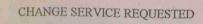
As the Earth Mother turns her face for the changing from sleep to life for all that matters, members of the Yakama Nation join all other Indigenous Natives in recognizing the coming of another life cycle for all that started from creation. The Indigenous New Year is recognized with the Winter Solstice, which occurs at the

height of the new moon on December 21st. There are several celebrations and other events to mark the coming of another life cycle and another millennium for the People. See Story PAGE 5.





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Lewiston

**Little Goose Dam** 

**NMFS** 

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Lower Monumental Da

Ice Harbor Dam

SEATTLE-Incapacitating four

southeast Washington dams would help a wide range of animals and fish, not just the endangered sal-

mon that are prompting authorities

to consider the controversial idea,

says a new report of the federal

give approval Dec. 17 to scooping

some 23 million cubic yards of

sand, silt and gravel from the

Columbia River - a move that en-

vironmentalists say will harm the

Today, the NMFS released

thousands of pages of documents

about how to help restore the once-

prolific salmon runs of the Colum-

bia River and its tributary, the

the main document is a U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service report. It says

that of four options examined, the

environment would benefit most

from punching holes in the Ice

Harbor, Lower Monumental,

Lower Granite and Little Goose

dams on the Snake and letting the

river flow naturally. The report

does not represent the agency's

for all fish and wildlife," said Bill

Shake, assistant regional director

of the service. "Leaving it as a

reservoir system does not provide

those native species of fish and

other aquatic organisms as much

benefit as a natural riverine sys-

In a natural river, plants would

grow along the bank and shelter

frogs, salamanders and other crea-

tures eaten by fish, he said. The

shallower, cooler river eaten by

fish, he said. The shallower, cooler

river would be less hospitable to

squawfish, which breed prolifically

in the dammed river and eat young

"This...has the greatest benefit

final recommendation.

Buried in the 22 appendices to

very same endangered fish.

government released Dec. 17. Meanwhile, another arm of the federal government is expected to

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#### **NEW CIGARETTE WAR**

# Smokeshops sue agents over seizures

BY RONNIE WASHINES Yakama Nation Review

TOPPENISH - The two members of a group of Yakama Reservation smokeshops have made good on their warning and have filed an action in the Yakama Nation Tribal Court here Dcc. 10 damages from trespass to real

charging agents of the Washington State Liquor Control Board with trespassing and seeks relief for lost revenue that trespassing caused.

Judith M. Hunter and Harvey L. Davis Sr., both enrolled Yakamas, filed Complaint No. C-99-56, which charges, "Complaint for property."

The complaint names J. Mark Keller, Daniel Garza, Jesse D. Mack and Hector Rodrigues as defendants in the action. The four men were identified as being agents of the Washington Liquor Control Board that came on tribal property to "spy" on customers of the tribal businesses.

The agents on Dec. 1 issued citations using their observations to non-Indians for purchasing nonstate-taxed cigarettes. Since then the smokeshop group, the Yakama Nation Commerce Association, hired an attorney to represent three of four cited.

The Liquor Control Board was making good on its warning to crack down on non-Indians who purchase cigarettes from tribal smokeshops.

The Commerce Association filed the action in Yakama Tribal

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# Judge will oversee trust funds

BY MATT KELLEY

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a stinging move, U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth will directly oversee efforts to fix a \$500 million trust account system for American Indians that he said has been mismanaged by the government since the 19th century.

Judge Lamberth, decrying "governmental irresponsibility in its purest form," ruled Dec. 21 that the federal government had violated its responsibility to safeguard the trust money.

Because of mismanagement dating to the 1800s, the government cannot say how many accounts should exist or how much money should be in them, Lamberth wrote in his 142-page ruling.

"The court knows of no other program in American government in which federal officials are allowed to write checks - some of which are known to be written in erroneous amounts - from unreconciled accounts - some of which are known to have incorrect balances," Lamberth wrote.

But the judge rejected proposals to put the trust program into receivership, instead choosing to give the Interior and Treasury departments "one last opportunity to carry through on their promises." Lamberth will require progress reports every three

Government officials were pleased that Lamberth did not order the system into receivership. And lawyers for the Indians were

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# Selam wins chairmanship

# Clark, Aleck win seats

BY RICHARD LA COURSE Yakama Nation Review

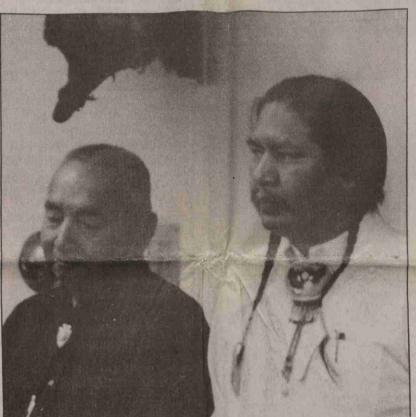
TOPPENISH - Tribal voters on Dec. 13 approved a proposal by Yakama Forest Products of White Swan to begin construction of a log sawmill there, reelected five incumbents and elected two new faces on the Tribal Council.

After lengthy floor debate, voters approved the motion to proceed with the log sawmill by a vote of 223 to 32. (Details, PAGE

Tribal Council incumbents, unless otherwise declaring, sought a return to their council seats in the next item of business. Challengers were nominated from the floor, and the first vote was among challengers themselves. The challenger receiving the most votes then faced the incumbent for a final vote.

Elections to council seats produced these results Dec. 13:

- William Yallup Sr. defeated top challenger Leo Aleck by a vote of 239 to 75.
- Wendell Hannigan lost his seat to Leo Aleck by a vote of 94 to
- Ray C. James won his seat against top challenger Orin Miller by a vote of 231 to 108.
- Lonnie Selam won reelection against Leroy Adams by a vote of
- Clifford Moses bested challenger Orin Miller by a vote of 199
- Ross Sockzehigh lost his seat to Duane Clark by a vote of 167 to



TOP SEAT CHANGE- William F. Yallup, left, turns the Yakama Tribal Council Chairman's gavel over to Lonnie R. Selam Sr. - [YNR photo by Richard La Course]

 Sockzehigh then regained his seat by challenging Frederick Ike by a vote of 214 to 151.

Voters then retained Ike as First Alternate for the council, to fill in during any contingencies, and Orin Miller was selected Second Alter-

Miller had served on the Code of Ethics Committee, and his elected position required filling the vacancy. Fidelia Andy won balloting to succeed Miller. (Voting

Tables, PAGE 2.) The following day at 10:30 a.m., the new council of 14 members - 13 men and one woman - met in the Meninick Council Chamber for internal elections.

After roll call and invocation, Supt. Ernest Clark again administered the oath of office, and each member then signed a written Oath declaring the scope of public

Chairman William Yallup Sr. then told the council: "Always remember what the oath says, what you stand for. The people who put you in here expect you to act like gentlemen and ladies wherever you go. We have to live up to that standard. Never let the General Council down, never let your people

Nominations followed for chair-

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# Sawmill plan wins go-ahead

WHITE SWAN - Tribal voters in General Council on Dec. 13 approved the startup of the Phase III log sawmill by Yakama Forest Products by adoption of a motion by Elmer Schuster to approve construction of the large log sawmill in White Swan.

The motion was seconded by Julian Pinkham, and passed by a vote of 223 for and 32 against.

mill motion, Sanchey said approval was necessary beforehand, and a feasibility study was nearly completed. The sawmill would be financed by an industrial bond obtained by the Yakama Nation itself in the amount of \$30 million to \$35 million.

Current YFP facilities had earlier been financed by a \$9.3 million industrial bond, and repayment would be extended from 10 to about 15 years, he said. Repayment of the industrial bond would be made through the profits of YFP itself, he said.

He called the successes of Phase I - the Log Sort Yard - and Phase II - the Small Log Sawmill - "a great step in the right direction." YFP plans to continue those successes with the initiation of Phase III - a large log sawmill, said Project Manager Cecil Sanchey.

YFP's ultimate goal is to add value to the timber resource through manufacturing that maximizes both the social and economic benefit to the tribe, he said. At the same time, YFP needs to promote

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Overall, returning the river to a more natural state would benefit a wide range of species - from fish fry in the water to deer on shore, Shake

The finding, while not an endorsement or order, lends weight to arguments for breaching the dams

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# 2 boys held in Top-Hi threats

TOPPENISH (AP) - Two Toppenish High School students were charged as accomplices to threats to bomb or injure property in Yakima County Juvenile Court on

Burdette Kent, 17, and Eric Smith, 15, were arrested Dec. 15 after police were tipped about a possible plot to shoot teachers and set off bombs on campus.

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#### Deputy Prosecutor Kelley Olwell said the threats were serious, and police reports indicated the 17-year-old had access to weapons.

The boys were being held in the uvenile detention center in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

After police learned of the threats late Dec. 14, the school district was informed and a partial lockdown was put in place at the 3,500-student school Dec. 15.

The school's teachers and staff were told what happened, but students weren't, said Principal Steve

Students told police that Kent had been overheard saying he wanted to shoot teachers and thought it would be "funny" to have numerous explosions at the school.

He said he didn't like school because the campus was closed and there were Saturday classes, according to a police statement. He also complained about a lack of school spirit, court papers show.

Students who overheard the conversation said the shootings and bombings were to have taken place Dec. 17.

# Suko: Thomas detained for trial

BY RICHARD LA COURSE Yakama Nation Review

YAKIMA - Bernal Nelson Thomas, 27, charged in the 1994 death of Jonathan James Hahn in Wapato, was denied release before trial here Dec. 16 by U.S. Magistrate Lonny R. Suko at the conclusion of a detention hearing.

The U.S. Attorney's Office had filed a motion to continue deten-

Smith was assigned as Thomas's counsel the day before on Dec. 15. Smith is one of a number of lawyers serving on the Criminal Justice Act

Smith told Suko the crime had occurred five years ago, Thomas, an enrolled Yakama, was "extremely soft-spoken, very articulate, and understands the seriousness of the charges." Smith said Thomas's mother had agreed that her son could live in her home. Thomas was born and raised in the Yakima Valley, Smith said, and had no place to go.

Smith said Thomas had

graduated from Wapato High School, attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., for one year, and Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., for a semester.

He had worked as a seasonal firefighter in 1992, 1994 and 1996, then for a few months in the kitchen at Legends Casino in Toppenish, Smith said.

Thomas began employment at Legends Casino in December 1988 to February of this year, then gone to Tacoma with his wife. He was then involved in an incident of domestic violence. Thomas and his wife, who have two children, ages 2 and 3, had split up at that time, and Thomas had "lived a vagabond lifestyle" since, not knowing the whereabouts of his wife or

children. The Justice Department order of detention said Thomas survived between February and his arrest on his Yakama per capita check. The paper trail between mailing and cashing doubtless provided clues to his whereabouts.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Ellis told the court Thomas had

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# Colombia charges FARC rebel in U.S. deaths

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - A leftist rebel commander was indicted Dec. 21 on murder charges in the killings of three U.S. activists, one of them a Hawaii resident.

German Briceno, a high-ranking cadre of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, also was charged in absentia with kidnapping, sedition and grand larceny, chief prosecutor Alfonso Gomez said.

Briceno commands rebel forces in the northeastern Colombian region that includes the U'wa Indian reserve.

The three Americans - Terence Freitas, 24, Ingrid Washinawatok, 41, a Menominee, and Lahe'ena'e Gay, 39, a Native Hawaiian - had just visited the reserve when rebels

abducted them on Feb. 25. Their bodies were found a week later just across the border in Venezuela. They had been bound and shot to death. Gay was from the Big Island.

Also indicted Tuesday was Gustavo Bogota, a member of the U'wa tribe charged as an accomplice. Both he and Briceno were still at large. Each could receive up to 60 years in prison if tried and convicted.

The leadership of the 15,000member FARC has denied that Briceno ordered the killing. It says a rogue squad leader carried out the assassinations without consulting superiors and would be disciplined.

U.S. Ambassador Curtis W. Kamman has said the FARC must accept responsibility for the killings "at the highest level" and surrender those responsible to civilian

# Committees handle business of the people

TOPPENISH - The 14 Tribal Council members were assigned to the eight Tribal Council Standing Committees and five Special Committees Dec. 14 by action of the new Executive Board of the Tribal

The committee assignments are made for a period of two years.

Executive Committee: Lonnie Selam Sr., Chairman; Jerry Meninick, Vice-Chairman; Patricia Martin, Secretary; Randy Settler, Asst. Secretary; Ray C. James, Sgt-At-Arms.

Appointments to standing committees are: Timber, Grazing, Overall Economic Development Committee: E. Arlen Washines, Chairman; Duane Clark, Secretary; Jerry Meninick, Member; Harris Teo Sr., Member.

Fish, Wildlife and Law and Order Committee: Randy Settler, Chairman; Duane Clark, Secretary; Ross K. Sockzehigh, Member; Leo Aleck, Member.

Loan, Extension, Education and Housing Committee: Jack Fiander, Chairman; Ray C. James, Secretary; Lonnie Selam Sr., Member; Patricia Martin, Member.

Health, Employment, Welfare Rec., Youth Activities Committee: Ray C. James, Chairman; Ross K. Sockzehigh, Secretary; Clifford Moses Sr., Member; Leo Aleck, Member.

Roads, Irrigation and Land Committee: Harris

Teo, Jr., Chairman; E. Arlen Washines, Secretary; William Yallup Sr., Member; Jack Fiander, Member.

Enrollment Committee: Lonnie Selam Sr., Chairman; Patricia Martin, Secretary; Jerry Meninick, Member; William Yallup Sr., Member.

Legislative Committee: Jack Fiander, Chairman; Randy Settler, Secretary; Clifford Moses Sr., Member; Russell Billy, Sr., Member.

