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Judged Best of Show

Cameron Mortensen has once again taken Best of Show in the Aztec UFO Art and Writing Contest with his 3D art titled *El Mariachi Band*. This is the third time he has captured that prize. He was presented with a \$50 cash prize by the Aztec Library.

Art coordinator Beth McClure says the Mortensen family has been tremendous supporters and participants in the annual UFO art contests. Cameron's father, Glen, won first place in the adult art category and Cameron's brother, Roger, took second and third in 3-D art for his age group. His sister Kaycee also entered and has been a winner in previous years.

The complete list of Aztec UFO 2004 Art and Writing Contest winners is on page 19. Thanks to all who entered, the community enjoyed the display at the Symposium.

Celebrating Arbor Day

by Jamie Guilliams, Youth Development Staff, Aztec Boys and Girls Club

Friday March 12, 2004 was National Arbor Day. To celebrate and honor this day, Farmington Public Service Company of New Mexico's (PNM) Lisa Martin and her team donated five trees to the new Gardening Club Program at the Aztec Boys and Girls Club. The Gardening Club members planted one of the trees on Friday for the city of Aztec in Pioneer Park (by the Aztec Library). The tree is a Purple-leaf Plum and now helps to decorate and shade the new ramp leading into the park from behind McDonald's. The Gardening Club is directed by Youth Development Staff Jamie Guilliams and members include Dalton Martin, Jessica Cole, Evan Davis, Katelyn Cole, Amber Pacheco, Dominic James, Brett Tucker, Courtney Guilliams, Chancy Templeton, Garrett Tucker, Tyler Lucero, Jesse Gonzales, Cuatro Cope, Kevin Standifer, Kaylee Stover, Chantelle Cordell, Dominic Chavez, Lukas Frazzini, Kara Florence, Jarrett and Travis Dupont, Donovan and Dominic Villarial, and Caleb Baird. The Gardening Club has been a great success so far, and the kids really enjoy participating in the program. They have planted over fifteen different kinds of flower seeds (which sprouted in 2 days!) and have been preparing an outdoor area to start their vegetable garden after Spring Break. Watching plants grow is a remarkable learning experience that

Alien Run Mountain Bike Competition, April 18

Friends of the Aztec Library announces the 4th Annual Alien Run Mountain Bike Competition, event #3 of the 2004 Four Corners Cup Mountain Bike Series.

Enjoy the panoramic scenery and hospitality of friendly Aztec, home of the 7th Annual UFO Symposium and Friends of the Aztec Library. This mountain bike race is growing in popularity, especially with the additional new single-track course, which presents unique challenges in endurance and terrain difficulty.

Categories: Beginner, Sport, Expert, Youth (under 13), Junior, Senior, Veteran (35-44), Master (45+), Male, Female.

Pre-Ride, April 11

Course will be marked as of April 10, 2004. Pre-ride will be held on Sunday, April 11. Meet at Main Street Bistro, 122 N. Main, Aztec, 8:30 am. Ride starts 10 am.

Alien Run Mountain Bike Competition, April 18

Registration 8 am at Main Street Bistro, Aztec, Sunday, April 18, 2004, Registration, 8 am

Pre-Race Meeting: 9:30 am, Race Start: 10 am, Awards Ceremony, Lunch, 12:30

Costs: \$25 before race day; \$30 on race day

Information: Ed Strauss, 333-2057; Al Saiz, 334-6470; Deral Saiz, 334-8048; or www.aztecufo.com or 4corner-scup.com. Forms are available at the Aztec Library.

Note: by order of the Bureau of Land Management, all bikes must be free of dirt, mud and grit so as to not transfer noxious weed seeds



Serving breakfast for Carnegie trip donations

Members of the AHS Choirs will be performing at Carnegie Hall on June 15th. We will be holding a donation pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 3rd, from 8 am - noon (or when we run out). The breakfast will be served at the Aztec Presbyterian Church, 205 N. Church Street, in the fellowship hall. Pancake batter and syrup will be donated by Village Inn, plus, we'll have bacon, sausage, coffee and juice. The trip is being sponsored by the Aztec Presbyterian Church.

For further info, contact Gene Seese at 334-2816.



Gardening Club members at Aztec B & G

these kids are initiating on their own. The program will last throughout the school year and the summer. The Aztec Boys & Girls Club members and staff give a special thanks to PNM, Lisa Martin and her team, and to Don Greenwood (City of Aztec General Services Director). A reminder: the Aztec Boys and Girls Club Summer Program will be starting soon, for information please call (505) 334-8861.

Local bookstore celebrates National Poetry Month

By Cherry Church

April is National Poetry Month. April was chosen by the Academy of American Poets after consultation with booksellers, librarians and teachers. It was decided that since the fall was crowded with holidays, and since the Academy wanted it to be a time when children would be in school April, in the spring, would be ideal. The first National Poetry Month was in April 1996.

All across the country thousands of bookstores, libraries, school and other cultural institutions participate through readings, festivals, book displays, etc.

There are seven goals for National Poetry Month:

- To highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets
- To introduce more Americans to the pleasures of reading poetry
- To bring poets and poetry to the public in immediate and innovative ways
- To make poetry a more important part of the school curriculum
- To increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media
- To encourage increased publication, distribution, and sales of poetry books
- To increase public and private philanthropic support for poets and poetry

Our own Hard Back Books, 200 S. Main in Aztec, will be celebrating National Poetry Month with two readings, one on April 8 and the other on April 22nd. Both will begin at 7 pm, and both will be open mikes. For more information contact Hard Backs at 334-5545.

Mosquito alert!



The New Mexico Environment Department has been getting numerous phone calls about mosquito problems now (March 2004). Because of the recent moisture and warm temperatures, mosquito larval will start to emerge and they will be hungry. It is suggested that if you are bothered by mosquitoes, please call the following agencies since they can provide direct assistance to you and your area. If you live in the county, call the San Juan Vector department at 334-6775. In the city of Farmington, please call Kelly West at 566-2275.

Both in the city of Aztec and Bloomfield, help can be forwarded through the county. We don't mind knowing about mosquito problems at the NMED because we will be working with other agencies in trapping mosquitoes again to test for West Nile Virus. It is expected to come back again this year. Some species of mosquitoes "overwinter" and the virus is likely "reservoir" in the area. Please take the appropriate protection of bug lotions with DEET, long shirts, pants and try to minimize time outside at dawn and dusk.



Andrea Hathcock teaches caricature art to the Explorer's Club at the Aztec Library, while visiting from Las Vegas. More on the Explorer's Club on page 8.



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Easter Egg Hunt

By Cherry Church

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am on Saturday, April 10, on the Aztec Museum grounds in Pioneer Village. I have it on good authority that there will be 3,000 eggs hidden, so bring the kids out, the chances are they'll find one!

The Chamber has it!

by Erin Weaver Administrative Assistant

Did you know that the Aztec Chamber of Commerce sells Aztec memorabilia? There are hats, visors, mugs, posters, license plates and post cards to show that you are proud to be a part of the Aztec community! The following items are \$10.00 each: hats and visors—in beige, orange and sand, mugs—in silver and black, and license plates—in yellow with red and turquoise writing. Postcards are \$0.25 each and posters are \$15.00. Stop by the Chamber office and pick one up. You can use it to show your support of Aztec or send it as a gift to a relative or friend out of state! Be proud to be a part of Aztec!

Clothes Share on April 17

Spring Clothes Share will be held at Park Avenue School in Aztec on Saturday, April 17, from 9 am until 3 pm, in the school cafeteria. All clothes are free and everyone is welcome. Please do not bring any donations to the school prior to Friday, April 16, at 6:30 pm, as it interferes with school activities.

As usual, we always need volunteers for setting up and closing down. Volunteers help organize clothes from bags to tables and are required to sign in if they want their names submitted in a drawing. The drawing takes place after Clothes Share, and the winner is notified by phone or mail.

Clothes Share is a wonderful opportunity to share clothes with others and donations are welcome. We do not have the facilities to clean clothes prior to Clothes Share, so please bring clothes in good condition, ready to wear. Set up times are Friday, April 16, 6:30 pm, and Saturday, April 17, 7:30 - 9:00 am. Closing is from 2:30 - 4:00 pm on Saturday. Volunteers need only show up and sign in. Hope to see you there.

THE MAIL (AND E-MAIL) ROOM

Bitz by everyone

Happy April birthdays to Robert Martin, Judy Bennett, Rose Cady, Howard Frizzell, Niki Wells, Debbie Israel, Darrin Church, Marlo Turner, Carla Ann Carroll, Geraldine Mendenhall, Mary Dixon, Ed Briggs, Garland Moore, Kenneth Dodson, Alma Brooks, Robert Elkins, Catherine Segó, Artesia Lawson, Kamryn White, April Lawson, Darell Davis, Amber Nicely, Lee Burkett, Susan Curmano, Jaime Garcia, David Laguna, Joe McWilliams, Elizabeth Stinson, Arthur Lawson, Nathan Thomas and Peggy Tucker.

Happy April anniversaries to Ken and Wilma Burns; Charles and Gloria Turner; and Mike and Diana Martin.

Call 334-1039 to get your birthdays in TALON.

Beginning Next Issue: Oil & Gas Basics Column

Fralely response

I wish to respond from two perspectives to the letter submitted by Richard Fraley, Vice President of Burlington Resources, which was published in the March 1-15, 2004 Talon.

In his letter Mr. Fraley questions the veracity of what he terms Tweeti Blancett's "allegations of widespread problems caused by energy operations on her ranch..." On several occasions I have had the opportunity to hear Mrs. Blancett speak about energy development on her ranch including two times before New Mexico's Oil Conservation Commission. While she speaks of cattle losses due to drilling operations, I have never heard her say "cattle are dropping like flies," a statement that in my mind exaggerates the losses, something I haven't heard Mrs. Blancett do. Mr. Fraley states on average that Burlington receives "claims for less than five head of cattle per year...we pay double the market value of the cattle." In my thinking this minimizes the impact of the losses on ranchers in terms of both time and money. It is my understanding that burden of proof regarding the cause of death lies with the rancher, and that he/she bears the cost of the autopsy performed by a veterinarian. In addition, time must be spent replacing the animal, and this does not take into account the production loss for the year if the animal that died was a cow with a calf. (One must also wonder about the loss of wildlife in these situations.)

Remediation and reseeded of unneeded land is an essential effort which does benefit wildlife and livestock, if successful. Unfortunately, well sites exist where invasive weeds are a problem, so it is necessary to assess the success of the effort over time before declaring the job done.

Mr. Fraley's letter does not address the fact that sites where cattle can access pits and ingest toxic fluids are out of compliance. Again, in my mind, stating that a "fence fails or is pushed over by cattle" minimizes the problem and blames cattle rather than the industry which has neglected to adequately fence. The phase-out of earthen production pits and their replacement with enclosed tanks is commendable but seems to minimize the fact that there are still pits in the field that contain toxic substances. One of Mrs. Blancett's main themes is the need for inspection and enforcement on BLM lands to ensure compliance with regulations that in part serve to protect wildlife and livestock.

Mr. Fraley accuses Mrs. Blancett of distorting the facts to advance her own agenda of stopping energy development here. This definitely runs counter to what I have heard her say. Rather she continually supports industry's right to access gas and oil while stressing the need for industry to comply with regulations and to respect and rightfully address the concerns of surface owners and grazing permittees in the process.

Burlington is recognized as a good corporate citizen through its charitable work and contribution to the local economy. However, the issue of deteriorating regional air quality including haze needs to be addressed. Aztec city commissioners were told that the cost of \$1000 for the addition of a catalytic converter to each wellhead compressor on wells slated for development within Aztec city limits is too high. Catalytic converters or other add-ons are said to significantly reduce emissions of air pollutants like NOx (nitrogen oxides) that is one of the precursors of ozone and a contributor to haze as well as having negative health and environmental impacts of its own. Although modeling shows our area is expected to remain in compliance for ozone in the immediate future, San Juan County ozone levels are higher than Albuquerque's. Recent medical research shows that ozone levels well below the EPA's 84 parts per billion standard negatively impact human health. The oil/gas industry along with other industries and the average citizen are challenged to come to the table with serious efforts to reduce their contributions to air pollution.

Jan Rees

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These folks share their time on a regular basis to write in their field of interest. If you have subjects and tidbits they might be interested in, give them a call. If you would like to try your hand at writing, give us a call at 334-1039. Many others have submitted stories, poems and information on an occasional or one-time basis. Thanks to everyone, it sure makes for good reading.

Don't Be Left Out Next Deadline is April 8

You are encouraged to be early!!
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Why is ISC running things?

After three more meetings recently on the Navajo Nation Water Right Settlement, there remains no non-Indian community support. First the San Juan Water Commission said they were neither for it or against it. Now they have recently issued a white paper pointing out problems with it that the San Juan Agricultural Water Users Association and Bloomfield Irrigation District raised right from the first comment period, Jan. 15, 2004. The ten-year average diversions in the settlement are clearly contrary to state law but even the State Engineer's Chief Counsel and the Interstate Stream Commission's engineer that drafted the settlement won't admit this. The AG has refused to give an opinion. Why is this? The City of Farmington attorney at the ISC meeting March 17, 2004, stated Farmington was neither against it nor for the settlement. What does that mean? He then went on to state they have problems with it. Upon questioning by one of the ISC Commissioners representing one of the regions Indian pueblos, the Farmington City Attorney seemed unclear what their position was. The cities of Aztec and Bloomfield were not even represented at this meeting. This lack of knowledge on critical water issues affecting the San Juan River Basin is pathetic.

The Bureau of Reclamation has a claim for water rights on all the Federal projects in this basin but New Mexico State law clearly says they must be the beneficial users of this water and clearly they are not. They even claim water for Federal projects they have not thought up yet. They have water tied up in Navajo Lake

that they cannot show a beneficial use for except for California and the Rio Grande areas.

Folks, I was an insider in the office of the State Engineer for 12 years. I know what has been going on for some time and is still going on. Phil Muniz, who still has a strong influence over the ISC, and especially John Whipple, are running things and they are not working for this community's best interests. Mr. Dunlap is your representative for these regions water issues on the ISC and yet he has strong interests in the Animas/La Plata water and in my opinion, does not represent the irrigators on the irrigation ditches. He is vice chairman of the San Juan Water Commission and clearly opposes the irrigator's interests. The SJWC opposed the BID application to clarify their right to the amount of cubic feet per second flow of water based on one cfs per 40 acres of water right, yet the SJWC and Mr. Dunlap can find no fault with the Navajo Nation receiving two to three times this amount in the Navajo settlement. This community's water is being controlled and divided up by others who do not live here. They hold special meetings during the daytime that working people cannot attend. They use your own tax dollars to defeat you. Isn't it time for the average citizens, and your elected officials in San Juan County, to awaken to what's happening? I would like to see the new State Engineer take charge and put some water rights division personnel over the settlement, adjudication, and administration of the rivers. I've had enough of the ISC.

Robert E. Oxford, Aztec

Kudos for UFO Symposium Supporters

Now that the 7th Annual Aztec UFO Symposium has come and gone, it's only appropriate to acknowledge those who made it happen. First and foremost the Friends of the Aztec Library themselves, a core group of creative, dedicated and highly-energetic volunteers who gave so much of their time, talent and resources to help insure the success of this unique, fun, stimulating event. These individuals include, Leanne Hathcock, David Albright, Ed & Judy Cooper, Beth Barnes, Justin Barnes, Scott Ramsey, John & Margo Bryson, Donna Chadwick, Randy and Susan Barnes, Brooks Marshall, Steve Rabourn, Jaki Allen, Beth McClure, Katee McClure-Dahlstrom and Sumant Krishnaswamy.

Also, without the direct and invaluable support of Candy Frizzell, publisher of this newspaper; Debra Mayeux and Laura Banish and photographer Ben Chrisman - of the Farmington Daily Times; free-lance writer Mark Witkes, along with other staff from the Durango Herald; Tedd St. Rain, audio-visual technician; Don Greenwood - City of Aztec; The Aztec Chamber of Commerce; Katee McClure-Dahlstrom, our webmaster; Patrick Sannes and Jimmy McFarland - Koogler Middle School; Vickie Brown, Gail Aspromonte, Tweeti Blancett, and volunteers Mike Wisnewski and Matthew Albright and the vendors who brought diverse and interesting items...this year's symposium would not have been possible. Thanks to Joy Hoban of StarBrite for the Adopt an Alien program. Our thanks, of course, extends to the great coverage from regional radio and television, including: KSUT, KDUR, Clear Channel-Big Dog, etc., KSJE, KWYK, America General Media-KENN, etc., and KOBF TV.

The many entrants to the Space Art/Writing and Video Contest submitted a variety of works, including several pieces from local artists, different states, and even the country of Israel. Thanks to them, to judges Niki Rubow, Rob Ewing, Justin Barnes, and Leslie Stannard for their time, and to art coordinator Beth McClure (also our letterhead designer).

Of course, sincere gratitude is given to our fine presenters and their spouses who gave of their time and expertise to help insure the success of the event, which distinguishes the Four Corners area and the City of Aztec in a very special way. Much appreciation goes to Mark and Heidi Kimmel, Scott and Suzanne Ramsey, Art Campbell, George Green, Nancy Red Star, Freddy Silva and our emcee, Dennis Balthaser and his wife Debby. And a very special thanks to playwright/performer Charles Pike for his masterful performance, to filmmaker Paul Kimball, and to Sumant Krishnaswamy and David Mayeux for the StarGaze at the Aztec Ruins National Monument. Hank Young of Durango, our special guest for the panel discussion which closed the weekend, added his perspective during the thought-provoking question-answer session.

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Thank you one and all!

Letter to the Aztec Talon

I have been a resident of San Juan County for 27 years and am a staunch supporter of Tweeti and Linn Blancett as they try to work with "the big guys" in the oil and gas industry.

First of all they are not out to "halt energy development" in our area. I have ridden and worked on their ranch and when 397 out of 400 well locations are in non-compliance with existing regulations it has dire consequences on a ranching business much less overall environmental concerns. They are just trying to get companies to be responsible for following the rules.... not just some of the time at their convenience but ALWAYS, as should be done. Why should the companies have to wait for understaffed regulatory agencies to slap them on their wrists?

The Blancett's have never said their "cows are dropping like flies," however there is enough pollution that Linn sold his reputation herd because of the compounding errors over a period of time by various oil and gas companies. Multi-use of the land means various parties need to respect one another. These concerns need to be focused on issues and a professional debate and not on personalities.

Oil and gas does contribute much to our county in taxes, salaries and royalties. However, their record profits (4.5-4.1 billion according to their own sources) should provide plenty of money to repair the damage in San Juan County and to vigilantly follow rules and procedures in the future.

I applaud the ranching families in our area as they band together to become better stewards of our land and just hope that others from industry would do the same.

Kathy Price



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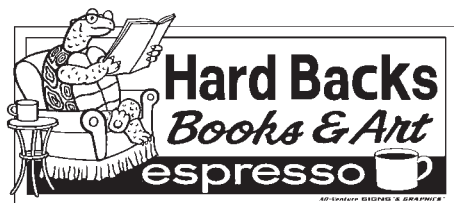
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The Celebration of Easter in Aztec

By Cherry Church

Area Christian churches are getting ready to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The **United Methodist Church** will have a special choral service on Good Friday, April 9 at 7:30 pm. This will be a Tenebrae Service, a Service of Darkness. The Glory of Easter Sunday morning will be celebrated at two services on Sunday, April 11, 8:30 and 11 am. Rev. Bill Ivins will bring the message.

Rev. Steve Smith of **Aztec Presbyterian Church** will hold a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, April 8 at 7 pm. The Church will hold a Sunrise Service at 6:30 am, and an Easter Celebration at 11 am. The Sunrise Service will be outside, and is co-sponsored by St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Refreshments will follow the service.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will begin their observance of Holy week with a Thursday, April 8 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm. On Good Friday they will hold the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Church in Aztec, and at 7 pm at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church** in Flora Vista. There will be a Saturday Vigil Mass at 8 pm at St. Joseph Church in Aztec. Sunday Masses will be at 9 am in Flora Vista and 11 am and 6 pm at Aztec.

New Hope Ministries will have their Easter Sunday service at 11 am and the youth will put on the entire program, incorporating praise and worship, music and skits.

