

## From the President



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Once again, spring is coming to New Mexico. While we had a mild winter this past year, it's still nice to feel the sun and warm temperatures returning. The horses are shedding their winter coats, the songbirds are returning, the fish are leaping in the Pecos River, and green shoots are emerging from the earth. It's a wonderful time to feel hopeful about the future.

This edition of The LOOM announces great horse news: we are running our Horse-Human Relationship Program again! We had to put this program on hold after our relocation to New Mexico since we no longer had a land base, and therefore no place for people to interact with our mustangs and other horses. But now we have retooled the Program for our new location near Santa Fe, and it's going very well. New elements include a Riding Program and a Horse-Human Relationship Blog. Upcoming elements still being developed are an online component, so that people located in other parts of the country and the world can become involved in the Program, and establishment of a Horse-Human Relationship Consortium of horse professionals who view the horse as our partner, teacher, friend, and relation.

Please take a moment to read all of the exciting news in this edition. From polar bears to monkeys, we have some wonderful news from our Tapestry friends.

We hope that you are enjoying this fantastic time of year and that you are getting out and about to enjoy Nature's splendor.

--Jo

## Spring Fun After a Hard Winter

Have the last few months been hard on you? Are you ready for a little fun, for a change? We are, too! So this edition of The LOOM is laid out as a game. Each of the pictures below relates to one of the stories in this issue. While the images and the places they come from are very different, they are alike in a single, salient way -- one that provides the theme for our news this quarter. Study the pictures, read the stories, and see if you can figure out what that theme is. The answer appears at the end of the newsletter, page 6. (Photo credits appear with each article.)

Why is this woman so happy? Page 2.

Who is this polar bear looking at? Page 5.

What country put the Phoenix on its coin, and why? Page 6.



What's unusual about this basilica? Page 3

Where are this wild macaque and the baby she's nursing? Page 4, "news" section.

