

## Indian Country Eyed for Clean Energy Development

**By Eric Mack**

Colorado News Connection

A new report outlines 95 million acres of possibilities for new clean energy development in the United States on land managed or owned by Native American tribes.

Solar, geothermal and biomass projects have the biggest potential for Colorado tribes, but they report also notes stumbling blocks that make it tough for tribes to roll with new projects.

Cristala Mussato-Allen is executive director of Native Workplace, a nonprofit company that helps Native Americans get training for "green" jobs and industries. She says tribes are getting calls almost daily from outside firms wanting to use Indian resources and land.

"We're not creating economic

development for ourselves when it's other companies coming in, bringing in their employees and we don't share in the profits, and we don't share in the workforce."

A plant that uses the solar resources of Southwestern Colorado, growing algae to be turned into biodiesel, was installed on the Southern Ute Reservation last year.

The report recommends changes in state and federal policies and taxes, as well as access to capital, so tribes can develop their own clean energy resources. It was issued by the National Wildlife Federation.

The program's director, Steve Torbit, says federal maps of clean energy potential draw lines around almost every Indian property.

"They were definitely given the worst of what was left, and now it's turned out to be, as far as

renewable resources are concerned, some of the best that we have."

In Torbit's opinion, tribes should be in the driver's seat for these types of development, so they can reap the returns while ensuring that their culture and history are respected.

"It gives some economic development to the tribes; it could provide some job training that could improve their unemployment situation, and it can also help the American public as we look for non-fossil-fuel energy resources."

He points out that energy production could also provide for tribal energy needs. Fifteen percent of Native homes nationwide have no electricity, and the report documents that tribal households pay significantly greater home energy expenses than other Americans.

## Risk Management Urges Safe Walking

**Media Release**

Southern Ute Risk Management

During the spring and summer, many employees engage in outdoor walks on breaks and at lunch. Hooray for you: it's one of the best exercises you can do, and it's free.

Here are a few tips to make your walk a safer one:

- Avoid raised, cracked,

uneven surfaces.

- Do not walk across lawns or unpaved areas. There may be holes in the ground you can't see.

- Walk with co-workers and friends; it's more fun.

- Wear the correct shoes. An athletic shoe is preferable.

- Be aware of traffic. Wear bright clothing.

- Get in the habit of hydrating daily, especially for long dis-

tances.

- Pay attention to your path, looking for obstacles and street maintenance.

- Don't obstruct your view by carrying things that do not allow you to see the ground. This is a big contributing factor to slip and fall injuries.

Stay safe and watch out for those trip and fall hazards.

## Annual Spring Cleanup Coming April 26-May 1



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

All tribal rental occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and bag the trash for pickup. Tribal members, please make private arrangements to deliver furniture, major appliances, scrap metal and lumber to the **Transfer Station** or call **Emergency Family Services at 970-563-0100 ext. 2329** to be put on the list for pickup. All items must be in one specific area for pickup. Elders and handicapped tribal members who may need assistance, contact **Construction Services at 970-563-0260**. Contact **Gerry Drew at 563-0265** regarding old vehicles. Please provide titles to old vehicles if available.

**APRIL 26 and 27 (ALL DAY)**

The upper and lower tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs campus areas will be handled all day. All tribal, BIA, Indian Health Service, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.

**APRIL 28 (ALL DAY)**

Southern Ute public housing, cluster sites and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash. Tribal Operations and Construction Services, please coordinate with **Herb Miller or Don Sutton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2510** for pickup on campus and cluster sites. Public housing homeowners and renters and Senior Center residents are to contact the **Southern Ute Housing Authority at 970-563-4575**.

**APRIL 29 - MAY 1 (ALL DAY)**

The following tribal departments are responsible for trash pickup at the following locations on the above dates:

**Property and Facilities Dept. - Building Maintenance and Motor Pool**  
Tribal homes located North of Highway 172 and west of the Pine River.  
Tribal homes located at Cedar Point East and West, including Ignacio Peak.

**Motor Pool: 970-563-0280**

**Building Maintenance: 970-563-0265**

**Grounds Maintenance: 970-563- 0272**

**Tribal Construction Services - Woodyard**

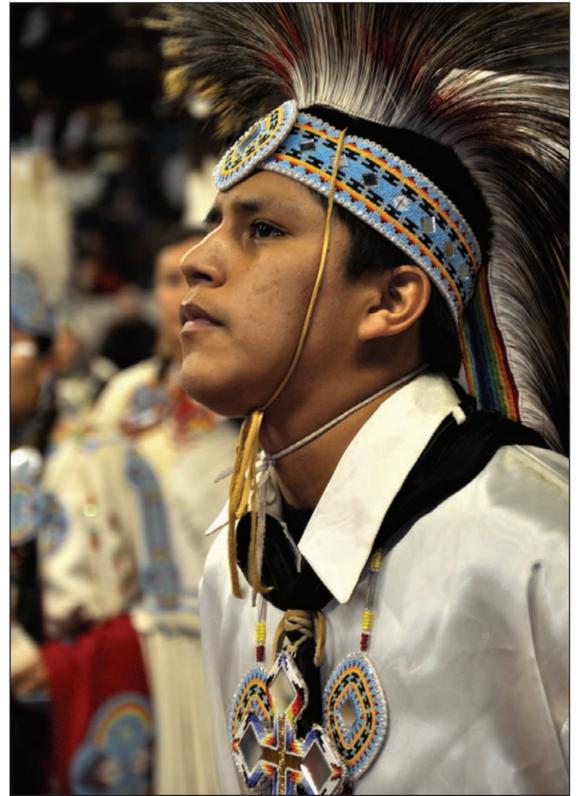
Tribal homes east of the Pine River and north/south of HWY 151 to Arboles.

**Contact Mateo Carmenoros at 970-563-0260.**

February Meteorological Data			
UTE I Monitoring Station • Ignacio BIA Forestry Compound			
AVERAGE (Day) HIGH TEMP.		PRECIPITATION DATA	
February	1.70 C 35.1 F	Date	Daily Total
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February	-8.3 C 17.1 F	February 8	.12"
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# At the 36th Denver March PowWow



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# Dancing, Drums Bring Tradition to Life