New Hope Community Church will meet at 9 am for fellowship and refreshments with the service beginning at 10 am.

First Baptist Church will have two services at 8:30 am and 11 am.

Aztec City Commission wrap-up March 16, 2004

A Commission Workshop was scheduled from 5:30-6:00 pm, and placed on the workshop agenda by Leanne Hathcock, Aztec Library Director, which provided the Commission with information on the development of the old county courthouse into a culture and science center with special emphasis on the subject of archaeoastronomy. A preliminary business plan was presented tentatively dubbing the center as FOCUS Four Corners Center for Universe Studies.

The regularly scheduled Aztec City Commission of March 16, 2004 was CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 pm at City Hall by Mayor Mike Arnold followed by the INVOCATION, given by John Gallegos, Finance Director, which was then followed by the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, led by Bob Richards of the NMCOG. ROLL CALL was then called by Deputy City Clerk, Jackie Maxwell, with all Commissioners present and accounted for, except Commissioner Hanhardt, who was called out of the preceding workshop due to a family emergency. (It was later learned that Commissioner Hanhardt's father had passed away and all express deep condolences for him and his entire family).

All items on the CONSENT AGENDA were approved including:

Item A - Approval of Commission Workshop Minutes March 8, 2004

Item B - Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes March 8, 2004

Item C - All City Staff & Commission Travel Requests

Item D - Purchase of Power Lines from City of Farmington at Aztec Ruins

Item E - New World Software Maintenance Agreement/Standard Software Maintenance Agreement

Item F - Resolution 2004-618 Supporting the Request for Declaring Certain Property Not Essential for a Municipal Purpose

Item G - Resolution 2004-619 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts

Item H - Resolution 2004-620 Authorizing Signatures for Motor Vehicle Department Bank Account

One PROCLAMATION on the agenda, read by Mayor Arnold involved the city's support of Fair Housing Month which declares that "Fair and equal housing is a right guaranteed to all Americans; all citizens have the right to live where they choose within their financial means" ... and that "we must as individuals, assure equal access to housing for all in our communities" therefore, "We, the governing body of the City of Aztec, NM do hereby proclaim April 2004 as FAIR HOUSING MONTH."

Two PRESENTATIONS were both scheduled by Robert Anderson, City Planner, who presented a "Tour of Artesia Main Street" a visual treat of images detailing a trip to Artesia, a southern New Mexico town that completed a similar project in 1998. A citizens steering committee, comprised of City Staff, Aztec Chamber staff, representatives from the Downtown Mainstreet Assoc., along with engineers from Lewis Berger Group, flew to Artesia on a fact-finding mission to gather comparative information in preparation for a proposed revitalization project for Aztec's Downtown Main Street.

Mr. Anderson next presented an update on a proposed county wide initiative to place standardized point of entry signage to tri-city gateways and the potential locations for these signs in Aztec.

As there were no BUSINESS ITEMS on this agenda and no ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT, the meeting moved into CITIZENS INPUT which began with Bob Richards of the NMCOG commenting on the nice new chairs that the City has provided and Dennis Carruth, Superintendent of the Aztec Ruins National Monument reporting that as a designated "World Heritage Site," it is incumbent upon him to complete a periodic report and that the report is available through the Monuments website, www.nps.gov/azru. He also described that updates to the General Management Plan are also posted on the website periodically.

The meeting wrapped up with the usual COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS which began with David Velasquez commenting on the new Commission Room chairs and how nice they looked and also that he had a meeting scheduled in Santa Fe to visit with the State Highway Department Dist. 5, to discuss the realignment of Hwy 516 & 550; Mayor Arnold reminding fellow Commissioners and staff about the Employee Associations St. Patrick Day potluck luncheon planned for the end of the week; Commissioner Marcum had no report; Commissioner Mesch reporting that she was looking forward to attending the upcoming New Mexico Municipal Leagues New Official School; and lastly Commissioner Rubow remarking about the Downtown

Revitalization Project, the MPO Meeting he attended and STIP Alignment and that the City needs a budget plan in place either by the engineers designated to the project or "in house," to address and coordinate the funding of three areas: beautification, infrastructure, and paving. After these reports and various staff updates, the meeting was then ADJOURNED.

ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The meeting room and facilities are fully accessible to persons with mobility disabilities. If you plan to attend the meeting and will need an auxiliary aid or service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 334-7600 prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made.

Disclaimer: This Commission Update is not an official record of the Aztec City Commission meetings, it is only a synopsis of the proceedings. Official transcripts are available through the City Clerks office. Becky Howard can be reached at 334-7603.

Note: The next general meeting date is **April 6th** at 6 pm in the Commission Room at Aztec City Hall. A final agenda is posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. Copies may be obtained from City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec. 334-7600.



SAN JUAN COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons involved in the following crimes:

- A home under construction in the 6300 block of Red Rock Dr. in Farmington was broken into between 6:00 p.m. on Mar. 15 and 7:15 a.m. on Mar. 16. A propane space heater, a 30 gallon propane tank, 10 step ladders (6'8"/10'), and a Jacuzzi bath tub were stolen from the home.

- A white 2000 Pace utility trailer containing over \$25,000 in tools and equipment was stolen from a job site in the 6400 block of English Drive in Farmington between 3:30 p.m. on Mar. 15 and 7:15 a.m. on Mar. 16.

- Two windows were shot out of the Teen Center building located at 106 Simonds Road in Aztec between 12:00 and 1:40 p.m. on Mar. 17. It appears that a BB gun or wrist rocket was used to break the windows.

All calls are kept strictly confidential; callers do not have to reveal their identity. If you have information on these or other crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at (505) 334-TIPS or within the state of New Mexico at (800) 924-5798. Please visit us on the web at www.sjcounty.net/CrimeStoppers.

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April 19-May 18

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Wacky, Zany, Kooky Art Contest

This is a chance for your wacky, zany, kooky side to cut lose. All types of art are welcome in all types of media. We do ask that the art is ready to hang or display when you enter it, and that the work is an original of your own making. There are no fees and no age restrictions, so come and pick up an entry form at the Aztec Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is May 21, 5 pm.

Pet vaccination clinic

The San Juan Animal League will sponsor the next Rabies Vaccination Clinic of the year for dogs and cats on Sunday, April 4, 2004, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Naaba Ani Elementary School in Bloomfield.

Rabies, distemper and other vaccinations will be available at reasonable prices.

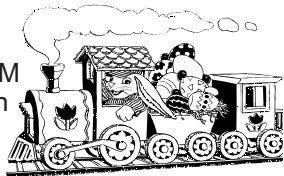
All area dogs and cats are welcome. For additional information and 2004 prices, call the San Juan Animal League at 325-3366 or visit our website at www.sanjuananimalleague.com.



2nd Annual Egg Hunt on the Farm Saturday, April 3

Gates open: 9:00 a.m. • Fun begins: 10:00 a.m.

Each child will receive a basket from the Farm Bunny, a hayride to the egg field, and game tickets. The SFM Express will be giving train rides and the animals will be there!



Egg hunts will be scheduled throughout the day in **Five** separate egg fields!

The market will be open for the day to purchase any of our great canned good items, ristras and other local products.

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Aztec Police Dept. Chief's Corner

by Lt. Carlton Gray

Well it looks like spring is finally here. It has been a long winter and people are ready to get outside to enjoy the nice weather we are having. We are asking that people please be careful and be watchful. With everyone coming outdoors, there will of course be more children out playing (sometimes in the street).

Also with the warmer weather people start moving around late at night. Unfortunately there will be others out looking for things to take that belongs to you. Be sure that your vehicles are locked, your bikes and other items that someone might want to take are secured in some way. If you are planning to be away from home for any length of time please let a neighbor or friend know so they can keep a watchful eye on your place. Remember that most thefts are crimes of convenience, so make it difficult for people to take what belongs to you.

Please if you see or hear anything suspicious, i.e. people you don't recognize or neighborhood dogs barking, please call the police. Even if it turns out to be nothing, we are always glad to respond.

As always if you have any concerns, you can stop by and see us or call. We are always glad to be of assistance. Have a great spring and may God bless you.

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Aztec Senior Center news

by Deborah Ward, director

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Mondays: Line dancing, 1 pm
- Tuesdays: Blood pressure & oxygen checked, 10 am
Exercise, 10:30 am
Pinochle after lunch
Yoga beginning April 13, 5:15 - 6:30 with Linda Clark
- Thursdays: Bingo, 8th & 22nd, 10 - 11:30 am
Pinochle after lunch
- Pool room opens at 8 am Monday through Friday for all who are interested.

Domino players meet Monday through Friday at 8 am also. Always looking for new people to join any of our groups.

Note: We have a Chess set waiting for someone to book a play date. Anyone interested, please see Debbie or Cindy.

Monthly activities

- Tuesday, April 6 - Sky Ute Casino Trip, van leaves Aztec Senior Center at 1 pm. Don't be late!
- Wednesday, April 7 - Bible study with Rusty Springer, 10 am. Medicare Seminar, 11 am; Come prepared with your questions for Joanne.
- Thursday, April 8 - Bingo, 10 am.
- Tuesday, April 15 - San Juan College cosmetology, van leaves Aztec Senior Center at 1:30 pm.

April Menu

- 1 - Beef-a-roni, corn, coleslaw with carrots, fresh winter pear, milk
- 2 - Green chili enchilada, lettuce, tomato, onion, seasoned pintos, orange wedges, milk
- 5 - Chicken fajita, onion, bell peppers, Spanish rice, tortilla, cherry crisp, milk
- 6 - Beef tips with mushrooms, gravy, whipped potatoes, Riviera veggies, Jello with fruit, roll, milk
- 7 - Navajo taco, lettuce, tomato, onion, pear halves, cookie, milk
- 8 - Tuna salad sandwich, chips, ice cream, milk
- 9 - Closed for Good Friday
- 12 - Sliced ham, baked sweet potato, buttered corn, applesauce, roll, milk
- 13 - Spaghetti with meatballs, tossed salad, sweet peas, pudding, milk
- 14 - Green chili enchilada, lettuce, tomato, pineapple rings, ice cream cup, milk
- 15 - Beef stew, beet/cucumber salad, hot cornbread, banana cake, milk
- 16 - Baked cod, au-gratin potatoes, veggie salad, Jello with fruit, roll, milk

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For info on any of our events call 334-2881.

For menus & changes call the menu line, 334-7618.

Devon Energy donates to local fire departments

Fire officials have announced that eight fire districts in northwest New Mexico and one in southern Colorado will receive much-needed donations of \$500 each from Devon Energy Corporations. A donation ceremony was held March 25 at the San Juan County Volunteer Fire Department in Aztec.

"This donation is a big help for our local volunteer fire departments," said Larry Marcum, Chief of the department. "A well-equipped fire department is invaluable."

Fire districts typically receive funding through property taxes, although this source is generally sufficient only in urban areas. In rural areas, property values are much lower and do not generate enough to independently sustain those fire districts. Fire districts requiring additional money often put their own time and effort into fund raising.

Devon Energy has a long tradition of supporting local emergency responders, production foreman Steve Zink said. "It's Devon's way of saying thank you for the vital services these departments provide to the families and businesses of their communities," Zink, commented.

Devon has been involved in oil and gas exploration and production in New Mexico for more than twenty years and currently employs more than 100 New Mexicans.

The Annual Kiwanis Easter Pancake Breakfast

Continue the long standing Aztec tradition and join friends and neighbors at the Aztec Community Center (Senior Center), 101 S. Park, for their annual Easter Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 11th. Serving times are from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m, so you can come after the sunrise service or before church!

Adult tickets are \$4.00 and tickets for children twelve and under are \$2.50. Books of 10 tickets are sold for \$35.00. Pancake breakfast tickets would be a great way to show how much you appreciate employees, friends and loved ones and you would be helping the Kiwanis serve the community. Tickets are available from any Kiwanian or at the door. This year, give Mom a break from cooking breakfast and washing dishes. Bring her to the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast.

This is a major fund raiser for the Kiwanis and all proceeds remain in Aztec to fund service projects throughout the year. We'll see you there!



Rape Crisis Services looking for volunteers

San Juan Rape Crisis Services anticipates opening in late April. They will be serving San Juan, Rio Arriba and McKinley counties, with a hotline in operation 24 hours a day beginning April 26. The center is a volunteer based program and is looking for volunteers so they can operate.

Training for volunteers will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 16, 17 and 18. The training will be held at San Juan Regional Medical Center, and free meals and refreshments will be served. Volunteers are needed to answer hotline calls and to provide support to sexual assault victims, their friends and family. Forty hours of training is required for these positions. Fund raisers are also needed, along with clerical positions.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please call Leah at San Juan Rape Crisis Services, 326-4700; fax 326-2557, or e-mail RapeCrisisSrv@aol.com

- New Mexico is rated 9th in the nation for reported sexual assaults
- San Juan County is rated 3rd in the state for reported sexual assaults
- One in six boys and 1 in 3 girls are sexually abused before the age of 18
- 84% of all sexual assaults are committed by someone the victim knows
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Beginning Yoga • Tuesdays • 5:15-6:30 pm
Apr. 13,20,27 • May 4,11,25 • June 1,8,15,22
Aztec Senior Center • Park Ave & Chaco St.

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Apr. 13,20,27 • May. 4,11,25 • June 1,8,15,22
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Preserving the Past for the Future

by Britta Schiller & Larry Evilsizer

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CURATOR'S CORNER

Generally, the Museum Board meeting is held the second Thursday of the month. This month's Museum Board meeting will be held on Thursday April 8th at the Museum. Attendance is open to the public.

As mentioned last month, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Museum. We found a write-up in the Newsletter binder describing the events that led up to the Museum's inception. We've included a synopsis of the document later in this newsletter.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday April 10th (the day before Easter), 10 am, at the Museum. See this month's newsletter.

More info on the traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian the Museum will host next August and September. With the theme, "Yesterday's Tomorrows: Past Visions of the American Future," the exhibit reflects the ways people in the 1950s envisioned the future. We've been able to extend the exhibit dates to include Founder's Day. According to Britta, who attended a workshop for the exhibit in February, the exhibit has a 1950s science fiction atmosphere to it. We have brochures, posters, and other information about the exhibit. If you would like a preview, contact us or visit the exhibit's web site at www.yesterdaystomorrow.org.

Plans are underway for Founders Day, 2004. The Museum and Chamber of Commerce joint committee are examining possibilities and have some exciting prospects. We'll keep you informed.

As many of you know, the Aztec Museum maintains a small number of books for sale. We have books by Museum Association members Tom Dugan ("Gas"), Marilu Waybourn ("Gobernador"), and Virginia Whitney ("Aztec"), which are devoted to the history of the area. In addition, we have copies of "The Bowra Legacy" and "The Aztec Museum Association Cookbook," books printed especially for the Museum. If you are interested in local history, Native American culture, New Mexico/Arizona flora, etc., come in and see what we have. Many of our books are discounted up to 35% and are unavailable at bookstores.

IN AND AROUND THE MUSEUM:

We received several responses to our request for Museum volunteers. Now that spring is here, we will start work on upgrading the Museum grounds and buildings, and we will be calling those who responded, soon.

We are always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to help out, please give us a call. We have numerous areas in which you can help out. Students are often our best workers, so if there are any teachers out there who would like for their classes to help out, please contact us. First up is refurbishing the Gladys Payton Memorial Park.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

As mentioned earlier, this year is the 40th anniversary of the Museum's opening. While the Museum first greeted visitors in 1964, the steps taken to get the ball

rolling actually started much earlier. The first meeting of a museum planning organization, headed by Dr. G.D. Walters, was held in January 1960. The first attempt to finance a building to house a museum ended in failure when a bond issue for that purpose was rejected.

Undeterred, interested persons kept the museum concept alive and by January 1963 had started the San Juan Museum Association. Also in that year, the Aztec and Farmington city governments provided establishments for the Aztec and Farmington Museum branches to operate. The Aztec location was the part of the old City Hall building, located at the Museum's current location, 125 N. Main. Initially, the Museum shared the building with the Aztec Chamber of Commerce.

The Aztec Branch Museum formally opened November 21, 1964, with the Farmington Branch Museum opening the next weekend. A joint proclamation signed by Aztec Mayor Cliff Collins and Farmington Mayor Floyd Davis declared that week "Museum Week in San Juan County."

In March 1973, the Aztec branch of the San Juan County Museum Association withdrew from the county organization, and on April 6, 1973 the Aztec Museum Association was formed, and continues to be the governing body behind the Museum's activities to this day. Since then, the Museum has expanded with the inclusion of the old Fire Department building adjacent to the Museum's main office. Also, the Atwood Annex has been built behind the main building. The Pioneer Village was constructed on land supplied by the city, as well. Today, the Museum consists of 16 structures, 14 of which house exhibits and 2 used for storage.

Many of our visitors comment they were unaware that the Museum maintains so many buildings. While we have exhibits on the ground floor of the main building, we have numerous items on display downstairs and out in back. That train caboose that is clearly visible from Main Street is part of the Pioneer Village. It and the other outside buildings are part of the Museum and visiting them is included in the Museum admission.

HAVE YOUR WEDDING OR OTHER SOCIAL EVENT IN THE PIONEER VILLAGE

Were you aware that you could make arrangements to have a wedding or other social event at the Aztec Museum for a modest fee? Call the museum for details.

AZTEC MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Aztec Museum Association still costs only \$20 a year. In addition to supporting the Aztec Museum and historic preservation in this community, you will receive monthly newsletters.

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Help needy infants and exercise at the same time

by Cherry Church

The March of Dimes is an organization that helps premature babies and babies born with birth defects. The money raised is used for the funding of local education programs and for research, like those done on the necessity of folic acid during pregnancy.

You can do your part to help this worthwhile cause and at the same time get some exercise! Just put together a team, get pledges and show up to walk on May 1. Walk America for the March of Dimes will be at the Riverwalk in Farmington. Registration begins at 8 am with the walk starting at 9 am. Water will be provided by the SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS®. There will be all kinds of fun things going on;

Spring Superblitz is here

San Juan Country Law Enforcement and New Mexico State Police will be out in full force looking for intoxicated drivers, unbuckled passengers and drivers exceeding the posted speed limits. Checkpoints will be set up in San Juan County and the Cuba area. Don't let spring-time fun turn into tragedy!

the Farmington Fire Department will hand out coloring books and the Farmington Library will be there so you can sign up for the summer reading program.

There will also be entertainment along the route. The Animas Amigos 4-H group is already signed up and they challenge all other 4-H clubs to do the same.

Another fund raiser for the March of Dimes will be held at Safeway on Main Avenue in Farmington on April 10 from 9-noon. For every dollar donation, you will receive a bottle of water donated by Safeway. Also on sale will be March of Dimes Beanie Babies. You can pick up your sponsor forms then, or contact Jamie Church at 632-8772.

Aztec School Calendar

April 9 Good Friday – No School
April 12 In-Service (6-12 No School)
May 28 Last Day of School - Early Dismissal
School Closure Due to Weather or Emergency,
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"Aztec Treasures" Saturday Nights

by Jan Pearson

A Revitalization Plan for Aztec Main Street

The Aztec Main Street Organization in partnership with the Aztec Chamber of Commerce, NW New Mexico Arts Council and San Juan Economic Development Service (hereafter referred to as the Aztec Regional Treasures Program or "ART Program") are initiating an economic revitalization plan titled "Aztec Treasures." It is the goal of the ART Program to acknowledge creative individuals by providing a venue in which individual creativity can enrich us all.

Aztec Treasures. The city of Aztec has a number of treasures, such as the Aztec Ruins and the Animas River. These "Aztec Treasures" are a great attraction for tourist on an international scale. The ART Program for Main Street will focus on achieving 100% occupancy and creating a cultural attraction for the local residents of Bloomfield, Farmington, Flora Vista, and Aztec.

Aztec Treasures its history. A drive down the historic and quaint Main Street of Aztec is like driving through a town that time forgot. While it is true that many buildings are vacant and local residents travel elsewhere for goods and services, and while it is also true that many local businesses struggle to keep their dreams alive, there exists a potential to capitalize on the historic uniqueness of Main Street.

A quote from the book, "New Mexico Then and Now" by William Stone, is as follows: "Aztec has the best-preserved downtown section of century-old buildings that I encountered during the course of this project."

