Cinco de Mayo is an annual community event that has been held the first weekend in May at Santa Rita Park since 1995. The multi-cultural event has been sponsored by Del Alma, (Durango Educational Alliance for Multicultural Achievement), but this year the non-profit organization announced in January that it wouldn’t be able to sponsor the event because of financial constraints. As a member of the Durango community who has lived my entire life here, I want to help lead an effort to ensure that the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration continues this year.

El Centro staff, myself, and many others are working together as a community to plan this year’s fiesta to be held in town from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, May 1st after FLC graduation.

Cinco de Mayo is the celebration of community and culture and the Battle of Puebla that Mexico won against the French May 5th of 1862, expelling the last of the French army from Mexico. Here in Durango, this event has been looked forward to each year and it is necessary to keep the tradition alive. In order to do so, we here at El Centro and Club del Centro have decided to take the initiative to make sure that this event will be held this year and hopefully for years to come.

With much help from the community and local organizations we have started pulling the event together and are excited to see that there is so much support from our community. So far, we have raised enough money to fund the base of the event and ensure that there will be a Cinco de Mayo event even if it is not as big as it has been in the past. Thanks to the grant from the Center for Civic Engagement, we were awarded $2,000, and we only asked for $1,000! Also thanks to the Modern Language department and chair Amy Sellin for donating $150 and El Centro de Muchos Colores for donating $500 to this event.

With this community support, we really look forward to this event and we hope to see many of our Fort Lewis students there. If you are interested in the event and helping in the planning process please contact us here at El Centro de Muchos Colores at 247-7654 or by e-mail at elcentro_st1@fortlewis.edu. The next Cinco committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 4th from 10-11 a.m., at El Centro. Thank you all so much for supporting our cause and we will have updates in El Centro and on centrovision on KDUR about meetings and planning dates.

In beginning of the 2009-10 winter semester, El Centro de Muchos Colores decided to join the online social networking site called Facebook. Work-study students at El Centro attempted a soft launch to promote their Facebook page earlier this semester. Now we’re ready to invite you to check out our new Facebook page!

The page offers a look at current and upcoming events that El Centro sponsors or is closely linked to. Anyone can check out the page on Facebook, you just have to do a search for El Centro de Muchos Colores. When you find our page, check out the tab called “Events” where you will see a complete list of upcoming events as well as current events, activities, social parties, and fundraisers that El Centro is involved in. Every event is free and open to the Fort Lewis community.
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The page also has photos of El Centro staff, frequent students who have visited El Centro, and past events that El Centro hosted. On a regular basis, El Centro’s Facebook page will post discussion questions that will be open to all its fans. The goal is that dialogue can be created through this network, where many students can easily connect and stay connected with each other as well as with El Centro. Fans can also suggest their opinions, ideas, and comments on anything about the page, by contacting El Centro through phone calls, commenting directly on the website page, coming into El Centro, and/or sending an email to El Centro coordinator Shirena Long at long_sh@fortlewis.edu.
El Centro welcomes anyone interested in joining their Facebook page to become a fan and begin interacting with others. The page is titled El Centro de Muchos Colores and so far it appears to have a small fan base of 23 individuals and growing. The initial “fans” were El Centro work-study students, however soon after many other Fort Lewis College students and community members in Durango began to join. The page itself is still developing and is updated at least twice a week.
El Centro coordinator, Shirena Long was asked, “What is the purpose of El Centro joining Facebook?” Long responded, “Our page is a tool, a vehicle in which El Centro can engage our audience and provide up-to-date information and services to anyone interested in Fort Lewis’s Hispanic Resource Center.” When asked, “What could El Centro’s fan base gain from this Facebook page?” Long says, “Among other applications the page offers general information, upcoming events, pictures of events, faculty, and activities. This is a networking opportunity for students to connect with each other in a new and different way. Facebook is an online social network, and we don’t want to miss the opportunity to connect a diverse community. We want to begin discussion questions as a tool to engage fans in communicating and connecting. If you have any suggestions, ideas for contributions to improve our page feel free to e-mail me.”