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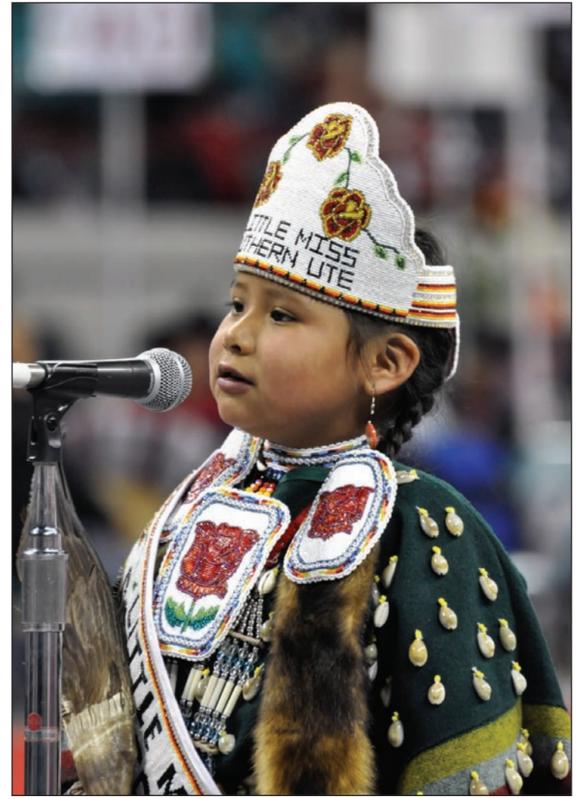


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## Denver March Kicks Off PowWow Season

Thousands of members of tribes across the United States gathered March 19-21 in the Denver to celebrate Native culture and history with traditional songs, dances and other activities during the annual Denver March PowWow. The Southern Ute, Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes were all present and represented by dancers in full regalia during each of five grand entries. The celebration also included traditional food, storytelling and jewelry and crafts booths. The beating of drums was at times so loud it filled the cavernous Denver Coliseum, leaving room for little other sound.



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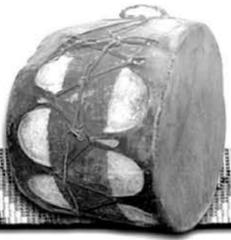
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# THE SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE POW WOW

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Artist: Conrad Thompson

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Registration: Friday, 5 pm, Closes Saturday, 2 pm

#### Gourd Dance

Friday: 5 pm - 7 pm  
Saturday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm & 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

#### Grand Entry

Friday: 7 pm  
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#### Adults (18-49)

Fancy  
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TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

### The Census: A Snapshot

- What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.
- Who:** All U.S. residents must be counted—both citizens and non citizens.
- When:** You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010 either by U.S. mail or hand delivery. Some people in remote areas will be counted in person.
- Why:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- How:** Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

### A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data

- Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, new housing developments and other community facilities.
- Census data determine boundaries for state and local legislative and congressional districts.

### 2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

## United States Census 2010

### CENSUS HISTORY

The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also was created to gain a better understanding of where people lived and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

### ABOUT THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the Census Bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American Community Survey, the Current Population Survey and economic censuses every five years.



We move forward when you send it back.

### 2010 Census Key Dates



#### February - March 2010

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.



#### March - April 2010

Be Counted program is implemented. Census questionnaires are available at select public sites for individuals who did not receive one by mail.



#### April 1, 2010

CENSUS DAY



#### May - July 2010

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.



#### Dec. 31, 2010

By law, the Census Bureau delivers population counts to the President.



#### March 2011

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. Q. Who should fill out the census questionnaire?

**A.** The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.

#### 2. Q. How will the 2010 Census differ from previous censuses?

**A.** In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual American Community Survey. To learn more about the American Community Survey, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

#### 3. Q. How are census data used?

**A.** Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.

#### 4. Q. What kind of assistance is available to help people complete the questionnaire?

**A.** 2010 Census questionnaire language assistance guides are available in a variety of languages. Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will also assist those unable to read or understand the questionnaire. Large-print questionnaires are available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. Contact your Regional Census Center for more details about the types of assistance available and for QAC locations.

#### 5. Q. How does the Census Bureau count people without a permanent residence?

**A.** Census Bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).



2010 CENSUS  
IT'S IN OUR HANDS



# Tri-Ute and Ute Games Letters

**Greetings!**  
The annual Tri-Ute Games is upon us once again. The Tri-Ute Games bring together children from the three Ute tribes to celebrate their culture and family ties in a friendly environment.

This year, the games will be hosted by the Northern Ute Indian Tribe in Ft. Duchesne, Utah, from July 22 to 24. This three-day event will take place at the recreation center in Ft. Duchesne, with the opening ceremony on July 22 and the closing ceremony on July 24. July

21 and 25 are designated as travel days.  
If you're interested in participating any of these sports, please contact Michelle Alvarez in Tribal Information Services at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208 no later than March 31.

	<b>Boys Basketball</b>	<b>Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Volleyball</b>	<b>Bowling</b>
Age Groups:	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13
	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15
	15-18	15-18	15-18	15-18
	<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Archery</b>	<b>Cross Country</b>	<b>Golf</b>
Age Groups:	11-13	11-13	11-13	11-13
	13-15	13-15	13-15	13-15
	15-18	15-18	15-18	15-18

**Greetings!**  
The Ute Games Program is seeking coaches for Team Colorado boys and girls basketball for ages 15-18.

**Coaches must be:**  
• NCAA certified and able to provide proof to our office. For more information on becoming certified, please visit [www.nabi-foundation.org](http://www.nabi-foundation.org) and click on the "Important Info for ALL NABI Coaches" link.  
• Available to travel with and chaperone athletes to and from tournaments.  
• Willing to carry out some

athlete recruiting.  
This is an unpaid position. Please submit your letter of intent to the Tribal Information Services office by 5 p.m. on April 9. For more information, contact Michelle Alvarez at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208.

# Justice Building Parking Notice



illustration courtesy/Don Folsom SUPD

### Media Release

*Southern Ute Police Department*  
The Southern Ute Police Department and the Southern Ute Detention Center have closed the Justice Building East Parking Lot to the public. Because of the limited space during construction and the need for increased safety

and security around the emergency vehicles; the public will no longer be able park in the East lot closest to the Detention Center and Police Department. Vehicles have recently parked there and have blocked in both emergency and staff vehicles that attempted to enter and exit that lot and the situation became dan-

gerous.  
We are asking the public to park in front of the Justice and Regulatory Building or alongside the Grounds Maintenance Building on the road exiting the SunUte.  
Thank you for your cooperation in making this parking lot safer for emergencies.

**Happy 5th Birthday**  
*Grace Lydia Gonzales*

You have grown to be such a beautiful girl. We look forward to celebrating with you at Disneyland this year. We are going to have so much fun with you pretty girl. God bless you and know that we love you very much.



*Mom, Dad, Lucy & Brother*

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**Happy Birthday D'mitri**

Many years, 15 years ago The day that God gave me you I got a very special gift indeed Blessed me many special years through

But years seem to pass so rapidly For it seems as if, only yesterday Your little frame, was in my arms Yet to see how you've grown today

As we celebrate this Birthday I wish, the very best for you Your life be filled with joy and peace And countless dreams come true

Today you may well have grown up But in my heart, you will always be My special tiny little Baby Boy The one that God gave to me

Have the best of all Birthdays Sending endless loving wishes For a very special day.

*Love your nephew KJ and my baby sister Keef*

*Love you always, Mom*



# Express Your Opinions

**Pena's Thanks Coaches**  
The Pena family would like to thank our wrestling coaches, Bob Overturf and Daven Reinhardt, for everything you do. A special thanks to Bob: you are an amazing coach in our eyes! Thanks for bringing out the best in Alex!