Aztec Treasures its artists. Communities that embrace the arts evolve into economically vibrant communities over time. The ART Program models a plan that is proven very successful in other cities and towns, like Tucson, Az.

The Tucson arts community revitalized their downtown business district with a program they called the "Phantom Gallery." Over a short 2 to 3 year period viable galleries and restaurants were occupying previously vacant buildings, and property values increased substantially.

Through creative television, radio, and print, the ART Program will promote "Aztec Treasures Saturday Night." The first and third Saturday of each month, merchants along Main Street are encouraged to keep their businesses open late. "Aztec Treasures Saturday Night" will be open to all Aztec regional talent. Artisans, musicians, palm readers, fortunetellers, mimes, storytellers, and anyone with a talent they wish to share with the public is encouraged to come and participate.

Aztec Treasures its partnerships. The basic function of each organization is as follows:

1. Aztec Chamber of Commerce will contact property owners with a questionnaire that will determine the level of interest that they might have in the ART program
2. NW New Mexico Arts Council will act as the public relations component for the ART program.
3. San Juan Economic Development Service will assist in providing workshops and other assistance, helping the art groups to succeed in their gallery operations which can lead to permanent occupancy and a legitimate lease.
4. The Aztec Main Street Organization will focus on insuring that the ART program is successful. They will act as arbitrator between owners and tenants to insure as nearly as possible that both parties are protected and successful. To help and ensure the success of the ART Program Main Street will require selected participants to maintain consistent hours.

A meeting of those involved was held on Monday evening, March 22nd, where it was agreed the North West New Mexico Art Council will put out the call for artists, beginning with its own members. A "Public" call for individuals and groups who wish to participate in the ART Project will follow concurrent with an announcement of time and location for interested parties to meet. The success of the ART program depends on the participation of individuals who encompasses a broad range of talents.

Property owners with vacant properties should contact the Chamber at 334-9551. Individuals can contact Howard Fox at 325-2977 or NM Metal art at 334-8731.

Local families needed for exchange students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls from many European countries, EurAsia (countries of the former Soviet Union), Mexico, Brazil, Japan, China including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Mongolia, South Africa, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, 15 to 18 years of age, coming to this area for the upcoming high school year or semester. These personable and academically select exchange students are conversant in English, are bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, a nonprofit, public benefit organization, founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education. ASSE is the only organization with these credentials.

The exchange students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year or semester. Each ASSE student is fully insured, brings her or her own personal spending money and expects to bear his or her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal

family activities and lifestyles.

The students are well screened and qualified by ASSE. Families may select the youngster of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students and families are encouraged to begin corresponding prior to the student's arrival.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE exchange students abroad. Students should be between 15 and 18 years old, and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of Scandinavia, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, Britain, Spain, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Mexico, Japan, China including Hong Kong, Thailand, Brazil, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada (French or English speaking), and Mongolia. Students should have a good academic record, and desire to experience another culture and language through living with a warm and giving volunteer family. Academic year and shorter-term summer vacation programs are available, and no prior knowledge of the language of the country of choice is required.

Those persons interested in more information about being a host family or an exchange student should call toll free 1-800-733-2773 or 1-520-319-2773.

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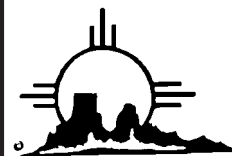
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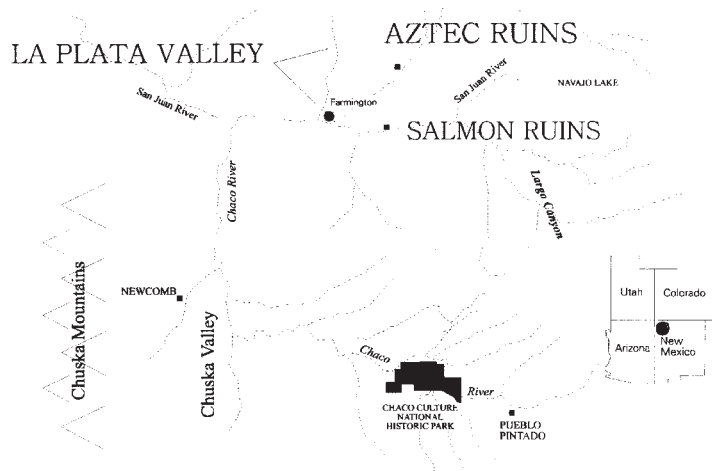
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Need a New Author? Why not try....

Ian Rankin *A Question Of Blood*

There is no mystery. Lee Herdman stormed into a private school just north of Edinburgh and killed two boys. He was a loner, a creep, an army veteran who got kicks out of terrifying local teenagers on his speedboat - just the sort of shady character to commit a random and heinous crime. It's a simple case of a man gone mad.

But how random were the killings at Port Edgar Academy? Why did Herdman open fire only in the student lounge, bypassing the swarm of students outside the school? What exactly was his relationship with the school's misfits? Why are military detectives snooping around the murder scene? And why is the only survivor of the attack, recuperating in the hospital, reluctant to talk? There is indeed a mystery - only this time, it's why.

When Detective Inspector John Rebus is called out of his jurisdiction to investigate the killings, he is relieved to have the distraction. His entire precinct is abuzz with rumors of his involvement in the death of Martin Fairstone, an ex-con who had been menacing Rebus's partner, Detective Sergeant Siobhan Clarke.

For weeks Fairstone tormented Siobhan: followed her home, left her cryptic messages, even threatened violence. But her woes didn't end when Fairstone died in a fire that consumed his apartment. Now Siobhan had a new worry - the morning after Fairstone's body was found, Rebus appeared with bandages on his severely burned hands. No one, not even Siobhan, can ignore the coincidence.

Immersing himself in the Port Edgar killings does little to help Rebus avoid everyone's suspicion, but an unexpected family tie draws him deeper into the case. With his superiors at police headquarters breathing down his neck, his partner's trust diminishing, and the key witness to the entire private school inquiry staying silent in a hospital bed, Rebus finds himself up against what may become insurmountable odds, asking himself what drives a man to kill - is it a matter of revenge, or a question of blood?

Book Review

By Lani Schwartz Title: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Author: Madeleine L'engle

It was a good book both sad, funny and always keeps you guessing at the end of every chapter.

Calling All Readers!

Do you have a favorite book? Or did you read a really good book lately you would like to recommend to someone else? Write a review! Did you read a book you thought really stunk and wouldn't recommend to anyone? Write a review! We post reviews on our web page

Echo Preschool kids enjoy a monster jello snack while listening to monster stories at the library!

Alternative Licensure Program (ALP) for teachers

People who want to become school teachers but don't want to commit to another four-year degree are encouraged to apply to San Juan College's Alternative Licensure Program (ALP) for teachers. Applications are now being accepted for the three-semester program. Deadline is April 23 for students who wish to enter the program in the fall of 2004.

This alternative licensure program will allow people to take a total of 19 credits for elementary licensure or 16 credits for secondary licensure over three semesters. The program is designed for those who already hold at least a bachelor's degree but who have not completed a traditional teacher preparation program and who are highly motivated to become teachers.

Candidates who meet all the criteria will be interviewed May 4-18. Students who are selected will be notified the week of May 24.

The candidate should be seriously committed to this intense program of study, which will be held all day on Saturdays from September through the end of May, as well as the summer session for the elementary endorsement teachers. This will include six to eight classroom observation hours in the fall and a minimum of 90 hours of classroom field experience in the spring.

An application packet is available at the University Programs Office in the East Classroom Complex at San Juan College. For information contact Carol Carpenter, education program specialist, at (505) 566-3045.

and print some in TALON in our Book Nook article. Kids, teens, adults, seniors, anyone and everyone, we are interested in what you like to read.

Read, if You Know What's Good For You!

Spring storytime schedules are available at the library! And the Laminator says Don't get laminated! Read!

Story time begins at 10:00 on Fridays. If you have any questions call 334-7657.

April 2nd: "Easter Bunny's Amazing Egg Machine." Easter stories and an Easter treat!

April 9th: The library will be closed for Good Friday!

April Library Hours:

The Library will be closed April 9th for the Good Friday holiday. Have a very happy Easter Sunday. The bookdrop will be available for book returns.

READiscover New Mexico

The library's summer reading program theme this year is READiscover New Mexico. Join us for some New Mexico related stories, crafts and programs! Sign up begins June 1st! If you have questions call 334-7657.

The Aztec Public library is asking for donations of old New Mexico license plates. If you have old plates and don't really have anything to do with them, let us have them! We are going to use them for a craft for our reading program. We would appreciate your help with this.

Explorer's Club

The Explorer's Club meets on Tuesdays after school from 3:00-4:00. They explore science, and history and do experiments and crafts at the library. For April the theme is What About Aztec! Small groups are welcome. Please call ahead at 334-7657.

The Explorer's Club also meets on Thursdays after school from 2:00-4:00 at the Aztec Senior/Civic Center. For April 1st there will be a dance program with Laura Ryan. April 8th will be a sing along! Larger groups are welcome! For questions call 334-7657.



Aztec School Sports, April

AHS Boys Baseball C Team

April 2 Bloomfield - 3:00 pm Bloomfield
April 5 Farmington - 3:00 pm Farmington
April 10 Durango - 11:00 am Durango
April 16 Cortez - 3:00 pm Aztec
April 17 Ignacio - 10:00 pm Ignacio
April 24 Piedra Vista - 11:00 am Aztec
April 27 Bloomfield - 3:00 pm Aztec

AHS Boys Baseball Junior Varsity

April 3 Kirtland - 1:00 pm Aztec
April 6 Piedra Vista - 4:00 pm Farmington/Complex
April 10 Durango - 11:00 am Aztec
April 13 Farmington - 3:00 pm Farmington
April 17 Shiprock - 1:00 pm Aztec
April 20 Kirtland - 4:00 pm Aztec
April 22 Bayfield - 3:30 pm Aztec
April 24 Piedra Vista - 1:00 pm Farmington/Ricketts
May 1 Farmington - 11:00 am Farmington/Ricketts

AHS Boys Baseball Varsity

April 3 Kirtland - 11:00 am Aztec
April 6 Piedra Vista - 4:00 pm
Aztec April 13 Farmington - 5:00 pm
Aztec April 17 Shiprock - 11:00 am Aztec
April 20 Kirtland - 4:00 pm Kirtland
April 24 Piedra Vista - 11:00 am Farmington/Ricketts
April 30 Farmington - 7:00 pm Farmington/Ricketts

AHS Girls Softball Varsity

Apr 2-3 Artesia Tourney Away TBA
Apr 6 Grants-2 Home 3:00/5:00
Apr 8 Kirtland-2 Away 3:00/5:00
Apr 15 Piedra Vista-2 Home 3:00/5:00
Apr 22 Farmington-2 Away 3:00/5:00
Apr 29 Shiprock-2 Home 3:00/5:00
May 1 Farmington-1 Home 11:00

AHS Girls Softball Junior Varsity

Apr 3 Shiprock-2 Home 4:00/6:00
Apr 8 Kirtland-2 Home 3:00/5:00
Apr 9-10 Rio Rancho Away TBA
Apr 12 Thoreau Away 3:00
Apr 15 Piedra Vista-2 Away 3:00/5:00
Apr 21 Farmington-2 Home 2:00/4:00
Apr 29 Shiprock-2 Away 3:00/5:00
Apr 30 Farmington-2 Away 3:00/5:00

AHS Track and Field

April 3 Piedra Vista Invitational Farmington 9:00
April 8 Farmington Invitational Farmington 3:00
April 12 Marilyn Sulpeveda Meet (Invitation Only)
Abuquerque TBA
April 17 Bill Slade Invitational Kirtland 9:00
April 24 Bloomfield Invitational Bloomfield 9:00

Koogler Middle Track and Field

April 2 Shiprock Quad Shiprock 3:30
April 8 Koogler Meet Aztec 3:30
April 16 Shiprock Quad Shiprock 3:30
April 22 County Quad Bloomfield 3:30
Disclaimer: Schedule Subject to Change.

Coffeehouse Poetry at the Farmington Library

Coffeehouse Poetry will be held Friday, April 2, 7 pm, in the Library Multipurpose Room, featuring speaker Phillipa Howard. An open mike will follow.

Poetry as Art & Craft will be held Friday, April 16, 7 pm, in the Library Multipurpose Room, and will feature southwest poets discussing the art of crafting poetry. Speakers will include John Brandi, Renee Gregorio, Joan Logghe and Victor di Suvero.

JazzFest & Jazz Clinic

The fifth annual JazzFest hosted by San Juan College and the New Mexico Music Educators will be held Friday, April 2, at the College's Henderson Fine Arts Center. The public is invited to attend the concert that evening at 7 p.m. in the Performance Hall. Admission to the concert is \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

This year's featured guest artist is Scott Whitfield, a trombonist, composer and arranger from Los Angeles. Whitfield works with jazz bands on both coasts and has been recorded on nearly 60 albums. More information about Whitfield is available at scottwhitfield.com.

A free jazz clinic open to all musicians will be held at 12 p.m. in the Performance Hall. For more information on the JazzFest, contact Dr. Keith Cochrane at 566-3386. For tickets to the evening concert, call the box office at 566-3430.

Construction – Round Two

Back in September of 2002 the voters of Aztec generously approved the sale of \$13,200,000 in bonds to finance the construction of new classrooms and other construction projects throughout the district. We have just broken ground on the second of three rounds of construction under this phase of our Facilities Master Plan. Here is a summary of the projects underway.

Koogler Middle School As our town grows and as our educational needs change, we need more classroom space. We are adding a new building to KMS that will contain ten new classrooms, restrooms and storage space. In the preliminary drawings presented to the public in summer and fall 2002, we showed the new classroom addition in the "front" of the campus joining the 100 and 200 buildings. As we got further along in our planning, we added two classrooms to the addition and moved the new building to the "back" of the campus. The new building will be located between the ditch and the 100 building. Construction has already begun on this new addition.

We will begin a major renovation to the round building at KMS as soon as school is over in May. We will gut the building, add air conditioning and remodel half of the building into a Library/Media Center. The other half of the building will house two computer labs for students. If you have ever visited the library at KMS during the school day, you know how small the current space is and how heavily it is used. The expansion will allow students greater access to printed materials and technology for their research needs.

We do not anticipate this building being complete by the start of school in August 2004, so we have made plans to hold our classes in other locations on campus. The scheduled completion date for the round building is October 2004.

Finally, we are upgrading the fire alarm system campus-wide, adding a P.A. system and reorganizing the technology backbone to improve service to the campus.

Park Avenue Elementary School The construction is similar at Park Avenue; we are demolishing the old 300 classroom building and adding a new six-classroom building. We have scheduled these classrooms to be ready for student use in August 2004.

We are renovating the kitchen at Park. It is one of the oldest and one of the smallest in the district and it is well past time to make the space larger and more efficient. We will also renovate the lunchroom portion of that building thus creating a more attractive space for students to eat breakfast and lunch.

We are redesigning and expanding visitor and staff parking and building a bus drop-off on the west side of campus. We are upgrading the fire alarm system campus-wide and adding a P.A. system.

We are working with the PTKO and adding a sprinkler system and grass to the playground surrounding the big tree. Speaking of the big tree, we will be adding some supports to the large limbs and doing some necessary pruning. We are wholeheartedly committed to keeping this tree happy and healthy and we have brought in an arborist to assist us with this endeavor. So please do not be alarmed if you see some activity around the tree.

Transportation and Maintenance Facilities We have begun construction of a brand-new steel building to house the bus mechanic bays, the wash area, and office and meeting space for the Transportation Department. The new building will have one drive-through bay and a crane to assist with the heavy lifting. The current building will be taken down as it no longer meets code and the cost to bring it up to code is too expensive.

We will then add parking for transportation employees and a partial canopy for all our buses.

The district bought the old Dial Oil property next to Aztec High School several years ago and this location will soon be our new Maintenance and Warehouse Facility. We will have some work done inside the build-

AHS free tutoring

FREE tutoring is now available at Aztec High School in the academic areas of English, History, Geography, Math and Science. Whether a student has a tough class, needs a paper proofread, wants a quiet place to study or needs assistance with homework, help is available!

The tutoring program is located in a computer lab complete with laser printers and Internet access for research. A "Best Study Skills Practices" curriculum will also be taught at the beginning of every tutoring session.

This free tutoring service, provided by Mrs. Schlueter, Mrs. Banash, and Mr. Smith, is sponsored by the Tiger Pride program. The tutoring lab is located in Room 402, and is open to all Aztec High School students every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

By Linda M. Paul, Ed.D.

ings this summer so they will better meet our needs. We expect to move our maintenance and warehouse operations into this location next fall and winter. The new facility, among other things, will allow us to store more heavy equipment indoors thus prolonging its life.

Aztec High School Agriculture Barn Our barn facility will receive an upgrade to the drainage system. The upgrade will allow us to more effectively dispose of waste and help keep our barn area as sanitary as possible.

Miscellaneous We have a few other small projects in the works. We are completely renovating and upgrading the ventilation system for the welding shop at AHS and we are adding cooling to the kitchen at McCoy. Finally, we are demolishing the old agriculture building at AHS and will use the space for parking.

All our construction projects are supervised by the dynamic duo of Charlie Lee and George Betz. The district has received superior buildings and renovations under their watchful eyes. Mr. Betz is on every construction site every day and he communicates regularly with Mr. Lee. Mr. Lee meets weekly with the architect, the contractor, subcontractors and other necessary parties. These meetings help to solve problems while they are still small and keep the lines of communication wide open. So please take a moment to thank these two individuals, plus the other members of the Maintenance Department, for working hard to deliver an excellent product to the taxpayers of Aztec.

One final word about safety. We have an unusually large number of construction vehicles moving on and off the Koogler Middle School and Park Avenue campuses. We have a large number of construction vehicles moving in and out of the Administrative Office complex. Please drive defensively in these areas and keep the safety of our students and staff foremost in your mind. If we are all a bit more patient and more cautious, we will all get through this construction phase safely.



San Juan College East

315 S. Ash • Aztec • 334-3831 ext. 200 • FAX 334-1427

The new session of Community Learning Center fun and enrichment classes (**non-credit**) have begun. The following are the East Campus offerings:

- Backyard Bird Feeding** – on April 3
- Defensive Driving** – on April 12
- Global Positioning System (GPS)** – April 24

Schedules for all classes offered in San Juan County are available at the East Campus and the Bloomfield Cultural Center. Please register early to assure a seat in the class; registrations may be done at any campus for any class location. Registration may be taken at the first class if space is available unless otherwise stated. Persons age 60 and over are entitled to some special discounts (and freebies) on certain classes. Register by calling the CLC at 566-3214 or the East Campus at 334-3831, ext. 200. Please register early for these fun and interesting classes.

The **interim/summer and fall credit** schedules are now online (www.sanjuancollege.edu). Early registration begins April 12 for degree seeking continuing students and April 19 for all other previously enrolled students. Students are encouraged to meet with their advisor before registering. Advised registration will be held at the East Campus on Tuesday, April 6 from 4-6 P.M., by appointment.

GED/ABE/ESL students must call 566-3270 to schedule an appointment to attend an orientation and a workshop before beginning a class. At the **East Campus, ABE/GED** classes are being held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 – 7:50 PM. In **Bloomfield**, classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:50 PM at Bloomfield High School, Room M1. Class schedules and information on these programs are available at all campuses.

SJC East is located at 315 S. Ash in Aztec, right next to the Aztec Boys & Girls Club. Stop by or call us at 334-3831 ext. 200 for information on any aspect of the College. The staff is available to assist in all registrations and provide information about all courses and programs offered by San Juan College.

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Daylight Savings Time begins April 4

DST begins at 2 a.m. on April 4. Turn clocks forward one hour (and change the batteries in smoke detectors). Arizona and Hawaii and the territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and American Samoa are the only places in the U.S. that do not observe DST but instead stay on Greenwich Mean Time or "standard time" all year long. (Residents don't need another hour of sunlight in these hot regions, too much sun already!)

Aztec Boys & Girls Club ---ANNOUNCING---

Your Chance To Win One of Five 2004 Harleys
 \$100.00 Per Ticket - Only 2500 Tickets Will Be Sold
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 Drawing Will Be Held Saturday April 24, 2004
Regardless of the Number of Tickets Sold!