Budget and Finance Committee: Lonnie Selam Sr., Chairman; Patricia Martin, Secretary; Jerry Meninick, Member.

**Special Committees:** 

Tax Committee: Russell Billy Sr., Chairman; Jack Fiander, Secretary; E. Arlen Washines, Member; Randy Settler, Member.

Public Relations/Media Committee: Lonnie Selam Sr., Chairman; Patricia Martin, Secretary; Jerry Meninick, Member.

Cultural Committee: William Yallup Sr., Chairman; Leo Aleck, Secretary; Duane Clark, Member; Clifford Moses Sr., Member.

Radioactive/Hazardous Waste Committee: Duane Clark, Chairman; Ray C. James, Secretary; Clifford Moses Sr., Member; William Yallup Sr.,

Timber, Fish and Wildlife Committee: Ross K. Sockzehigh, Chairman; Leo Aleck, Secretary; Harris Teo Jr., Member; Russell Billy Sr., Member.

# Selam wins chair; Clark, Aleck seated



**RAY JAMES** 



**LONNIE SELAM** 



WILLIAM YALLUP SR.



LEO ALECK



**ROSS SOCKZEHIGH** 



**DUANE CLARK** 



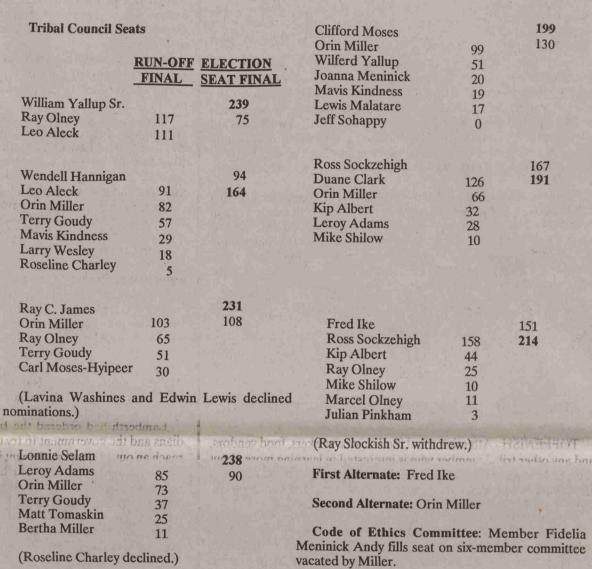
**CLIFFORD MOSES** 

problems, many issues, and we must move forward, and we can do that, working together. "I started working here 12 years ago. There have been many differences at this table, many debates, but what comes forward here stays here between these walls. We must maintain professionalism and courtesy, and the teachings of great value. Following are profiles of the new chairman and new individuals in tribal office: • Lonnie Selam: Tribal Coun-

cil Chairman and religious leader of Toppenish Longhouse. He was born Dec. 18, 1953 to Howard and Elsie Selam. His Indian name is Lou La Sle Wit. His whipman was George Gibson. He attended schools in Granger and Pendleton and graduated from Granger High School in 1971. He studied at Blue Mountain Community College and Utah State University. He married Theresa George and the couple had eight children. He became a tribal policeman. In 1971 and 1973 he attended the Roswell Police Training Center, then the Indian Police Academy in 1974. In 1982 he was wounded in an shooting incident in Toppenish. He then worked for the tribal forestry department. In 1985 he became the first director of the Cultural Resources Program. He authored "Brief on the Traditional Laws" in 1985. He was first elected to the Tribal Council in 1985 and reelected continuously through the present. He is a member of the Yakama Nation Indian Days Com-

· Councilman Leo E. Aleck, Indian name is "Sah Moot Tum," was born June 14, 1928 in Harrah to Joe and Edna Welch Aleck. He

was raised by his grandparents and spoke the Yakama language first in his life. As a young man he worked in the seasonal crops and the canneries like many of his contemporaries. He is a fisherman and hunter. He served with the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1948. He was previously employed for 19 years at the Omak sawmill in Omak, Wash., on the Colville Reservation. He received his GED in Walla and has attended colleges in Walla Walla and Yakima. He lists his avocations as beadwork, medicine dance and songs. Aleck was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the General Council in 1985. Aleck has chaired numerous Townhouse Meetings on the eve of General Council meetings since he assumed the post of General Council Secretary. He was suspended from his office by the Code of Ethics Committee in May of 1988 for mis-





FIDELIA ANDY



**ORIN MILLER** 



FREDERICK IKE

conduct in office, and reelected by the General Council voters in November of 1989. Aleck was nominated for a Tribal Council seat at the 1991 General Council meeting at Wapato Longhouse for the seat held by Ray E. Olney. He was working at Bellevue this past year with B.D.A., served as Yakama Nation General Council Secretary and worked in the Omak sawmill. Aleck is married to Shawashnye (Wilson) Aleck for nine years not counting the honeymoon stages of their relationship. He participates with the Medicine Dance singers and enjoys beadworking and going to our mountains. 'Grandpa Leo' is 'A-number one grandpa' with his grandchildren.

· Councilman Duane G. Clark: Elected to four-year term on Dec. 13, he had served as First Alternate in 1997 election and was seated at the council table during disciplinary actions against two incumbent councilmen. Born Jan. 29, 1940 on the reservation to John and Flora White Clark, his

grandparents were Wilson and Ida White and Solomon and Molly Clark. he was a White Swan High School graduate in 1959 and attended Lower Columbia college in Longview, where he received a certificate of completion in forest technology. he married Gloria Jean Umtuch in August of 1960 and they have five children - Diane, Duane, David Jr., Archielone, and Shari. He belongs to the Mid-Valley Gun Club, forest measurement Society, and cascade District scaling society. He lists his hobbies and interests in hunting, fishing, trapshooting, shotgun and rifle reloading, and digging and splitting cedar roots for cedar root baskets. He has received several Performance Awards from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, from which he retired in 1994 with 32 years of service. He and his wife have nine grandchildren, four grandsons and

five granddaughters. Second Alternate Orrin Arthur Miller Sr. was in the U.S. Army and served in Viet Nam. Presently he works with Fish and Game Services as Game Warden. Orrin attended Wapato School District, U.S. Indian Police Academy, and the Federal Criminal Investigators course in Glynco, Ga. Orrin was a past member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and currently with the Yakama Warriors Association as a Chaplain. He enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, and owning and repainting old cars, and reading of Yakama Nation history and the Viet Nam War. Miller has earned the Presidents Award signed by President Jimmy Carter, for recognition in Community Activities while a Viet Nam Veteran; and participated in Pistol Competition earning First Place Trophy and a Shoot Team Jacket.

Orrin said, "My service for the Yakama Nation began in the U.S. Army and for the past 27 1/2 years in Law Enforcement of the Yakama Nation. My desire is to serve the People of the Yakama Nation."

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man, including Lonnie Selam, Jerry Meninick and William Yallup Sr. Lonnie Selam was elected chairman of the Yakama Tribal Council on the first ballot by six votes, with four for Meninick and four for Yallup.

Jerry Meninick was elected Vice Chairman by six votes, against four for Ross Sockzehigh and four for Harris Teo Jr.

Patsy Martin was elected Secretary with eight votes, against six for Jack W. Fiander. Randy Settler was seated as As-

sistant Secretary, with six votes for Ray James was then elected Ser-

geant-at-Arms with eight votes, against six for Clifford Moses. The council recessed while the

new executive board of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary met to make assignments to the committees of the Tribal Council. (See PAGE 2.) The new Chairman Selam then

said: "First of all, I feel deep things in my heart. I never thought I'd be in this position. Instead, I've been in the background. I appreciate the confidence of the vote of the Tribal Council and the people who've put their confidence in us as members of the council.

'I'm confident we can work together, and there is hard work to be done. I'm confident as we move into the new millenium with the strength of the traditions we have as Yakama people. I will do the best that I can do to represent our Yakama people and our children.

"As Chairman Yallup said, we come to look at issue and concerns, and where there is a problem, there is a solution. There will be many

# QUICKLY

## Fire Mgmt. nabs parade honors

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Nation Fire Management-Bureau of Indian Affairs' entry won first place in the Pickup and Truck Category of the 7th annual Western Christmas Lighted Parade held here Dec.

The BIA/Yakama entry aced out Andy Curfman's Ringing in the Millennium entry, while the Ft. Simcoe Job Corps' Rodeo Club came in third for that division.

Vern Conden and the 4th of July Powwow Village Queen was first in the Car Division.

The Yakima Valley Dairy Women and their Behold the Power of Cheese entry won first place in the Horse-Drawn Wagon Division. The Dairy Women's Dairy Ambassador entry also placed second for the

The Western Horse Ladies Mounted Drill Team won first place in the Horse Riders Division, with the 4-H Wenas Pony Express coming

The Chamber of Commerce expressed its appreciation for all the entries and was especially appreciative of the people who worked hard to make the parade a reality. They also thanked the people who came out to watch and cheer all the entries.

## Farm finance workshop just ahead

YAKIMA - A Farm Financial Record Keeping Workshop using the computer program Quicken will be held in Yakima, Jan. 3-4, 2000. This workshop, presented by Washington State University professor, Dr. Herb Hinman, is designed for owners or individuals responsible for financial management and record keeping on any crop or livestock operation with the exception of dairy.

Dr. Hinman is the author of many farm management and cost study publications on various types of agricultural operations. The workshop is a "hands on" session designed to teach participants how to use the computer program, Quicken, to keep farm and ranch financial records and develop financial reports. The seven-hour (two-day) workshop will allow participants to practice many of the steps they will use in adapting Quicken to keep financial records for their own farm or ranch operation. This is the third year that Dr. Hinman has offered this course in

The workshop will be held at the Tri-Valley PIC Computer Training Lab located at 120 South 3rd Street, Suite 200, in Yakima. It will run from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon., Jan. 3, and from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Tues., Jan. 4, 2000. The cost of registration is \$30 for one person. or \$40 for management teams of two people working at the same computer. The registration fee includes cost of workshop materials and

Forms for registration may be obtained at the WSU Yakima County Cooperative Extension office, Room 233 in the Yakima County Courthouse, or by calling the office at (509) 574-1600.

Registrations are due by Dec. 23. Early registration is encouraged as the number of computer workstations at the training lab limits the number of people who can be accepted.

#### Food service training will resume

TOPPENISH - Attention tribal food service workers, food vendors, and any other tribal member who is interested in learning more about the safe handling of food. The Indian Health Service (IHS), Office of Environmental Health and Engineering is offering food handler train-

Providing safe and healthful food to the public is the responsibility of the food handler, who should know the basic principles of food hygiene. Through food handler training you will learn what food-borne illness is, what causes it, how it is spread, and how to prevent it. Learning these food-handling fundamentals will provide you with the knowledge and skills to reduce the risk of causing food borne illnesses.

Once again, this training is absolutely free and is also a requirement for serving food to the public on the Yakama Reservation. So, if you do not already have a current food handler card, feel free to attend the

Food handler classes will be held the second Thursday of each month from January through June at the Eagle Seelatsee Auditorium, Yakama Nation Headquarters, 401 Fort Road, Toppenish. Class will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp.

Following is a list of class dates for the year 2000: Jan. 13; Feb. 10;

Mar. 9; Apr. 13; May 11; and June 8.

There will be more classes from July through December, but the days and times of those classes have not been established. If you wish to reserve a seat for the next class, please call Gary Carter, Environmental Health Specialist, Indian Health Service at (509) 865-6300.

## Where the chips may fall

WHITE SWAN - Yakama Forest Products (YFP) is placing next to the YFP main office on 3191 Wesley Road two-inch ends that YFP employees and tribal members can pick up for firewood for the winter. This must be done during working hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Women's exams at Celilo, Priest Rapids

CELILO, Ore. - Women's Health Exams will be held at Celilo Village, Ore., on Jan. 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Provided by Indian Health Service nurse practitioners, exams are by appointment only.

Schedule appointments by contacting Connie Rocha, Medical Secretary, at Yakama Indian Health Center in Toppenish at 1 (800)

Appointments will not be rescheduled. If a woman misses an appointment, no other will be available because of the number of medical professionals needed to provide services at this outreach site.

Women's Health Exams will also be held and at Priest Rapids on Jan. 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. By Appointment Only. Provided by Indian Health Service Nurse Practitioners, the scheduling and keeping of appointments remains the same as above.

## New faces in work force

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Nation's new tribal employees totals 13 from Dec. 8 to Dec. 20, courtesy of Yakima Nation Personnel Dept. These are as follows:

DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES: Tribal School: MaryLou A. Broncheau, janitor. Headstart: Ida Z. Marek, teacher assistant, on call. SUPPORT SERVICES: Economic Development: Ezilda F. Winnier, office asst. III, temp. appt.; Economic Dev/Ag: Galen K. Yallup, Nat'l Res Wkr II, temp. appt. Facility Mgmt: Scott L. Sampson, custodian, temp. appt. Tanya M. Hawk, bookkeeper III, temp. appt.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Brian C. Howell, criminal investigator. JUDICIAL SERVICES: Vivan B. George, rehab/court counselor. HERITAGE CENTER: Edward A. Johnson Jr., dishwasher, on call. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Forestry: Sandra L. Jim, bookkeeper II: Elaine M. Espirito, forest tech I, temp. appt.; Forest Development: Aja K. Decoteau, computer programmer, temp. appt. TFW: Wendall S. Willey, fish biologist II.

# Judge will oversee trust funds

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happy that efforts to correct decades-old mismanagement of the accounts would be overseen by Lamberth, who already has held two cabinet secretaries in contempt of court in the case.

"It is odd," Bureau of Indian Affairs head Kevin Gover said. But both sides actually have the same goal - reforming the system of more than 300,000 accounts for individual Indians, he said.