*Mossy, Shasta, Mariah, Alex, Ike, Woody and Bella*

**IHS Thanks Hockers**  
Ignacio High School would like to thank Hocker Construction for their generosity at the state 2A basketball tournament. The Hockers found out that the boys basketball team did not have radio coverage due to funding and offered to provide the funding for KSUT to broadcast the games at the state tournament.  
It was appreciated community-

wide, because some of our fans at home and statewide could not make it to Pueblo to support our boys. This gesture from the Hockers was much appreciated and valued by the Ignacio Bobcat fans.  
*Thanks, Melanie Taylor IHS Athletic Director*

**Wrestling Club Thanks**  
The Ignacio Wrestling Club would like to give a big "thank you" to all who supported us during our four-wheeler raffle. A special thanks to Fun Center of Durango for their donation. Thank you for supporting our wrestlers!  
*Ignacio Wrestling Club*

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# Miss Southern Ute Reports 'All Is Well' in Indian Country



**Miaki,**  
Hello, everyone. Once again it is time to say hi and let my people know all is well in Indian Country. As the 2009 year ended

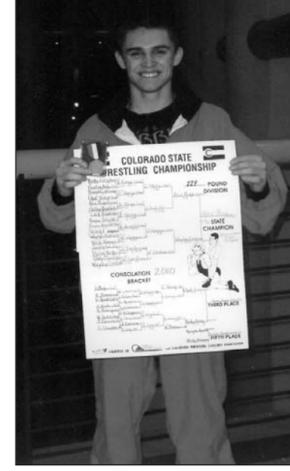
with our Christmas dinner and program being a success, it slowed down a little. So far, I haven't been too busy yet! The girls and I began our new year with a photo shoot at the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. It was nice, but a little chilly.  
Royalty also participated in this year's Snowdown Parade. The theme was "Life's a Beach." It was fun and cold. We all made the best of it. We laughed and joked as we put the float together and welcomed some helping hands from family members. Thanks, dad and big brother (you're the bomb). The parade entries were crazy and funny. There were a lot of participants. I

drank hot cocoa as we waved to the Snowdown fans.  
I didn't get to make it to Jicarilla Days in Dulce this year. I was in Arizona, but was able to make the Chasing the Sun PowWow in Glendale. I met 12 other royalties from around Arizona, Utah and Colorado, which I am sure I'll see along my travels again. Every year I see old friends and make new friends. So as I begin my new year on the powwow trail, I hope to see familiar faces along the way.  
May the Creator be with you all,  
*Samantha Maez Miss Southern Ute 2009-2010*

## Spring Break

All Ignacio public schools from Kindergarten through 12 grade and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy will be closed the week of March 29 to April 2 for spring break.  
School will resume for public schools on April 5; the Academy will follow on April 6.

## Congratulations Alex!



We would like to congratulate our son, Alex Pena for his 2nd State Championship title!  
You are an amazing athlete and person.  
We are so proud of you and we love you.  
*Mom, Dad, Mariah, Ike, Woody & Bella*

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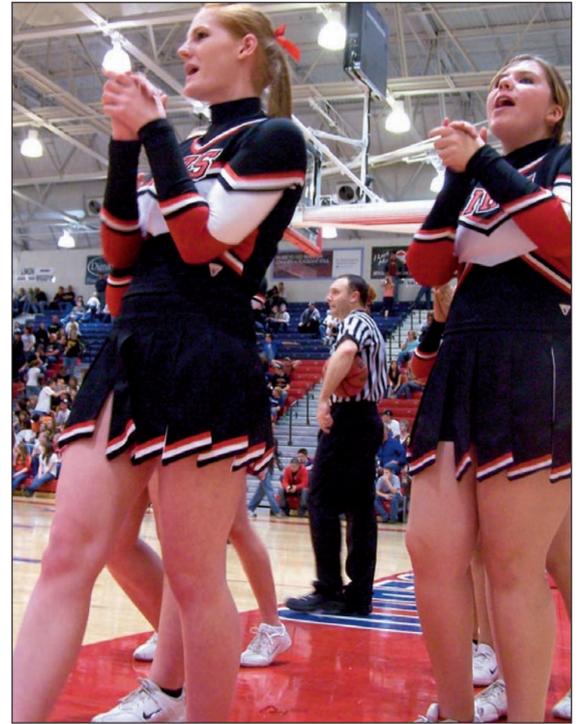
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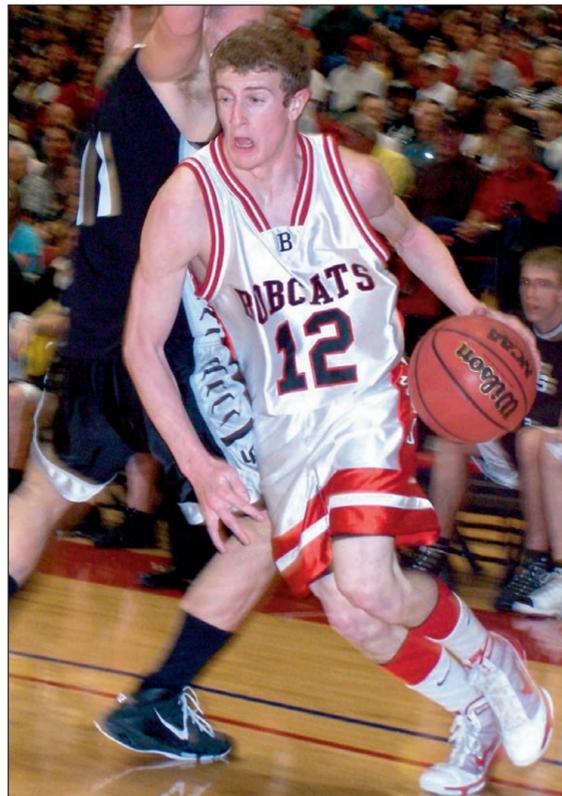
# Bittersweet Journey for Bobcats at State Championship

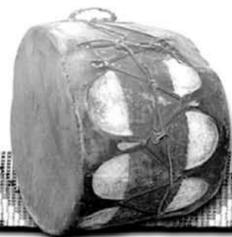


Boys Class 2A State Championships in Pueblo, Colorado, March 12 and 13, 2010, (clockwise from top left):

The Ignacio Bobcats start gathering reluctantly around their Class 2A runner-up award inside CSU-Pueblo's Massari Arena following a 55-38 loss to Holyoke - hoisting it, after a stellar 23-3 season. Lady Bobcat basketball sisters Carley, Sara, and Lindsey Hutchinson (left to right) cheer from their front-row seats inside Massari Arena during the IHS boys' championship clash with Holyoke. Ignacio senior Trae Seibel (23) and junior Ryan Brooks (3) dash out to greet their teammates after a 56-37 win over Limon in the Class 2A semifinal. Having beaten Wiggins the morning before, the Bobcats advanced to play Holyoke in the championship contest. Ignacio's Ryan Brooks leans in to free the ball - or at least foul its owner, to prevent the Holyoke Dragon from wasting precious time during the fourth quarter of the Class 2A State Championship. Leaving Limon's Trent Dohe behind, Ignacio senior Oakley Hayes drives along the baseline during the Class 2A semifinal. IHS defeated the Badgers, 56-37, to earn the right to play the next night for the state title. The referee rushes in to separate this pileup during the Class 2A State Championship, as Ignacio's Pedro Vigil (2) struggles with Holyoke's Brian DeBoer (30) for possession. The IHS Band traveled and performed for the masses inside Massari Arena at the March 11-13 Class 2A State Basketball Championships.

All photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum





# Bobcat Baseball Splits First Four Games

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Two brutal beat-downs on Worley Field at Civitan Park couldn't break the boys.

And on Saturday, March 20 – day three of Piedra Vista's Tri-States JV Invitational in Farmington, N.M. – the Ignacio Bobcats returned to trip Los Alamos, NM, 8-6, and improve to 2-2 overall before Spring Break.

"We've been building the last couple days. Been beaten, but each day we improved... and it culminated today," said first-year head coach Ardie Eleck of IHS's 4A-5A-4A sequence of opponents. "Hopefully we'll be able to carry it the next few games."

Senior Tony Hutchinson said the team finally got focused.

"We haven't been on the field [in practice] and we finally got the groove a little bit," said senior Tony Hutchinson. "Been practicing on asphalt because we've still got snow up there... got to do what you've got to do!"

Which, after being blanked by both the Farmington and Cleveland (Rio Rancho, N.M.) junior varsity squads, was simply to consistently put bat to ball against the Hilltoppers JV. And Hutchinson's 4-for-4 day from the 2-hole, combined with leadoff man Josh Plehinger's 3-for-4, helped IHS take leads of 2-1 after an inning, and 6-3 after three. The duo – a lefty-righty combo, respectively – accounted for five of the Bobcat runs in all.



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Taking over after Josh Stone's two-year tenure, new IHS head coach Ardie Eleck cracks grounders at his infielders prior to the Bobcats' 2010 season-opener March 13 at non-league 2A Antonito. Ignacio won 5-2.

the top of the third. But starting at the top of the stack, Plehinger and Hutchinson singled back-to-back, and Plehinger scored on a single by 3-man Anthony Porambo. Hutchinson crossed with the eventual game-winner on an odd 1-3-6 fielder's choice.

Porambo then scored on second baseman Kyle Parks' error off 4-man Orion Watts' bat, and Watts scored on a one-out sacrifice fly to right by 7-man Jesse Vigil – atoning for having been caught stealing at the plate the inning before.

Watts then scored again after singling off J.D. Weiss (L; CG, 11 H, 6 ER, 2 BB, 13 K) to lead off the fifth, brought home on a groundout to Parks by 6-hole

Porambo – before Weiss struck out six of the last seven 'Cats he faced, keeping the 'Toppers in contention.

Big Andrew Gallegos (1-0; 2 IP, 2 H, BB) earned the win for IHS in relief of Ruybal, with Hutchinson (3 H, 3 R, BB, 7 K) moving from catcher to sling the final three innings.

"We did really well. Played good defense and threw the ball – threw strikes, and that's important," said Eleck. "Throwing strikes, we can make plays; I was really happy."

Mark Garcia threw strikes as well on day two against CHS and didn't walk a batter. The only problem was the Storm's hitting of those strikes, as Cleveland cruised 18-0 in five innings. Garcia (0-1; 4 IP, 15 H, 14 R, 10 ER) took the loss, while Adam Burke (2 IP, 3 H, 0 BB, 5 K) got the win.

The Bobcats managed just five singles, but even that was an improvement on their day-one output against FHS. The reason? A five-inning no-hitter thrown by sophomore lefty Tyler McDougale, who fanned six, walked just three, and went 2-for-3 with a homer in the Scorpions' 15-0 win. Porambo (1-1) took the loss after the Scorp jumped out to a 7-0 lead after one frame on a rare day for pitching.

Farmington hurler Sean Overlin no-hit Los Alamos in the Tri-States Varsity Invite, Piedra Vista's UNM-bound Jake McCasland no-hit Park City, Utah, and for good measure, LeighAnne Johnson fired a perfect game in fast-pitch softball for Bloomfield, N.M., against Santa Fe Indian School.

Ignacio's next action is scheduled to come April 6 at non-league 2A Sargent, with their home opener slated for the April 10 against 3A Pagosa Springs.

## Clubbin' For the Klub

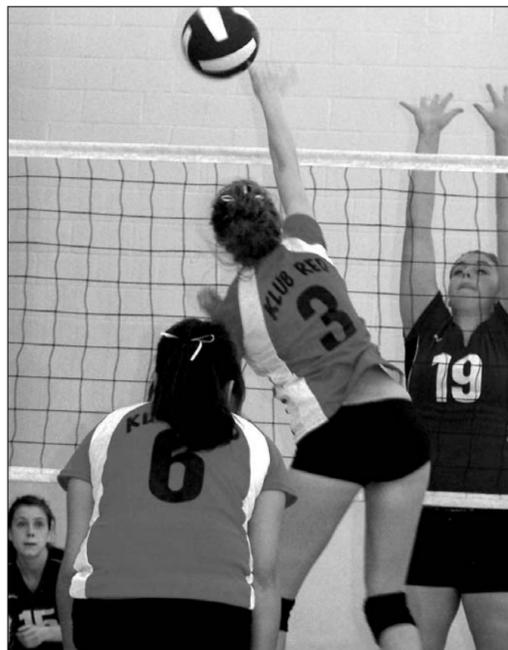


photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ashley Self (3) downs a kill against Tom Jensen's Four Corners VBC 18's during Sunday's Division 1 Silver Bracket quarterfinal inside Fort Lewis College's Whalen Gymnasium. Self and other Volleycats, including Rose Mirabal (6), suited up for the Klub Red 18's to compete in the USA Volleyball-sanctioned "Diggin' It In Durango" tournament, which drew 60 teams to 2010's two-day event. Klub Red, following pool play, landed in the bracket with Tammy Wells' Western Colorado VBC 17's (Grand Junction), Sand Dunes 17's (Alamosa), Geoff Lawson's N.M. Juniors 17's (Albuquerque), Defiance 18's (Glenwood Springs), and the FCVBC 16's under IHS head coach Bayli Stillwell. KR was eliminated in the quarters, but played well despite limited practice time.

## Bobcats' Box-Out At the Class 2A State Championships

(Inside Massari Arena, Pueblo, Colo.)