Have you heard of Centrovision?
By Sharina Ramsey-Adams
At the beginning of the 2009 fall semester I volunteered to take over El Centro’s weekly radio show called Centrovision. The show is a ten minute pre-recorded show that airs twice a week during Radio Latina on KDUR (Fort Lewis College’s community radio station) at 6 and 7 p.m. Thursdays and between 3-4 pm. Saturdays during the Radio Latina program. Centrovision’s main purpose is to help promote El Centro de Muchos Colores and Club del Centro events.
When I decided to host the show I had no radio or studio experience, nor had I ever heard previously recorded shows. But, because KDUR provides training opportunities for Fort Lewis College students and community members, I was able to learn and start recording radio shows within a week. I have now been recording Centrovision for six months on a weekly basis, and it has been one of the best learning experiences and funnest skills I’ve acquired during my college career. Being able to feel competent in a production studio is totally awesome, and something I never thought would happen.
Since I have been the host of Centrovision, the show has consisted of El Centro’s upcoming events, Spanish words of the week, and a Latino artist of the week. On many shows, I will interview someone in connection to an upcoming event or members of a band that will be playing in town. I have tried to use Centrovision as a way to advertise for El Centro, help expose people to new Latin music and teach people some Spanish words. But recently, I started wondering about the history of Centrovision. What did Centrovision used to be like before me?
It was hard for me to believe that I had no clue of any history of the job I volunteered for and love so much. So, to find out how Centrovision came into existence, I went to my boss Shirena Trujillo Long, the coordinator of El Centro. Shirena has been the full time coordinator of El Centro for the past three years and the two years prior to that she was part-time coordinator. Through my interview with Shirena, I learned Centrovision’s history and am now better prepared for where I want to take it in the future. Here is what I learned: Interview with Shirena about Centrovision in early February: So Shirena, When was Centrovision created?
Centrovision using that name has been in existence for 2 years. Before that, centrovision was called El Momento del Centro or El Centro’s Moment. Why did the name change?
The name was changed because Nancy, the program director of KDUR at the time said it would be simpler. Centrovision literally translates to Centro’s lens and is meant to show El Centro’s view to the campus and surrounding community. Who first created Centrovision?
Centrovision was originally created by El Centro’s student staff. Fort Lewis College graduate Dave Gallegos, a work study student (and a cousin of current work-study student Melissa Smith) was the first to head the radio show. He was an English Communicators major with experience in journalism and had done training at KDUR, so he was a perfect match for the job. The experience he had with the radio show helped contribute toward his major.

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How I turned my office job as a work-study into practical experience related to my major

By: James Martinez

When I first decided to accept a work-study position at El Centro, way back in September 2007, I decided I would do it to get some office experience and expose myself to something completely different than I have never done. And, my choice to challenge myself has paid off as I’m gaining unique and valuable experiences that directly apply to my major.

I had always worked jobs that were outdoors and didn’t really have any experience working inside and dealing with things that relate to an office setting. Never in a million years did I see myself doing the things that I have done at this job because I just didn’t think that I was cut out to do the work that is required to be done around here.

I sure was wrong because the things that I have learned to do at El Centro are going to help me as I go along in my career with degree in Business Administration and a Minor in Accounting, and I have enjoyed learning the things that I have because the information is so useful in more ways than I ever thought possible. The job duties have ranged from simple data entry to managing a budget with the coordinator of El Centro, which is the one that I have found the most fun and most interesting.

When I was first approached by my boss, Shirena, at El Centro and asked to work on a budget and account for all of El Centro’s expenditures, I thought I was going to be getting in over my head because I had only taken one accounting class and didn’t really know anything but the basics about setting up a budget. I was a little worried that things weren’t going to turn out right or I was going to mess up somewhere along the way and not provide Shirena with what she wanted. With some encouragement, guidance, and support from her I was off and running.

We worked together to develop a system that accounted for everything that was going in and out of El Centro and now nearly 2 years later it has been a success for both of us. I have had many opportunities to crunch numbers and provide viable information to Shirena that keeps El Centro up and running.

I personally found it interesting because the only money that I have ever dealt with is my own and that wasn’t anything more than just managing a few hundred bucks in a checking account. After seeing how El Centro is really run, it puts things in a whole different perspective because the things you hear in lectures really happen in a place of business. Granted, El Centro is no necessarily a profit-making business, but we still have to keep records just like a profitable business does. Now when things need to be singled out, or an amount of an event needs to be totaled it is so easy to just go to the spreadsheet and pull out the numbers that are needed.