No matter whether you caught the fever like many others, in the 50's watching Marlon Brando in *The Wild One*, or in the late 60's watching Michael Parks in *Then Came Bronson* roam around the countryside on his Harley, or if it was at the theatre watching Jack Nicholson, Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda in *Easy Rider*, or if you are a more recent addition to the "Harley Lovers Club" who visits your local Harley Dealership, the fact of the matter is that you want a Harley, just like everyone else, and our raffle is a unique way for you to have a terrific chance at winning a Harley for **only \$100**, while benefiting a wonderful organization in the northwestern corner of New Mexico that serves over 1,700 members annually between the ages of six and eighteen. This is our 8th annual Harley Raffle and we have already made the Harley dream come true for **thirteen** now Harley owners since our Harley raffles started in 2000. The format of our Harley Raffle has changed over the years, but the two things that never change are that the winners always have a smile on their faces that will last them for as long as they continue riding their Harleys and our Club continues to use every cent of the proceeds to improve the Club and offer tremendous programming for all of our members. This year we will be making the dream come true for **five** more lucky individuals on April 24th, 2004 when we pull the names of the five lucky winners at the Hiway Grill in Aztec at 7:00 p.m.

To Purchase Tickets

By phone using MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex call: 1-800-461-1238	To order on-line or for more information about our Club, raffles and previous raffle winners visit our website at: www.aztecbg-club.com	By mail, send your check or money order payable to: Aztec Boys & Girls Club P. O. Box 488 Aztec, NM. 87410
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See the Heritage Softail and V-Rod at Four Corners Harley-Davidson: 6520 E. Main St.

Purchase Tickets in Aztec: Aztec Boys & Girls Club, Handy Bart & Tackle, In Bloomfield: Star II Communications

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Your choice of one of these five Harleys Plus... \$1,999.00 Cash

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Your choice of one of the four remaining Harleys, Plus... \$999.00 Cash

3rd Prize
Your choice of one of the three remaining Harleys, Plus... \$600.00 Cash

4th Prize
Your choice of one of the two remaining Harleys, Plus... \$300.00 Cash

5th Prize
The remaining Harley Plus... \$99.00 Cash

Purchase Tickets in Farmington at: Four Corners Harley-Davidson, Freight Direct Furniture, Car Land, FARM F. Choppers, Rig Equipment & Supply, Star II Communications

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Casey's Corner March 9, 2004

BOYS BASKETBALL

Top ranked Capital proved they deserve to be #1 with an 18-point victory over a strong Tiger team in Santa Fe Saturday night. Twenty-two turnovers were critical as the Tigers couldn't keep pace with a very quick, aggressive team. Capital has lost only a single game this year to Rio Rancho.

This was obviously not the conclusion that the team or first year head coach Brian Shock were seeking. However, this was the boys' first play-off berth since 1996. Senior team leaders Michael Lambourne, Nick Adamson, Travis Douglas, Chris Smith, Ben Cox, Travis Lopes, and Carlos Begay will be missed.

A strong core will be returning for coach Shock next year including juniors Corey Hales, Zant Doty, Slate Stout, Fredrick Green, and sophomore Matt Thompson. Congratulations for your success. It has been a genuine pleasure to watch you guys give it your best effort. We are very proud of you.

Play-off Notes

Kirtland beat Taos (2nd behind Capital) 49-44 to advance to the State Tournament semifinals.

Farmington girls beat St. Pius X 52-48 to advance to the state semifinals, as did Kirtland Central. It could once again be a San Juan Co. affair in the finals if both teams win one more game.

BASEBALL

The baseball team traveled to Los Alamos for three games over the weekend. They lost the first game on Friday (3-5) 7 to 4 but rebounded on Saturday to win two games in five innings by pounding the Hilltoppers 13-8 and 12-1.

Seniors Tony Steumke and Jimmy Bowman pitched the first game. Senior Jesse Locke pitched the first game on Saturday and struck out nine. He also produced nine RBI's in the two games on Saturday. Junior Dustin Horton pitched game two allowing only a single run.

HONOR BAND

Top high school musicians from the Four Corners high schools performed at Ft. Lewis College Community Concert Hall. Twenty high schools from Salida and Alamosa to Fruita Monument and Durango played in this honor band. Aztec High was represented by a fine group of young musicians.

Those from Aztec were: Samantha Arnold, Chris Becksted, Matt Goen, Samantha Hancock, Karl Heuser, Amanda Kenkling, Ralf Meyer, Shiana Montanari, Patrick Otero, Jessica Rixon, and Krysten Roberts. Congratulations.

STUDENT BODY

There are many terrific young people who attend Aztec High School. Many of them are not able to participate in school activities because they have responsibilities at home or work after school. Many others participate in activities outside of school such as 4-H, BMX racing, Boys and Girls Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, etc. Consequently, many who deserve recognition don't show up in this column. It is important for the public to know that the vast majority of students at Aztec High are quality kids from quality homes. Even though many students may not appear herein, their teachers appreciate them for

Casey's Corner March 15, 2004

PLAY MAKERS

"Laffing Room Only" was presented by Ms. Harrison's classes the second week of March. It was a delightful presentation with plenty of humor in a seamless performance.

A mystery, love story and the quiriness of life's foibles were all rolled into this sidesplitting play. Irma, the best bag lady in Vermont, played by senior Elizabeth Stanley was the prime trigger for fostering this look at how the good and bad in people cross paths and provoke unusual outcomes.

Putney, played by sophomore Rad Misseri, a self-avowed recluse and handyman, helped Irma right the wrongs of greed and send Gloria (soph. Ashley King) to her dream of tropical paradise. Undercover agents Faldo (junior Dylan Garrison) and Vicki (senior Jasmine Atencio) set the stage for the recovery of Mrs. Marton's (soph. Kensity Ruybalids) expensive necklace.

Sophomore Chris Rarmbiaue was a believable crook as Rondo. Sophomore Courtney Williams as Hazel and her boyfriend Donald (soph. Ray Price) and her insurance investigator Wilma (soph. Brooke Johnson) completed the cast of unique characters.

Sophomore Isaian Garcia was the assistant director and music man. Stage manager was Bonnie Ambrose assisted by junior Kayla Baca. Costumes were done by juniors Kari Galloway and Erin Sayre. Juniors Jerlen Chavez and Cassie Baca were in charge of props. Lights were handled by junior Stevie Allerman and freshman Anya Garcia and sound was supervised by freshman Lindsey Cordell. Sophomore Ricky Slavin was kept busy ringing the phone.

Another job well done.

ENGLISH EXPO

Two Aztec High students placed in English Expo XV held at Sandia High in Albuquerque Feb. 21. Approximately 750 students from 43 schools (nearly half of 88 districts statewide) participated in this years event.

In the senior division, freshman Ericka Van Eckhoutte took fifth place with her personal Narrative. Junior Matthew Wood placed fourth in the listening competition.

In the junior division, three Koogler Middle School

Yeelen showing

San Juan College's Cultures Across Borders, in partnership with Farmington Cinematheque, will present a screening of "Yeelen (Brightness)" on Saturday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Henderson Fine Arts Center Performance Hall.

"Yeelen" was made in Mali in 1985 and is presented in Bambara with English subtitles. It won the Jury Prize at Cannes and is one of the most acclaimed and widely seen African films ever made. Sheila Benson of the Los Angeles Times called the film "Ravishingly beautiful . . . one of the great experiences of world cinema." "Yeelen" is an Oedipal story that follows the journey of Nianankoro, a young warrior who must battle his greatest enemy - his own father.

Admission is free to San Juan College students and staff, and to Farmington Cinematheque members, with a suggested donation of \$2. Admission for guests of those who have free admission is \$2, and general admission is \$4. For more information call 566-3318.

their hard work. They make a valiant effort to learn while at school, and will be the capable leaders of tomorrow that they are expected to become.

GRADUATES

Buck and Cory McDaniel welcomed their new son into the world on President's Day according to Buck's sister Crystal. He is a healthy 7 lb. 6 oz. boy. Congratulations!

Travis ('99) and Shawn ('00) Johnson's parents just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Both of these young men were good students and avid baseball players. Travis is now living in Anchorage, Alaska while Shawn is in Glendale, Arizona.

Kelly Hadden ('01) is planning to marry Jacob Stockton in July. Kelly is employed by Castle Day Care and attends San Juan College.

Christof Meyer (oldest brother of Peter and Erin) is to be married to Megan Crider of Farmington at the end of May. Christof is currently a student at Biola University in Los Angeles where Kara Polk is finishing her undergraduate degree this spring. Kara made a 4.0 GPA while attending Oxford University in the United Kingdom last fall.

students also brought home place recognitions: Reily Hatch first place in Declamation, Katrina Flaharty fourth place in Literature, and Audre Bedford fifth place in Short Story Teen Life.

SOFTBALL

At last, the Lady Tigers softball team played their first games of the season on Tuesday (3-9) at the Farmington sports complex. They won the first game 2-0 and lost the second 3-2 to PV.

Junior pitcher Cassidy Nee had 13 strikeouts and one hit in game one. Nee also helped her own cause with a hit of her own. Sophomore catcher Krystal Lee had a single, a double, and a steal to score herself and drive in sophomore third baseman Kassie Stuempke in the sixth.

The Tigers could not overcome a couple of wild pitches and several errors in game two. Nee had 15 strikeouts but a passed ball scored PV's winning run in the top of the sixth. Nee, Lee, and junior Jacque Martinez scored Aztec's runs in game two.

BASEBALL

Tiger baseball took another step forward Tuesday (3-9) with a non-district sweep of Piedra Vista 16-5 and 11-6 at Ricketts Park. Senior Jesse Locke was on the mound in game one and received the win. Locke was also hot at the plate with a solo homerun in the third and a two-run slam in the fourth.

Senior Tony Stuempke won the second game for the Tigers. Senior John Chapman (3rd base) followed his first game triple with a 4-4, 3 RBI performance in game two.

Friday (3-5) the Tigers fell to visiting Raton 11-5 in a battle that went until 8:30 PM. It was 5-3 Raton until the final inning when Raton exploded for six runs. Junior Dustin Horton was the losing pitcher. Senior third baseman John Chapman and center fielder Jessie Locke provided most of Aztec's firepower.

Saturday (3-6) was a different story as Aztec exploded for 17 runs behind a two hit pitching performance by Locke for a 17-1 win. Everyone hit in the lineup. Leadoff hitter and playing left field senior Cory Kitchens went 4-4 at the plate, as did Chapman and Locke.

Game three was a slugfest, but the Tigers hung on to forge a 12-11 victory. Senior Tony Stuempke started on the mound and senior Jimmy Bowman came on in the late innings to become the winning pitcher.

TRACK

Aztec's track teams put on a show Friday (3-5) at the Aztec Relays. The boys took first with 85 points followed by Durango with 69.5. The girls took third with 79.5 points. Farmington was first with 107 and PV was second with 83 points.

On the boys side, distance specialist sophomore Jeremy Newland won the two-mile in 10:16:37 (10 seconds short of state qualifying) and second in the mile at 4:54:51. Junior L.T. Scott won the javelin for the Tigers with a state-qualifying throw of 161.3 feet. Junior Spivey Vasquez won the high 110 hurdles in 15.09 and the 300 hurdles in 41.69. Vasquez also anchored two winning relay teams.

Sophomore Jesse Williams, L.T. Scott, and senior Ben Cox joined Vasquez in winning the 4X400 relay. Eric Dickson, Jacob Roach, and Stephan Carey joined Vasquez in winning the 4X100 relay.

On the girls side, senior Brittany Gillespie won the triple jump at 33'5". Juniors Stacie Deanda (2:04:66) and Heather Henrich (2:04:77) placed first and second in the 800, freshman Patricia Malouff won the 200-meter dash, and sophomore Julie Ann Lane placed second in the 400M.



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Local youth to serve mission

Jareau Vance Cordell of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Aztec First Ward, has been called to serve a full time two-year mission in the Utah Ogden Mission area. He reports to the Missionary Training Center at Provo, Utah, on April 14. Jareau is the son of Toby and Maryann Cordell, and the grandson of Zeb and Margie Cordell and the late Earl and Susie Gammon of Aztec. He will be speaking at 9 am on Sunday, April 11, at the Aztec LDS Church building, located at 505 North Oliver Drive in Aztec. All family, friends and investigators are invited to attend.

Aztec Teen Center

by Sean Paschall, Unit Director

Our first session of SMART Girls, a program designed to help female teens deal with everyday issues, got underway in January. On February 20th, the group all went over to Desire's Hair & Nail Gallery and enjoyed a very exciting afternoon with Lisa Collins who had a terrific time showing the girls how to care and manage their hair. On February 21st, the same group of ten S.M.A.R.T Girls attended an overnight trip to Albuquerque to watch the UNM Lady Lobo's Basketball team defeat the BYU Lady Cougars.

The girl's 6th-7th grade basketball season is already over and Heather Alexander's Lady Bulls came out as the season champions.

The Aztec Teen Center is starting to gear up for the Summer Program. Scheduled trips to The Beach in Albuquerque, Uncle Cliffs Amusement Park, and the Isotopes baseball games are just a few of the exciting things happening at the Teen Center this summer.

With the end of school fast approaching, parents need to remember that our yearly memberships also expire on the last day of school and all teens need to re-register before attending the first day of summer programming. Our summer programming starts on June 7th and August 13th will be the last day of the summer for us. Registration for the summer and next school year will start on Saturday, May 8th from 9:00-2:00.

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Cattle growers' scholarship available

The annual Young Cattleman's Scholarship will be awarded to New Mexico students by the New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association (NMCGA) at the Association's Summer Quarterly meeting in Angel Fire, June 16-18, according to President Don L. (Bebo) Lee, Alamogordo. The application deadline for the scholarship is May 15.

The \$1,500 NMCGA Young Cattleman's Committee graduate scholarship is awarded annually to a student with an agricultural background who is pursuing a post-graduate degree in a non-typical agricultural field. Applicants must be residents of New Mexico and the award must be applied toward post-graduate studies. Financial need shall be considered, but is not a pre-requisite for the scholarship.

To obtain applications, please contact the NMCGA office at 505-247-0584.

2004 High School Water Essay Contest

The New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute is sponsoring a water essay contest for New Mexico high school students in grades 9 - 12. The deadline for submitting an essay is April 30, 2004. The theme for essays this year is desalination.

The essay contest will make awards in two categories: 9th and 10th grades; and 11th and 12 grades. First place in each category wins \$300, second place in each category wins \$200. In each category, five Honorable Mention certificates also will be awarded.

Essays are limited to 1,000 words and must be submitted via the Internet at <http://wri.nmsu.edu> by 5 pm on April 30, 2004. If a student does not have access to the Internet, contact Michelle Cattaneo at (505) 646-5851 by April 23, 2004. Interested students should go the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute's home page at <http://nmsu.edu>, click on "2004 High School Water Essay Contest" and follow the instructions.

Award winners will be named by May 21, 2004, and will be announced at the Institute's 49th Annual Water Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Sept. 21-22, 2004. For more information on the essay contest or the upcoming conference, call Michelle or Cathy Ortega Klett at (505) 646-1195.

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 Parts of the plant that are used medicinally: leaves, berries & roots

Terms used in this column:

Hemostatic/styptic – slows or stops bleeding, internally and externally
Astringent – a shrinking or binding action on tissue
Alterative – tending to restore normal health; cleanses and purifies the blood; alters the existing nutritive and excretory processes, gradually restoring normal body functions
Parturient – stimulates uterine contractions which induce and assist labor
Postpartum – the period of time after birth
Diuretic – promotes an increased flow of urine
Bioflavonoids – bioflavonoids-vitamin P-a term for

any of a group of colored substances found in many fruits and essential for the absorption and processing of vitamin C (ascorbic acid). The bioflavonoids are needed to maintain collagen and capillary walls. They also may aid in protection against infection.

Raspberries are one of my very favorite fruits and the berries are an excellent source of vitamins C, A & B1 as well as bioflavonoids. The berries are a good source of pectin, which is excellent in lessening feverishness and diarrhea in children. Frequently this fruit is highly priced and prized as a jelly/jam or a 'for special' fruit. If you are fortunate enough to have access to a raspberry patch, or know where some grow wild then you are going to be able to access the whole plant as a medicinal herb.

When harvesting the leaves of this fruit, you may also target the leaves of wild/tame blackberries as well, as they are of the same family – Rubus – as raspberries. The biggest caution to harvesting the leaves is that the stems and the back spines of the leaves are filled with prickly thorns so gloves or extreme caution should be used during harvesting. The leaves are best harvested just before or during flowering and the roots are dug in the fall (as with all roots) after 2 frosts. The leaves are laid out to dry or hung in small bunches in a dark place. The roots should be split and laid on screens or newspaper to dry before storage. Raspberries and blackberries

By Clinical Herbalist,
 Janie Felix

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are very hardy plants that spread rapidly into thickets, so harvesting their roots is often a way of keeping the thicket under control for picking as well as not letting the plants take over. After the leaves are dry, I store them, off their stems, in glass jars. When readying them for use in teas, I then crumble them or rub them together as you would sage, which makes them fluffy and easier to use. As with all herbs, they are best left as whole as possible until you are prepared to use them, because the vital energy that is stored in them is not dissipated until you are preparing to use them, when you want that vital energy to be released. Remember to use gloves when cutting the leaves up or rubbing them, due to the thorns.

The medicinal uses of the plant are fairly specific...this is a premier female herb! She has an affinity for the uterus and is a specific for use in many female ailments. Raspberry leaf is both reliable and safe to use with excessive menstrual bleeding – a tablespoon of leaves in tea every three hours is useful. Making the herbal infusion ("tea") can be learned in my herbal medicine making classes or in most any good medicinal herbal book. My classes are offered frequently at the CLC of San Juan College. This is one herb that can be used during pregnancy when spotting is an issue in the first trimester. It also helps to increase muscle tone of the uterus, preparing it for child birth – 2-3 cups daily for the duration of the pregnancy is the usual recommended dosage, but remember to check with your doctor, midwife, herbalist or alternative care practitioner before using any herbs or medication during pregnancy. It is not known for sure, but it is believed that this herb works on the longitudinal muscles to strengthen them, thus helping them to increase the force of the contractions and thereby hastening childbirth. Postpartum usage of raspberry leaf is almost as important as prepartum. Postpartum use aids with decreasing uterine swelling and greatly reduces postpartum bleeding.

Uses of this herb other than uterine are for your intestinal tract. This herb is excellent for treating dysentery and diarrhea. Drink it as a strong tea, drunk at body temperature, every hour until the symptoms decrease. The berries are useful for the same purpose. The roots and leaves act as a mild sedative for some people and the root and fruit can be a slight laxative and diuretic for some people. This herb can also be used as eyewash for conjunctivitis (pink eye), a mouthwash for mouth problems, and a wash/lotion for ulcers, wounds and excessive vaginal discharge. Latino peoples use this herb in basically the same manner.

This is a wonderful female ally – enjoy!
 Green Blessings



McCoy, McClain wed

Lisa McCoy of Aztec and Nathan McClain of Flora Vista were married on August 2, 2003, at the Lakeshore Reception Center, with the ceremony officiated by Pastor Joe O'Neil.

The bride is the daughter of Rick and Dianne McCoy of Aztec; and is a dental hygienist in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The groom is the son of Ronnie and Cindi Waters of Flora Vista. He is a wrestler and full time student, and will graduate from the University of Nebraska in December of 2004.

The bride's honor attendant was Lindsey Weiss of Flora Vista, and the best man was Jacob Collins of Aztec. A reception followed the wedding at the Lakeshore Reception Center.

The couple is planning a trip to California and Dallas, Texas in July, and make their home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Love means nothing by Monica Levens

It is now springtime, a time when many people's thoughts turn to love. I, too, am thinking of love and I want others to share in my obsession. This love can be shared by people of all ages. However, it is a love that means nothing, which can at times, be very discouraging, until one rises to the challenge and defeats it. I am speaking, of course, of the "love" in the game of tennis.

Tennis is a game that can be played at any age, from six to eighty. Physical strength and endurance are NOT the determining factors in whether one can play a satisfactory game. Strategy and placement of the ball determine how much exertion is needed.