### GREAT EIGHT, Mar. 11, 2010:

Wiggins 45, at **IGNACIO** 64

W (9-7-17-12)—Celis 0 1-2 1, Leon 6 4-4 18, A.Risner 2 0-0 4, Baer 2 0-0 4, T.Risner 2 0-1 4, Gomez 0 0-0 0, Peggram 3 1-2 9, Jones 1 0-1 3, Ewertz 1 0-6 2, Rhoades 0 0-0 0, Castor 0 0-0 0, Marting 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17 6-16 45. 3-PTR'S: Leon 2, Peggram 2, Jones.

I (16-15-15-18)—Seibel 1 2-2 4, Herrera 1 1-5 3, S.Brooks 8 1-2 20, Vigil 4 1-4 10, Hayes 6 4-6 16, R.Brooks 5 0-0 10, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Richmond 0 0-0 0, Hutchinson 0 0-0 0, O.Watts 0 0-0 0, Black 0 0-0 0, Hudson 0 1-2 1. TOTALS: 25 10-21 64. 3-PTR'S: S.Brooks 3, Vigil.

### FINAL FOUR, Mar. 12:

Limon 37, at **IGNACIO** 56

L (3-11-9-14)—Beedy 1 0-1 2, J.Brown 2 4-5 10, T.Dohe 1 0-0 2, M.Brown 5 5-5 16, King 0 0-0 0, Yowell 0 1-2 1, Schmidt 1 2-2 5, Scherrer 0 1-2 1, Bennett 0 0-0 0, Grimes 0 0-0 0, Smiley 0 0-0 0, C.Dohe 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 10 13-17 37. 3-PTR'S: M.Brown, Schmidt, J.Brown 2.

I (13-12-10-21)—Seibel 0 1-14 11, Herrera 4 3-6 12, S.Brooks 4 1-4 11, Vigil 4 4-6 14, Hayes 2 1-2 6, R.Brooks 0 1-2 1, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Richmond 0 0-0 0, Hutchinson 0 0-0 0, O.Watts 0 0-0 0, Black 0 1-2 1, Hudson 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 14 22-36 56. 3-PTR'S: Hayes, Herrera, S.Brooks 2, Vigil 2.

### FINAL, Mar. 13:

Holyoke 55, at **IGNACIO** 38

H (18-16-9-12)—Re.Baumgartner 1 0-0 3, King 1 0-0 2, Ry.Baumgartner 0 4-4 4, Carper 9 1-2 19, Krueger 3 1-4 7, Swanson 5 1-2 14, DeBoer 2 2-2 6, Quintana 0 0-0 0, Killin 0 0-0 0, Fricke 0 0-0 0, Greenman 0 0-0 0, Loutensock 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 21 9-14 55. 3-PTR'S: Swanson 3, Re.Baumgartner.

I (10-9-7-12)—Seibel 5 0-1 12, Herrera 5 3-4 13, S.Brooks 2 0-0 4, Vigil 0 1-2 1, Hayes 1 0-0 2, R.Brooks 2 0-0 5, Whyte 0 0-0 0, Richmond 0 0-0 0, Hutchinson 0 1-2 1, O.Watts 0 0-0 0, Black 0 0-0 0, Hudson 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 15 5-9 38. 3-PTR'S: Seibel 2, R.Brooks.

compiled by Joel Priest



photo Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Jesse Vigil (right) gauges his secondary lead as Los Alamos (N.M.) JV pitcher J.D. Weiss looks to hold the Bobcat as close to the bag as possible during last Saturday's game in Farmington. IHS won 8-6.

"Yeah Josh starts it, starts it off every time," Hutchinson said, "and I just try to bat him around."

Senior Jared Ruybal (2 IP, 2 H, K, 4 BB) took the ball first on the mound, but left trailing 3-2 as LAHS took their only lead into

pinch-hitter Tyler Wancura after a walk to Garrett Becker. Plehinger completed Ignacio's scoring in the sixth, singling to lead off, taking third on a Hutchinson single, then touching the plate on a wild pitch to

### B-ball Breakdown! Final Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League

BOYS Team	OVERALL			SJBL			PER GAME		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them	W	L	Us/Them
IGNACIO*	23	3	.885	14	0	73.7/42.3			
Ridgway#	18	7	.720	10	4	63.2/54.0			
Ouray+	18	7	.720	10	4	61.2/50.6			
Dolores	9	11	.450	7	7	55.5/60.7			
Mancos	11	12	.478	6	8	52.5/54.9			
Telluride	5	13	.278	5	9	45.5/53.4			
Norwood	7	15	.318	4	10	55.6/66.3			
Nucla	0	18	.000	0	14	38.7/78.7			

(\*Runners-up in 2A; # 3rd in 1A; + 4th in 1A)

GIRLS Team	OVERALL			SJBL			PER GAME		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Us/Them	W	L	Us/Them
Dove Creek^	20	5	.800	15	1	52.2/38.8			
Dolores	16	6	.727	14	2	49.6/43.5			
Norwood	17	7	.708	11	5	49.2/37.9			
Ridgway	13	9	.708	10	6	43.4/44.1			
Mancos	8	12	.400	8	8	42.7/43.8			
IGNACIO	7	14	.333	6	10	45.6/48.8			
Nucla	6	13	.316	6	10	48.6/51.5			
Telluride	1	19	.050	1	15	31.3/46.0			
Ouray	2	18	.100	1	15	30.0/56.7			

(^1A Great Eight qualifiers)

compiled by Joel Priest

### Archery Enthusiasts!

Every Monday through April 5.

The Ute Creek Archers will be at the Sky Ute Downs Events Center from 7p.m. until 9p.m.

Any questions, please call Muz Pinnecoose at 970-563-0100 ext. 2220.



## Patrick Hight Memorial Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament

April 30th, May 1st & 2nd

SunUte Community Center  
Ignacio, Colorado

Entry Fee: \$200

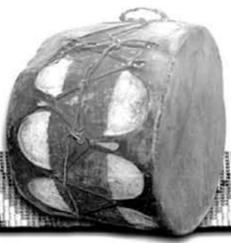
1st Place - Pendleton Jackets & Prize Money (TBD)

2nd Place - Pull-overs & Prize Money (TBD)

3rd Place - Shirts & Prize Money (TBD)

MVP & ALL-TOURNEY AWARDS

Information, contact: Damon WhiteThunder (970) -563-0214, Danielle Hight (970) -553-9470



IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT  
 OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE • ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION  
 PO BOX 737 #149, CR 517, IGNACIO, CO  
 (970) 563-0240

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2008-081-PR  
 NOTICE OF PROBATE  
 LaVeta Vigil, Deceased**

NOTICE TO: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, 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, APRIL 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.** 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 4th of March, 2010  
 Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2010-048-NC  
 NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE  
 Sandra Lynne Ryder, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Sandra Lynne Ryder has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Sandra Lynne Reidd. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010 by 5:00 p.m.** If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2010.  
 Kelly Herrera, Court Clerk

**In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 210-029-NC  
 NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
 Carolyne Spring Eagle, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Carolyne Spring Eagle filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Carolyne Rose Washington. As of March 16, 2010 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Carolyne Spring Eagle name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Carolyne Rose Washington.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2010  
 Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2010-047-PR  
 NOTICE OF PROBATE  
 Dennis Burch, Deceased**

NOTICE TO: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, 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, MAY 11, 2010 at 09:15 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 23rd of March, 2010  
 Trennie R. Burch, Deputy Court Clerk

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Gaming Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Gaming Commission, each for a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following requirements:

- Shall be subject to the same suitability criteria as a key licensee.
- Possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Have no felony convictions, gambling-related offense convictions, or convictions or offenses involving dishonesty or theft within the past ten years.
- Experience or expertise in regulatory matters, or administrative hearing procedures.
- Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality.