It is the coolest thing to be able to learn something in class and come to work and apply what you just learned early that day. It also is the coolest thing to understand it all and be able to pass on what you have learned to somebody that is just learning and seeing things for the first time. The thing that I enjoy most about work is that whenever I have time I do my work and I report back to Shirena once a week so that way we are both on the same page and know where El Centro is currently standing money wise. When I accepted this job, I didn’t think that office work would turn into me doing something related to my major and something that interested me. I am very grateful and thankful for the opportunity that Shirena and El Centro has given me here because where could there be a better place to gain experience than a place that makes you feel welcome and a place where the things that you do really do make a difference?

I know that all the experience that I have gained while being a work-study student is going to benefit me in the long run because these are lifetime skills that will hopefully help make my career a success.

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Why was Centrovision created, what was its original purpose/goal?

El Momento del Centro was created to communicate what El Centro and the Hispanic community at FLC was doing, the news of La Gente de FLC y la comunidad. At the time, I was the editor of El Valle Hispanic News—a bilingual Hispanic newspaper that used to come out to the Four Corners region. Centrovision sort of worked in partner with El Valle and aired current Hispanic news topics on campus.

How has Centrovision grown and changed?

Well, it ebbs and flows depending on who’s running it. It has become more sophisticated going from a live show to a pre-recorded show like it is now.

We’ve gotten to host live bands on the show recently and do interviews.

What do you see Centrovision doing in the future?

Centrovision will always be a tool for El Centro because it directly relates to our mission, which is: To provide a voice for anyone interested in Hispanic Culture. When the name was changed to Centrovision, it was also changed with the thought that maybe one day Centrovision could be a TV program on DCAT (Durango’s Community Access Television).

What I learned, really . . . anything is possible when the minds of students are at work. And perhaps my mind can be the one to take Centrovision to a new level.

Centrovision is hosted by Sharina Ramsey-Adams and airs twice a week at 6:00pm on Thursday and Saturday afternoon between 3 and 4 p.m. during Radio Latina on KDUR, 91.9FM or 93.9FM.
On Martin Luther King Jr. Day Fort Lewis College hosted an event entitled “Embodying His Dream” with guest speaker Dr. Harold Bailey. On Monday evening, January 19, 2010, Executive Director of New Mexico Office of African American Affairs, Dr. Bailey had dinner and conversation with a few selected students before his speech, held in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building. The objective of dinner was to allow an opportunity for open dialogue between speaker and students to flourish.

Among the selected students who attended were several El Centro student staff members and regular visitors including myself, Noel Altaha, Arturo Mata, Daniel Riecks and Sharina Ramsey-Adams.

Three of the students recently sat down to chat with me and had several responses to share about their dinner, including how it deeply impacted each and every one of them in a unique way.

Arturo Mata, a sophomore majoring in Business Management from Boulder, Colorado sat down and answered the following questions.

Overall impression: Phenominal!
Why? Because he touched home, he was real.
What stood out to you? He wasn’t so well spoken, but he was still legit.
What’s one question you were able to ask? I asked about the immigration problem since he’s so close to the border. His answer: There’s an issue that needs to be talked about.

Sharina Ramsey-Adams, a junior majoring in Business Management was the last student to sit down to answer our questions.

Overall impression: For me, he (Harold Bailey) was totally cool and inspirational.
Why? Well, growing up in Durango I haven’t had much exposure to other races or cultures. I was always the only black kid in my class. Like a rare breed to Durango. So when I get to meet other blacks who share some of the same beliefs and thoughts that I have, it’s cool and weird but I think wow, I’m not the only one.
What stood out to you? His laid back attitude. He would call the male student eating with us “brother”.
What’s one lesson/idea you walked away with? Immerse yourself in life. Know what’s going on around you and everyday love life and everyone around you. Because even though we all look different most of us share the same dream of equality and “the golden rule.”
Something you learned to use in your life? Let your voice stand out if you really want change in this world.

Dan Riecks, a senior majoring in Secondary English Education from Littleton, Colorado was also interviewed.

Overall impression: I enjoyed Dr. Bailey’s passion for activism.