A group of Indians sued the government in 1996 over mismanagement of the accounts, which contain proceeds from govermuent-approved leases of Indian land for grazing, logging, oil drilling and the like. The Indians have sought not only court over-sight of reforms but billions of dollars in compensation. Lamberth has not set a date for a trial to determine how much the govern-

Lawyers for the Indians said Dec. 21 they wanted Lamberth to keep the pressure on the govem-

"We're not going to let the government ... get away with Band-Aid fixing," said Eloise Cobell, the Blackfeet banker who is the lead plaintiff. "We've got to take the time to make this system right."

Gover said a court-appointed receiver or "special master" could have hampered reform efforts already under way.

"This decision is actually very artful in that respect," Gover said. "It's just sort of the fight blend of outrage over what has gone on in the past and enthusiasm about what we are and can be done to fix

"We [Bureau of Indian Affairs] didn't exactly win ... but this decision is going to help us fix the system."

Lamberth had ordered the Indians and the government to try to reach an out-of-court settlement in the case, and had withheld his ruling for months while both sides tried to reach an agreement. The judge relented on Dec. 21 after lawyers for the Indians said the negotiation process "has no hope of success."

Earlier this year, Lamberth held Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, Gover and then-Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin in contempt of court for failing to turn over documents to Indian lawyers.

An investigator appointed by Lamberth reported earlier this month that Treasury Department officials inadvertently shredded 162 boxes of documents that could have related to the case, then waited three months to tell Lam-

Lawyers for the Indians have said they plan to ask Lamberth for another contempt ruling against the government.

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# Voters approve sawmill

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the best and fullest development and utilization of reservation timber resources on the sustained yield basis.

The Phase III wawmill will be designed to add value to approximately 75 million board feet of logs. This is roughly one-half of the annual sustained harvest.

Key announced features of Phase III are these:

• The large log mill would be located across the street from the small log mill at 3191 Wesley Road in White Swan. It will be designed to handle logs 12 inches and up.

• YFP's primary focus will be on white fir and Douglas fir logs. With strong Ponderosa pine markets in the local area, YFP feels that the best opportunities to add value are on the fir species.

 Should it become necessary to mill pine logs, this new facility will have that flexibility. The lumber produced at the large log mill will be sold both domestically and for export markets. YFP will also continue to pursue added value markets that purchase lumber from environmentally sound and sustainable forests.

• The large log mill would eventually run on two shifts and employ another 100 to 120 employees. YFP is already training tribal members for management and skilled positions. YFP realizes that it must grow in accordance with the tribe's human resources capabilities. Through YFP training programs, YFP will have tribal members ready to assume responsibilities in areas of accounting,

computer technology, electrical

and mechanical millwright skills. When both sawmills are online YFP will be utilizing about 105 million board feet per year. This is only 73 percent of the current sustained harvest level of 143 millon board feet. The remaining volume will continue to be sold to the highest and best available market.

The total annual payroll at YFP is over \$2.8 million. This money stays in the local communities. Instead of selling Yakama logs and jobs to other sawmills, YFP now can proudly stand in support of a true success story at YFP itself.

Sanchey said this expansion of the large log sawmill will work towards fulfilling the General Council Resolution GC 03-94 of adding value to the timber resource and creating new employment for Yakama tribal members.

# Selam wins chair

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He is married to Rose Mary (Donato) Miller for 32 years and their children includes, Orrin A. Miller Jr., Kelly L. Miller, Angel E. Miller, and Benjaman A. Miller. His parents are the late Antoine and Hazel (Smiscon) Miller. His paternal grandparents are the late David Miller Sr. and Bessie (Charley) Miller and on his maternal side Julia Stigen.

 COE Member Fidelia Andy, whose Indian name is "Tom-Sis-Nye," was elected to the Code of

#### Thomas detained

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a history of misdemeanor offenses beginning in 1992 including driving with a suspended license, but no

When federal officers prepared to move Thomas from Tacoma to Yakima, Ellis said a "device to unlock handcuffs" was found on his person. "It was a tool to escape,"

For release pending trial, Ellis said, conditions must be in place "to insure community safety." Ellis said Thomas had been unemployed since last February, had a criminal history since 1992 including first degree robbery, third degree assault and jumping bail. Thomas's most recent offense was in 1998, said Ellis.

After the hearing, Smith said he believed Thomas would be brought to trial with two others charged in the case. Thomas would still have the option of separating his trial from the others through pre-trial hearing set next Jan. 7.

Thomas was born May 17, 1973

in Toppenish.

Thomas, along with Jasper Strong and bernard Owens, are scheduled for trial Jan. 18 in federal court in Yakima. A pretrial hearing is scheduled during the first week of January.

Ethics Committee. She is proud of her 4/4 Yakama degree blood. She is married to Ernest Andy and her children includes Kevin Elostelol Meninick, Clay Puck-Too-Wit Anderson, Antonia Wha-Kul-Kee Aguilar, Leanne LaWashPum Aguilar, Demietria Wux-Sus-Pum Aguilar and step-son, Thomas Andy. Fidelia's parents are the late Wilbur Elostilol Meninick and Alyce Cutlh Way Wynookie; and grandparents are Wysooskiah Slusecum Wynookie and Nynpooya Wynookie.

Fidelia has attended schools in Granger, Chilocco, Okla., and Yakima OIC, and received Certification of Completion from the Toppenish Historical Society on the Heritage College campus on Computer Classes and for completing the Election Observers Training Workshop presented by the Washington State Elections Certification and Training Program. She enjoys reading, rodeos, sewing, stick game, powwows, visiting various casinos, and listening to her people.

## Reconvene Jan. 4

TOPPENISH - The Annual General Council meetings scheduled to will reconvene on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2000, due to holiday events. There is still a need of 175 enrolled members for quorum. Have a safe and cheerful holiday season.

Still ahead for voter considera-

 Tribal Council Reports and action items include Budget and Finance Committee, IIM Report; Health, Employment and Welfare (HEW) Committee, Burial Fund with resolution required; Enrollment Committee report; Timber, Grazing and OEDP Committee concerning the hotel-motel convention center plan; radio station; golf course; electricity-utility-communications infrastructure; and Uniform Administrative Code.

Also following are Fish, Wildlife and Law and Order Committee Report; Legislative Committee Report; Road, Irrigation and Land Committee Report; and Loan, Extension, Education and Housing Committee Report.

# NMFS acts on breaching

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by carving holes through their earthen flanks, leaving the supporting concrete abutments intact.

The report marks "a significant event," said Scott Faber, director of public policy for American Rivers, an environmental group pushing for dam breaching. "The science is leading us fur-

ther and further toward dam removal," Faber said. "Now we need to find a way to replace the benefits the dams provide to us." But businesses that are depend-

ent on the dams - farmers. aluminum companies, barge operators and others - don't see it Agricultural interests and resi-

dents along a 140-mile stretch of the Snake fear that if the dams are breached, making the river too shallow for barges that carry wheat and other commodities to market at inexpensive rates, their already reeling economy would take a nose

"Someone's got to have the leadership to say we've given dam breaching the old college try, we can't find the benefits, and we're done with it," said Bruce Lovelin. director of the Columbia River Alliance, which represents dam-dependent businesses. "We don't even have a comprehensive (salmon-recovery) plan in place and we can't get past bizarre notions such as dam breaching."

Corps estimates of the costs lost benefits of electricity generation, irrigation and navigation, plus the price of opening the dams - is at least \$330 million a year. Today's reports will also detail economic benefits of the project, which proponents call substantial.

Meanwhile, the National Marine Fisheries Service today is expected to conditionally approve dredging the Columbia River 8 feet deeper from the river's mouth 106 miles east to Portland.

The deeper channel would allow bigger ships to reach ports on the lower Columbia.

## Smokeshops sue agents over seizures

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Court, citing the court has jurisdiction over those charged and the subject matter involved.

This action is a result of a trespass by the defendants upon trust lands within the exterior boundaries of the Yakama Indian Reservation," stated the action filed by R. Wayne Bjur, the YNCA's attomey. "The Yakama Nation has the exclusive sovereignty and jurisdiction to regulate the entry upon trust property on the Yakama Indian Reservation."

Hunter is a "trust beneficiary" to the property that her business, Little Brown Smoke Shack, Inc., is located on reservation land west of Union Gap. Davis leases land on which his business, Goodman Smoke Shop is located near Hunter's business. Both are licensed by the Yakama Nation and are members of the Yakama Nation Commerce Association.

They specifically seek: An order granting a preliminary injunction prohibiting the

defendants from coming upon

coming upon the plaintiffs' trust An award of damages suf-

plaintiffs' trust property while mat-

prohibiting the defendants from

• A permanent injunction

ter is being decided.

fered by the two businesses for lost sales and profits on non-cigarette tobacco products resulting from the defendant's trespass and other illegal actions, with the amount to be determined at trial.

 An award to Hunter for lost rentals and profits suffered as a result of the trespass and other illegal actions by the defendants.

• Other such further relief as to the Court seems just and proper.

Tribal Court documents notifying the defendants of the action. dated Dec. 15, gave the defendants 15 days to respond in person or by writing the court, and when the court received their responses a trial date would be set.

"If you do not appear or file a written answer, a default judgment may be taken against you awarding the plaintiffs whatever was requested in the Complaint," the Yakama Tribal Court Notice

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## **PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

# Royalty: Season salutes



ROYALTY LINEUP: Yakama Nation tribal member royalities for 1999-2000, From Right to Left: 34th Annual Veteran Day Celebration Lil Brave, Arthur Joe Miller; Washington's Birthday Celebration Warrior Luis Rios Kuneki; Jr Queen of the 34th Annual Veterans Day Celebration and Jr. Queen of the 4th of July Celebration Toppenish Encampment and Indian Village Naedeen Maggie Lynn Iness; 34th Veterans Day Celebration Sr. Queen Nicola J. Stwyer; 1989-2029 Miss Washington State Indian Centennial Connie Stalcup; Miss Granger Anita Lucille Tanewasha; Washington's Birthday Celebration (WBC) Miss Grandma Helen Hill; 1999-2000 Miss Yakama Nation and 1999-2000 Miss National Congress of America Indians (NCAI) Emily Washines; Jr Miss First Nation of the University of Washington, Farrah Malatare; Treaty Day Celebration Jr Miss Yakama Nation Starla Moses-Hypieer; New Years Celebration Jr Queen Nicole Suppah; and 1999-2000 Yakama Nation Treaty Day Warrior Joseph French. - (YNR Photo by Donna

TOPPENISH - The gathering of this years Yakama Nation royalty members was an exciting occasion sponsored by the Legends Casino. The elite group of royalty wanted to wish everyone Merry Christmas and with an exciting new millennium just around the corner, with best wishes for the New Year

The Legends Casino graciously feed the royalty group and their family members at their buffet that evening. The following royalty members present were as follows:

1999-2000 Miss National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Emily Washines, a national Native American organization.

1999-2000 Miss Granger Anita Lucille Tanewasha sponsored by the City of Granger.

1989-2089 Miss Washington State Indian Centennial Connie Stalcup for Toppenish Longhouse. 1999-2000 Jr Miss First Nation of the University

of Washington Farrah Malatare held on the university campus, Seattle. Treaty Day Celebration: 1999-2000 Miss Yakama

Nation Emily Washines; Jr Miss Yakama Nation Starla Moses-Hypieer; Warrior Joseph French held at White Swan. 34th Veterans Day Celebration: 1999-2000 Sr.

Queen Nicola J. Stwyer; Jr. Queen Naedeen Maggie

Lynn Iness; Lil Brave Arthur Joe Miller held at White Annual Washington's Birthday Celebration: 19992000 Ms Grandma Helen Hill; Warrior; Luis Rios Kuneki held at Toppenish Longhouse.

Fourth of July Celebration: Jr Queen Naedeen Maggie Lynn Iness for the Toppenish Powwow and Indian Village Encampment.

New Years Powwow Celebration: 1999-2000 Sr. Queen Camille Martinez; Jr. Queen Nicole M. Suppah held at the Toppenish Creek Longhouse, White

Following royalty wasn't able to be present but and the Yakama Nations beauty's are:

Miss Toppenish Elizabeth Stancliff; All American Coed Michelle Anda Hoptowit of White Swan; Yakama Nation Basketball Tournament Queen Violet J. Olney held in Wapato;

Miss Namee Pacha Ma Celebration held at White Swan; Royalty for the Annual Celilo Wyam-Salmon Feast and Powwow held at Celilo; Ore.; Annual Satus Longhouse 'Mother's Day' Powwow held at Satus;

Treaty Day Rodeo Queen and her Court; Treaty Day Future Leader 2000; Annual Pow-Wun-Putt Columbia River Powwow and Encampment, Grandma Queen Annie Smartlowit held at

X'Upnish 10-Day Encampment and Powwow royalty; Golden Eagles Senior Powwow King Rueben Umtuch and Queen Georgia lukes; National Indian Days Celebration held in White Swan; Indian Summer Celebration held in White Swan.



were, left to right, Felicia Eyle, Tennille Eyle, Jerelyn Yallup, Margo Johnson, Lahoma Doublerunner, Odena Howard and Debra Dogsleep were chaperones.

# Youth attend wellness rally

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Five Yakama Nation Youth Activities representatives attended the Youth Wellness and Leadership Institute V held Dec. 6-7 at San

Mrs. Debra Dogsleep was chaperone for three of the Dance Team members, Felicia Eyle, Jerelyn Yallup and Tennille Eyle, and two Youth Council members, Lahoma Doublerunner and Margo Johnson had Odena Howard as their advisor-chaperone at the

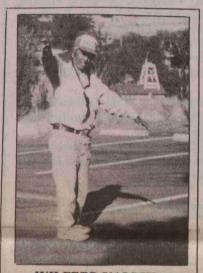
The group attended Training Workshops including: Team Building and Sharing; Leadership and Developing Visions; Wellness 101; Effective Communications Skills; Risk Taking and Healthy Self-Esteem; Characteristics and styles of Leaders; Group Dynamics-How People Work Together; Dealing With Unhealthy Peers/Gang Pressure and Adults: Giving Speeches and Presentations; Putting Ideas Into Action; and Small Sharing Circles.