All applicants will be subject to background investigations. Tribal members interested in serving on the Gaming Commission should turn in letters of intent to the Division of Gaming Office by 5:00 PM, April 24, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Gaming office at 563-0180. The Division of Gaming is located at 149 County Road 517, in the West wing of the Judicial Complex.

## Contractors and Bidders

The Four Corners Office for Resource Efficiency (4CORE) will be seeking proposals and bids from time to time for contractor services (such as marketing, auditing, insulation and air sealing, HVAC) and energy conservation product purchases. 4CORE is requesting that all contractors and vendors interested in being approved and placed on the contractors/bidders list please submit company information to 4CORE. Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Competitive Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be rated according to price, financial stability, customer service, green business practices, experience, and local (Archuleta, La Plata, San Juan, Dolores, Montezuma counties) ownership/operations.

Send info to: [info@fourcore.org](mailto:info@fourcore.org) or 4CORE Contractor/bidder  
 10 Town Plaza, #190, Durango, CO, 81301  
 Website: [www.fourcore.org](http://www.fourcore.org) • Phone: 970-259-1916, Fax: 888-779-3963

## Request For Proposal

FISCAL YEARS 2010/2011 FINANCIAL AUDIT  
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY

**CONTACT:**

*Eric Spady, Executive Director*  
 Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority  
 P.O. Box 447  
 Ignacio, CO 81137  
 E-Mail: [espady@suiha.org](mailto:espady@suiha.org)

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority in Ignacio, CO is accepting proposals for the Fiscal Years 2010/2011 Financial Audit. The audit will include an audit of accounts and records of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) for two 12 month periods ending September 30, 2011, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the auditing and reporting provisions of the applicable Housing and Urban

Development Audit Guide for the Lower Income Housing Programs for use by Independent Public Accountants, the Single Audit Act of 1984 and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133.

SUIHA currently uses MIP and HDS software. SUIHA has 109 Low Rental Units, 59 Mutual Help Units and 50 other Rental Units. The SUIHA receives an annual Indian Housing Block Grant of approximately 1.1 million.

Qualified firms shall be experienced in Public Housing Agency Audits, particularly in Indian Housing. We would like to negotiate a 2 year contract; preference will be given to Indian Owned Business. Proposals must be submitted to the Housing Authority by April 2, 2010 at 4:30p.m.

## Request For Proposal

POOL DECK AND RAMP RESURFACING  
 SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

**OWNER:**

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
 SunUte Community Center.  
 P.O. Box 737  
 290 Mouache Drive  
 Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
 970-563-0214

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe requests proposals from firms to provide concrete resurfacing services for the Pool Deck and Ramp Walkway of the SunUte Community Center.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's SunUte Community Center located at 290 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 1:00 PM MDT, Monday May 3, 2010. Submittals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Precious Collins for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0214 or [pcollins@southern-ute.nsn.us](mailto:pcollins@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. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. The TERO will certify any Native American owned business after filing the appropriate documents. 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. ALL PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE A 2% TERO FEE.

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

## Request For Proposal

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS  
 RAW WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

**OWNER:**

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
 Utilities Division  
 P.O. Box 1137  
 293 Mouache Circle  
 Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
 970-563-5500

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting proposals from qualified general contractors to pre-qualify for the closed competitive bidding of the Raw Water Line Replacement Project.

A maximum of 6 qualified general contractors will be selected by the proposal review committee based on contractor qualifications, experience, and prior performance. The selected general contractors will then have the exclusive opportunity to submit a bid on the project during the competitive sealed bidding process due on July 15, 2010. This will be a closed bidding process, with only the selected contractors allowed to bid on the project.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Utility Division located at 293 Mouache Circle in Ignacio, Colorado

81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Friday, April 16, 2010. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Philip Johnson for a copy of the RFP at (970)563-5502 or [pjohnson@suitutil.com](mailto:pjohnson@suitutil.com).

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. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. The TERO has up to 30 days to certify any Native American owned business after filing the appropriate documents. 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 proposals deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Internship Opportunity Restaurant Operations Intern "Digs Restaurant and Bar"

Opportunity to join the experienced restaurant team at the recently opened Digs Restaurant and Bar (opened in April of 2009) in Three Springs. Johnny Gallegos is the owner of Digs Restaurant and Bar. Johnny has extensive knowledge and experience in the restaurant/service industry. This opportunity will allow a tribal member to work and train with Johnny and his experienced managers in all aspects of restaurant operations.

**Position Descriptions:** Digs Restaurant and Bar in Three Springs, Durango is looking for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to work as a restaurant operations trainee. Responsibilities will include work assignments in and exposure to all aspects of the restaurant's operation including: **Bar Training** (beer/wine knowledge), **Basic Business** (profit/loss analysis, revenue generation, expense controls - exposure to QuickBooks accounting software), **Bus Staff, Cashier, Catering** (sales, service), **Front of House (FOH) Management** (ordering, scheduling, bookkeeping), **Host(ess)**, **Kitchen Management** (ordering, scheduling), **Line Cook, Marketing, Prep Cook, Server**.

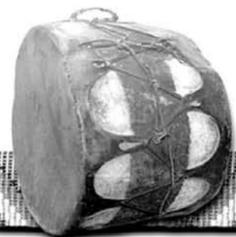
**Goal:** The goal of this internship is to provide a tribal member with a strong base of experience and knowledge in restaurant management and operations. Start immediately. Initially the position will be approximately a six month internship, although the term could be modified based upon the particular interest of the intern. For example, if an in-depth understanding of kitchen operations is desired the term would need to be longer - possibly twelve months. After the initial internship, long term employment would be a possibility based upon the interest of the tribal member, their performance during the internship and the needs of the business. Digs Restaurant and Bar is open for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday and dinner on Saturday. Specific working hours will be negotiated and can be structured to meet the particular needs of the tribal member. 40 hours per week or as agreed. \$7.50 hour. Outstanding "hands-on" training and experience.

**Qualifications:** 18 years of age or older, High School Diploma or GED (transcripts required), Previous restaurant experience would be helpful - but not required.