It requires little in the way of equipment. No uniforms are needed. It is an affordable game. All that is needed is a racquet and a can of balls. Of course, a court and net, and the "proper" shoes are nice, but not required to play. It can be played on a street or a playground. It can be played with only one other individual and advance planning is not required. No need to wait until a crowd of 8 to 20 is available to practice or play. One can even practice alone, hitting against a solid wall!

Tennis is a sport of individual thinking, skill, and triumph! When one plays a good game of tennis they know THEY and they alone were the reason for the win. Finally, a game where the individual can take full responsibility for the outcome. No team playing required.

I am sadly disappointed by the lack of tennis players in this area, especially since we have the perfect climate for playing tennis year-round. But alas, the Four Corners Tennis Association (FCTA) is here! They are here to promote tennis in our area with friendly competition, as well as support for beginners. I extend this invitation for tennis players and folks who are interested in learning to play this great sport to get involved with this organization.

Upcoming Four Corners Tennis Association Events:
 April 17th at Farmington Tennis Complex -

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 More events will be added to the calendar as the season progresses and as we recruit more players. For more information, you can contact the FOUR CORNERS TENNIS ASSOCIATION (FCTA) at fourcornerscta@cwebmail.com or call 325-294. I am also available to answer your questions or if you would just like to play, call me at 334-1673.



Nature's Bounty

The San Juan College Library Gallery will display "Nature's Bounty," a collection of watercolors by artist Kathy Ewing, through April 25. A reception to meet the artist will be held Sunday, April 4, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Ewing's enthusiasm in art is the spontaneity of transparent watercolor. Through years of painting, workshops and teaching she has developed an original and exciting style. Ewing chooses southwestern contemporary landscapes for her exploration of large masses of color and moods of light that form abstract designs in nature. She also finds inspiration in fresh growing flowers with light and shadows dancing off their wonderful shapes and colors. Ewing's work has been featured in Farmington, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Taos, Denver, Dallas and New York and is nationally advertised and displayed in *New Mexico Art Buyers Guide* and *Southwest Art Magazine*. She is the recipient of many awards and has been honored with several one-woman shows. She is a member of the Four Corners Art Association and the New Mexico Council of the Arts.

Library hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call (505) 566-3464.



Thanks to Elder Jones, Lloyd Crouse and Elder Pykles who donated their time to paint the Health and Wellness Center's porch on Monday March 15, 2004.

Cedar Hill aviator encourages youth to keep a focused attitude

by Lynette Chilcoat

*"There's no sensation to compare with this
Suspended animation, a state of bliss"*

'Learning to Fly' - Pink Floyd

When Donley Watkins III was a little tyke, one of the first things out of his mouth was "see autay," which roughly translated from child speak into English meant "see airplane." According to his parents, that is.

"I knew that I wanted to fly ever since I knew what airplanes were," said Watkins, a Cedar Hill resident who currently pilots airplanes for SkyWest Airlines.

Flying isn't just a livelihood for Watkins, however, it is a passion.

When he was about 6- or 7-years-old, he began sitting in airplanes with his father, Don Watkins Jr., who is an accomplished aviator himself.

From then on his life was one continuous flight-related achievement after another.

"I started logging when I was 12," said Watkins, who added that he soloed on his 16th birthday, received his pilot's license when he was 17 and his commercial license when he was 18, the last three goals reached at the minimum age required by law.

Watkins has had ample opportunity to travel throughout his life, as well, living in New York, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and Louisiana, in addition to Durango and now in an open, comfortable home sitting on five acres just north of Aztec with an incredible view of the LaPlatas.

"I have been a lot of places and seen a lot of things," said Watkins. "Through it all I stayed focused. If I have one piece of advice to give anyone, it would be that.

Stay focused. Only you can make it happen for you. All of my money and resources went into flying. When I was young, I dug graves, shoveled snow, was a roofer for a while. The best thing I did was pumping gas for airplanes, because when you are around your passion, whatever the position, you are constantly in a learning environment. You don't waste time and resources on other stuff."



Don Watkins shares a lighthearted moment with his wife Angela in their Cedar Hill home.



The "shop" on the Watkins property is a virtual monument to machismo-related activities, with masses of model airplanes hanging from the ceiling, military and aviation memorabilia tacked on the walls and previous accomplishments framed in a show of pride, setting the stage for a place where the guys can work on models, watch T.V. or just hang out.

Watkins enjoys sharing his love for flying and life in general with area youth.

"Don has gone to schools and done presentations in uniform and takes models of a variety of airplanes with him," said Angela Watkins, the childhood sweetheart that he has been married to for nearly the past three decades. "It's good to expose kids to things that they wouldn't normally pursue."

Watkins is also raising his two sons, Donley IV, who is 14, and Justin, 11, to pursue a path of excellence. It just so happens that both boys seem to be as enthusiastic about the various aspects of flight as Watkins is himself, while still maintaining good grades in school. Both sons each have flight log books that they started when they were about 4-years-old and their bedrooms are a testament to boyhood dreams, decorated with airplane models, posters and other flight-related memorabilia.

Watkins is quick to give credit to his father, who has operated Durango Air Service since 1978, as an influencing force in his life. He cites many accomplishments the elder Donley has done, such as serving as a flight instructor at Parks Bistate College, the oldest flight school in America.

He also encourages any adults who have always had a desire to fly to go ahead and get after it.

"If it's your dream, make it a reality," said Watkins. "You're never too old." It takes approximately six months and \$3000 to get a private pilot's license, and a certain amount of devotion to just doing it.

In addition to his flying, Watkins, who is a proverbial walking bundle of energy, pursues his other interests in life with that same fire. He and his wife are rights activists and he is an avid collector of guns, with an impressive display of WW II firearms mounted on the walls of his home. An outdoor enthusiast, he goes Jeeping, camping and dirt biking with his family often. There was also a quick mention of harmonica playing,

but with an almost abashed look of humility accompanying it.

All aspects of flight fascinate Watkins. In addition to his current general aviation flying status, he has done stunt flying, been featured in several magazines, has his "A & p", which stands for airframe and power plant license (licensed airplane mechanic) as well as collecting and assembling literally hundreds of aviation and military models, many of which are antiques and worth far more than their original price.

"The bottom line," said Watkins, "is to do whatever you really like."

Much of Watkin's lifelong philosophy can be wrapped up in the following saying, which he accredits to Charles Swindle:

ATTITUDE

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearances, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our attitudes."

CASA volunteers needed

The San Juan County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Program is recruiting people interested in helping abused and neglected children. CASA's mission is to support effective volunteer advocacy for the best interest of abused and neglected children and assist in helping a child to reach a safe and permanent home. Interested individuals willing to be a powerful voice in a child's life can contact Amy at Childhaven (325-5358 ext. 143) for further information or stop by 807 W. Apache, Farmington to pick up an application.

CASA volunteers provide hope for a brighter future for our children! Please help us make a difference!

SJ College Poetry Slam

In recognition of National Poetry Month, the San Juan College Library will host the Albuquerque Poetry Slam Team from 2002 in a special "brown bag" performance on April 13. The team will perform from 10 to 11:15 a.m. and again from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Sun's Room at the College. Admission is free and the slam is open to the public.

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Bloomfield Public Library

April is National Library Month, as well as poetry month. Bloomfield Public Library is tentatively planning a poetry program the evening of April 20, which will be hosted by the Friends of the Library. Call for more information.

This month's selection in our book discussion group is *The Life of Pi*, meet with us on April 8th at 4 pm.

The after school program will be exploring drama this month. Come by on Tuesdays at 4 and help us put together puppet shows. Pre school story hour takes place every Wednesday at 10:30 am.

Bloomfield has received a few new audiobooks on tape and CD. Among them are *The Da Vinci Code*, *Zero Game* and *Blacklist*.

Student Film Festival

The ASUNM Southwest Film Center will host its First Annual Student Film Festival, April 29 - May 2. The festival will be held in the Student Union Theater at the University of New Mexico. All high school and college students from New Mexico are invited to participate in the festival.

This film festival is being held to inspire young filmmakers from around the state to make their own films. All of the students will be given the opportunity to showcase their individual films. The film festival will be free to the public.

The ASUNM Southwest Film Center has teamed with Apple computers to make this event possible. Apple computers will help with prizes and product demonstrations. All selected films will be based on the highest level of professionalism, content, and creativity. A panel of seven judges will watch and critique each chosen film. Finalists will be screened beginning at 7 pm on Thursday, April 29, and awards will be presented to the winners on Saturday, May 1.

All participants in the film festival must be students enrolled in a New Mexico high school or college. Submissions are encouraged to be no longer than 20 minutes, and a \$10 entrance fee is required. Movies may be submitted in any format, but a VHS copy must be included. Applications may be obtained from the ASUNM Southwest Film Center website, <http://swfc.unm.edu> or by calling (505) 277-5608. Please send all submissions to ASUNM Southwest Film Center, Student Union 1018, MSC 03 2210, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001. The deadline for all movie submissions is April 15, 2004.

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Bloomfield Chamber news

The Bloomfield Chamber is having a joint meeting/luncheon with the Aztec Chamber on April 15 in Bloomfield. The luncheon will be held at the Cultural Center, 333 S 1st St, from noon - 1:30 pm. JD Bullington with ACI will give a legislative review. The cost is \$7.50. RSVP to either the Aztec Chamber, 334-9551, or the Bloomfield Chamber, 632-0880.

Also the Bloomfield Chamber will be holding the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on April 10th at 2:30 pm at the Cultural Center. Fun and prizes for all.



Dance instructor Bill Pullman (center) teaches fox trot steps to Local Motion Club participants on March 14, at the Farmington Civic Center. Over 100 people have joined the Club, which encourages people to become more physically active to reduce their arthritis pain.

"Local Motion" Club helps residents with arthritis pain

With experts estimating nearly 1 in 3 adults in San Juan County may have arthritis, painful chronic joint symptoms or osteoporosis, the New Mexico Department of Health has launched a "Local Motion" campaign to urge adults to be physically active three times a week for 30 minutes at a time to prevent or lessen arthritis pain and strengthen bones.

The campaign kicked off with a large, community-wide dance party and Local Motion Club registration in Farmington on March 14, featuring free instruction in ballroom, square, country line, Indian and chair dancing, as well as information on arthritis, osteoporosis and how to exercise safely. However, the Local Motion Club is still accepting applications. By pledging to be active at least 3 times a week for a total of 90 minutes, Local Motion club participants will receive incentives and qualify for discounts at participating merchants. They will also have the opportunity to tap into local resource information and team up with other club members to enjoy activities such as walking, dancing, yoga and lifting weights.

Arthritis can be painful, while osteoporosis is a 'silent' disease that weakens bones. Arthritis is the leading cause of disability among adults in the United States. The campaign, funded by the NM Department of Health, will run from March 14-June 1, 2004. A "Halfway Stretch" will be scheduled on April 18 and the final "Celebration Event" will be held May 22 in conjunction with the Arthritis Foundation Walk.

The goal for the Local Motion Club is 250 members and at least 50 participating merchants. Participants and merchants can sign up at any time for the Local Motion Club. For more info, call Stacey Glaser at 1-800-687-3417 or Beverly Barnes at 330-3816 or e-mail staceyg@cooneywatson.com or bibarnes15@sjcportal.com.



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Todd Tijerina Band in Aztec

On Saturday, April 10, dance groovin', funky blues act, The Todd Tijerina Band will take the stage at The Purple Hawg in Aztec for a high-octane, blues-rock extravaganza in order to celebrate the release of the new CD, *Welcome Home*. The eleven song recording, released in January, follows the band's previous CD, *the lowdown*, released in 2000. "It has been a long time coming since the last album, and so I feel that the release of *Welcome Home* is a little overdue. Some things are worth the wait, though, and I'm proud of the end result," says Tijerina. "Todd Tijerina's funk and jazz tinged, high-energy blues guitar playing is instantly recognizable in an era inundated with oh-so-familiar-sounding blues guitarists. His thick guitar tone and fervent phrasing compliment his blues soaked voice and help explain his popularity," states *The Promised Land Entertainment Magazine*. *Chicagoland's Chord On Blues News* describes him as "a dynamic performer backed by a very solid rhythm section. This is high energy, guitar driven, power trio blues...From the first note to the last, he's...On Fire!!!"



Besides his band having won Chicagoland's Rory's Blues Talent Competition in 1999, Tijerina has worked as guitarist for internationally revered blues veteran Byther Smith, the legendary Harmonica Hinds, and BB's daughter, Shirley King. The Todd Tijerina Band has opened for chart-topping 70's rock band Head East, Canned Heat, Jimmy Thackery & The Drivers, Anders Osborne, Michael Hill's Blues Mob, and Ronnie Baker Brooks, among others. Accompanied by his outstanding rhythm section of Troy Lawhon on bass, and Matt Tessler on drums, Tijerina is well on his way to establishing himself as a force to be reckoned with. Visit Todd Tijerina's website at www.toddtijerina.com. The Purple Hawg (phone:505/333-2434) is located at 2325 West Aztec Blvd. in Aztec. The Todd Tijerina Band's shows are scheduled from 7:30 pm until 11 pm.

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Forester's Log: She Ran Calling "Godilta"

third article in the Rodeo-Chediski burn area rehabilitation series

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Note: The word Godilta in Apache is spelled with a cross-l on the second l. It did not come through correctly in the digital file.

When some people have a mid-life crisis, they dream of owning fancy sports cars. My mid-life day dream is a horse. Not just any horse, and certainly, similar to the fantasy sports cars of my peers, not a practical horse. No, I fantasize about owning a wild horse captured in the Rodeo-Chediski Burn on the White Mountain Apache tribal lands in east-central Arizona. It's something of an office joke that I am afraid has the potential to go a bit too far.

In order to allow the vegetation in the burn area to recover, we try to keep browsing and grazing to a minimum. The area is excluded from livestock grazing for at least two years—longer if our plant surveys show we need to extend the furlough—and we try to keep the feral horse and maverick cattle populations in check. Feral horses have a long history of running wild in these woods.

Horses were often released by early settlers and historic road construction operations, and occasionally horses were lost and never recovered. Over the last century a wild population of horses had expanded on the reservation. Apaches hold high regard for horses, and often tolerated large herds. In fact, the feral horse population had grown so large it was affecting vegetation years before the burn occurred.

Vegetation is the key to holding an ecosystem together. If too much plant tissue is removed too often, plants are no longer able to bind soil, protect hillsides, and assist water in soaking into the ground. Fortunately, the tribal range program had already taken action. In 1998 they trapped 700 feral horses and 130 maverick cattle from the same area that burned four years later. If the numbers of these animals were this high following the burn, vegetation in the area would have a slim chance of recovering, which would impact soil loss, water infiltration, and a host of other ecological recovery processes.

Although there was some mortality in the feral horse population during the fires, the majority of the remnant herd survived the flames and was poised to threaten vegetation recovery if left unchecked. Once again the tribal range program stepped up to the plate and, since the burn, has captured 61 feral horses and 30 maverick cattle.

Captured horses with brands are turned over to the appropriate livestock association responsible for managing the land. The captured feral horses must be sold off reservation to ensure that they do not escape and find their way back into the burn. As the coordinator of the



Feral horse herd size on the White Mountain Apache Reservation in central Arizona is managed to reduce grazing impact on the recovering Rodeo-Chediski Burn (2002).

overall Burn Area Rehabilitation Program, I make sure the cowboys get paid for the horses removed. Here's where I get in trouble.

One day I just happened to mention that I would love to own a black and white paint I saw months ago...and now the cowboys are chasing it down, aiming to please. I've tried to explain this possibility of me bringing home a wild horse to my friends and family as a simple mid-life crisis. My kids are horrified. My friends laugh. "Will you call him 'Wildfire'?" one friend asks referring to a Michael Murphy song popular in our youth. I ponder. "Well, since the horse is clearly Apache," I muse, "I guess I'll call him 'Godilta'—an Apache word that loosely translates to 'forest fire'."

Like most mid-lifers, my day dream is totally impractical. I currently live on the reservation involved in a job that consumes all the hours a day has to offer... I have no time for a horse that would not be allowed to return to this land. However, when I think that most of these wild ponies bound to the livestock auctions have uncertain futures, I hope someone will be there to offer them a home that honors their wildfire heritage.

Applications sought for Sky Ute Casino's 5th Annual Non-Profit Money Booth

Fifteen non-profit and service organizations from La Plata and San Juan Counties will each receive their share of the \$20,000 donated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in the Fifth Annual \$20,000 Non-Profit Money Booth held at Sky Ute Casino.

A cocktail reception will be held on Thursday, May 6, at 6 pm to honor the selected organizations and present them with a \$500 check. Then the action gets underway at 7 pm when a representative from each organization will enter the Money Booth for 45 seconds to grab as much cash as they can for their cause.

Non-profit and service organizations wishing to participate in the Fifth Annual \$20,000 Money Booth must complete an application and return it to Sky Ute Casino no later than noon on Friday, April 16, 2004. Applications can be picked up at Sky Ute Casino or can be e-mailed or faxed upon request.

For more information or to request an application please contact Heather Campbell at (970) 563-3373 or hcampbel@southern-ute.nsn.us.

Navajo Lake offers free boating safety classes

Navajo Lake State Park is encouraging all boaters to be smart and stay safe on the state's waters this year by attending a free Boating Basics class, April 24 or May 1, 2004, taught by Marine Enforcement Officers at the Oil Conservation Building, located at 1000 Rio Brazos Rd. in Aztec.

"We want all boaters to protect themselves and their families above all. Our goal is to insure that all of our visitors have a safe, fun experience when they visit our state parks," said Dave Simon, Director of New Mexico State Parks. "When it comes to boating safety, education is essential."

The free course covers legal requirements, navigational rules, accidents and other relevant boating topics. Participants will receive a certificate from the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and two free nights of camping at any New Mexico state park. Most insurance companies also offer discounts to participants who successfully complete the course. Reservations are preferred. Although the course is voluntary in New Mexico, course certification is valid in 33 states that currently require it for boat registration and operation. Minimum age for participants is 12 years. An adult must accompany participants under age 18.

The two separate classes will be April 24 and May 1, 8 am to 5 pm. For more information or to reserve your place in a class, contact Navajo Lake State Park Marine enforcement Officer Scott Risk at 632-2278.

For more information about boating classes or New Mexico State Parks, call the park directly at 632-2278, call the main office at 1-888 NM PARKS, or visit www.nmparks.com.



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Neville announces run for State Senate

San Juan County Commission Chairman, Steve Neville, announced on March 11 that he will seek the District 2, Senate Seat. District 2 includes north Farmington, Aztec, Bloomfield and Kirtland areas.

Neville, a Republican, has served eight years on the County Commission and has been elected Chairman three times. He also served on the Aztec City Commission prior to running for the County post. Additionally, Neville served for several years on the San Juan County Fair Board and was Chairman of the SJ Republican Party. Active in numerous community organizations, he was President of the Aztec Chamber of Commerce, President of the San Juan County Board of Realtors and President of the New Mexico Jaycees. He is also a graduate of Leadership San Juan and Leadership New Mexico. LSJ recognized Steve as its outstanding Alumni in 2001. Neville is also a member of the San Juan East Rotary Club.

During his tenure as County Commissioner, the county saw unparalleled growth and improvement. "There has been no period in the history of the county where more has been accomplished by a Commission and I am extremely proud of that record," says Neville.

Other counties utilized the leadership abilities of Mr. Neville by electing him as President of the NM Association of Counties. NMAC lobbies extensively for the concerns of all NM county governments. "By my involvement with NMAC, I was able to experience the legislative process first hand. We were able to successfully pass several important legislative priorities," stated Neville.

"Running for a legislative position is the logical next step," says Neville. "I have had tremendous success serving San Juan County and I want to utilize those experiences to continue to better this community."

It's CUPID again

San Juan County Clean up and Prevention of Illegal Dumping is an oilfield company sponsored, community based task force, to combat the effects of illegal dumping along our roadways. Our organizational objectives are to join the cleanup and prevention of illegal dumping challenge by generating participation from local oilfield related businesses, county agencies, civic groups and San Juan County citizens.

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The oilfield industry effort in April, 2003, was a stellar example of what a solid foundation of support can accomplish in a friendly and safe manner. Approximately 1000 people, comprised of 139 companies and organizations, collected more than 800 cubic yards of domestic refuse, and transported it to Waste Management for proper disposal.