Various Native American instructors from throughout the nation included Regina Aguilera, Yaqui; Tommy Chesbro, Cherokee-Choctaw; Joyce Jackson and Robert Johnston, Pima; John Johnson, Saginaw-Chippewa; Jillene Joseph, Gros Ventre: Damon Polk, Apache-Quechan; Billy Rogers, Kiowa; Patrick Trujillo, Cochiti Pueblo; and Vicki Ware, Ojibwe.

Mrs. Dogsleep said: "The girls were very well behaved and enjoyed themselves very much. They felt they could have learned more leadership and communication skills if they stayed the whole week."



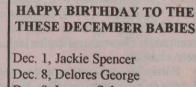
TO: Tristin & Trejaun Nason Merry Christmas to both of you and Happy 1st Birthday (born on December 26, 1998) to Trejaun. Love, Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa



WILFERD YALLUP "Happy Birthday Dad!" December 25th

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Dec. 9, Larena Sohappy Dec. 9, Sharon Goudy

Dec. 12, David Dogsleep

Dec. 15, Brian Mason George Jr.

Dec. 18, Tashina Thomas

Dec. 20, Laritta Maeann Greene

Dec. 20, Karen S. Lucei Dec. 22, Tamara Lori Yallup

Dec. 25, Wilferd T. Yallup

Dec. 27, Nicole Suppah

Dec. 28, Doreen Dogsleep

Dec. 29, Royce Howard

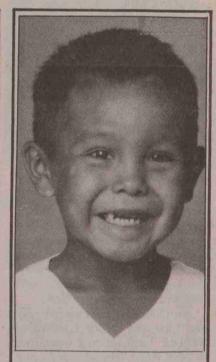
Best wishes to you all during the holidays and the New Year!

Love, Ki-Sum-Khi



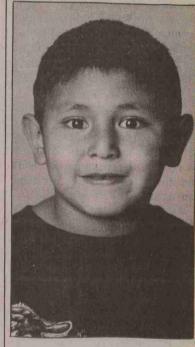
our SUPER HERO!! Larry Howard (at Korea)

Love You Always, Odena, Royce, Tiana



HAPPY 6TH BIRTHDAY December 22nd

VASHAWN L. WHITEFOOT Love You, Auntie Jess



JAMES F. WHITEFOOT

Happy 6th Birthday Son December 29th

Love You, MOM



HAPPY BIRTHDAY December 20th

Laritta "Reet" Maeann Greene

Sending Our Love Via YNR, Yallups & Dogsleeps



HAPPY 11TH BIRTHDAY Born December 30, 1988 MALLORIE ANN YATES We Love You & are proud of you. Keep it up! Love, Mom & Dad, Grandpa & Grandma, Aunts. Uncles & Cousins



**MERRY CHRISTMAS &** HAPPY 11TH BIRTHDAY to our Sweet-Ums & Baby Girl NICOLE MARIE SUPPAH Born on December 27, 1988 Love from your Dad, Mom, **Brothers Steven & Trevor** and All Your Family!

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tion contact Eric Sampson at (509) 877-2092 or

Masquerade Parade, New Year's Eve at 11:45 p.m. For more information contact (509) 865-5121, Dolly Washington, Ext. 4304; Raemelle Kiona, Ext. 4331;

• Jan. 1, 2000: Veteran's Dinner starting at 12:00

noon at Toppenish Creek Longhouse, White Swan.

Jan. 1-2, 2000: Yakama Nation Millennium Gathering of Tribes Powwow, "Renewing a Time

Honored Tradition," at Toppenish Community Cen-

ter, Toppenish. MC: Jerry Meninick; Host Drum:

Blacklodge of White Swan; Floor Manager: George

Meninick Jr. Grand Entry at 3:00 p.m. Dance Contest

for all categories with Registration Fee \$2 with Point

System. For more information contact Sheryl An-

lenium Lunch at 12:00 noon at the Toppenish Com-

munity Center. Grand Entry at 3:00 p.m., with contest

limited space available - need to provide own table.

Application forms available. Fee \$15 per day. Arts

and Craft Vendors (outside), only three spaces avail-

able - need to bring own generator, no outlets avail-

able. Fee is \$50 per day. Contact: Sheryl Antelope at

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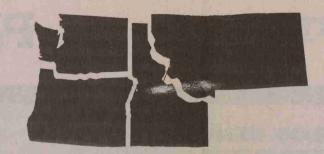
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# NATIVE NORTHWEST



WASHINGTON

# Hochstatter targets minority commissions

ings, symposia and workshops- sponsor and conduct

applied research; and publish and disseminate re-

to tribal constituencies," says Alan Parker, Institute

director. "We are really fortunate to have received

funding from the state to open the Institute. The

grant from the Paul Allen Foundation will magnify

the benefits of the Institute's programs to the tribes."

tribal concerns of governance, economic sus-

tainability, cultural revitalization and natural

resource management. In addition, the Institute will

function as a liaison with Evergreen's reservation-

ings aimed at improving relations between the Legis-

dear to our hearts-Native American food produc-

tion." He envisions a series of workshops, sponsored

jointly with Evergreen's Organic Farm, which will

focus on identifying and producing foods and then

economies through the use and development of local

served 20 years as chief counsel to the Senate Com-

mittee on Indian Affairs in Washington D.C. and

then managed a public service institute at George

Washington University. He has been a member of the

The Evergreen State College, a public, four-year

college of arts and sciences annually enrolls more

than 3,600 students. Evergreen opened its doors in

1971. Since then, it has become a national leader in

the development of interdisciplinary learning com-

munities that combine and coordinate several

academic subjects that are traditionally taught

separately. The high quality of Evergreen's programs

resources such as native foods," Parker explains.

"We will assist tribes to create sustainable local

Parker, a member of the Chippewa-Cree tribe,

The Institute's first project was to facilitate meet-

Parker is enthusiastic about "a project near and

based educational programs.

marketing them regionally.

Evergreen faculty for three years.

Parker says work will concentrate on the major

"Our role is to make college resources available

search papers and conference proceedings.

YAKIMA (AP) - The Washington Legislature should be looking at programs and boards such as the Commission on Hispanic Affairs as places to cut the budget to make up for revenue lost with the passage of Initiative 695, a Moses Lake lawmaker says.

Everything should be on the chopping block when the legislative session begins Jan. 10, said state Sen. Harold Hochstatter, a Republican.

Eliminating commissions that focus on minority issues and community activities should be considered before basic governmental services are cut, he said

"Everybody will howl about the cuts, but prioritizing the needs of the people is something the voters want us to do," said Hochstatter, who supported

The initiative, approved by voters last month, reduces car license tabs to \$30 a year and requires voter approval on future tax and fee increases. The state is expected to lose about \$750 million a year in

State commissions on minority affairs are out of date with the passage last year of Initiative 200, which ended state affirmative action programs, he said.

"I'd say, throw'em all out - if we have anything, we can have a commission for Americans," Hochstatter said. "We don't have the commission for left-handed Lithuanians."

Leana Lamb, acting director of the state Hispanic affairs commission, said the commission keeps Hispanics connected with a government that conducts its affairs usually in English only.

"The commission serves as the voice for the Latino community, representing issues to the Legislature," she said.

With only three paid employees, the savings would be tiny, compared with the services the commission provides, she said.

Hochstatter also suggested eliminating the 2-yearold Washington Reading Corps, which sends volunteers to about 200 schools to help elementary students learn to read.

He also said he was pleased with Democratic Gov. Gary Locke's statement last month that 1,500 state jobs will be eliminated.

funds to begin administration

has been awarded \$160,000 from the federal govern-

ment to set up programs and a new tribal administra-

with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Portland, Ore.,

on Thursday to find out how they can spend the

money and to establish a working relationship with

U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., and signed by

President Clinton last week. It's expected to come

through this week. In the meantime, the tribe has also

received a \$5,000 advance to pay rent for its office in

recognition for the second time in two years. The

Tulalip Tribe in Marysville challenged the first an-

nouncement in court, claiming in part that they were

the true descendants of the Snoqualmie Tribe and

that Snoqualmies pushing for recognition were mere-

ly a splinter group. Those appeals were rejected by

Evergreen institute supports

OLYMPIA - The Evergreen State College's

Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute has

received a \$100,000 grant from the Paul Allen Foun-

dation. It is the first grant awarded to the institute

that opened in September. The Institute, one of five

public service arms of the college, will convene meet-

research for area tribes

In October, the Snoqualmie Tribe won federal

Allocation of the money was pushed through by

the federal agency.

the Department of Interior.

Fall City.

FALL CITY (AP) - The Snoqualmie Indian Tribe

Members of the tribal council planned to meet

#### Klamath may become Snoqualmie awarded startup

**OREGON** 

# largest Oregon reservation

have been recognized by national media.

SPRAGUE RIVER, Ore. (AP) - Allen Foreman gazes at the Ponderosa pine forests, small buttes and rocky hills of the Winema National Forest he once

The place held spiritual significance for his Modoc Indian ancestors, and embraced a 10,000year history of the Klamath, Modoc and Snake River Yahooskin people who make up the Klamath Tribes.

Now all that's left of his childhood home on the Klamath Reservation is a chimney stack.

As newly elected chairman of the once dispossessed Klamath Tribes, Foreman hopes to reclaim 660,000 acres of former reservation that until just 45 years ago, was home to one of the wealthiest tribes in the nation.

If the effort is successful, the Klamath Tribes would control the largest reservation in Oregon.

"This is a real important time in the tribes' history," said Foreman, 52, who is reviving a dream the tribe has worked toward for decades.

To be able to complete this process will have effects on generations to come."

The idea is controversial in the Klamath Basin. where battles over water, timber, public lands and endangered species have intensified during the past

In a series of public meetings next year, Foreman hopes to show the community that the Klamath Tribes, not the U.S. Forest Service, would be the best manager of the land.

The Forest Service cannot offer any of the things we can offer - to the irrigators, the towns, the counties," he said.

In two years' time, he hopes the tribes will have a management strategy to submit to the secretary of the self-sufficiency plan.

The forest strategy, approved by the tribal council this fall, lays out three plans for developing a sus-

The tribes hope to manage the forest for fish, wildlife and water, as well as for timber revenue. Foreman said tribal leaders voted for a cut level of between 4 million and 10 million board feet a year less than what is coming off the forest now.

parties involved - ranchers, environmentalists, hunters, campers, state and federal agencies - and craft a final plan that reflects the entire community.

But the little understood history of the tribes, combined with a struggle over water rights and endangered species, will make the task difficult.

into the Winema National Forest.

"I just think it was an injustice done to those people a long time ago," McKoen said. "The federal government has an obligation to make that right."

#### IDAHO

# Nez Perce committed to back recovery of wolf packs

WINCHESTER, Ida. (AP) - The Nez Perce Tribe will continue in future years to play a meaningful leadership role in wolf recovery, even after wolves eventually are removed from the Endangered

That was the pledge Dec. 11 by Samuel N. Penney, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Commit-

He spoke to some 175 guests at a tribal-sponsored luncheon to mark the tribe's progress since 1995 when the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Nez Perce Tribe entered into agreement to recover and manage wolves in Idaho.

Penney said a dozen packs of wolves are now in the wilds in the Idaho Recovery Program since 35 gray wolves from Canada were released in 1995 and 1996. Sixty-five pups have been born, population has grown to about 168 wolves and 12 to 15 mortalities are known, he said.

Penney said the tribe is committed to maintaining the "delicate balance" between wolves' biological needs and the social concerns of Idahoans. The wolf, he said, has "often been misunderstood and mistreated by humans."

Many guests first toured the nearby Wolf Education and Research Center, able to view five of the 10 resident wolves in the 20-acre compound. One wolf, the omega female Weyekin, died Oct. 22 of natural

At the Winchester Community Center luncheon, Nez Perce Tribal Treasurer Jaime Pinkham acknowledged the early wolf recovery leadership provided by the late Charles (Pete) Hays, then the Nez Perce Tribal chairman.

He also reviewed three awards earlier this year. Curt Mack, Gray Wolf Recovery Program coordinator, was honored by Audubon Magazine as one of the top 100 conservationists of the century.

The tribe was given a special commendation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for wolf recovery effort in Idaho and was honored by Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government for "excellence in governance." A print in Harvard's recognition also was unveiled.

# interior and eventually Congress as part of the tribes'

tainable forest with 100-year timber rotations.

Foreman said he hopes to get comment from all

'It will be a real tough sell," said Mike McKoen, a Klamath Falls area farmer who is vice president of the Klamath Water Users, which represents 22 irrigation districts and other irrigators throughout the

McKoen said many people believe the tribes were fairly compensated for the taking of the reservation in 1954, when Congress severed the Klamath's ties to 880,000-acre reservation and eventually converted it

returning part of the Winema to the tribes.

Personally, though, McKoen says he supports

Royalty - Mr. and Ms. Millennium candidates: Contact Leanne Umtuch at (509) 865-5121, ext. 355; or Marilyn Selam at (509) 877-2325.

Committee Chair: Simon Sampson at (509) 865-5121, ext. 4414. Sponsorship by Yakama Nation, Yakama Nation

Millennium Powwow Committee; Wapato Longhouse Christmas Celebration Committee; Toppenish Creek Longhouse New Years Celebration Committee; Yakama Nation Veterans Committee; Yakama Nation Legends Casino; Yakama Nation Cultural Heritage Center and Yakama Nation

# B.I. wins decor contest

TOPPENISH - The Toppenish Chamber of Commerce Dec. 20 disclosed the winners of its annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Judges viewed the decorations and then chose winners in two categories. First place winners in each category received \$25 in "Chamber Bucks" - a certificate for goods or services at any of the 130 Chamber members.