**How To Apply:** Application available at Digs Restaurant and Bar in Three Springs

**Essay:** Please provide a minimum 400 word (approximately two pages) essay along with your application describing why you want to work in the restaurant/service industry.

**Additional Requirements:** Acceptable attendance and performance are necessary for the internship to continue. All interns will be managed in the same manner as other employees and will be subject to the same rules and policies as other employees of Digs Restaurant and Bar.



**Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements**

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

**GIS Manager**

Closing Date 3/31/10  
 Provides pro-active leadership and coordination of GIS-based information systems development projects for all Growth Fund enterprises, performs programming, analysis, and/or database development tasks with ESRI products, manages the deployment of ESRI software.

**Reservoir Engineering Manager**

Closing Date 3/30/10 - Red Willow Production  
 Manages the reservoir engineering function which includes overseeing the preparation and maintenance of reserve bookings, assuring quality of technical and economic evaluations, managing the evaluation of new investment opportunities, and, assisting in coordinating capital and production forecasting for monthly, annual and long-range planning processes.

**Senior Business Systems Analyst**

Closing Date 3/30/10  
 Leads business system analysis, support and use including project management, systems design and implementation, process integrity, reporting, training and documentation, and installation of upgrades and assist in system operation and maintenance including development, backups and disaster recovery.

**Apprentice Operator Program**

Closing Date 3/31/10 - Red Cedar Gathering Co.  
 Red Cedar is 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. The Apprentice must complete all required training and testing at each level of program and be able to work independently as a natural gas operator.

**Senior CAD Designer**

Closing Date 3/31/10 - Red Cedar Gathering Co.  
 Maintenance of existing drawings and production of new drawings for Red Cedar Gathering facilities, to include generation of process flow diagrams, piping, instrument, site layout, pipeline, and mechanical drawings, upgrading existing civil and electrical drawings, development of conceptual and review of detailed project drawings.

**Operations Technician**

Closing Date 4/1/10 - Red Willow Production  
 Functions as an assistant to the Production Superintendent, supporting all Operations personnel in maintaining accurate and timely records and an orderly and efficient office environment.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements**

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 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
 \*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

**Internal Auditor**

Closes 4/06/10 - Performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to identify and eliminate risk, liability, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. Develops and implements internal audit processes and procedures and recommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and profitability.

**Director of Tribal Services**

Closes 4/06/10 - Professional management position with overall responsibility for the management and supervision of a variety of human service-related programs providing services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members.

**Advanced Practice Nurse**

Open Until Filled - Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

**Clinical Director**

Open Until Filled - Contract Clinical Management position, responsible for organizing and supervising the work of Southern Ute Health Center clinical programs to ensure that effective clinical services are provided and quality standards are met.

**Family Practice Physician**

Open Until Filled - Contract position, responsible for providing comprehensive medical services with special emphasis in family practice to the patients at the Southern Ute Health 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.

**Youth in Natural Resources Crew Leader**

Open Until Filled - The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. The crew leader must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR.

**Youth In Natural Resources Crew Member**

Open Until Filled - (4 positions) Temporary summer position for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years of age or older. Although Southern Ute Tribal members receive hiring preference, other individuals enrolled in other federally recognized tribes or decedents of Southern Ute Tribal members will also be considered based upon availability. YNR Crewmembers are assembled into a 4 man crew that reports directly to the YNR crew leader. The YNR crew performs a variety of functions associated with environmental education and various disciplines of natural resource management.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven 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 six months.

**KSUT - Board Vacancy**

Is seeking a Southern Ute Tribal Member to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors as a non-paid position which requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501-C3 non-profit organization. Send a letter of interest to Eddie Box, Jr., KSUT, Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Credit Committee Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Credit Committee has one (1) vacancy. The Credit Committee members must be at least 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe with a reputation of dependability and honesty. A confidentiality statement must be signed. They shall be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation for Tribal Credit. The term may be for a three (3) year period. The Committee meets weekly on Tuesday. Committee members must not be delinquent with Tribal Credit or any Tribal Department.  
 Duties of the Credit Committee:  
 • Take initial action for the Tribe on all Applications.  
 • Have the responsibility of assuring that loans made under the Credit Program are repaid when due.  
 All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on this committee are urged to fill out an application and submit it to the Personnel Department in the Tribal Affairs Building.

**Help Wanted Energy Auditors**

The Four Corners Office For Resource Efficiency (4CORE) has published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for energy auditors for the Weatherization Program. Details are provided on [www.fourcore.org/about4core.html#jobs](http://www.fourcore.org/about4core.html#jobs). Submit qualifications as outlined in the RFQ to [info@fourcore.org](mailto:info@fourcore.org).

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancy**

The Tribe is presently seeking interested enrolled SUIT members wishing to fill a vacant seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. This 7-member Board, first established by the Council in 2005, works closely with the Wildlife Division and Rangers in planning, reviewing, and recommending various actions related to Tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members who are not already employed by the Tribe are compensated at \$20/hr. for meeting participation. Meetings are held several times throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. To be eligible to serve on the Board, a Tribal Member must not have committed a hunting or fishing related violation in the past 5 years. Also, knowledge of the Tribe's hunting and fishing resources and its approach to wildlife management is preferred. Eligible Tribal Members interested in serving on the Board must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Interested eligible applicants will be considered for a Board appointment by the Tribal Council. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130.

**Ignacio School District**

Job Announcements for the 2010 - 2011 School Year  
 Application/Info: (970) 563-0500 ext. 221  
 Application can be found at: [www.ignacio.k12.co.us](http://www.ignacio.k12.co.us)

**Assistant Baseball Coach**

Open Until Filled - An immediate opening for the 2010 baseball season as assistant coach. Applicant must turn in complete application to the Superintendent's Office and pass background check.

**CTE Welding Teacher**

Open Until Filled - The position requires the ability to teach multi positions using A/O arc, mig and tig welders. A working knowledge of computerized plasma cutting is helpful. Applicant must hold a Colorado Teaching License and a CTE Credential.

**Custodian**

Open Until Filled - An immediate opening for a custodian in the secondary schools. Must be able to lift 50 pounds, have a high school diploma or equivalent, be self motivated, able to run custodial machinery, do minor repairs, have a valid driver's license, work in harmony with other people and

relate well with students. Light maintenance and housekeeping experience preferred. A job description is linked below.

**District Librarian/Multi Media**

Open Until Filled - Technical assistance with computers, copiers, knowledge of Smart Boards and clickers, and interlibrary loans. The librarian will run three libraries throughout the district with the help of paraprofessionals in the elementary and intermediate schools. The district librarian will run the high school/junior high library as well as teach some multi media classes in the library computer lab. Applicant must hold a Colorado Library Endorsement.