Salvage Plus processed hundreds of large appliances, refrigerators, washers, dryers and car body parts. Also 39 automobiles and car body parts were recycled. R.A. Biel prepared and verified that all refrigerators were free of freon before disposal. 2200 tires were delivered to Cordova and Sons for baling. The bales were then donated to San Juan County.

During the first day of the cleanup in 2003, Lt. Alvis Kee of the San Juan County Sheriff's Office was called out to deal with an individual meth lab encountered at a nearby area.

This year, on April 22, 2004, oilfield related businesses are providing heavy equipment and manpower to clear sites of major debris. Please help with large equipment and man power by calling Brittany Benke at BP America, 326-9235. This is a major project.

On April 24, 2004, the second day of clean up is scheduled. Co-founders of CUPID, Gracia Sims Montoya of Burlington Resources, and Lt. Alvis Kee invite organizations, businesses and community volunteers to participate in the balance of cleanup efforts, small items, cans, paper trash, etc. Organizations with young volunteers must have previously signed waivers and an organization adult leader must be present during the cleanup. For information and sign-up stations, contact Gracia at 320-4267 or Audry Close, Energen Resources, 327-9741.

After the cleanup, Burlington Resources, Inc. and B.P. America Production Co. are sponsoring an appreciation lunch and door prizes.

Thank you community members.



San Juan County Treasurer Vickie Robinson seeks second term

During her first term as county treasurer, Vickie Robinson has extended the treasurer's office hours, to better serve San Juan County residents. "The office is now open until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday," Robinson said, "and the extra time seems to have eliminated problems for people who wanted to visit our office after work."

Adding a fifth position to her office has also helped with customer service, Robinson said. "My office only maintains a full time staff of five positions, plus the Chief Deputy, as opposed to 29 positions in the Assessors Office and 13 positions in the Clerk's Office," she explained. "The extra position enabled us to arrange schedules to cover the extra time involved in keeping the office open the extra half hour."

Currently, Robinson is looking into the possibility of an on-line collection program, where taxpayers will be able to pay their property taxes over the web or by telephone. "This will be a solution to the problem many taxpayers have in finding the time to drive to Aztec to pay their taxes," Robinson said. "And taxpayers will have the additional convenience of being able to pay their taxes any time of the day or night."

One of Robinson's plans of having a second office in Farmington and having the Aztec office open a half-day on Saturday was not successful, she said. "While having a second office open and having the Aztec office open more hours were not costly, there was simply not enough interest by taxpayers to justify keeping the extra hours or office open," Robinson explained.

With her vast experience in county government, Robinson believes taxpayers have been well served with her in office. She has spent almost 20 years with San Juan County, with more than eight years with the Treasurer's Office, and 11 years in the Assessor's Office. A native of San Juan County, Robinson is a graduate of Farmington High School, and attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho, and San Juan College. She is a member of the board of the Northwest Council of Governments, a member of the New Mexico Treasurer's Affiliate where she serves on the legislative committee, is a member of the San Juan Republican Women's Association, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, ADGA, the NM representative for The USBGA and is actively involved with the Clever Clover's 4-H Club. She is also a former board member of the North Star Water Association.

Robinson said as the treasurer, she has brought longevity, experience, reliability and consistency to the office, and believes that has benefited the residents of San Juan County. "The treasurer's office exists to serve San Juan County residents by investing the county's monies and to collect, distribute and account for all receivables and property taxes collected by the county," Robinson said. "Currently, the treasurer's office is in the final stages of implementing new computer software for the collection and distribution of property taxes, and has also begun the implementation of new software to maintain the county's investment records. It is my goal to continue to make sure this office maintains the trust and retains the integrity the citizens of San Juan County so rightly deserve."

At My Age

submitted by Tom Welts

I went to the store the other day, and I was in there for only about five minutes. When I came out there was a darn cop writing out a parking ticket. So I went up to him and said, "Come on, bubby, how about giving an old lady a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. So I called him a pencil-happy Nazi. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires! So I called him a piece of horse *!#@. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket! This went on for about 20 minutes...the more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't give a hoot. My car was parked around the corner. I try to have a little fun each day. It's important at my age.

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Harley's Humor

Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 99, live in a house together. One night the 99 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see."

She starts up the stairs and pauses. "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea, listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood."

She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

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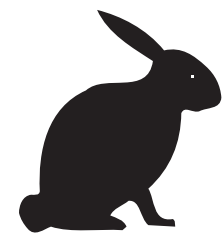
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Humane Education— Animals in the Classroom

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This full-day workshop, presented by Dr. John Pitts of the Pet Care Trust, seeks to assist teachers in K-12 settings with selection, care, and student responsibility for animals in classrooms. The lessons will help educators to work with living animals in a compassionate and responsible manner and to foster respect for life through appropriate animal interaction. The presentation includes health and safety protocols for students and animals.

The workshop will include a 100-page manual with suggested lesson plans for teaching science, math, animal behavior, nutrition, and geography with small mammals, aquarium fish, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. Individuals completing the workshop receive a \$125.00 certificate for equipment/supplies to support appropriate animals in classrooms.

Educators and others interested in attending the workshop can contact the San Juan Animal League at (505) 325-3366 or the La Plata County Humane Society at (970) 259-2847 or visit the San Juan Animal League's website at www.sanjuananimalleague.com.

Bird Talk: good reading

by John &
Jan Rees

You ask why read when you could be outside on these warm, sunny days that say spring in mid-March? The answer, a recently published book, one you may not want to miss, has arrived to enhance the outdoor experience in piñon-juniper (p-j) country and the appreciation of this ecosystem. In *Ancient Piñon-Juniper Woodlands: A Natural History of Mesa Verde Country* we are told "scientists and historians...celebrate the characteristics" of these woodlands, and they succeed. This Mesa Verde Country is bounded on the east by the Pine River, on the south by the San Juan River, on the west by Montezuma Creek and on the north by the 2,425 m contour, the elevation that can be found on a topographical map. While much of the focus is on Mesa Verde National Park, observations from other areas are reported to be included. Inside the eastern border lies the piñon-juniper habitat that we enjoy birding and that we have surveyed on spring International Migratory Bird counts.



The book represents a thorough effort to present all aspects of the natural history and ecology of the area. Part I examines biological and ecological characteristics of old-growth p-j forests with chapters about the trees themselves and about the other plants that form the forest understory, fungi and mosses, biological soil crusts, mammals with a separate chapter devoted to bats, reptiles and amphibians, insects, and Chapter 6 about the birds. Part 2 delves into the geology, weather, and soils of Mesa Verde Country. In Part 3, the authors discuss fire history, the effects of fire on insect communities, and man's interaction with these woodlands. Part IV concludes with a look at future threats to the ecosystem and management considerations. Beautifully done black and white illustrations and photos add interest and information.

In a time when so many decisions are based on the almighty dollar, it is gratifying to learn that the book's authors donated their writing time and that royalties earned from sales of the book will be used to fund continuing research on the natural resources of Mesa Verde. The authors bring a variety of backgrounds and expertise including their own research to this work; their short biographies provide an indication of the fine scientific quality of the book. A representative example from the

many writers responsible for the book is the editor, M. Lisa Floyd, who has conducted ecological research in southwestern Colorado for twenty years. Recently she has studied the role of fire in p-j woodlands. Marilyn Colyer, co-author of the bird chapter with George San Miguel, brings thirty-five years of experience as a resource management specialist at Mesa Verde National Park to the effort. San Miguel specializes in avian studies and is branch chief of Natural Resource Management at Mesa Verde National Park along with an equally helpful background.

In highly readable accounts the bird chapter authors provide accounts of the most representative species found at Mesa Verde. Birds are grouped according to their feeding habits. Not only are species placed in these categories, but the reader is treated to snippets of the different species' natural histories. In the first species account, that of the Sharp-shinned Hawk, the reader gets an inkling of the good things in store through the remaining accounts—physical description, habitat, prey and the bird's special adaptation for hunting in densely treed areas, nesting sites and its territoriality.

A big help for readers who want to learn p-j birds in our part of Mesa Verde Country is the Chapter 6 appendix that lists the birds of Mesa Verde accompanied by statistics from the Colorado Breeding Bird Atlas. The status of all Colorado p-j species is provided and ranges from Common for the Northern Flicker to Absent for the Greater Roadrunner, a bird not found in Mesa Verde National Park (and not to be expected in San Juan County). A residency column tells if the species is present all year, absent, there for the summer, wandering, or a migrant. Another column indicates if the species breeds in the park. Of the 113 species that use Colorado p-j habitat, 56 breed in the park and 14 are cavity nesters. Most of the listed species may be seen in p-j habitat in our area.

The book is available online from the University Press of Colorado in both hardback and paperback. (A successful search requires placement of the tilde over the n in piñon. Depress the Alt key while typing the numbers 164 on your computer.) The book is also available at Mesa Verde National Park and possibly at other locations in the area.

Ancient Piñon-Juniper Woodlands explores the marvelous, fascinating diversity and ecology of a natural system within easy reach of outdoor enthusiasts in San Juan County; reading it will surely result in greater enjoyment of piñon-juniper woodlands.

A "Grade A" Problem

by Thomas Welts

It has been brought to inspector's knowledge that about 80% of fresh eggs can contain both Salmonella Enteritidis and Campylobacter jejuni. Both of these illnesses are passed into the egg while in the chicken or turkey. Most healthy people recover from these infections within 4-7 days on their own, but they can lead to severe and even fatal illness, especially for those most vulnerable to food-borne disease – young children, the elderly, and persons with immune systems weakened by health problems.

What should you do to protect yourself for "eggs that have gone bad?" First of all, shell eggs should be clean and uncracked. Raw shell eggs that have not been treated to destroy these diseases must be refrigerated at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below while stored or displayed. All packages of raw shell eggs not treated to destroy these diseases must carry this safe handling statement –

Safe Handling Instructions: To prevent illness from bacteria: Keep eggs refrigerated, cook eggs until yolks are firm, and cook foods containing eggs thoroughly.

Accept liquid, frozen and dried eggs and egg products only if pasteurized.

In preventing contamination one should (1) wash hands with hot, soapy water before and after they come in contact with eggs and egg-containing foods. Use clean utensils or single-use gloves to handle ready-to-eat egg foods. (2) Wash, rinse, and sanitize utensils, equipment and work surfaces after preparing eggs or egg-containing foods. (3) Keep cooked ready-to-eat eggs and egg-containing foods separate from raw animal-derived foods during storage, preparation, holding or display. (4) Substitute treated eggs or pasteurized egg products for raw shell eggs in preparing such foods as Caesar salad, hollandaise or béarnaise sauce, mayonnaise, eggnog, ice

cream, and egg-fortified beverages that are not thoroughly cooked.

In cooking and serving one should (1) cook raw shell eggs that are broken for immediate preparation and service to heat all parts of the food to a temperature of 63 degrees C (145 degrees F) for 15 seconds. (2) Cook foods prepared with raw shell

eggs that are not broken for immediate preparation and service to heat all parts of the food to a temperature of 68 degrees C (155 degrees F) for 15 seconds. (3) Eggs and egg-containing foods cooked in a microwave oven should be: covered to retain surface moisture; rotated or stirred throughout or midway through cooking to promote even heat distribution; heated to a temperature of at least 74 degrees C (165 degrees F), and allowed to stand covered for 2 minutes before service. In cooling, once cooked, eggs and egg-containing foods should be served immediately or cooled from 60 degrees C (140 degrees F) or 21 degrees C (70 degrees F) to 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) within an additional 4 hours.

In the category of hot or cold holding of cooked eggs, the following should be done:

- If cooked eggs and eggs-containing foods are held in hot holding equipment, they should be held at a temperature of 60 degrees C (140 degrees F) or above, after being cooked to 68 degrees C (155 degrees F) for 15 seconds.
- For cold holding, maintain cooked eggs and eggs containing foods at 5 degrees C (41 degrees F) or below.

Basically, eggs are good for you if you handle them correctly. Have a safe Easter.



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The Maiden & The Crone Horoscopes

by Tracy Tucker

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

In celebration of your birthday, you will drink several fuzzy navels, or out of several.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your narrow minded behavior could cause your Easter bonnet to sit crooked.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Before you speak, remember that words are very powerful. So are hand gestures.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You may be filling a little bluesy, making it a good time to work on your rendition of "Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out."

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

Sadly, you'll be able to hide your own Easter eggs this year.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)

April showers are sure to bring you mildew issues.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23)

You will finally find your niche. It was in the hallway behind the laundry basket the whole time.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)

You're in the mood for a career change. You could take up tole painting if tole booths weren't so scarce.

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)

It's finally here again. Your chance to dye Easter eggs! Remember to pull the shades so that the neighbors won't suspect anything.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)

Exercise caution when sour sucker sucking. It can lead to lollygagging.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 19)

During a mysterious laundry incident you will discover that clothespins and popscicle sticks taste very similar.

Pisces (Feb 20-March 20)

You could be self directed if you only had a compass.

The Maiden & the Crone

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UFO 2004 Art & Writing Contest winners

The 7th annual Aztec UFO Symposium, which invites artists and writers to submit their creative works for the event, became very global this year. Over 30 of the art entires came from Israel alone. There were also entires from Virginia, California, New York, Washington and Connecticut. Every year more and more entries come from out of state....not to mention out of country! What a wonderful tribute to our small city and the Friends of the Aztec Library who coordinate the events of the Symposium.

Every year the contests have different judges. We were privileged to have, as this year's Art Contest Judges, Rob Ewing, (whose artwork is on the UFO 2004 t-shirt and poster), Justin Barnes, (who designed the UFO 2004 poster), and Leslie Stannard. Niki Rubow, of Hard Backs Books, was the writing contest judge - she made a special effort as she wrote encouraging notes on some of the entries. Beth McClure acted as art contest coordinator.

BEST IN SHOW - ART

Cameron Mortensen

BOOKMARKS - Grade 4-6

- 1st - Elisabeth Rosenbaum
- 2nd - Melissa Lieder
- 3rd - Nickolai Lanier

ART - Grade K-3

- 1st - Ania (from Israel)
- 2nd - Alina Movaera (from Israel)
- 3rd - Lisa Biederman and Kirill Rostopchin (from Israel)

ART Grade 4-6

- 1st - Katia Diachenko (from Israel)
- 2nd - Roma (from Israel)
- 3rd - Iony Shefranon (from Israel)

ART Grade 7-9

- 1st - Misha Karsetov (from Israel)
- 2nd - Sean Widner
- 3rd - Kyle Newton

ART High School

- 1st - Derrick Campbell (Brooklyn, NY)
- 2nd - Sanja Benak (Newhaven, CT)
- 3rd - Sarah Kolbinsky

ART Adult

- 1st - Glen Mortensen
- 2nd - Katrina Wood (Virginia)
- 3rd - Alex Larsen (Virginia)

Digital Computer Art

- High School
- 1st - Ashlyn Allen (Puyallup, WA)

Adult Digital/Photography

- 1st - John Wyan (Rowe, NM)
- 2nd - Lucien Ban Oosten (CA)
- 3rd - Myron Allen (WA)

3D ART Grade 7-9

- 1st - Cameron Mortensen
- 2nd - Roger Mortensen
- 3rd - Roger Mortensen

3D ART - Adult

- Katrina Wood (Virginia)

WRITING WINNERS K-3

- 1st - Kellie Coon
- 2nd - Jacklyn Brasnell
- 3rd - Cree Gurley
- Honorable Mention
- Kelsey Emery
- Alexiss Cordova
- Sean Cater

WRITING WINNERS 4-6

- 1st - Cassi Halsted
- 2nd - Adrian Benavidez

WRITING WINNERS 7-9

- 1st - Shaylee Davis
- 2nd - Deliah Saiz
- 3rd - Joseph Tanner
- Honorable Mention
- Rebecca Sanchez

WRITING WINNERS 10-12

- 1st - Shandra McClanahan

WRITING WINNERS - Adult

- 1st - Diane Luchterhand
- 2nd - Diane Luchterhand

Congratulations to you all!

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- 1. Scale-spinning
- 6. Navajo foe
- 10. Lonesome Dove lad
- 14. Evita subject
- 15. Erg, e.g.
- 16. Hatch's home
- 17. USPS logo
- 18. Quell
- 19. Warm start
- 20. ____Magnon
- 21. Farrow and others
- 23. Gentler
- 25. Eero Saarinen, for one
- 26. LBJ's beagle
- 27. Vane dir.
- 28. Made ready
- 31. Singer Minnelli
- 32. Logan et al.
- 33. Italian sexpot
- 34. Sands Of ____ Jima
- 37. Urban rampage
- 38. Crest holders
- 39. Othello, e.g.
- 40. Picture border
- 41. Sped
- 42. ____ Dame Cathedral
- 43. Press needs
- 44. Havana residents
- 45. Drive into
- 48. "The brilliant moon and all the milky ____" (Yeats)
- 49. Arabic letters

DOWN

- 50. Showy rhododendron
- 52. Hyssop or hemlock
- 53. ____ creek without a paddle
- 56. Give off smoke
- 57. Vane locale, often
- 59. Flynn of films
- 61. The Stooges, e.g.
- 62. Dunce
- 63. Last name in reference books
- 64. Eyes
- 65. "____ A Lady"
- 66. Looks (to be)

- 26. Rented
- 28. Rudiment
- 29. Author-director Kazan
- 30. "____ Of Livin' To Do"
- 31. Rounded projections
- 33. Gangster Luciano's nickname
- 34. Tiny bit
- 35. Threadbare
- 36. Hematite et al.
- 38. Steins
- 39. Criminal groups
- 41. Go up
- 42. 1, 2, 3, etc.
- 44. Before pool or port
- 45. Drifting craft
- 46. Purplish blue
- 47. Ike's wife
- 49. Set-up punches
- 51. Durocher and Buscaglia
- 52. Jackson _____, Wyoming
- 53. Cajole
- 54. Verse
- 55. Hgts.
- 58. Exclamation of delight
- 60. Baseball's Preacher

ANSWER ON PAGE 22

Report for Chaco Culture World Heritage Site available

Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Aztec Ruins National Monument, and the Bureau of Land Management Farmington Field Office would like to share the contents of a status report on the World Heritage property that they administer.

Staff from the three offices have been working on a "periodic report" that will provide UNESCO's World Heritage Committee with an overview of the implementation of the World Heritage Convention and a snapshot of current conditions at the seven units in the Chaco Culture property. The units, all located in northwest New Mexico, include: Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Aztec Ruins National Monument, Kin Nizhoni, Casamero, Twin Angels, Halfway House, and Pierre's Site.

"The report answers a variety of questions about the status, planning, budget, staffing, education efforts, and preservation of this World Heritage Site," said Aztec Ruins Superintendent Dennis Carruth. "It also describes threats—both internal and external—to the universal values represented by the units of this property."

The report for the Chaco Culture World Heritage Site will be added to the site-specific reports for the 19 other World Heritage Sites in the United States. Under the World Heritage Convention, both the United States and Canada are required to submit a country-specific periodic report and a joint regional periodic report for North America, by the end of 2004.

Those interested can find the Chaco Culture World Heritage Site periodic report at the following website: www.nps.gov/azru and click on "news." A hard copy of the report is also available at the Farmington Public Library and the Aztec Public Library. Information, contact Terry Nichols, 505 334-6174 ext. 23.

"Salute to the Symposium"

by David Albright

We may have only scratched the surface in our efforts to "Unveil the Truth," but many vitally important messages were conveyed and the level of awareness of all those who attended surely was elevated. The ponderous questions of UFO's, extraterrestrial life and amazing technology beyond our realm of understanding still persist. But, that's what makes this ongoing mission so challenging for those willing to question and think for themselves.

To paraphrase the genius of Einstein, "the problems we face cannot be solved at the same level they were experienced." Maybe that's why the real significance of the Aztec Symposium is that an honest attempt is still being made to uncover, contemplate and discuss the fascinating questions that arise when we consider the possibility of life and technology beyond this planet... and all that it entails.

If we accept the inherent challenge of discernment, that is, wherein does the truth reside, this journey and landmark event will continue. Hopefully, this awareness will grow within our sensibilities, intuitions, intellects and spirits. It will continue to grow beyond any doom and gloom perspectives and feelings of insignificance, as each individual acknowledges the choices. We can choose to believe in a world of order and balance or one of chaos and external control from beyond.