• In the Business Category, the Branding Iron Restaurant won for the second year in a row. The restaurant is thoroughly decorated inside and out. Second place winner is The Establishment in downtown Toppenish.

 Kathy and Richard Barnhart of 1308 Adams won the Home Category. Judges noted the creative use of lights and music. Second place was Carroll Frank of 108 N. Date

Lists and maps of Toppenish displays are available at the Chamber office at 5A S. Toppenish Ave.

For questions, contact Douglas D. Wood; Toppenish Chamber of Commerce; P.O. Box 28, Toppenish, WA 98948; (509) 865-3262 (Voice); (509) 865-3549 (Fax); chamber@toppenish.org.

# Nation Review 'gone fishing'

TOPPENISH - The editorial office of the Yakama Nation Review will be closed from Dec. 27 through Jan. 7.

However, the YNR administrative office will be open to receive news items, photos, and other relative documents. Telephone Donna M. Wilson at 865-5121, ext. 4731 for specific information.

The next publication date has been scheduled for Jan. 21, 2000. The deadline submitting items for that issue is Friday, Jan. 14, 2000.

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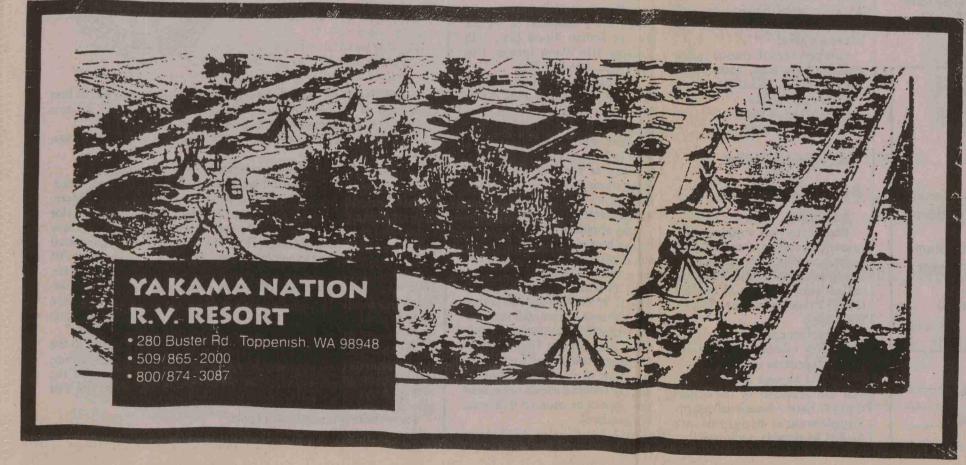
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# Clinton on Y2K:

# U.S. systems-compliant

"Today, the facts are clear: we have done our job, we have met the deadline, and we have done it well below cost projections." President Bill Clinton, Dec. 14, 1999

WASHINGTON - President Clinton at the White House Dec. 14 announced the findings of a report by the Office of Management and Budget showing that the federal government is ready for the year 2000.

The report indicates that as of Dec. 14, 99.9 percent of the government's mission-critical commuter systems are Y2K compliant. The President thanked the thousands of federal employees and contractors who dedicated themselves to resolving the Y2K problem, and urged small businesses and local governments to make every effort to become Y2K compliant before the end of the year.

Ready for Y2K. In May 1997, when discussions began about the Y2K compliancy of federal government systems, only 21 percent of the government's more than 6,000 mission-critical systems were ready for

Over the past three years, in what has probably been the single largest technology management challenge in history, thousands of federal workers and contractors dedicated themselves to readying the federal government for Y2K.

President Clinton announced the findings of OMB's last official quarterly report of the year, showing that the federal government is ready for the year 2000. According to the report:

• 99.9 percent of the federal government's mission-critical systems are fixed, tested, and certified for the date change. The eight remaining systems primarily provide internal administrative support in federal offices, and are scheduled to be completed in December.

• Over 97 percent of non-mission-critical systems are compliant, and the remaining systems are expected to be completed in December.

- 30 of the 43 state and local government programs (such as student aid, disaster relief, and Medicare) that directly affect people are Y2K
- 99.6 percent of data exchanges between the federal government and state governments have been fixed. In addition, the vast majority of data exchanges between the federal government and the private sector are now Y2K compliant.
- The air traffic control system is ready. The Federal Aviation Administration finished work on the majority of its systems in June 1999, and has since undergone additional testing in order to provide further assurance.
- All biomedical devices and laboratory equipment used by federal agencies are ready.

## YNR's headline Christmas wish list

Sen. Gorton goes Independent - fights to have Ceded Area returned

Y2K un-snaffus BIA computers - million\$ found, returned to tribes Every enrolled Yakama over 18 turns out fills Sun Dome for General Council

Day After Columbus Day pronounced national day of mourning, but still only Indians required to work

Probe says Mars livable - all Native Americans leave U.S. to In-

Atlanta baseball now called the Gang-Janes; Washington football team now the Limbaugh Rushers

Prosecutor Sullivan joins in First Foods Feast, sees light and turns

anew with Mother Earth

Self-governed tribes make up seventy percent of Fortune 500, but still refuse to be studied - again

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#### A KEY BANK MEMO:

# Contingency plans mitigate risks

YAKIMA - Key Bank has circulated the following text to each of its customers who have inquired concerning measures to protect individual accounts on deposit in that bank. Following is the complete text of Key Bank's Dec. 13 mailing to one customer:

Key began looking at the Year 2000 problem in November 1995. Our Year 2000 plans include timely compliance with the guidelines established by federal regulatory agencies.

To address this issue, we developed an extensive plan, including the formation of a team consisting of internal resources and third-party experts. The plan consists of five major phases:

• Awareness - ensuring a common understanding of the issue throughout Key. Assessment - identifying and prioritizing the systems and third

parties with whom Key has exposure to Year 2000 issues. Renovation - enhancing, replacing or retiring hardware, software

and systems applications. Validation - testing modifications made.

 Implementation - certifying Year 2000 compliance and user understanding and acceptance.

The awareness and assessment phases have been completed and the remaining phases are expected to be complete by the end of March 1999 for our primary system software and the end of June 1999 for all remaining technology components.

In conjunction with the assessment phase, Key prioritized the various operating systems - including those maintained by its business suppliers - that could be affected by the Year 2000, and efforts to ensure compliance of core systems deemed critical to the continuation of Key's operations have been accelerated.

Contingency Planning: The Year 2000 issue is definitely a priority for Key, but simply relying on our own Year 2000 plan for a smooth transition into the next century is not enough. Key could also be

impacted if third parties we deal with in conducting business - such as foreign banks, governmental agencies, clearing houses, telephone companies and other service providers - fail to address this issue.

Accordingly, we have formed a separate internal team charged with the task of identifying critical business interfaces; assessing potential problems relating to credit, liquidity and counterparty risk; and, where appropriate, developing contingency plans. This team is conducting a survey of significant credit customers to determine their Year 2000 readiness and to evaluate the level of potential credit risk to Key.

On an ongoing basis, Key also is contacting significant third parties with whom we conduct business to determine the status of their Year 2000 compliance efforts. Notwithstanding these actions, there can be no assurance that significant customers or critical third parties will adequately address their Year 2000 issues. Consequently, we are developing contingency plans to help mitigate the risks associated with potential delays in completing the renovation, validation and implementation of the various phases of our Year 2000 plan; and the failure of external parties to adequately address their Year 2000 issues.

These plans are well under way and address primarily back-up solutions for Key's core systems and the identification of alternative business partners. Completion of the contingency planning process is scheduled for June 1999.

Questions?: We hope this information reassures you of our continued commitment to technology and to providing our customers with the world-class service they have come to expect. If you have other questions or concerns, please visit our website at www.kev.com.

For additional information, feel free to contact our Millennium Project Team at: master\_millennium@keybank.com.

Or write to us at the following address: KeyCorp Year 2000 Millennium Master, OH-01-OG-0601, 2025 Ontario Street, Cleveland, OH

# **OUT OF OUR MAILBAG:**

# Catholics apologize for spiritual harm

REVIEW:

I am a subscriber to and faithful reader of the Yakama Nation

In the issue of Nov. 12, there appeared on the editorial page a cartoon between the heading "The First Halloween in America" and the caption "Trick or Treaty." One of the three figures in the cartoon appears to be a Christian Missionary, perhaps even a Catholic

Although the message the cartoonist intended to convey might be described as somewhat ambiguous, I think many of your readers would understand from it that the cartoon is critical of past missionary efforts among Native Americans by Catholics and other Christians.

On Dec. 9, 1987, the Christian and Catholic Church leaders of the Pacific Northwest issued a document identified by them as a "Public Declaration to the Tribal Councils and Traditional Spiritual Leaders of the Indian and Eskimo Peoples of the Pacific Northwest, c/o Jewell Praying Wolf James, Lummi." The first line of the text reads, "

This is a formal apology on behalf of our churches for their longstanding participation in the destruction of traditional Native American spiritual practices." The document also includes the statement, "We have frequently been unconscious and insensitive and not come to your aid when you have been victimized by unjust Federal policies and practices."

Although the Christian faith has made positive contributions to the Yakama Nation, I take to heart the need for the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Yakima to seek renewed reconciliation with the Yakama Nation.

I am prepared to pursue such a dialogue at any time. Sincerely, CARLOS A. SEVILLA, S.J.

Bishop of Yakima 5301-A Tieton Drive Yakima, WA 98908

# Two programs are 'equalizers'

REVIEW:

There are two supplemental education programs for which your students in kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible. They are called the Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) Program and the Title IX Program.

These programs are supplemental education programs that must provide services that are above and beyond those services that are provided by the school district's basic educational system. Supplemental Programs are funded to provide additional services to Indian students as an 'equalizer."

The requirements of the Johnson-O'Malley and Title IX programs are that an Indian Education Parent Committees be established with a minimum of 10 students by the Indian community which ensures maximum parent participation and control of any JOM and Title IX funded programs. It recognizes the vital role and interest parents have in the education system which is training their children and the valuable role the parents can play in assisting their children's educa-

Indian parents serving on these committees must consider the goals of the Indian community when designing programs for these supplemental funding services. In addition, the Indian community should encourage the local school board to consider Indian community goals. Also the Indian community has a stronger voice within that school district.

The Certification requirements for J.O.M. is: 1. Belong to a federally recog-

- nized tribe. 2. Have a minimum of 1/4 de-
- gree of Indian blood (i.e., 1/16 Yakama, 1/16 Warm Springs, 1/16 Nez Perce, 1/16 Colville).
- 3. Live on or near a reservation. The Certification requirements for Title IX are:
- 1. Are members of a federally recognized tribe.
- 2. Descendant in the first or second degree (i.e., parents or grandparents) of a federally recognized tribe.
- 3. Non-federally or state recognized tribes.
- 4. Terminated tribes. 5. Have a minimum of 1/4 de-
- gree of Indian blood (i.e., 1/16 Yakama, 1/16 Warm Springs, 1/16 Nez Perce, 1/16 Colville).

There is an application deadline the usually in the first week in October for Johnson-O, Malley (JOM) and the Title IX application deadline will be about the first week in February of each year, but because of the five Continuing Resolutions that we have had to go through we have not yet received our allocation for this year.

The applications must be done by the parent committee and the sub-contractor. The sub-contractor is the local school district, and if the local school district does not want to be the sub-contractor then the Yakama Nation will sub-contract directly to the parent committees. Also in the first week in October is count week for the Certification of the Indian students and the Indian students are school, they cannot be counted if they are not in school.

We have been told from

Washington, D.C., that due to the federal budget restraints, the parent training on JOM, Title IX, Title I and Title VIII (Impact Aid) will have to be incorporated into the Washington State Indian Education Association (WSIEA) Conference held on Apr. 3-5, 2000, in Wenatchee.

There are many other programs under the Yakama Nation that could be utilized by the parent committees upon request and approval such as the alcohol and drug, youth actives, higher education programs and many more. The only requirement is that we have a place to do the workshop.

Please confer with other Indian Parents in your area and-or have your school district contact me at (509) 865-5121, ext. 4529; or my fax number's: (509) 865-7880 or (509) 865-6092. **ALVIN SCHUSTER** 

Program Manager JOM/Title

IX/Title VIII/Title I Program Parent Indian Education Liaison Yakama Nation

Department of Human Services P.O. Box 151, Fort Road Toppenish, WA 98948

# Cementing vows

Thanks to our eldest daughter

Jim, cousin Dolly Bodonie, nieces Julia Leslie, and Jerrolyn San Juan-Vallo and Robert Strong in performing the vows for us. Chaz Wyman and Slim Dick for the beautiful green boughs, and Evans Starr for the beautiful Washat

and son-in-law Leanda and Greg

All the food that was brought from everyone for the potluck beautiful gathering at the Mt. Adams Community Center last Sat., Dec. 11, 1999. We are very thankful for the love and kindness of all who took the time to come and witness a happy couple with another surprise of a service in the style of a wedding for Russell and myself. Time has been very important to him and I lately.

We love all our children and other friends and relatives that had to travel from the coast for that evening. Please don't forget the pictures, remember my camera was forgotten at home. It was a first time for me not knowing or being the "boss" of such a wonderful event or time for all of us.

Our love for all of you matters very much sorry not enough time to do everyone's name but you all know your parts of just being there was very uplifting.

**RHONDA BILLY** P.O. Box 960 Toppenish, WA 98948

**FBI** mounts 'Osage murders' on website



WASHINGTON - The Federal Bureau of Investigation has its first collection of Native American documents available on its new Freedom of Information Act Electronic Reading Room.