**Family Consumer Science Teacher**

Open Until Filled - Involve the ability to teach culinary arts, nutrition, and other CTE Family Consumer Science courses. Applicant must hold a Colorado Teaching License and a CTE Credential.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements**

Human Resources Department: 970-563-3387 • Fax: 970-563-3367  
 P.O. Box 340 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Indian Preference Employer • All Applicants Welcome • Apply online: [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com)

**Food & Beverage**

Restaurant Busser - PT

**Human Resources**

Career Development Program Manager - PT

Employee Relations Specialist - PT

**Salon**

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**Surveillance**

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**Table Games**

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Poker Supervisor - FT

Multi-Game Dealer - FT

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The Southern Ute Tribe is looking for Tribal members who wish to help with the 2010 census. Please contact Andrea Taylor, Director of Tribal Information Services at 970-563-4702.

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# Tri-Ute Veterans Adopt Bylaws

# Tribal Leaders, Energy Reps Hope to See Eye-to-eye



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Veterans from each of the Ute tribes met in Denver on Friday, March 19 to discuss the future of the United Ute Veterans Association. The group voted to adopt a set of bylaws in what Southern Ute tribal elder and former Chairman Howard D. Richards Sr. called a "historic" moment.

**By Ace Stryker**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

The United Ute Veterans Association voted March 19 in favor of adopting a set of bylaws to govern future meetings and activities.

The group is composed of current and former U.S. military personnel from the Southern Ute, Northern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes. It aims to give older veterans a forum to discuss issues and provide support for servicemen and women returning from active duty. Howard D. Richards Sr., a Southern Ute elder and former Tribal Council chairman, said he thinks the organization represents a historic effort to unify vets across the three tribes like never before.

"Has this been tried before? The answer would be no," he said. "We understand each other. We understand our needs. ... We are Ute. We are Ute warriors. We are Ute veterans."

About a dozen Ute veterans from all three tribes attended the early-morning meeting at the Cherry Creek Hilton Garden Inn in Denver. Richards, who conducted the meeting, said he hoped the group would be able to reverse the fragmentation that's occurred over time. He said veterans need to be able to count on one another for support.

"What we're trying to do is bring that all back together," he said. "The war might be over for a lot of World War II, Korean, Vietnam veterans, but the war

continues in the mind." Seven of 18 Southern Ute Vietnam veterans survive today, as does one World War II vet, according to Southern Ute Veterans Association Vice Commander Rod Grove.

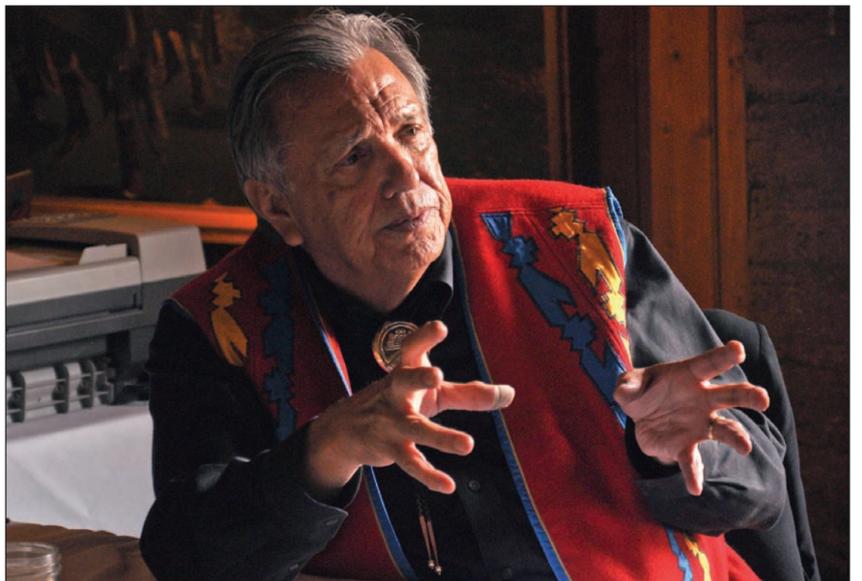
Chairman Ernest House Sr. of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe said he believes the veterans group is a showing of unity among the tribes.

"I think we have come together

as a Ute nation," he said.

Among the points of discussion during the meeting was what exactly to call the group and, in fact, whether to include the word "nation" in its title. The group tentatively settled on the United Ute Veterans Association.

The adopted bylaws include a provision that leadership of the association will rotate among the tribes every two years.



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David Lester, executive director of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes, opens a dialogue between energy executives and tribal leaders on Thursday, March 18 at the Fort Restaurant in Morrison, Colorado. Councilman Manuel Heart of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe participates in a breakout session to discuss how tribes and industry can create a better working relationship. Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Matthew Box and Councilman Steve Herrera also participated in the dialogue.

**By Jeremy Wade Shockley**  
*The Southern Ute Drum*

David Lester, executive director of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes, brought tribal leaders together with natural gas representatives March 18 in Denver to start a dialogue on Indian land right-of-way issues.

Representatives from the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and other tribes met at the Fort Restaurant with Lester and Craig Richardson, chief council for the El Paso Natural Gas Company, to discuss the past and future of natural gas development in Indian Country.

Richardson said he appreciates the relationship between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, which produces the gas, and his company, which transports it.

"[We are] the largest integrated network of natural gas pipelines in North America, and we are connected and move much of the gas I believe on our system that the Southern Ute Nation produces," Richardson



said. "I am happy to have, indirectly, the nation as a customer, and look forward to continuing to transport your gas to the energy consumers that need it."

Lester said the relationship between big business and tribes has at times been rocky, but the two often have more interests in common than they think.

A study into Section 18 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, proposed by industry heavyweights exploring the possibility of forcing

tribes to allow companies to build roads to gas sources under federal law, cost both parties millions of dollars. Richardson said that course was misguided.

"[It has] become a difficult legacy that we have to deal with, the section 1813 process," he said. "We realize now what we did not know then: that that was not the right way to have a conversation."

Gas companies currently work on tribal lands under 20-year contracts with no solid guarantee of renewal. It is in the best interest of both parties to work together and create a working relationship that will move us forward, while setting standards for future generations, Lester said. He said by setting forth tribal ordinances and regulations for how pipelines are obtained and renewed, tribes can help reassure natural gas companies.

Lester said the Denver meeting was "a very good first step" toward building relationships between gas companies and tribes. The mission of CERT, according to its website, is "to help Tribes build stable, balanced, self-governed economies according to each Tribe's vision and priority."



## Youth Enjoy Hand Game Demo



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member Lynda Grove D'Wolf gives a tutorial on hand games on Monday, March 15, to an attentive classroom of youngsters from around Ignacio. Her presentation covered the rules and etiquette of the traditional Ute game. Students participated as part of an after-school tutoring program through the Southern Ute Education Department. This photograph depicts the bones, which are hidden during hand games. Opposing teams are then called on to guess their whereabouts and earn points.

## Look Out Below



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A boulder rests on U.S. Highway 160 between Bayfield and Pagosa Springs as public workers set up cones to direct traffic around it. The rock apparently fell from the mountainside sometime in the evening of Thursday, March 18, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation.