



# News in brief

## IGNACIO

### Justice & Regulatory seeks name for new building

The Southern Ute Department of Justice & Regulatory is seeking the assistance of the tribal membership in the naming of the new J&R building, formerly the Youth Treatment Center. This building will house the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), the Environmental Programs Division, and the Tribal Rangers and Animal Control. Please submit your suggestions by Jan. 18, 2012, to the Department of Justice & Regulatory at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by calling Misty Wilson at 970-563-0292. The final selection will be made by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

### Thought of being a member of Tribal Council?

Attention tribal members ages 13 to 19 years of age: Are you concerned about issues facing tribal youth? Committed to make a difference in our community that will have a positive impact on the tribal youth? Then the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council may be for you. Become a leader, role model and voice for the tribal youth. For more information, contact McKean Walton at 970-563-0100 ext. 2314. Sponsored by the Southern Ute Tribal Council.

### Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

### SunUte now taking registrations for leagues

The SunUte Community Center is now taking registrations for adult basketball and women's volleyball leagues. The basketball leagues are for men's open, women's open and men's 35 and over leagues. The registration fee is \$300 per team. The deadline to register for the basketball leagues is Jan. 27, 2012. The women's volleyball league registration is \$300 per team and the deadline to register is Jan. 27, 2012. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Kayla Wing or McKean Walton at 970-563-0124 or check out the SunUte website at [www.sunute.com](http://www.sunute.com).

## Attention: Southern Ute, Native American elders

You are invited to come and share your culture and traditional expertise with the students of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. You can choose the group size you will work with. You will be compensated with a stipend. For more information, call Georgia McKinley at 970-563-0253 ext. 2701.

## DURANGO

### Information sessions for adult learners

Are you ready to earn your bachelor's degree? Learn how at free informational sessions from Fort Lewis College. Sessions will cover opportunities for adult learners at FLC and explain how to enroll and apply for financial aid. Sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held every Wednesday at the Durango Public Library from 6 to 7 p.m. in Program Room 3. For more information, call 970-247-7670.

### 2012 Gathering of Nations dates announced

The world's largest gathering of Native American and indigenous people will take place in Albuquerque between April 26 and 28. The Gathering of Nations will be held at the University of New Mexico's University Arena (known locally as "The Pit") in Albuquerque and will begin on Thursday, April 26 with registration for singers and dancers. Later that evening, the Miss Indian World competition begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Hard Rock Casino and Hotel - Albuquerque, just south of the Albuquerque city limits. The crowning will take place on Saturday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at "The Pit." The much-anticipated grand entry, begins at noon on Friday, April 27. For more information regarding purchasing tickets, airfare and hotel accommodations visit [www.gatheringofnations.com](http://www.gatheringofnations.com).

### SUIT Environmental Programs

is offering free home radon testing to Tribal Members.

Please call Peter Diethrich for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Priority to Elders and those with infants in their homes.

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# Many Moons Ago

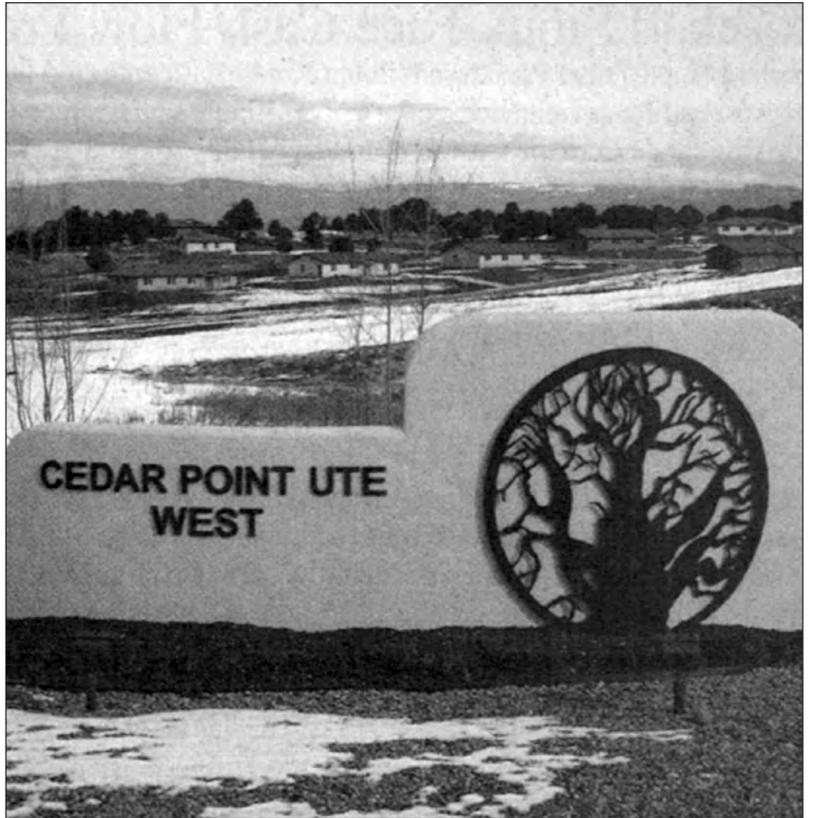


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## 10 Years Ago

The Southern Ute Home Grant Program had two-, three- and four-bedroom homes for sale. All of the Home Grant homes at Cedar Point Ute Housing ready for occupancy were available to Southern Ute tribal members. The program was open to single people and families. This is the view of Cedar Point West from County Road 318.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 11, 2002, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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## 20 Years Ago

Southern Ute tribal staff read an adaptation of "The Night Before Christmas" that brought many laughs from the audience at the 1992 Christmas program in the Ignacio High School gym.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 13, 1992, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## 30 Years Ago

Tribal artist McGarey Gallegos, also a Community Center maintenance man, gave a new coat of color to the Community Center office. Gary said he would draw an Indian scene to be completed the following month.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 15, 1982, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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See [SkyUteCasino.com](http://SkyUteCasino.com) for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

**\$112,000 Extravaganza**

**Sky Ute Casino is starting 2012 off with a bang so come get your share of the \$92,000 remaining in Cash and Sky Ute Loot and in the month of January!**

*Spin the Wheel Kiosk Game*

**All Bear Club members can swipe their card at the kiosk and play the New Year Extravaganza game once per week on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 12 p.m. until 9 p.m. Prizes range from entry tickets into the Saturday cash drawings up to \$100 in Sky Ute Loot!**

**Saturday Cash Drawings**

**Every Saturday in January we will hold hourly drawings from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and you could win your share of the \$52,000 in CASH to be given away!**

Must be 21 years of age or older. Must be a member of the Bear Club. Must check in at the kiosk on New Year's Eve as well as on Saturday's for drawings. Sky Ute Loot must be played off into Sky Ute Loot eligible slot machines and has no cash value. Must be present to win. Employees of Sky Ute Casino and their immediate family are not eligible for cash drawings. Management reserves the right to change or cancel this promotion at anytime without prior notice.

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