If we believe in a universe of hope and possibilities, we realize that every person who strives to become more informed is a potential catalyst for change. Realizing that change is inevitable, being active and prepared is the key to survival. So, regardless of the number of people (possibly 100-150) who showed up, the 7th Annual Aztec UFO Symposium was a SUCCESS...because the ripple effect of the truth-seekers moving forward cannot be stopped or negated.

Finally, the confounding considerations exposed by this entire subject matter may be simplified by a basic, profound realization. Every individual must take responsibility for their own lives, their own communities and their own planet. As it stands now...all the rest... is pure conjecture.

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Consortium develops outdoor adventure programs catalog

Six members of the Four Corners Outdoor Programs Association have developed a cooperative catalog of educational adventures. The catalog, titled, "Positive Impacts! Educational Adventures in the American Southwest," offers a variety of programs that focus on the environment of the canyonlands and Four Corners region.

"Through collaboration, we can offer a collection of educational adventures," said spokesperson Janet Ross. "Our outdoor classrooms occur in diverse settings including alpine, desert, riparian, river, prehistory, and Native American environments." Programs include educational river trips, hikes, archaeological preservation, pottery making, horseback riding, covered wagon trips, trail building and maintenance, landscape rehabilitation and restoration, and cultural service projects.

"These programs are open to individuals and groups," said Ross. "Our intent is to education people about our precious resources through hands-on involvement and active participation, while giving back to the land through service."

Participating non-profit organizations include Canyonlands Field Institute, Deer Hill Expeditions, Southwest Ed-Ventures - a division of Four Corners School of Outdoor Education, Kelly Place & McElmo Canyon Research Institute, Plateau Restoration/Conservation Adventures, and the San Juan Mountain Association. For a free catalog, contact the Four Corners Outdoor Programs Association, P.O. Box 1029, Monticello, UT 84535, telephone (435) 587-2156.



Obituaries

Barnes

Ray Barnes Sr., passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at the age of 80. He was born April 13, 1923, in Magee, Miss.

He is survived by one son, Ray Barnes Jr. and his wife, Frieda of Bloomfield; sister, Nannie Mae Barnes of Mississippi; and brother, Lavelle Barnes also of Mississippi.

Memorial services were held March 15, at the First Baptist Church in Bloomfield. Inurnment services will be held at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Magee, Miss., at a later date.

Ray's family wishes to express their thanks and appreciation to Dixie Thompson with Guardian Angel Home Health, Rick Randolph with the Alternative Society and Brother Joe Bunce for their help and guidance during this time of need.

Cremation was provided by the Alternative Society.

Boggs

Donna Boggs, 64, of Bloomfield, passed away Sunday, March 7, 2004 in her home in Bloomfield. She was born on Oct. 23, 1939, in Nucla, Colo., to Everett and Dorothy Mulnix.

She is survived by her son, Billy; daughter, Lorena; a brother, Charles; and a sister, Bonnie Grimes. Also surviving are four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Boggs, who passed away Aug. 26, 1996; and two children, Cheryl and Allen, who both passed away in 1970.

Donna was a member of the Catholic Church. She loved reading, gardening and bird watching.

Graveside services were held March 10 at the Bloomfield Cemetery with Father Dan Daley, Celebrant. Arrangements were entrusted to Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home.

Brown

Sandra Brown passed away at San Juan Regional Medical Center on Sunday, March 14, 2004, at the age of 55. She was born March 14, 1949, in Farmington to Burk and Marilyn McCormick.

She is survived by her mother, Marilyn Bandy of Aztec; son, Ryan Brown of Albuquerque; daughter, Tiffany Brown of Farmington; grandchildren, Selena, Manuel and Angel; brothers and sisters, Bonnie Wilson, Burk McCormick, Lantrea Borysenko, Doug McCormick, and Rhonda McElroy; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Cremation was provided by the Alternative Society.

Carter

Rall Donas (R.D.) Carter, 87, of Farmington, passed away quietly at home with his family on Sunday, March 7, 2004.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Lee Carter. R.D. is survived by daughters, Donna Mead and husband Marshall of Flora Vista, Joy Murphy of Flora Vista, and Judy Reeves and husband Denny of Henderson, Nev.; grandchildren, Dale Thomas, Cindy Bodhar, Jerry Stalcup, Ricky Eaton, James Kimbell and Daniel Thomas; six great-grandchildren; sister, Bernice Barlow; and nephews, Carter Barlow and Miceal Barlow.

He served in World War II in the Army's Overseas Secret Service (OSS), conducting covert operations. He moved to Farmington in 1945, where he owned and operated the Allen Barbershop, adjacent to the Allen Theatre, for 45 years.

Carter was cremated and his ashes were scattered on his farm during a private family ceremony.

Coy

Calvin R. Coy, 78, of Aztec, passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Aztec. He was born Dec. 1, 1925, to Arthur and Ruth Coy in Elkhart, Kan.

Calvin moved to New Mexico in 1926. After graduation he served in the US Navy. When the war ended he returned to the area. He was employed by First National Bank and later by Citizens Bank where he was known for his big smile and funny jokes. He retired from banking in 1991 and spent his time farming, traveling and hosting exchange students, most of whom became family members.

Calvin is survived by his wife, Betty; two children, Karen and Russell and his wife, Ann, their two daughters, Riley and Baily; a grandson, Richard and his two daughters, Kalynn and Alexandra. Also surviving are special people, Butch and Pam Matthews and family, Yukari and Hidenori and his many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his two sons, Ronald and Russell Coy.

Graveside services were held March 13 at the Aztec Cemetery with Jack Wheat officiating. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home.

Espinosa

Matthew Manuel Espinosa, 22, of Farmington, passed away Thursday, March 11, 2004, in Farmington. He was born Jan. 24, 1982, in Farmington to Theresa Aquirre.

Matthew is survived by his mother, Theresa Aquirre Trujillo; wife, Lacey Winters of Farmington; daughter, Kayclynn Ma Tae Espinosa; brothers, Tommy Pena of Bloomfield, Robert Trujillo and wife Tonya of Bloomfield, Moses Salazar of Farmington; and sister, Sandy Ribera and husband Val of Bloomfield. Also surviving are nephews and nieces, Mica Smith, Michael Ewing, Nathan Ewing, Andrew Pena, Jennica Ribera, Elena Pena, Shanice Trujillo, Elias Trujillo, Detric Ribera, Isaiha Trujillo; and one God-daughter, Lauren Ewing.

Funeral mass was held March 15 at St. Mary's with Father Dan Daley, celebrant. Interment followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Pallbearers were Tommy Pena, Robert Trujillo, Michael Ewing, Nathan Ewing, Andrew Pena, Rodney Bernal, Moses Salazar. Honorary pallbearers were Isaac Sandoval, Mike Davis, Shane Guterrez, Chris Landford and Shawn Hansel.

Special thanks to Clint, Audrey and Phoenix Autrey from the family! I love you, Uncle Matt! Michael Ewing.

Donations may be made to the Memorial Fund in the name of Matthew Espinosa at Wells Fargo Bank in Bloomfield.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Brewer, Lee and

Larkin Funeral Home.

Espinosa

Verna Espinosa, 89, of Aztec, was called to her heavenly home.

She is survived by her daughters, Nioma (Ross) Gallegos and Albina (Eddie) Sanchez; and son-in-law, Joe Gomez. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Rose Martinez, Aurelia Guerra, Corina Romero, Lila Martinez and Dolores Griese; brothers, Jerry Rivas, Tony Rivas, Luis Rivas and Leroy Larribas; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Fred; daughter, Clara Gomez; and her parents, Hilario and Barbarita Rivas.

Funeral mass was held March 13 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Joe Blonski, Celebrant. Burial was at the Aztec Cemetery with her grandsons Rick Gomez, Charles Gomez, Greg Gomez, Gerlad Gomez, Larry Gallegos, Marcos Sanchez and Orlando Sanchez as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Joe Gomez, Ross Gallegos and Eddie Sanchez.

Funeral arrangements were with Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home.

Ferrari

Albina Gemma Ferrari, 94, passed away peacefully at San Juan Regional Medical Center on Monday, March 22, 2004. She was born Dec. 30, 1909, in Durango, Colo.

Albina was a life-long resident of Bloomfield where she and her husband, Rudy, were successful farmers for many years. She was very active in civic and community activities for many years. Bena enjoyed camping and fishing, sports and traveling. Like her husband, she loved the soil, especially to grow her many beautiful flowers.

Albina helped get the first school lunch program started in Bloomfield along with furnishing the kitchen with a stove and equipment necessary to provide meals. She served in many different organizations such as school board and ditch elections. She helped register voters in the county for the first time, served on the election board for many years and was elected Democratic Vice Chairwoman for San Juan County.

Albina was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bloomfield and served on the board for one year. She loved flowers and planted and took care of roses and shrubs at the church for many years. She furnished fresh flowers from her own beautiful garden for Sunday Mass.

Albina belonged to Bloomfield Extension Club, Sorelle Di Columbo in Durango, and Flora Bonita Garden Club in Farmington, where she served as the treasurer. She was recently honored in Bloomfield with the Judge James Welsch Pioneer Award which recognized her outstanding achievements in her community. She loved the San Juan County Fair where she was in charge of flower arrangements and exhibits. She won many ribbons for her beautiful flower arrangements.

Albina is survived by her son, Rudy (Buddy) Ferrari and wife, Judy; daughter, Evelyn Wimsatt and husband, Bob of Bloomfield; grandchildren, Rudy Glenn Ferrari and wife Lynn of Oklahoma, Vince Ferrari and wife Helen of Farmington, Mike Ferrari and wife Terry of Bloomfield, Mick Ferrari and wife Debbie of Aztec, Sheree Ferrari of Aztec, Terri Krueger of Lubbock, Texas, Suzanne Russell and husband Jesse of Aztec, Shari Farnsworth and husband Rex of Aztec, Brian Ferrari of Bloomfield, Lance Ferrari and wife Pat of El Paso, Texas, Dennis Ferrari and wife Melanie of Farmington, Ron Wimsatt and wife Jan of Las Cruces, Rod Wimsatt of Bloomfield and Gemma Slade of Farmington. She had 34 great-grandchildren, 12 great great-grandchildren and a special and dear nephew, Philip Sategna and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Vincenza Sategna; husband, Rudy Ferrari; son, John (Derald) Ferrari; daughter, Anita Crane; baby sister, Anita Sategna; sister, Silvia Wilcox; and brothers Ernest and Mario Sategna.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 26 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bloomfield. Celebrant was Father Dan Daley.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Rudy Glen, Vince, Mike, Mick, Brian, Lance, Dennis, Ron and Rod, and nephew, Philip. Honorary pallbearers are Bob McCoy, Ernie Motto, Louis Faverino, Rex Farnsworth and Jesse Russell.

Our dear mother and grandmother was loved so much by all and we were so blessed to have such a wonderful lady in our lives for so many years. She was always very proud of her Italian heritage and we will miss her greatly. She will be in our hearts forever.

Arrangements were entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington.

Freestone

Milton Frank Freestone passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2004, in Farmington. He was born May 8, 1932, in Virden. He was the son of Milton Ashton and Evelyn Freestone. His father died when Milton was three years old and he grew up under the loving care of his mother, Evelyn and his second father, Ernest Lee Bowman. Milton or "Buster" as he was called most of his life, had a great love and respect for Ernest Bowman.

Milton graduated from Española High School at age 16 as his class Valedictorian and, turning down academic and athletic college scholarships, began his working life with the Santa Fe Lumber Company. He married Bobbie Evelyn Williams on Jan. 28, 1950, in Taos. Milton began his career as a Steam Fitter as an apprentice at Los Alamos. He quickly developed great skill in welding and worked all over the United States as a "heavy wall welder." He also had marked ability for leadership and managed many large construction projects including one which took his family to New Zealand for two years. He spent more than 20 years as a welding instructor for the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 412 apprenticeship program. This training was performed after normal working hours, yet he was always willing to spend extra time helping any of his students.

O b i t u a r i e s

Milton and Bobbie served a one-year Genealogical Mission in Salt Lake City, Utah, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints after his retirement. They also spent many years working in the Temple in Albuquerque. He held many leadership positions in the church since he joined in his mid-thirties. In addition to being a loving husband and father, Milton loved to hunt and shoot competitively. He was very pleased to have been a member of the last year's National Championship Hunter Benchrest Shooting Team. He leaves a legacy of selfless service, kindness and untarnished integrity. His strength, willing hands and lively wit will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bobbie Evelyn; sisters, Loraine Livermore, Sally Winn and Ruth Gibson; sons, David Freestone, Wayne Freestone, Michael Freestone, Todd Freestone and Andrew Butcher. He was preceded in death by his father, Milton Ashton; son, Randall Lee; his mother, Evelyn; second father, Ernest Bowman; brothers, Fred Zumwalt and Joe Bowman; and grandson, Andrew Todd Freestone. Milton and Bobbie have 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 22 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bloomfield with Bishop Billy Beevers officiating. Interment followed at the Hammond Cemetery in Bloomfield. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Brewer, Lee and Larkin Funeral Home.

Gibson

Ilene Rowley Gibson departed this earthly life on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at her home in Bloomfield. While she regrets the temporary separation from her loved ones behind, she looks forward to being reunited with her husband, sweetheart and best friend, Ray, who preceded her on this part of the journey.

Ilene was born on March 18, 1931, to George Wallace Rowley and Helen Ilene Harding Rowley in Bluewater, NM, and has been a resident of the Farmington area since 1964. She is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Floyd and Merilee Hoisington, Glen and Bonnie Hoisington, Kerry and Deb Hoisington, and Jamie and Renee Gibson; son, Ray (Corky) Gibson III; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Bill Mahnke; grandsons, Cory, Matt, Shane, Jeff and Kerry Hoisington, Bryan, Brady and Gaven Gibson; granddaughters, Michelle, Jeannine, Kimberly, Terri, Sylvia, Angela, Crystal, Mikki, Janelle, Lacey, Molly, Maddison and Victoria; 23 great-grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law, Pauline and Wayne Dolezal, and Louise and Rex Eby; sister, Dorothy Lambson; brothers and sisters-in-law, Wallace and Dot Rowley, and Teddy and Virginia Rowley; a dear sister-in-law and her husband, Marilyn and Larry Harris; one aunt, one uncle and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and sister-in-law Cecil and Vergie Rowley, and by two infant sons.

Services were held March 22 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Farmington. Interment was next to her husband in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Groblebe

Madalyn Silvey Groblebe, 71, passed from this life on March 6, 2004, at her home in Flora Vista. Madalyn was born Jan. 11, 1933, to Jack and Ivie Strever in Centerfield, Mo.

Mrs. Groblebe is survived by her husband, George Groblebe; brothers, Gene Strever and Don Strever; children, Grant Groblebe, David Groblebe, Karen Bopp, William John Smith, Nancy Pirnat, Patty Raper and George Groblebe Jr.; 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held March 12 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Farmington, officiated by Wesley Bopp. Arrangements were entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington.

Hanhardt

Angels came to the Hanhardt home in Aztec on Tuesday, March 16, 2004, and took Harold to his new home. His wife and other members of his family surrounded him when these special messengers came. Harold Hanhardt was born Feb. 5, 1918, in Schaffer, Kan., to Alex and Maggie Hanhardt.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, LaWanda of the family home; sons, Jerry and wife Fran of Aztec, Leon and wife LeAnna of Farmington; and daughter, Karren Hodges of Mobile, Ala. His grandchildren include Shauna, Jerilyn, Julie, Karinda, Jodi, Leon Jr., Alex and Logan. He also has 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He is also survived by his sister, Ruth Blake and husband Delbert of Gillette, Wyo.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Harold's brother, Ray of LaCrosse, Wis., and an infant brother and sister, preceded him in death.

Harold spent his youth in Kansas and enjoyed playing semi-pro baseball in the summers. He served in the Army and fought in World War II and then in Korea. He received three Bronze stars, three Purple Hearts and numerous battle ribbons. After his discharge, he and his young family moved to Aztec. He was a successful businessman in several businesses, but his real love was farming. He moved from Aztec to Cedar Hill, went to work at the Port of Entry and was able to farm after hours. While they lived there, he recognized the need for a water system for the area just south of the state line and worked diligently to see that a system got put in place. This required a lot of persistence and dedication that a lesser man would have given up on. After his retirement he and LaWanda moved back to Aztec.

He was the past president of the 14th Armored Division Reunion Association, past President of the Totah Retired Officers Association, a member of the Farmington FFW and the American Legion while in Kansas. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Ness City, Kan., and Aztec, and a 50-year member of Eastern Star. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and a former member of the Rotary Club and Kiwanis Club. He was elected to and served on the Aztec School Board

in the late 1950's and early 1960's.

Memorial services were held March 22 at the First Baptist Church of Aztec. Interment was at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe. His grandchildren served as his escorts to his final resting place. Honorary escorts were Delbert Blake, James Wilkerson, Denny Knutson, Emery Arnold, Bob Saul, Freddie Clark, Dick Ledbetter, members of the 14th Armored Division and members of the Totah Retired Officers Association.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to your local hospice organization and the Aztec Museum. Arrangements were entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Aztec.

Hsu

Caroline Hsu, 67, of Aztec, passed away Friday, March 5, 2004, in Aztec. She was born Feb. 2, 1937, in Nationalist Chinese, Free China, Republic of China.

Memorial services were held March 12 at the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center in Farmington.

Loch

Jennie Rea Loch, age 85, passed from this life into heavenly rest on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at her home in Aztec. She was born Feb. 1, 1919, to Alex and Fern Burton of Summerfield, Kan. She married Clinton Loch April 1, 1938.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son Alan Loch, her daughter-in-law Janet Loch, and one sister Betty Rodick. She is survived by three daughters, Connie Jacquez and husband Bob of Aztec, Lexy Taylor and husband Bill of Tahlequah, Okla., and Sharon Hottell and husband Jake of Aztec; eight grandchildren, Robert S. Jacquez and wife Tyra, Robyn Jacquez and wife Lori, Zachary Hottell, Johnathan Hottell and wife Aleece, all of Aztec, Michelle Foster and Greg Foster of Denver, Colo., Lisa Logan and husband Chris of Albuquerque, and Alex Loch and wife Sarah of Fayetteville, Okla.; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Virginia Petersen of Cloverdale, Calif., Lela Smith and husband Max of Lincoln, Neb., and Mary Lee Starkey and husband Hank of Alta Loma, Calif.

Funeral services were held March 19 at Abundant Life Fellowship in the Zion Lutheran building, 1108 N. Dustin, Farmington, with pastor Bob Jacquez officiating. Pallbearers were Robert S. Jacquez, Robyn Jacquez, Zach Hottell, Johnathan Hottell, Joe Jacquez and Willard Hottell. Interment was March 22, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Axtell, Kan. Pallbearers were Ronald Loch, Zach Hottell, Robyn Jacquez, Kevan Smith, Burt Smith, Brad Rodick and Bob Smith.

Arrangements were entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington and Landreth-Popkess Funeral Home Axtell, Kan.

Martinez

Dorothy Delia Martinez, 84, of Aztec, passed away Friday, March 19, 2004, in Farmington. She was born March 24, 1919, in Clayton.

Services were held March 22 at First Baptist Church of Bloomfield. Burial was in the Aztec Community Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington.

Montoya

Deluvina "Della" Montoya, 90, of Bloomfield, passed from this life on Sunday, March 21, 2004, at her home in Bloomfield, after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Montoya was born Sept. 12, 1913, to Ramon and Isabel (Lopez) Manzanares in Blanco. She was employed many years as a cook for the Bloomfield and Blanco schools. She married Daniel L. Montoya on Sept. 16, 1942.

Deluvina is survived by her sons, Daniel R. and Hilda Montoya of Driftwood, Texas, Raymond and Olivia Montoya of Bloomfield, Edward and Kathy Montoya of Moriarity, Isaac and Tina Montoya and Gary and Yolanda Montoya of Bloomfield; daughters, Helen and Della Rose Candelaria of the family home in Bloomfield, and Tina and Urban Trujillo of Bloomfield; sisters, Molly Anaya and Lucy Gonzales of Bloomfield, and Rose Archuleta of Farmington; brother, Johnny Manzanares of Magna, Utah; 34 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Montoya was preceded in death by her husband in 1994, her parents and three sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bloomfield. She was laid to rest at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Bloomfield.