The new collection consists of 3,274 pages titled "Osage Indian

A descriptive paragraph concerning the collection states:

"Between 1921-1923 several members of the Osage Indian Reservation [in eastern Oklahoma] died under suspicious circumstances. The FBI became involved in this case when the Department of Interior wrote to Director Burns asking for assistance in investigating these deaths. William 'King of Osage' Hale was suspected of being involved in these deaths. Posing as medicine men, caftlemen, and salesman, FBI agents infiltrated the reservation and eventually solved the murders. Hale and other members of the Osage Indian reservation were convicted of the murders and sentenced to life in prison. The murders were committed in an apparent attempt to collect insurance money and gain control of valuable oil properties owned by the deceased persons.

The FBI website has a total of 80 subject matters available to the public. "Portions have been blacked out to protect personal privacy, confidential sources, natioal security, etc., in accordance with the exemption provisions of the [Freedom of Information Act]/ The FBI plans to add several new subjects...on a monthly basis."
The website is http://www.fbi.gov/.

# Victor and Lillie become The Andys

WHITE SWAN - Victor and Lillie Jane Andy were married at the Independent Shaker Church

The local businesses, immediate family members, and friends, made their mark with the Lord by lending a hand in the wedding and prepara-

They were as follows:

Church preparations: Joyce Kahclamat, Betty Pierre, Jesse Andy and Facility Management

Invitations: Yakamart Business Center. Floral/Table decoration: L.A. Styles and Melinda Black Eagle. Kraff's Clothing.

Wedding was performed by Minister of the Gospel Thompson Sampson, Bishop Clifford Moses Sr., Assistant Bishop Gilbert Lewis.



Decorations: Chris Jim, Lorelei

Kruger, Corinna Kruger, Patsy La-

Rose, William Reed, Louella

Azule, Louise Spino, Kate Buck,

Joyce Kahclamat, Betty Pierre, and

Pearl Buck, Jacquelyn "Spookie"

Spencer, Vicki Swan, Fern Slim-

John, Wilma Wahsise, Gene Andy

Sr., Julie Jim, Louella Sandoval, J'-

Shon Reed, Leslie Swan, Jade

Swan, Joyce Kahclamat, Betty

press with great gratitude, a big

thank you for support and witness

of our wedding. Along with God's

blessing, words of encouragement

and happiness were shared with us,

spiritually, in person, or in thought,

we thank you and look to the Lord

for blessings upon each and every

friends who shared their pictures

and videos. Also, please pardon us

if we have left any names out to

mention, all help was, indeed ap-

relatives, we are grateful to you all.

thank you for your gifts. May the

good Lord bless you."

"To all our family, friends, and

"We thank the family and

"For all, who were with us

The couple "would like to ex-

Pierre, KFC and Safeway.

fulfilling our day.

one of you.

preciated.

Cooks were Wilma Buck, K.

Sheldon Little Dog.

VICTOR AND LILLIE JANE ANDY OF WHITE SWAN

Smartlowit, and Evangelist Evans

# Bride's mother weds Sockzehighs



MR. & MRS. DARWIN SOCKZEHIGH OF TOPPENISH

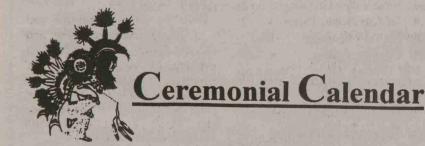
TOPPENISH - Darwin Sockzehigh and Tiffany Martin were married Dec. 18 at Toppenish Liberty Theater.

Darwin is the son of Ross and Bea Sockzehigh of White Swan and Tiffany Martin is the daughter of Ray Martin and Wanda Goudy son of Toppenish.

Tanya Roberts was her sister's their home in Toppenish.

Maid of Honor; Mark Rowe was the Best Man. The wedding ceremony was performed by the bride's mother, Wanda Sampson. Many family members, relatives, neighbors, friends witnessed this joyful occasion.

The young couple will make



## **DECEMBER**

Dec. 24-26: NIIX-YOW-WAY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, Mission Longhouse, Pendleton, Ore. Grand Entry at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Alberta Taylor at (541) 278-0273.

Dec. 25-28: WAPATO LONGHOUSE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM &

CELEBRATION, Wapato Longhouse, Wapato.
Dec. 29-31: TOPPENISH CREEK NEW YEARS CELEBRATION, Toppenish Creek Longhouse, White Swan. On Dec. 29: Floor Opening Ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m., Waashat Services, Memorial activities. Traditional dancing and Tiny Tots Contest in the p.m. Masquerade Parade on Dec. 31 at 11:50 p.m. On Jan. 1st, 2000: Veterans Dinner at 12:00 Noon. For more information call Toppenish Creek Longhouse members at (509) 865-5121, Ext. 4304, Ext. 4331, and Ext. 4790.

Dec. 30-31: RENEGADE'S 6TH ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE POWWOW, Nez Perce Reservation, Pi-Nee-Waus Community Bldg., Lapwai, Ida. Host Drum: Kicking Woman of Blackfeet Nation. Memorials, Namegivings, and Re-joining on Dec. 30 and Warm-up that evening. Powwow contest on Dec. 31. For more information contact Pete Wilson at work (208) 843-2253 or at home (208) 843-2846.

Dec. 31: 14TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE SOBRIETY POW-WOW, National Guard Armory, 6255 N.E. Cornfoot Road, Portland, Ore. MC: Philip Archambault; Grand Entry at 6:30 p.m. All drums welcome; Arts and Crafts vendors welcome. Annual Employee Appreciation Ceremony; Raffles and 50/50; Countdown to the New Year. Powwow from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For more information cal NARA at (503) 621-1069.

Dec. 31: KLAMATH TRIBE 11TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE POWWOW, Big Gym, Chiloquin, Ore. Feast from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Twin Rivers Casino. Grand Entry at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Rachel at 1-800-524-9787.

## **JANUARY**

Jan. 1-2: YAKAMA NATION MILLENNIUM "GATHERING OF TRIBES" POWWOW, Toppenish Community Center, Toppenish. MC: Jerry Meninick; Grand Entry at 3:00 p.m. Registration \$2 with Point System. Past and Present Royalty Special sponsored by Marilyn Selam and Leanne Umtuch. On Jan. 2: Millennium Dinner at 12:00 noon. Native American vendors at \$15 per day, contact Sheryl Antelope at (509) 865-2800, Ext. 5 or Betty Gould at (509) 865-5121, ext. 4376. Co-sponsored by Yakama Nation Legends Casino, YN Cultural Heritage Center and Museum, YN Veterans, YVCC Tin-ma Club, Toppenish Creek Longhouse, Wapato Longhouse, Toppenish Longhouse, and Satus Longhouse, and 2000 Millennium Powwow Committee members.



#### STERLING LEE ELI

TOPPENISH - Sterling Lee Eli, 16, of Toppenish, passed away Dec. 1, at his residence in Toppenish.

He was born in Yakima on Dec. 16, 1982, the son of Steven and Joyce (Tahkeal) Eli. Sterling was a freshman at Toppenish Sr. High School. He enjoyed many hobbies such as motorcycle riding, basketball, photography, and chess. He had been to the Washington State Chess tournament and placed on the Top Five. Sterling especially enjoyed the mountains and the Columbia River of which he took many photographs. He also enjoyed working with electronics, according to his grandfather, he was always taking something apart to see how it worked.

Sterling was an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation and an active member of the Satus Longhouse. He will be greatly missed by his family and

He is survived by his father, Steven L. Eli, two brothers Steven Eli II and Anthony Tahkeal; one sister Stephanie Eli, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Eli, grandmother Lillian Tahkeal, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Joyce Eli, a brother Jordan Eli, grandfather Clarence Tahkeal, grandmother Ceceilia Eli, greatgrandmother Rose John, and uncles Larry A. George and Leroy M. John.

Sterling was taken to the Satus Longhouse on Dec. 2 for overnight services. On Dec. 3, he was taken to the Satus Point Cemetery for burial services.

#### MIKE TRUJILLO ZARAGOZA SR.

COMPTON, Calif. - Mike Trujillo Zaragoza, 47, died Dec. 10. Mike was born to Mike Trujillo Zaragoza Sr. and Cecelia Carolyn Gardee of Wapato on May 14, 1952, in Wapato. He was raised in Wapato until the age of 12 when his mother and stepfather Ollie Coleman Johnson Sr. of Toppenish moved to Compton, Calif. Mike was educated at Roosevelt Jr. High School in Compton, Calif., and Manual Dominguez High School in Paramount, Calif.

Mike was a very good artist and basketball player and enjoyed most outdoor activities. Mike was also an avid reader. He had recently moved to Canoga Park, Calif., to do construction work and be closer to his two oldest kids and his five grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

Mike is survived by his children: Mike Trujillo Zaragoza III, Tenille Danielle Zaragoza of Canoga Park, Calif., Christopher Edward Zaragoza of Toppenish and Celestine Zaragoza of Wapato; three brothers Ollie Jr., Eric, and Aaron Johnson, all of Toppenish, and five sisters: Jeanine Truesdelle of Long Beach, Calif., Teri Kim Johnson-Davis of Clear, Alaska, Ashli Erica Johnson of Spokane, Staci

# Walking On

Lynn Holman of Yakima, and Briana Lee Barriga of Long Beach Calif.; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his mother, Cecelia Gardee Johnson, and sister Eunice Kathryn Armstrong, and Angel Johnson.

#### MARY J. 'PETE' OLNEY

WAPATO - Mary J. "Pete" Olney, 54, of Wapato, went to be with the Great Spirit Dec. 21.

Mary was born Nov. 18, 1945, in Seattle, to William A. and Velma Marie (Skahan) Valdez. She was raised and educated in White Swan after she spent several years in Wapato with her foster parents, John and Shirley Hartline. After high school, she attended Yakima Valley College for two years. Mary worked for the Yakama Nation as an accountant for many years. She was a member of the Yakama Nation, St. Mary's Catholic Church, and the Native American

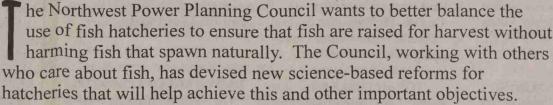
Mary enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren, going to the mountains and gardening. She received her most enjoyment being on the go and taking care of everybody. She loved being involved in family gatherings and dinners. She followed her sons, daughters and grandchildren from rodeo to rodeo to rodeo. Mary was well known for her smile. She was always happy. She is well known for the beautiful quilts she made with love for her family.

Mary is survived by sons Richie and Willy, both of Toppenish, Shane of Wapato, and Allan and Randy, both of White Swan; daughters Sheri of Chiloquin, Ore., and Vickie of Portland, Ore., brother Bill Valdez and wife, Alta of Glenwood; sisters Karen Whitekiller and husband Levi of Wapato, Anna Hogan and Antoinette King, both of Toppenish; granddaughters, Wawanee Jo, Velma, Shaya, Kristi, Delvina, Emily, Crystal and Marchelle; grandsons Skyler, Waylon, Jacob and Lee J.; two greatgrandchildren; aunts Esther and Edith Skahan; uncle Willard Skahan; lots of nieces and nephews; and her former husband, Richard Olney, Jr. of Toppenish, who remained her lifelong friend. She is also survived by her companion, Byron Olney of Wapato. Mary was preceded in death by her mother, Velma Skahan Lopez: step-father, Paul Lopez Sr.; her father William A. Valdez; brother Willis Underwood; sister Ida Underwood, granddaughter Martina Olney, uncle Joe Skahan, and aunt Harriet Skahan.

Dressing services were held at Merritt Funeral Home on Dec. 21. Following the dressing, she was moved to Richard Olney's home on Marion Drain Road where the home was open throughout the day for anyone who would like to stop by. Rosary services were held on Dec. 22, in the home. Mass of Christian Burial was be celebrated Dec. 23, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in White Swan. Burial was in the Saint Mary's Cemetery at White Swan.

The Northwest Power Planning Council

# Fish for today. Fish for tomorrow.



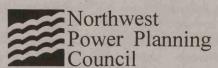
The United States Congress asked the Council to develop the new reforms. Congress and the Council will use them in deciding how to spend millions of dollars every year on fish hatcheries in the Columbia River Basin.

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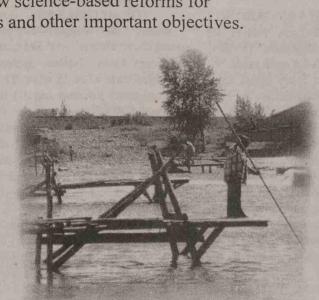
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# **SPORTS**

AREA H.S. BASKETBALL

# Most league teams winning, some league teams learning

The White Swan Lady Cougars go 6-1 overall in A-league play, while the Wapato Wolves boy's team continues to roll after their 2-A league showing ending Dec. 18. Meanwhile, the Toppenish and White Swan boy's clubs are tested, while the Wapato Lady Wolves are coming close to notching their first season win. And in the Greater Columbia B League, Yakama Tribal is struggling and newcomer La Salle High teams open conference play with a victories.

#### LADY COUGS MOVING ON

The Lady Cougars continued their winning ways in the South Central A Conference by adding four victories through Dec. 18.

White Swan posted a 58-42 won over Royal City on Dec. 10, a 63-49 victory over Burbank Dec. 11, a 70-44 win over Wahluke on Dec. 17, and a 55-15 thumping of River View on Dec. 18.

The Cougars had another slow start against Royal, falling behind 17-33 after two quarters, but their defense and offense kicked in to seal the win. White Swan held the Knights to 9 second-half points, while they pumped in 41, including 28 in the fourth.

The Cougars' fourth quarter charge was led by a Nicole Pimms' steal and a pair of assists, while Florence Wilson connected on three 3-points shots, she finished with 12, followed by Jennifer Young's 9 (all 3-pointers) and Tasha Bailey's 8. Pimms ended up

Against Burbank, the Cougars' led 28-27 at the half, but turned on the burners from the three-point arc to cruise in for the win. JoJo Young hit three of White Swan's 5 treys in twenty-five-point third quarter, which proved to be the winning margin.

Young finished with a gamehigh 13 points, followed by Samantha Pacheco's 12, all coming from three-point land. Ashley Young contributed 10 points, while Bailey and Pimms each chipped in 6. The Coyotes' Emily Lynch topped all scorers with 16.

The Cougars used another strong second half to cruise against Wahluke, after leading by just 24-23 at the half. White Swan held Wahluke to six 4th-quarter points. JoJo Young led the Cougar scoring with 13, followed by Wilson with 11. Wilson also grabbed 9 boards, dished 3 assists and had 3 swipes.

White Swan's defense proved to much for the River View Panthers in taking a 55-15 SCAC non-conference victory.

## LADY WOLVES GAINING

The Wapato Lady Wolves are young, but competitive in their stand in a tough 2A conference.

Wapato had Stacy Strom score 17 points at Kiona-Benton on Dec. 10, but Ki-Be came away with the 55-44 victory. The Bears were paced by the 21 of Mackenzie Burgess.

The next night, the Wolves traveled to Toppenish, where Strom hit another 15, but the team came out on the short end of a 57-41 contest. The Wolves also got 12 points from Anabel Garza.

The Wildcats were paced by the 16 points of Jennifer Labbee, followed by Tanya Wapsheli and Janay Schutz with 8 each.

Wapato stayed with a tough Zillah squad on Dec. 14, trailing

The White Swan Lady Cougars 23-28 at halftime, but the 6-1 overall in A-league play, ille the Wapato Wolves boy's m continues to roll after their 2-league showing ending Dec. 18. Eanwhile, the Toppenish and 23-28 at halftime, but the Leopards' held Wapato to 18 second-half points on their way to posting a 62-42 win. Strom led Wapato at Zillah with 13 points and eight rebounds.

The Wolves played nearly dead-even at Connell for three quarters, but a three-point third quarter was the difference and the Eagles posted a 53-35 victory on Dec. 17. Savannah Strom led all scorers with 17, while teammate Stacy Strom hit 12.

The Stroms combined for 23 points at Sunnyside on Dec. 18, but the Grizzlies had nine different players scoring, led by Brittany Dahlstrom's 12.

#### WAPATO BOYS ROLLING

The Wapato Wolves are at 6-0 after Dec. 18, with their latest victims to include Kiona-Benton, Toppenish, Zillah and Connell.

Wapato, led by Rob Wilcox's 18 points, opened conference play at home against Ki-Be on Dec. 10, posting a 77-61 victory.

Wilcox got 22 in a 75-44 drubbing of Toppenish Dec. 11. Toppenish was held to 4 second-quarter points and couldn't recover. The 'Cats were led by Archie Wapsheli and Steve Salinas with 10 each.

The Wolves' Adrian Valdez hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to beat Zillah at home, 45-42 Dec. 14. Wapato, which was held to a 5-point third quarter, had Wilcox lead all scoring with 15.

Valdez scored 23 and Wilcox 22 on Dec. 17 against Connell on their way to posting a 78-52 victory. The Wolves outscored the Eagles, 26-8 in the second quarter.

#### TOPPENISH HITS WALL

The Toppenish boys opened the season 2-0, but since then have dropped four straight.

Traveling to Naches on Dec. 10, the Wildcats outscored the Rangers 18-12 in the first and 26-20 in the fourth, but were outscored 36-26 in the middle quarters to lose 66-70. Toppenish was led by the 19 points of Wapsheli, followed by Salinas with 11, Jarvis Peters with 10 and Windcloud Washines with 9.

After meeting up with Wapato on Dec. 11, the Wildcats ran into a tough Grandview squad on Dec. 17. Grandview outscored Toppenish 30-8 in the first quarter and never looked back in posting an 86-47 victory at Top-Hi. No Wildcat reached double figures.

On Dec. 18, Toppenish traveled to Othello and came away dropping a 68-54 CWAC loss.

## TOP-HI GIRLS 5-1

Before the Toppenish girls posted their victory over Wapato, they ran into Naches before continued their winning ways. The Wildcats are 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the tough CWAC league.

The 'Cats managed 22 points over the last three quarters and were handed a 63-32 defeat by the Rangers. Top-Hi was led by Sophie Gregg with 8 and 7 each of Sabrina Miller and Tanya Wapsheli.

Wapsheli came back to score 13 points against Grandview at home on Dec. 17 to help Top-Hi post a 49-38 victory. Gregg added 12 points and eight rebounds.

In a thriller at Othello, Jennifer Labbee connected on a pair of free throws with six seconds left to lift

Toppenish to a 58-56 victory. She finished with 9 points, while her teammate, Gregg led all scorers with 19, including five treys and

#### **COUGAR BOYS ARE 5-2**

Janay Schutz added 14.

At home against Royal City on Dec. 10, White Swan got a 20-point performance, including four treys, from Gene Sutterlict in a 72-49 spanking of Royal City. The Cougars also got 16 from John Scott and 10 from Antonio Torres.

The next night at Burbank, the Cougars could not get out of the starting blocks and dropped a 37-52 non-conference contest.

White Swan could only string together 12 points in the two middle stanzas in their home game against Wahluke on Dec. 17 and came up short, 54-57. Scott had 14 points and 11 boards to lead the Cougars, while teammates, Sutterlict hit 13 and Travis Blevins' 10.

At River View, the Cougars, again had weak middle quarters, scoring 18 points and had to outscore the Panthers, 27-13 in the final stanza for a 62-60 victory. Sutterlict led White Swan with 19 points, followed by Scott's 13 and Blevins' 11.

#### TRIBAL BOYS SCRAPPY

The Yakama Tribal Eagle boy's team are able to stay with other teams, but are still hunting for their first B victory.

The Eagles fell behind 14-30 by halftime and went the rest of way matching baskets with La Salle on Dec. 10 before losing 41-59. Yakama's Solomon Scabbyrobe hit for 13, followed by the 12 of Adrian Selam.

The Lightening were led by Cash Fiander's 18, Paul Hudson and Pat Hays each hitting 12, and Mat McConville adding 10.

Tribal came out strong against Trout Lake on Dec. 11, taking a 22-13 first-quarter lead, but the Mustangs came back to hold the Eagles to 23 points the rest of the game on their way to take a 59-45 win. Selam led Yakama with 14 points.

Selam scored 9 points versus Sunnyside Christian Dec. 18 and the Eagles could not overcome the size of the Knights, who had five players scoring in double figures on their way to an 89-24 victory.

La Salle meanwhile posted a win over Glenwood on Dec. 17, 59-46, with Eric Vijarro leading the way with 18 points. Fiander added 10 and McConville hit 7.

## LADY EAGLES LEARNING

The young Yakama Tribal School girl's squad are becoming acquainted to each other and playing as a unit, while meeting up with the power of the Greater Columbia B League.

The Eagles were within 22-21 of La Salle on Dec. 10, before being handed a 56-27 loss. La Salle, which boasts enough players for varsity, jr. Varsity and c-squad competition, were led by the 22 of Heidi Schoff. Tribal was led by the 11 of Jennifer Hawk and 9 of Jessica Washines.

Tribal ran into GC-B power, Sunnyside Christian on Dec. 18, but made the most of a learning experience in dropping a 71-23 contest.

## Green Machine to host Yakama Veterans' Basketball Tournament

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Veterans Basketball Club will be hosting their tournament here Feb. 19 and 20, 2000 said club CEO and president of player operations.

"We hope to fill a ten team bracket with Indian veteran basketball clubs from Ft. Hall, Lapwai, Portland, Pendleton, Colville, Seattle, Muckleshoot, and Makah," said "Gunny" Cyrus D. Squeochs, of White Swan. "The host team is the Green Machine,

a.k.a. Choir Boys, Yakama Rez."

He added that other local clubs being recruited for the event are Marcus Slome's Bravo Company and Arnold Barney's Scouts, and the team entry fee is \$200.

Awards include MVP, Mr. Hustle, 3-Point Shooter, Oldest Vet Player, 10 champs' jackets, 10 runners-up sweatshirts, 10 third and fourth place t-shirts, 10 sportsmanship t-shirts, and 12 all-star sweatshirts. Squeochs said a

veteran's family members are welcome to sponsor an award on their behalf.

Team rosters and entry fees can be made payable to Squeochs and mailed to him at P.O. Box 429, White Swan, WA 98952. He can be called at (W) (509) 865-3808 or (H) 874-2059; or Gil Calac, (W) 874-2244 or (H) 874-2248.

A Veteran's Dinner will be held Saturday, 7 p.m., Toppenish Community Center, Meyers Road.

AAU THREE RIVERS FALL '99 LEAGUE

# Several area teams take league titles

YAKIMA - The Yakima Valley Sports Authority, headquartered here, released the final results of the Amateur Athletic Union's Three Rivers Fall '99 Fall Basketball League.

Paul R. Campbell, AAU and league director, provided the following final league results for boys' and girls' teams in school grade division 2nd through 8th. He added that only games played within a team's respective divisions counted towards that

team's league standings. All ties were broken using a pre-determined system.

There were 327 teams playing in sixty separate leagues for thirteen separate grade levels for boys and girls. League games concluded last Saturday, Dec. 11.

Local teams, their league title names, final placement finish and records were reported by Campbell as follows:

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## Nez Perce hosting 36th annual men's event; women's 30 & over tourney

LAPWAI, Ida. - The 36th Annual Men's All Indian, and women's 30 & over all Indian basketball tourneys have been set to take place here Jan. 14-16.

The team entry fee (money order or cashier's check) is \$250. Teams can turn in half of the fee (non-refundable) to hold a spot. Entry deadline is Dec. 31.

The tournaments are true-double elimination until the finals, when a single game will decide the champs. Mens teams are limited to 10-player rosters, while the women teams are limited to 8-player rosters.

women teams are limited to 8-player rosters.

The men's awards include 1st place jackets, 2nd place sweatshirts, t-shirts for 3rd and 4th, 10

tournament all-stars, a High Scorer and MVP.
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Women's awards include 1st place, jackets, .2nd place sweatshirts, 3rd place t-shirts, eight tournament all-stars, a High Scorer and MVP.

Deposits, full entry fees and rosters can be mailed to the Nez Perce Nation Athletic Assoc.; P.O. Box 486; Lapwai, ID 83540; or to Nez Perce Nationettes; P.O. Box 758; Lapwai, ID 83540. Further information can be obtained by calling Joe "Esky" McCormack at (208) 843-2537; Patti McCormack-Nicholai at (208) 843-7375, ext. 2419; or Tess Greene, Pi-Nee-Waus Bldg. Director, (208) 843-2253, ext. 2344.

## Women's Recreational Open League accepting teams; starts January 5

TOPPENISH - A Women's Recreational 2000 Open Basketball League is forming and will start Jan. 5. The team registration deadline is Dec. 31, including a \$200 team entry fee, plus \$5 per player fee.

Players must be at least 16 years of age, with those under 18 required to have a signed parent-release form. Rules state that players cannot be playing high school or college basketball.

League games will be played Wednesdays in either the Toppenish Community Center or the White Swan Pavilion. Team registration and waiver forms can be obtained from the Toppenish Parks & Recreation Office or the Yakama Nation Youth Activities Dept.

Playoffs are set for Apr. 7-9. For info, call Ida Ike,

865-6262; Alice Wahsise, 877-3657; Traci Bennett, 865-5150; or Odena Howard, 865-5121, ext. 4450.

## Mission on Umatilla site of 'Open' men veterans' basketball tournament

PENDLETON, Ore. - The Open Men's Veteran's Basketball Tournament has been scheduled to take place here in the Mission Community Center Gym Jan. 8-9 on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The team entry fee is \$200 and made payable to Alan Crawford, P.O. Box 1293, Pendleton, OR 97801. The deadline is Dec. 30.

Tournament awards include championship jackets, 2nd place sweatshirts, 3rd place 1-shirts, 4th place trunks, Mr. Hustle shirt & pants, and all-star hooded sweatshirts.

For information call Crawford at (h) (541) 276-1089 or (w) 276-3981, or Teresa Crane at (541) 278-5288, or Melinda Alexander at (541) 278-7403.

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**GAME WARDEN:** Tribal Police, Yakama Nation. \$12.50/Hr.

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Needs: Knowledge of Yakama Res., treaty site areas, terrain and reservation habitat. Know first-aid. Know operation of relative department equipment. Communication skills. Able to learn, read and understand laws, ordinances, rules, regulations relative to job. Able to cope with stress situations firmly, tactfully, and with respect to individual rights. Able to maintain strict confidentiality. Use sound judgment in evaluating situations.

Minimum Recruiting Indicators: High school/GED diploma. Combination of experience and education demonstrating ability to perform the work. Law enforcement, as a career, indicated.

Requires: Valid state driver's license. Successfully complete, within 1st year, required police officer training. Be between 21-40 years of age. In excellent physical condition. Capable of sustained, strenuous physical exertion and regular participation in use of firearms' physical and defensive tactics training. Have binocular vision correctable (snellen) in each eye (near vision corrected or uncorrected must be sufficient to read Yeager Type II at 14 inches. Must be able to distinguish basic colors. Able to hear conversational voice without hearing aid. Must have un-

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restricted use of all extremities. Requires initial physical exam and one each year after. Not been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor within a year preceding hire. Be of high moral character; have respect of community; be honest, trustworthy, temperate habits and have a satisfactory work record. Background check required. Required to sign Code of Conduct. Required to work rotating shifts. Demonstrate ability to work without close supervision; display reliability, dependability, trustworthiness, and participate in all training, as directed. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-29. Closes: Dec. 30, 1999.

