



## Express Your Opinions

### Tribal members must take a stand against power

Not to be overly dramatic about it: It is imperative to understand that the Growth Fund and attorneys have used their power to defraud the tribal membership.

They wield considerable day-to-day influence over the arrangement and disposition of tribal affairs. They are much closer to the tribe's assets than the tribal stockholders. They benefit themselves and their families at the expense of the ordinary stockholders.

It's often hard to shake the sense that the membership/stockholders must seize the opportunity to scrutinize all financial relationships that affect the fundshareholder experience, including management fees, the role of directors, and disclosure.

The Tribal Council must realize that the Growth Fund wields considerable influence by wiping out and rendering meaningless the financial oversight that the Tribal Constitution puts in place for checks and balances for rule and tribal government accountability.

If the tribal membership has learned anything from the past few years, they are at the mercy of "insiders" without adequate and reliable accounting practices and overall disclosure. The membership has lost faith in the ethical safeguards at the Growth Fund, which are diffused and invisible.

Of equal importance is the

assurance that the tribal government does not succumb to governmental negligence.

Ultimately, the fact remains that the governing powers should be returned to their moral and legal bounds. All power rests with the tribal membership.

*Orville G. Hood  
Southern Ute tribal elder*

### Making it clear

To those tribal members that have problems or concerns: In the first place, I was approached by some tribal elders that we needed to have some kind of informational meeting, inviting departments to come and speak about various topics and answer questions that elders had.

I went ahead and took the bull by the horns and set up the meetings. I asked council for the go-ahead, and they gave me the OK. They also went ahead and paid for the luncheon.

As for the second meeting, we did the same, only this time the Growth Fund paid for the lunch, and they also gave me some gifts to give out to those attending the meeting. The casino did the same. Everyone in attendance received something; no one walked out empty-handed.

Now those of you that have been asking, "I heard she got paid for these meetings?" I did not get paid for going ahead and getting the ball rolling.

If you have questions about

what your concern is about me going ahead and doing these kinds of things, please come and talk to me personally! I, for one, hate people starting rumors and not getting the facts straight! I cannot stop people who get their day going without hurting and saying bad things about other tribal members.

The two young ladies that are trying to help the interested tribal elders with an exercise program need to be given a chance to achieve what they want to do by helping the elders. It is not right to be told off by one of our tribal elders, making them feel bad. Instead, she should have given good advice, not put them down!

This also goes for those tribal members that made the statement: "We don't want to attend because it's a 'Frost exercise program!'"

Why do we continue to put down our own young tribal members? We need to help our young adults to have a good feeling about our elders and respect them in a good way.

I just need to make things clear on my part. We need to stop hurting one another, because it is said we will regret it later in life. One of the young adults happens to be my great-niece, and she just started helping out here on the reservation.

*Dixie Frost Naranjo  
One of the young tribal elders*

## 2011-2012 Southern Ute Royalty Quarterly Report

### Miss Southern Ute 2011-12 Brianna GoodTracks-Alires



Mique; hello. My name is Brianna GoodTracks-Alires. As many of you may know by now, I was crowned on Oct. 29, 2011, as the new Miss Southern Ute 2011-12.

I am the daughter of Jennifer GoodTracks and Gary Alires. I have twin brothers, Keifer and Keiston. My grandmothers are Anna Mae Alires and the late Shirley GoodTracks. My great grandparents are William C. Monte, John Williams, Cora Burch and Ruth Archuleta. I attend Bayfield High school.

I am excited to share in representing the Southern Ute Tribe with my fellow royalty members who are Krista Richards, Miss Southern Ute alternate; Izabella Howe, Jr. Miss Southern Ute; Eufemia Pardo, Little Miss Southern Ute; Yllana Howe, Little Miss Southern Ute alternate; Arnulfo Pardo III, Southern Ute Brave; and Amarante Pardo, Southern Ute Brave alternate.

For the month of October 2011, I began my reign by supporting the Health and Wellness Powwow at the SunUte Community Center, and I served as the head girl dancer for this powwow. I want to say that taking care of how we eat and get-

ting exercise is important to our health as Native people.

On Oct. 28, I went to view a film at SunUte titled "Hearing Radmilla Cody" about Radmilla's experience with domestic violence. Miss Cody is a former Miss Navajo Nation, and I was honored to have met her. Hopefully, we will have future opportunities to attend more films in our community to raise our awareness about important issues that affect us.

The Southern Ute Royalty sponsored a Royal Fishing Pond at the Halloween carnival. We gave out goody bags to all the trick-or-treaters who stopped by to see us.

In November, I attended the sixth annual Southern Ute Veterans Powwow at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center, and I want to give my "thank you, tog'oiak" to all our veterans for their dedicated service to our country.

On Nov. 19, I attended the annual Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner and shook hands with tribal members. On Nov. 22, I participated in taking Ute heritage to the Ignacio schools in recognition of Native American Heritage Month. The Southern Ute Royalty participated in dance performances at the schools and gave our formal introductions.

The Southern Ute Royalty traveled to Ft. Duchesne, Utah, for the annual Northern Ute Thanksgiving powwow. This was a fun powwow, and I enjoyed being there with my family and saying hi to my Northern Ute friends.

Also, on Nov. 29, I attended the Durango School District's 9R Title VII fundraiser. The Parent Advisory Committee sponsored a Native American dinner, silent auction and cultural presentation

at Miller Middle School. I did a cultural presentation on traditional Ute cradleboards and made a small brochure for the guests. I want to thank my dad for being my helper at this event.

The Southern Ute Tribe hosted its annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 17 at the casino's Events Center. The Southern Ute Royalty was present and we provided the Lord's Prayer. The younger royalty helped Santa hand out goodie bags and toys to the children.

It was an honor to receive an invitation from the Ute Mountain Ute Royalty to attend their Towaoc Christmas Powwow on Dec. 23. It was a one-day powwow, and I enjoyed being there. I want to thank the Ute Mountain Ute Royalty for their invitation and hospitality.

For the month of January 2012, I traveled to Cochiti, N.M., and attended the powwow fundraiser for the eighth-grade Cochiti Pueblo students who were raising money to travel to Boston and New York. This was a fun powwow with lots of cakewalks and raffles. I provided an exhibition of women's northern traditional style dance. At this powwow I met Daisy Frost, who is a former Miss Southern Ute and she was very encouraging. Thank you Daisy!

Last but not least, the Southern Ute Royalty had a float in the Snowdown parade on Feb. 3. Wow, it was cold! The theme of our float was "Once upon a time: How the Nuche 'The Utes' came to be" and we used the Ute creation story with the coyote.

This ends my quarterly report for now. I would like to say that I am humbled and honored to have this opportunity to represent my Southern Ute people.

*Tog'oiak' and thank you,  
Brianna GoodTracks-Alires  
Miss Southern Ute 2011-12*

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## Birthday wishes and congratulations



### Wishing you a very Happy Birthday on the 19th

We are all very Honored to have you in our lives and to be able to call you, Son, Brother, Cousin and Uncle. Mom would be very proud of the handsome young man you are becoming. Always thinking of you, hope your day is blessed and filled with joy. May the Creator watch over you on your special day.

*Love,  
Dad, Sue, Shiri, Joseph,  
Grandma Sherri & Grandpa Bear*



### Congratulations go out to 14 year old Jack Frost, III

He packed up his bowling equipment and skills and headed south to the 2012 Albuquerque, NM, Junior Bowlers Tour (JBT) youth bowling tournament held on February 12, 2012 at Silva Lanes. He entered the scratch division and bowled all day

through the qualifying rounds then moved onto the semi-final round and then qualifying for a grueling step ladder final round with some very close games and then eventually to the championship game where he won the title on the last frame of the game and his first tournament JBT title! His opponent had just won his 32nd tournament title the day before and was on a 2 tournament title streak! The level of bowling talent was evident at this tournament which made his title all the sweeter! There were 26 bowlers in his division. We are all very proud of you and you represented your tribe with pride! He would like to thank Mr. Vince Akin for setting up and fine tuning his MOTIV Thrash bowling ball and several other local long time bowlers for their advice.

His championship game can be seen on YouTube, JBT at Silva 2/12/12.

### Article taken from JBT website

2012 Albuquerque, NM Junior Bowlers Tour, SILVA LANES, Youth bowling champs Jack Frost III (Scratch) & Derek Webster (Handicap).

On a chilly day in Albuquerque, Jack Frost III swept in and cooled off the scratch division, while Derek Webster joined him as first time JBT champs, in exciting NM-TX Conference action at Silva Lanes.

Frost had a memorable run up the scratch division stepladder, beginning with a 201 tie against Chris Brown in round one, which forced a roll-off that Jack won 10-8 to advance. Frost then rolled past early leader Roger Johnson 248-152, and stopped Nick Lee 216-212 in a tough semifinal to advance to the title game.

Top seed Cameron Smith is building an incredible season, and also came in on a two-event winning streak. The finals also saw the debut of the 'endless tenth frame' format, where if a bowler struck on their fill ball, they had the chance to continue adding 10 pins per additional strike until they stopped striking, making no lead a shutout. In the title game, Cameron's good look in the early frames turned ugly with short counts in his final three frames, finishing at 190. Frost got the strike on his fill ball to finish the 'usual' tenth at 181, meaning his 'endless 10th' boiled down to simply striking to win and anything else to lose. As he did the whole stepladder when he needed it, Frost fired the shot for the strike, a thrilling 191-190 win, and the first title of his JBT career!

### Scratch High Games

Frost 258  
Williams 258  
J Gill 257  
Lee 256  
R Johnson 247

The Southern Ute Royalty Committee presents:

## Powwow Etiquette & Protocol

Dinner provided

**Men's Session**  
**Feb. 28**  
**Multi-Purpose Facility**  
**5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Northern & Southern Traditional Dance,  
Gourd Dance, Fancy Dance  
Royalty Protocol, Drum Protocol

Regalia Care & Proper Storage

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