Why? He really emphasized the idea that real change does not come from those being oppressed, it comes through the unified efforts of allies.
What stood out to you? Dr. Bailey just seemed very cool. He seemed like the kind of professor I could listen to for hours, the kind of person I would enjoy hanging out with.
What’s one question you were able to ask? I got to ask him how he dealt with defeat, especially in politics. His answer surprised me; he said that we should expect to win most. He thought that as long as you win more than you lose, and not let defeat stop you from trying harder, than anything is possible.

Something you learned to use in your life? There must be something about great people that leads them to group together. Dr. Bailey and former FLC president Joel Jones stay in touch, and they were friends with an old teacher of mine, Ivory Moore, who helped Columbine High School recover from tragedy. I guess what I learned is that if I aspire to making a difference, I will find allies who share my dreams.

Noel Altaha is in her second year at Fort Lewis College and has worked at El Centro for two semesters. She also attended the dinner with Mr. Bailey and was so inspired that she wanted to write this story for others to hear what he had to say.
What I learned from a recent Code Red bias awareness and anti-discrimination workshop

By Vanessa Johnson

Tuesday, February 9 a Code Red workshop took place on Fort Lewis campus in Berndt Hall. Our campus is one of the most diverse college campuses in Colorado, so one can imagine participants of all backgrounds and different ethnic groups were engaged in this workshop.

The first thought that passed through my mind as I walked into the classroom was “who do I know?” but as I scanned the room I only saw a few familiar faces. That was alright though because I have learned to take every opportunity possible so I saw this as a way to meet new people.

As the workshop commenced, there was an introduction activity to see how similar and different we are at the same time even though we are of different places. The activity went like this, questions were asked like which do you value more “Mac or PC?” and you either stood on the right or left side of the hallway.

While this activity was in motion, I couldn’t help but notice that the majority of participants would relate to each other. Even when “conformity or non-conformity” was asked it seemed as though almost everyone went with non-conformity. There was only one fellow who challenged this, he was initially on the non-conformity side but as the majority went onto that side he moved to the conformity side. His reasoning was that if everyone goes along with non-conformity then were are doing exactly the opposite, being conformist.

It was at that point that I got hit with a flaming ball of reality. I do the same thing, I don’t step in other people’s shoes. I try to step in them, but once I get one foot in, I sometimes hesitate to put the other foot in the other shoe. Why is this? I am not exactly sure but then again who is ever sure of anything. I may feel strongly about my tribe and being raised in both my mother’s Hispanic family and my father’s Tewa family, but when it comes to it I will need to take a step and either defend my Hispanic attributes or my Tewa traditions.

It is there that I will be placed in a position of which Martin Luther King Jr. took a giant leap and fought for what he believed was right, only my position is not so highly noble as that of Dr. King. In the end, I feel that we are all the same, we are all human. Each and every one of us needs to eat, drink, and breathe in order to survive. The only visual differences between us is our skin color, for those of us who have hair that color, the color of our eyes, and how short/tall we are. Within each of us do we have the same feelings and emotions. We all feel happiness, sadness, joy, and anger; so then, why do we discriminate or categorize people who are not the same color, is it just to make us feel superior and feel part of a group? Let the image of the ethnic groups go and start with a new slate, in Spanish it’s called a “tabula rasa.”

Vanessa Johnson is a junior at Fort Lewis College from Okeeha Owingeh, New Mexico and wrote this article for her Ethnic Families in America class with Lori Benefiel. Vanessa uses El Centro to study her Spanish and just hung out. As a Club del Centro member she invited fellow students to the annual Deer Dance of her San Juan Pueblo in 2007.

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Code Red is making great progress in its quest to make a Difference in the world

By Dan Riecks

Code Red has been moving forward this semester with several exciting and ambitious new events. After a great start with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day events we had a slight letdown because of the massive snowfalls delaying a few activities. As the snow melts, Code Red hopes to continue bringing light and warmth to the celebration of diversity at Fort Lewis College and beyond.

One of those delayed activities that we are most excited about is our program that was rescheduled to February 9 called “Making His Dream Our Vision.” The goal of this program was to begin the creation of a unique Campus Resolution of Values that represents the ideals of this student body.

The hope is that the final product of this exercise will be a lasting document that will be read and posted at convocation, graduation, and campus events.