Pallbearers were Daniel, Raymond, Edward, Isaac and Gary Montoya, and Urban Trujillo. Honorary pallbearers were all of her grandsons. Arrangements were entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington.

Rogers

Samrerng Hathikul-Rogers, 59, of Aztec, passed away March 6, 2004, at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. Mrs. Rogers was born Oct. 10, 1944, in Thailand. She met Mr. Rogers in 1969 during the Vietnam War and they were later married. She lived in Germany and various places in the United States while Mr. Rogers was in the Air Force.

She touched the lives of so many people in different ways. Mrs. Rogers will be most remembered for her Thai cooking. Some of her hobbies include gardening, cooking, sewing Thai silk dresses and raising her baby birds. Mrs. Rogers was known by her friends as "Owl" because she loved to collect figurines and trinkets of owls and other rare items.

She is survived by her husband, James W. Rogers of Aztec, and his parents, Evelyn and Jack Davis of Roswell; son, John Rogers also of Aztec; daughter, Poomaree Buasomboom and husband, Artsorn of Thailand; brothers-in-law, Johnny and Gerald Rogers; sister-in-law, Pamela Rogers; and grandchild, Paimmas Buasomboom of Thailand.

A celebration of her life was held March 10 at Cope Memorial Chapel of Aztec, with Buddhist Monks officiating. Cremation has taken place and her ashes will be sent back to her home in Thailand. Arrangements were under the direction of Cope Memorial Chapel of Aztec.

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Steele

Barbara Lynette Steele, age 66, of Bloomfield, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, March 12, 2004, in Albuquerque. Barbara was born Oct. 3, 1937, to Roy Renfroe and Nettie Meeks in Whitesboro, Texas. She had two sisters, Ruth and Lorene; and one brother, Kenneth.

On March 15, 1954, Barbara married the love of her life Bill Steele. For several years they lived in Cortez, Colo., and then moved to Bloomfield, where they lived the past 12 years. Bill preceded Barbara in death December, 2000.

During their marriage they were blessed with three children, Steve and wife Lyla of Cortez, Colo., Deborah Miller and husband Fred of Bolivar, Mo., and Terry Steele and wife Jennell of Cortez, Colo.; eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Barbara loved doing arts and crafts and was a home health care provider for a number of years, but her passion in life was being a wife, mother and grandmother.

Services for Barbara were held March 18 at Greenlawn Cemetery with Dr. Joseph Bunce officiating.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Heart Hospital, 504 Elm St., NE, Albuquerque, NM. Services were entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington.

Wood

Clyde W. Wood, 69, passed from this life on Sunday, March 7, 2004, at his home in Bloomfield. He was born March 30, 1934, to Annie and Eddy Wood in Stevensville, Mont.

Mr. Wood will be laid to rest at the Santa Fe National Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cope Memorial Chapel of Farmington.

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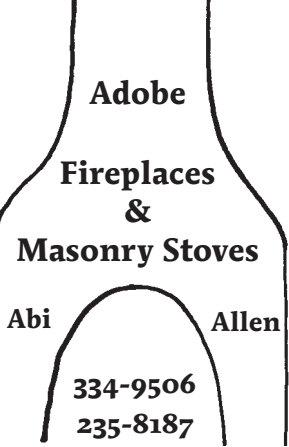
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 3, Egg Hunt on the Farm, Sutherland Farms
 8, Poetry Reading, Hard Backs Bookstore
 10, Easter Egg Hunt, Aztec Museum, 10
 10, Todd Tijerina Band, Purple Hawg
 11, Kiwanis Easter Pancake Breakfast, Community Center, 7-11
 17, Clothes Share, Park Ave. School, 9-3
 18, Alien Run Mountain Bike Competition
 22, Poetry Reading, Hard Backs Bookstore
 24, Harley Motorcycle Raffle drawing, Hiway Grill, 7

Farmington & Bloomfield
 2, San Juan College Jazz Festival, SJC Fine Arts 70m
 2-4 -9-10, Dial M for Murder, SJC Little Theater 7:30pm
 3, Yeelen (Brightness) San Juan College 7pm
 4, Bach's Easter Oratorio Messiah Excerpts, SJC 7pm
 5, Santa Fe Opera San Juan College, 7pm
 14, Pet Vaccination Clinic, Naaba Ani School, Bloomfield, 12-5
 24, Battle of the Bad Lands Mountain Bike Race
 24, CUPID SJC cleanup

Albuquerque and area
 1, Chamber Orchestra, St. John's United Methodist Church
 1-4, U.S. Team Roping Championships EXPO N.M. (fairgrounds)
 2-3, 13th Albuquerque Antiquarian Book Fair, UNM
 3, Poetry 'n Beer, Puccini's Golden West, Downtown
 4, Roberta Flack, Popejoy Hall 7:30pm
 9, Blue Dragon Poetry Slam, Blue Dragon Coffeehouse
 9-19, Pro Bull riding, EXPO NM
 13, Anasazi Fields Winemaker Dinner, Bernalillo 6:30pm
 15, Kid Rock, Sandia Casino Amph., 7:30 pm
 16-18, A Women's Affair, EXPO NM
 21, MAS Poetry Slam, R.B. Winning Coffee Co. 7pm
 22-24, Gathering of Nations POW WOW
 23, Travis Tritt, Isleta Casino, 9pm
 24, Spring Crawl, Down Town 5pm-2am
 24-25, Home & Garden Show, EXPO NM
 24-25, Bird & Pet Expo, EXPO NM
 24-25, Cirque Eloize, Popejoy Hall, 8pm
 24-25, Fiesta de Albuquerque, Old Town, noon - 5pm
 24-25, Fruits of the Earth, Anasazi Field Winery, Placitas
 24-25, Hunter Jumper Spring Show, EXPO NM
 27, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Sandia Casino Amph., 8 pm

Durango, Colorado
 1-3, Quilt Durango
 3, Jagermeister tour
 16-18, Durango Meltdown

Phoenix
 Mar 31-April 4, Disney on Ice, Jungle Adventures
 1-4 U.S.A. Gymnastics, Boys Regional, Civic Plaza, 8am-9:30pm
 2, Clay Aiken & Kelly Clarkson, Glendale Arena
 2, Frankie Vali, The Four Seasons, Celebrity Theatre, 8pm
 2-3, Riverdance, Gammage
 3-4, Arizona Baby & Child EXPO Phoenix Civic Plaza, 9am-6pm
 4, Phoenix Home and April Garden Tour, Botanic Gardens
 7, Phoenix Suns vs. Denver Nuggets, 7pm
 13-14, Hairspray, Gammage
 15, Beyonce, American West Arena
 15-18, Sesame Street Live, "Out of this World" Dodge Theater
 17, SolFest Southwest, A Celebration of Hearth and Sol.

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San Juan College Events

April 2, 7 p.m., San Juan College annual Jazz Festival featuring Los Angeles trombone sensation Scott Whitfield, Henderson Fine Arts Performance Hall. \$12 adults, \$10 students and senior citizens. (505) 566-3430.

April 3, 7 p.m., San Juan College's Cultures Across Borders, in partnership with Farmington Cinematheque, presents "Yeelen" (Brightness), Little Theatre. 566-3318.

April 4, 10 a.m., The Silhouette Series presents the Santa Fe Opera, San Juan College Henderson Fine Arts Center Performance Hall, free. (505) 566-3430.

April 5, 7 p.m., Santa Fe Opera, San Juan College Henderson Fine Arts Center Performance Hall, free.

April 10, 7 p.m., Terrance Simmian, San Juan College Henderson Fine Arts Center Performance Hall. \$12 adults, \$10 students and senior citizens. 566-3430.

April 15, 7:30 p.m., San Juan College Band Concert, Henderson Fine Arts Center Performance Hall. \$6 adults, \$4 students and senior citizens. (505) 566-3430.

April 16, 7:30 p.m., Chautauqua lecture, "Ansel Adams - Artist in Harmony with the Land." San Juan College Little Theatre. Free admission. 566-3308

April 16-May 2, San Juan College student art show, San Juan College Art Gallery. Reception on Friday, April 16, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Info: (505) 566-3464.

April 23, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., AstroFriday, Solar Queen: Extended Voyage, in the Planetarium, followed by stargaze in the courtyard. Free. 566-3389.

April 23, 7:30 p.m., Spring Choral Concert, Henderson Fine Arts Performance Hall. Tickets: \$6 adults, \$4 students and senior citizens. (505) 566-3430.

April 24, 7 p.m., BYU Dance performance, San Juan College Henderson Fine Arts Performance Hall. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$10 students and senior citizens. 566-3430.

April 29, 7:30 p.m., San Juan College Orchestra Ballet and Guest Artist Concert, Henderson Fine Arts Center Performance Hall. Tickets: \$6 adults, \$4 students and senior citizens. (505) 566-3430.

April 30, May 1, 2, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., SJC theatre dept's "Studio Scenes," Little Theatre, free. 566-3242.

Farmington Library events

2101 Farmington Avenue
 • Story time for toddlers and preschoolers continues each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10 a.m. in the Story Time Theater.

• The Great After School Program (G.a.S.p.) continues each Thursday between 3 and 5 p.m. in the laboratory.

• A Book Talk for tweens (ages 8-12) is held in the laboratory each Friday at 9:30 a.m.

• Game Day for teens continues each Tuesday from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Teen Zone.

• Musician and storyteller Bill Harley will perform at the Farmington Public Library April 7th and 8th at 6 p.m. Humorous and meaningful, serious and silly, Bill is guaranteed to tame the wildest of kids and make the grumpiest of grown-ups smile.

• The First Youth Storytelling Bluff competition is April 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Farmington Public Library. Children of all ages are welcome to audition. Stories must be original and 3-5 minutes in length. Entry forms are available at the Youth Services desk or at www.infoway.org/storytelling/LiarsContest.pdf. The winner wins a Bill Harley concert for their school and the opportunity to tell their bluff at the Four Corners Storytelling Festival in October 2004.

• 2004 Four Corners Storytelling Festival auditions are underway. Children grades 1st-12th are encouraged to submit a videotape to Youth Services at the library by April 2nd. For an entry form and more information, please visit Youth Services or call (505) 599-1273.

• The American Girls Club, a book and doll group for children ages 7-11, will meet Saturday, April 3rd, at 2 p.m. in the children's section.

• The Star Trek Club, a group for teens, will meet Saturday, April 3rd, at 1 p.m. in the Teen Zone of the Farmington Public Library.

• Slammin' Poetry for teens is Thursday, April 15th, at 6 p.m. in the Teen Zone. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place.

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Aztec Chapter of Eastern Star #53

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Northstar Water Users Association

Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm at 511 Aztec Blvd. NE, Aztec. 334-9375.

Southside Water Users Association

Southside Water Users Board of Directors meet the second Thursday of each month at the office, 306 North Main in Aztec at 7 p.m.

Navajo Dam Water Users Association

Holds their board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Navajo Dam fire house at 7pm. All members are welcome to attend. FMI, contact Linda Clark at 632-2150.

Lower Animas Community Ditch

Monthly meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at the Aztec Municipal Schools office, 1118 W. Aztec Blvd. Agendas may be picked up by calling 334-1385 and will also be posted at the meeting location.

SJC Right to Life

The San Juan County Right to Life Chapter meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Civic Center. 334-5550.

Marine Corps League Detachment 736

Meets the second Wednesday of each month at Reality Bytes, 7595 E. Main, Farmington. Active, reserve and former marines, and spouses are welcome. Larry Trujillo, 632-7724.

Four Corners Bird Club

Meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Sun Room at San Juan College, at 7 pm. Everyone interested in birding is invited. FMI, call Margaret Ismay at 632-3558.

Aztec Lions Club

Meets the first and third Monday of each month at the Lions Hall, 219 S. Park Ave. at 7 pm. We want your used eyeglasses.

Pilot Club of San Juan

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 6 pm, at the American Red Cross, 626 E. Main, Farmington. Georgia Brandenburg, 334-2540.

The San Juan Quilter's Guild

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Farmington Civic Center. The morning group meets at 9:30 am for coffee, meeting begins at 10; and the evening group meets at 6:30 pm for coffee, meeting begins at 7. FMI Linda Oldfield, 327-3348.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings

Held at Bethel Baptist Church, 201 Heiland Rd., Aztec
 Every Tuesday, 8 pm, closed meeting.
 Every Thursday, 8:15 pm, open meeting.

Farmers Irrigation District

Will hold their second quarterly meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at 7:30 pm at the Aztec Civic Center.

Desert Gold Chapter DAR

Desert Gold Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at Salmon Ruins SJC Archeological Research Center & Library on Saturday, April 3, 2004, at noon. for a potluck picnic, followed by installation of officers, and Salmon Ruins Museum and Library Tour. The speaker is Larry Baker, Director of Salmon Ruins. Sarah Platt Decker-Durango, CO and Sleeping Ute Mountain Chapter-Cortez, CO are invited. HODAR's and special guests are welcome. There is no charge for the tour, donations accepted. For further info, please call 334-5596.

Caregivers Support Group

Meets Wednesday, April 21 at 1:30, sponsored by the Farmington Alzheimer's Association. The meeting will be held at Four Corners Good Samaritan Village in the parlor of the Cottonwood senior living apartments located at 530 Care Lane, Aztec. The apartment complex is a separate facility just east of the Good Samaritan health care center. For further information please call 334-9445 and ask for Jan Zech.

Better Breathers Meeting

Jenny Uutilla, dietitian at SJRMC, will lecture on the importance of proper label reading for pulmonary people. Meeting is on Monday, April 5, at 1:30 pm at the Mesa Verde Room, San Juan Regional Medical Center. FMI, call Annie Cottrell at 334-1811.

The San Juan Masonic Lodge #25

Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Lodge Building, 1020 N. Aztec Blvd. Call Roy Lynch at 486-0112 for more information.

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Public input wanted for proposed gas well operations at Ruins

Aztec Ruins National Monument invites public input on a proposal to continue operating two natural gas wells within park boundaries.

XTO Energy recently acquired the Fee 4-A and Fee 9Y wells. The Fee 4-A is located on a terrace north of the park's visitor center. The land on which it is located was acquired by the National Park Service (NPS) in 2000. The Fee 9Y is located southwest of the visitor center and west of the park entrance. Although the Fee 9Y is located on private lands, it is surrounded by National Park Service land and the well operator must cross NPS land to reach it.

Under NPS regulations at 36 CFR 9B, a new operator of these wells must submit a Plan of Operations to the NPS. Among other things, the Plan will describe well operations, a spill control plan, and reclamation plan. The NPS will review and evaluate the plan to assure the safety of park facilities and visitors, and to assure park resources are protected by the 9B regulations.

Public scoping is being conducted in the initial phase of this project to seek input from a variety of sources. The input is used to identify issues, areas requiring additional study, the range of alternatives and topics that will be analyzed in the Environmental Assessment process under the National Environmental Policy Act. Potential issues and concerns identified through internal scoping at the park include: cultural resources, air quality, geology and soils, water resources, visitor use, natural soundscapes, vegetation, adjacent landowners, wildlife, socioeconomics, and species of special concern.

Additional scoping information can be found at the park's website at www.nps.gov/azru, click on "news."

The superintendent invites your suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding this gas well operations

at Aztec Ruins National Monument.

The public may submit written comments by April 23, 2004 to: Superintendent, Aztec Ruins National Monument

84 County Road 2900, Aztec, NM 87410

The public may comment via e-mail to terry_nichols@nps.gov. Include your name, e-mail address and return mailing address in your e-mail message. Names and addresses of people who comment become part of the public record. Information: Terry Nichols, 505 334-6174 ext. 23.

4th Annual Alien Run MOUNTAIN BIKE COMPETITION a fund raiser for the Aztec Library

Sunday - April 18, 2004

(part of the Four Corners Cup Series)

8 am registration at Main Street Bistro

9:30 am, Pre-Race Meeting

10:00 am, Race Start at

Miss Gail's Inn, 300 S. Main, Aztec

12:30 pm, Awards Ceremony/Lunch

\$25 before Race Day • \$30 Race Day



Contacts: Ed at 333-2057

or Steve at 334-7511.

Registration forms, rules

and map available online

at www.aztecufo.com or

4cornerscup.com.

See page 1 story for
more information

YOGA: a way of life and a means for living

By Linda Clark, Yoga With Balance

I've just started teaching a **Seniors Chair Yoga class** at the Good Samaritan Village in Aztec (see associated ad to this article for specifics of each class mentioned). Although it is still small, I am enthusiastic about those who are coming because already the change in their movement and level of flexibility and strength is evident. I see it happening; they feel it happening. Fun! **This class is not limited to seniors only or even chair-bound people.** My intent is to offer a class that makes it easier for anyone needing assistance in order to stretch, strengthen, and mobilize the joints. If a chair is needed they are available and the class teaches one how to get down on and up from the floor easily and safely. Falling is a real fear for the elderly. Falling can be a problem for anyone for that matter. In the last 14 years of being an amputee I've experimented and come up with some alternative ways to get up from the floor so, should a fall occur, there's an alternative to laying on the floor for hours waiting for someone to come help.

I also have a **Beginning class** that has been ongoing at the Senior Center in Aztec since 2000. This class is evolving and growing in size and interest. The space at the Senior Center is perfect for a growing class. The stage and lots of wall space offer people alternatives for doing some of the poses. It is very gratifying for me to see these new students grow in their interest in Yoga in all of its aspects. Helping interested people gain an understanding of first the yoga poses and their basis for alignment; secondly the breath and its powerful energy; and thirdly the deep connection of the mind to the body to create results that promote health and well-being is why I teach. I love watching people find this new awareness in themselves. Grace.

Once the student has learned the basics of the poses in the above class, the student is ready to move into a more **Advanced beginning class**—two of which are offered at my Yoga studio at Navajo Dam. These two classes are designed to allow the student to use a greater variety of yoga props to deepen their poses and begin to explore other aspects of the Yoga system. There is more focus on breath discipline while doing the poses as well as on its own and beginning a study of the texts that explain the philosophy of Yoga, called the Sutras.

As the student's own practice becomes more stable and consistent, he/she is ready to consider moving into an **Intermediate class**. I offer one in Farmington at Wells Fargo Bank downtown. I am blessed with this space and the students who attend this class. It is a group of like-minded individuals who come together once a week to practice Yoga. They are growing and changing in sync. At this level of practice and learning, Yoga takes each student to deeper more aware levels through longer held poses and more emphasis on inverted and back arching poses. The practice of Pranayama (breath discipline) is experienced using more sophisticated methods of manipulating the breath. We play and work hard and laugh our way into the subtler feelings that the intermediate poses have to offer. Because this space is spacious, this class has room for growth. If this class is the one convenient for you, please ask about joining even if you are a beginner.

To round out my schedule I offer a two-hour **All Levels class** the last Saturday of each month at the Navajo Dam Yoga studio. This class explores different yoga modalities as they relate to the stages of life that women go through. This class is intended for women of all ages and abilities who would like to learn more about how to help the body/mind stay healthy as we grow and age.

I offer private lessons to anyone who has health or therapeutic issues, to those just starting yoga, and those who wish some one-on-one attention. Please give me a call, so we can talk about what your needs are.

I LOVE WHAT I DO! I've been teaching now for 24 years and am always and ever learning at least as much if not more from my students than they are learning from me. Teaching is such a collaborative effort of individuals coming together in a spirit of like-mindedness, trust, and the desire for growth and understanding. It is such a pleasure to be a part of the metamorphosis.

Yoga as a discipline has something new to teach every time practice is undertaken; as a way of life it offers an ongoing moment-to-moment chance to be aware, awake, present!

What a gift.

*"We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time..."*

T.S. Eliot

From *Four Quartets*; "Little gidding" V

San Juan College Advising

San Juan College East Campus in Aztec and West Campus in Kirtland will hold off-campus advised registration for the summer and fall 2004 semesters from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 6. An academic advisor will be available. An appointment is required.

For further information and to schedule appointments, please call 334-3831, extension 200, for the East Campus and 598-5897 for the West Campus.

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