Our current Resolution of Respect is a solid stepping stone, but the chance to create a unique vision of a campus unitied is an opportunity I look forward to with open arms, an open mind, and an open heart. (See Vanessa’s student reaction story about the Feb. 9 event above.) This semester also presents Code Red’s first series of paid facilitations, trainings, and community outreach events. Our base is growing, as we look to expand upon our network of trained facilitators on campus and beyond. Code Red has already held 41 events and reached more than 1,400 people this year, and we aren’t slowing down. With a recent community training session at the Durango Public Library in early February, and another community training scheduled for late February, it is exciting to see our message spreading beyond Fort Lewis and affecting the Durango-area community at large. Code Red still strives to fulfill its mission of improving and educating our campus community as well, and there are several upcoming events that will further this goal. A new group of tutors will be trained by Code Red facilitators on February 16th. The last tutor training was an immense success, as those in attendance engaged in vigorous and thought-provoking activities and discussions. I am personally looking forward to sharing parts of our curriculum with students from the teacher education program by leading a series of Code Red activities that I used last semester to introduce diversity topics to middle-schoolers. The opportunity to inspire my peers is one of the best parts about being a Code Red facilitator.

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Another event we are excited about is the Train the Facilitator Training that will take place as part of the community Embracing Diversity Initiative. This is our first effort training adults and youth in Durango to continue to spread the word.

Last, but definitely not least, we are looking toward Cesar Chavez Day, March 31st, as a big day for Code Red. Not only are we planning on showing a video and discussion in the Student Union that night, we also hope to debut a finished banner of our unique new Campus Resolution. I can’t thank El Centro enough for all of their support. Without the ideal home and supportive people that they provide for Code Red, none of our success would be possible.

Obviously there is always more to do, Code Red’s fight is not won overnight, but we are working hard to spread the word one event at a time. Hope to see you there!

Dan Riecks is a Secondary English Education major at Fort Lewis College who was as a student Columbine High School in 1999 when the shooting took place. He works as a work-study student and coordinator for Code Red and hopes to make a big impact on his students when he becomes a teacher.

How to report an incident of discrimination:

If you think you have been discriminated against by someone on our campus based on your race, age, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or veteran status, you may consult the Equal Opportunity Coordinator to discuss available options at (970) 382-6977.

The College’s grievance policies and a form to file a formal complaint can be found at: www.fortlewis.edu/faculty_staff/equal_opportunity

Guatemalan Guacamole

Ingredients:

- 2 avocados
- 1 tsp. lemon or lime juice
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onions
- 1/4 cup finely chopped tomatoes
- 1/3 cup cilantro
- 1/3 cup mint
- chilli to taste
- salt and pepper
- garlic

Mash the avocados with a fork. Finely chop the onions, tomatoes, chiles and garlic. Chop the coriander and mint. Mix everything and add the lemon juice and vinegar. You may also use a blender or food processor to mince and mix the ingredients, but you’ll end up with a very smooth guacamole.

Although Guatemala does not have a national dish, guacamole is one of the most popular foods there.

Recipe Created By: Dana McCallister
The Struggles and Survival of Haiti
By Jordan Brumley

I grew up in the desperate country of Haiti starting in the year 2003. Upon entering the foreign land, one cannot help but notice the poverty. There are not many other places in the world that have a lower average income or as high a rate of unemployment. Yet, they have found a way to stay alive since claiming their independence in 1804 until now. Political turmoil and poverty have been constant problems on the island since its formation as a country. So much so that the people daily deal with these problems as they come. Many people would find these problems insurmountable, but to a Haitian it is simply a daily ritual. But one problem that no one expected or can possibly deal with is a natural disaster. The earthquake that hit on January 12 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti leveled the city, and the country is slowly going with it.

Haiti has imported over half of its total daily used goods for many years now, while exporting only 20 percent of that number to other countries. This causes a huge economic imbalance, but also means that ports are vital to the country’s survival. The earthquake has destroyed 5 of Haiti’s 6 major ports, including the airport and sea ports of Port-au-Prince.

Fort Lewis College was able to raise around $500 in support for Haiti during MLK Day week, not including a large $10,000 private donation made by George Boedecker, the founder of Crocs, Inc. who is an avid supporter of Fort Lewis College. In order to donate to Haiti through the American Red Cross, go online to send donations at www.coloradoredcross.org/haiti or text "Haiti" to 90999 to make a $10 donation.

Club del Centro Unidos para servir la comunidad
By Edlin Jara Molinar

Club del Centro is busy this semester creating several special support networks aiming to help the Latino community locally and globally.

We are starting a new food bank, or our support center where families and students in need can enter and feel welcome in accepting food that is able to relieve the stress, worry, and sadness of not having enough to eat. We are establishing a support center with the goal of working in a network with the community to celebrate the history, tradition and culture of Cinco de Mayo. And, we are creating a support network to help raise money and donate to provide for children in La Casa Hogar Los Goriones, an orphanage in Peru.

Club del Centro envisions our members serving our community both locally and globally. We are setting up the foundation of these projects this semester in hopes that Club del Centro will continue the vision. As president of Club del Centro this semester, I feel very proud to announce our goals to you. Story Continued to Page 8 ...

Club Donates to Samaritan’s Purse
Club del Centro raised more than $250 in December during its annual biscochito-gram sales. This year, club members decided to donate this money to an organization called Samaritan’s Purse—a nonprofit organization also very active in the Haiti recovery efforts. The $250 donation that Club del Centro made went toward the purchase of a freshwater well in a country of need.

Club member Sharina Ramsey-Adams selected the organization and organized a donations box in El Centro that was filled with items to provide a Merry Christmas to a child in need.
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Currently, profits from the generosity of people from burrito sales held in El Centro will directly go to the purchasing of non-perishable food items, as well as hygiene and household products. These items will be stored in El Centro in hopes as we establish our new food bank. This program is directed toward Hispanic families in need, as well as students; however, this program can also help any student in need. The first burrito sale of the semester was held February 18, 2010, and the profits from this sale will be used to begin our purchasing of items to launch this program by March 2010.
Club del Centro is also proud to announce that through the efforts of an active El Centro member, Melissa Smith, a Civic Engagement Project Grant has been awarded to the club for $2,000 to put on Cinco de Mayo. This grant money will ensure that the 16th annual Cinco de Mayo event will continue to be a tradition celebrated in Durango. Club del Centro is creating a great network of volunteers to help with the planning that includes students as well as representatives from many organizations in the community who are all gathering to plan a successful Cinco de Mayo event that will be held the weekend of Fort Lewis College graduation on Saturday, May 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Our third main goal of semester is to also raise and donate money that will go to an orphanage in Ayacucho, Peru a city suffering with a recent history of terrorism. Another active member of the club, Breanna Powers, has taken the initiative to begin this project. Donation boxes and brochures will be made and donations can be dropped off at El Centro and around campus soon. Be looking for our donation boxes!
As you can see from our summary of activities, Club del Centro is a club that embraces culture and diversity. Our focus this semester is to unite with the community and help. Club del Centro is also a place for students to relax and enjoy many activities. Recently, a Lotería Night (Mexican bingo) was held in which many students practiced their Spanish, ate great food, and won amazing prizes.
Club del Centro meets weekly, every Monday at 3:15pm in El Centro 156A Reed Library. For more information about these projects or events please stop on by or call 247-7654, ¡Bienvenidos!

My Navajo Eyesight
By KatyGene Jackson

President Obama states issues and concerns around the world and America: Environment. Our planet, earth is supposed to provide us life in our culture she is our mother. Many Navajos don’t know the truth behind issues, they wait for checks. Retirement. What a shame to know my people are blinded by their very own brother and one another.

Torn between Hozho or the beauty of life when there is bad happening with her. Look behind the fake and see she is hurting with junk, trash, disgrace, no beauty there. Signs that acknowledge our view, but what’s behind the hill, drunken cans with a slur. Recycle is new to the Navajos; they don’t want to change their burning of trash to stare.

My people are stubborn, but that’s not the first, they throw their trash out like its nothing. Laughing, they blaze off creating junk yards well hidden, a nonstop cycle like a ring.

Hardly anyone sees the pain that mother earth holds on the rez, especially since it’s new. A good thing is that there are semi-trucks parked in communities for “triangles with arrow.” That’s what a regular Navajo would call it, because they don’t know how to tell their crew. The knowledge that their junk could be reused and help Shima Na’adzaan is narrow.

But, knowing that my people are coming out from the dark is a good way to think. Soon the junk yard will be gone replaced with more recycling areas on the reservation.

The way people burn their trash dumping the land with unnecessary ash and stink. That’s got to stop, we talk so highly of ourselves but we hide the ugly truth cause we’re the Navajo Nation. Navajos also know a truth that the good and bad are there for a reason. To help mother earth is a belief stored into our memory told through stories with the season.

Relying on the radio and other ears as their main source of news happening around To see a Navajo junk yard simply walk the rez far beyond the highway into the bad. We sing and pray about Hozho, beauty and the respect for our mother with solid sound. But, I guarantee if you look far beyond the junk yard, there is hope in helping our land.

There are memories of what a junk yard looks like, but none compared to the Navajo one. Trash everywhere and everything you can think of is in that huge, heap of pile. The date’s ancient, long before we the new generation was formed, such a fun. Pretty soon it could be known as a cheap Bashas but instead trash would be in the aisle.

That needs to change because it’s not right for the environment and there is the trucks. Plus when you recycle your used junk, it’s worth it because, they pay you bucks!

KatyGene Jackson is a freshman at Fort Lewis College from Round Rock, Arizona. She has worked as a work-study student at El Centro and now works for the Program for Academic Advancement. She wrote this poem for a class, shared it with El Centro staff members who then encouraged her to submit it for publication in La Movida.
Join Club Del Centro! We have fun activities planned for the semester. If you are interested in Hispanic culture or just want to meet new people Club del Centro is the club for you. No Spanish experience required to be part of the club. (Snacks and refreshments provided at meetings).
Forming FLC’s Own Version of a Resolution of Respect

By Twila Begay

On February 9th Code Red held a workshop to continue to important mission of Code Red. The hour and a half workshop event informed about forty students about the program. The original Resolution of Respect is to help promote diversity, respect for one another and appreciation.

Together, students and faculty collaborated to form a Resolution of Respect specifically for Fort Lewis College. The goals of what students envision the college to be and accomplish were shared among six groups, with one person from each table committing to another meeting to creating a statement below. With everyone’s amazing ideas this is a tentative draft named “Striving for Common Ground”. If you may please fill out the survey form and return it to El Centro it would be greatly appreciated. Your ideas, suggestions, and visions can make a difference.

Striving for Common Ground

As members of the Fort Lewis College community We/I aspire to respect the values of our unique and diverse learning and living environment.

We/I will be sensitive to our own needs and those of others.
We/I will respect ourselves, each other, our community and natural environment.
We/I will be patient and loyal in our social interactions.
We/I will inspire each other to take pride and show dignity to ourselves and our diverse cultures.
We/I will take time to commit to a healthy lifestyle by celebrating the diverse recreational opportunities of our community.
We/I will communicate our experiences with others in order to grow from our struggles and accomplishments.
We/I will accept challenges with an open mind.
We/I will act with honesty and integrity in academics and our relationships.
We/I will honor the historic mission of our College and the opportunities and enrichment that it provides for us all.
We/I will respect our past, live in the present and strive for the future.

Feedback Form for the Fort Lewis College Resolution “Striving for Common Ground”

What is your ethnicity: White/Caucasian Hispanic/Latino(a)Native American Black/African American Asian American Pacific Islander Other________

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El Centro tutors are available at no charge to all Fort Lewis College students by appointment and a limited amount of drop-in hours listed below:

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11:15-12:15 p.m. (Teahonna)

**Tuesday:**
11:00-12:00 p.m. (Melissa)

**Wednesday:**
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11:00-12:00 p.m. (Melissa)

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"Hora De Español"

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Con Teahonna

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Teahonna James has studied Spanish as a second language for more than three years, as well as travelled abroad. She is prepared to share her passion of the language and culture with you.
Happenings and Events

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Open to all!
Wednesdays from 11:15 to 12:15 p.m.
Location: El Centro

Burrito Sale
Thurs. Feb. 18 8-12 p.m.
Location: El Centro

Spring Break!
March 8-13th

Cesar Chavez Day: Celebration, Film/Discussion
Wed. March 31
Location: 8-6 p.m. @ Vallecito Room
Facilitated by Code Red

Last Day of Classes
Fri. April 23rd

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