**CUSTODIAN-Day:** Facility Management, Yakama Nation. \$7.58/hr Responsible for performing assigned custodial services to assure sanitation and cleanliness of assigned building(s). Work is primarily of a general, manual nature, although certain tasks require use of power equipment. Duties are routine and performed regularly.

Needs: Knowledge of cleaning practices, procedures, and proper use of equipment, chemical mixing instructions. Able to coordinate work with team to keep on schedule. Able to work independently; to work with co-workers in cooperative and helpful manner; to support other members of custodial team. Able to understand oral, written instructions. Self-motivated. Have physical strength and agility to perform the work. Skill in use of cleaning equipment.

Requires: Any education or work experience demonstrating ability to perform the work. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-30. Closes: Dec. 30, 1999.

LINE COOK: Heritage Restaurant, Yakama Nation. \$7.58/Hr.

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Prepares, stores food; keeps clean work area; cleans kitchen, counters, walls; properly labels, stores all prepared foods; daily set up o lines; prepares food used daily.

Needs: Be well-groomed; in good health. Have good personal hygiene. Able, willing to work with staff, public; as part of a team; to work rotating shift. Restaurant food preparation experience. Know methods, materials, equipment used in quantity-cooking operations. Able to operate standard cooking equipment; use kitchen and cooking utensils for quantityfood preparation. Follows approved menus. Able to judge food quantities. Experience in proper sanitation and health regulations. Knows work area set-up for shifts. Performs related duties as assigned.

Recruiting Indicators: At least 2 years' line cook experience - not cafeteria or institutional training. Prepare breakfasts, lunches, dinners, banquets. Able to serve variety of meals in an appetizing manner with efficiency. Gourmet cooking training of some type. Able to work nights, weekends, holidays.

Requires: Have or able to obtain a Food Handler's Permit. Yakama hiring preference. Pass a drug and

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-31. Closes: Jan. 7, 2000.

CASE MANAGER: Area Agency on Aging, Yakama Nation. \$16/Hr. Provides information, assistance and comprehensive case management for elderly; assesses needs, develops and monitors implantation of service plans, and makes necessary referrals. Coordinates with various aging agencies. Reports directly to program manager. Must be capable of applying principles or suppression.

Needs: Ability to understand and apply federal, state and tribal policies, procedures and regulations applicable to assignment area. Ability and willingness to maintain

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strict client confidentiality. Knowledge of social work principles and practices. Knowledge of group and individual counseling techniques. Knowledge of social problems experienced by clients. Ability to counsel with clients; to communicate confidence in their ability and worth, and help them deal with problems. Ability to effectively use professional skill, objectivity and insight. Ability to deal constructively with negative and positive reactions. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relations with peers, public and tribal officials. Skill in working with adolescents.

Recruiting Indicators: Minimum bachelors' degree in social work or health science with post baccalaureate education pertaining to social work or health sciences. Prefer master's degree in social work or health science and 1 year training in gerontology field.

Requires: Valid state driver's license. Ability to obtain Y.N. driving permit. Have reliable transportation. Pass drug and alcohol test. Prefer bilingual -English/Spanish.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-26. Closes: Dec. 27, 1999.

ASSOCIATE JUDGE: Tribal Court, Yakama Nation. \$14.46/Hr. To try cases brought before the court or to a jury from adult and children's court, as called upon or assigned by the chief judge. Decides appellate cases as part of an appellate judge panel, as selected by the chief judge. For cases appealed or to retry cases that previously have been decided from the children's court. To determine the meaning, interpretation and application of Yakama customs, traditions, Revised Law & Order Code, General and Tribal Council Resolutions, Court Rules and Yakama Nation Court of Appeals decisions.

Recruiting Indicators: Prior experience as a tribal court judge with positive referrals and minimal controversy. Law degree preferred, but not required. Order of next preferences are: college degree in not required. Years of experience in legal field, i.e. law enforcement, advocacy, social work. Pertinent college course work may be substituted. Computer literate and proficiency. Familiarity with or willingness to learn Internet for research. Able or willing to work with computerized court docketing system. Good reading, logic, writing skills. Be impartial and render fair, unbiased decisions. Knowledge of the Yakama Nation, its people and history. Looking for a career in law rather than just a job. Must be of good moral character and temperate habits. Must have good standing in the community.

Special Requirements: Be an enrolled Yakama. Be enrolled in an Indigenous nation within the U.S. Resident of the Yakama Resbeen convicted of a felony, or a

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ploma. Have knowledge of Yakama customs, traditions, laws. Have knowledge, understanding of Yakama Nation laws and federal Indian law. Must take part in an interview process, written competency exam on Yakama laws, federal Indian laws and general Yakama customs/traditions. State driver's license. Submit to background check. Willing to attend mandatory, substantive training, as required by the Revised Law & Order Code or chief judge. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-16. Closes: Jan. 10, 2000.

**WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST:** Wildlife Management, Yakama Nation. \$16.00/Hr. An Upland Game Bird Biologist, with agriculture and upland habitat experience.

Qualifications: M.S. degree in biology, wildlife or related field. Experience as Staff Biologist preferred. Pass drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-27. Closes: Jan. 4, 2000.

WATER CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: Water Prog., Yakama Nation. \$12/50/Hr. Responsible for water code implementation, enforcement, monitoring, evaluation. Tasks include field investigations, critical thinking, effective communications, reading, computation.

Minimum: A.A. degree in earth or biological science; or combination of formal training, education; and significant work experience in water resources, mapping or business communications demonstrating necessary competencies. Pass drug/al-

cohol test. Valid driver's license. Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-28. Closes: Jan. 7, 2000.

BOOKKEEPER II: Alcoholism. Yakama Nation. \$10.24/Hr. Performs technical accounting work associated with double-entry financial and accounting systems. Min.: 1 year college-level courses field related to law, but not requir- in bookkeeping and/or accounting; ed, any college degree, but not re- or 2 years' progressively responsiquired; paralegal certification, but ble bookkeeping work experience, substituting on a month-for-month basis, successful completed course work or training in bookkeeping, accounting, closely related subject. Pass drug and alcohol test.

> Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-32. Closes: Jan. 3, 2000.

WATER CODE PERMIT WRIT-ER: Water Prog., Yakama Nation. \$13.75/Hr. Responsible to carry out procedures necessary to accomplish implementation of Yakama Nation Water Code, Title 60, Y.N. Law & Order Code.

Min.: Bachelors degree in earth, physical or biological sciences, engineering, technical communications or related nat. resource field; A.A. degree and combination of ervation or its Ceded Area. Never work experience, or combination of education and work experience remisdemeanor within 1 year of ap- lated to duties. State driver's pointment. High school/GED di- license. Obtain tribal driver's

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permit. Pass drug and alcohol test. Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151 Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-33. Closes: Jan. 11, 2000.

**WATER TECHNICIAN I:** Water Prog., Yakama Nation. \$8.38/Hr. Assists hydrologist and water technician III to complete tasks related to field and office.

Min.: Nat. resources field training or experience. Prefer understanding of math, science. Valid driver's license. Pass drug and alcohol test. Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2000-34. Closes: Jan. 11, 2000.

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## Legal Notices

#### YAKAMA NATION CHILDREN'S COURT

In reference to: Tavia Polk, DOB 02/02/92. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE YAKAMA NATION TO: Gerrmo Cardenas, Father of Tavia Polk. And to any other person having a parental interest in the

above-named child/ren. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a proceeding is pending in the

matter of the welfare of the abovenamed child/ren; and that a DEPENDENCY FACT FINDING HEARING will be held on: 4th day of January, 2000 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. The said subject of said proceeding is to enter such orders in the premises as the court may deem advisable in the best interest of said child/ren;

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that you are summoned to appear at said time at the Yakama Nation Tribal Court and resist proceedings if you so fit. /s/ Debbie Brown

Clerk of the Court Y.N. Children's Court P.O. Box 151 Toppenish, WA 98948 (509) 865-5121, Ext. 4588

# CHRISTMAS VACATION ACTIVITIES

Monday, Dec. 27: 10 a.m. to 12-noon, bowling at \*Minda Lanes, 701 S. 2nd St., Yakima. FREE!

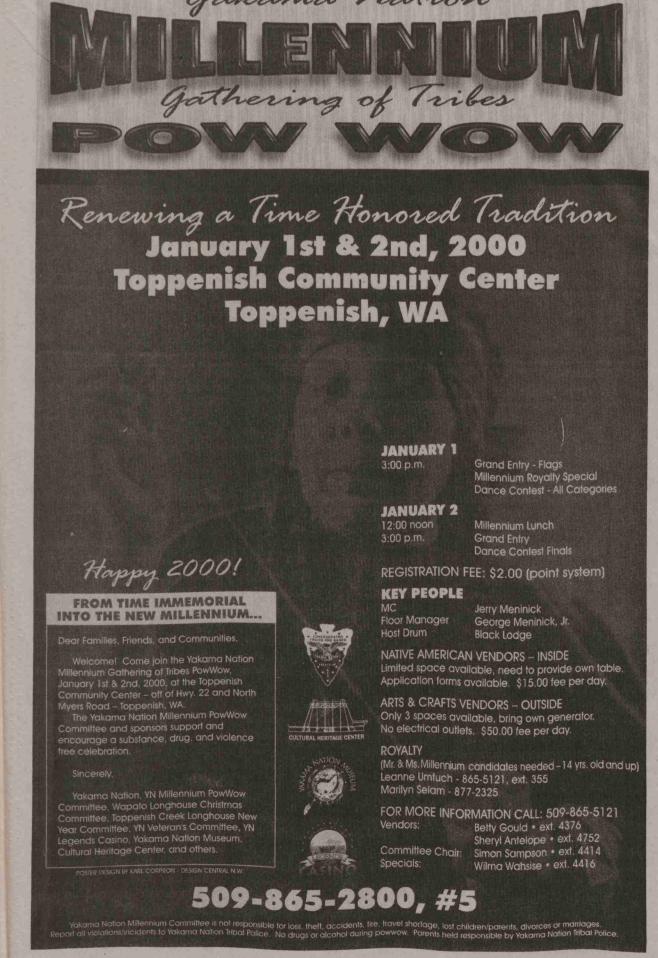
Tuesday, Dec. 28: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \*Skateland Fun Center, 2506 Old Town Rd., Union Gap. FREE!

Wednesday, Dec. 29: 10 a.m. to 12-noon. Bowling at \*Nob Hill Bowling, 3807 W. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima. FREE to first 96 bowlers!

Thursday, Dec. 30: 1 p.m. Movie in the \*Yakama Nation Heritage Theatre, Spilyay Loop, Toppenish. "Toy Story 2" \$1 per person. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 27-30: Basketball games at the Yakama Nation's \*Toppenish Community Center on Meyers Road.

\*Transportation NOT provided - get your own ride! Families urged to participate.

NOTE: Activities restricted to Native American families only! Sponsored through the Yakama Nation Youth Activities Program. Telephone 865-5121 for further information.



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# ACROSS NATIVE AMERICA



# Babbitt seeks four new western monuments

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) - Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt wants President Clinton to create two new national monuments in Arizona and two more in California to keep the areas away from developers.

The Arizona Republic, in a copyright story Dec. 13, said one of the Arizona sites involve 1 million acres northwest of the Grand Canyon that is being eyed by mine companies and subdivision developers. It would tentatively be called The Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument, the newspaper said.

The other site would be called the Agua Fria National Monument involving 40,000 acres north of Phoenix where hundreds of archeological sites are being threatened by urban sprawl and scavengers, according to the Republic.

He had proposed both sides previously for preser-

It said the two California sites proposed by Babbitt would add 10,000 acres to the existing Pinnacles National Monument south of San Jose and create the California Coastal National Monument made up of thousands of small, uninhabited islands and rock outcroppings.

The San Jose site is threatened by urban sprawl and the coastal location threatened by mining.

"The empty spaces are filling up in the West," Babbitt, a former Arizona governor, told the Republic in an interview Sunday. "We have to imagine what the Western landscape is going to look like in 50 years and try to anticipate (protections) rather than wait for the conflicts to happen."

Babbitt was expected to formally propose the four new monuments to Clinton Dec. 14 and wanted the president to act on the recommendations within the next several weeks.

However, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Bob Stump, R-Ariz., said the congressman planned to send a letter to Clinton asking that he reject Babbitt's plan.

Arizona Gov. Jane Hull supports the preservation on open space but not though a unilateral action of the president, Hull spokeswoman Francie Noyes said

# Navajo Council OKs route for fiber-optic cables

FARMINGTON, N.M. (AP) - The Navajo Nation has given permission to string fiber-optic cables through the reservation providing a high-speed Internet connection for people in the Four Corners area.

John Cooper, corporate development director for PathNet, said Public Service Company of New Mexico has been issued permission by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Navajo Nation to add the cable to transmission lines that already cross tribal trust lands. PathNet, a Washington-based company, is a major partner in the project.

Cooper said that after documents are signed, the \$40 million project also will have the state's blessing.

The cable would provide a high-speed Internet connection for customers between Albuquerque and Grand Junction, Colo., and would allow telephone and Internet use at the same time. Farmington has been fighting for a fiber-optic network in the hopes it would lure business.

Rep. Tom Taylor, R-Farmington, had referred to Farmington with its 40,000 population as a "telecommunications black hole."

Rob Roberts, PNM's right of way department manager, said the project has been in the works for three years. The lines will cross private, state, federal and PNM lands.

"It'll connect into Farmington, so Farmington will benefit from it," Roberts said. "We'll get them out of

PathNet will be responsible for the contraction and operation of the lines, he said. Construction is expected to begin in March or April. Farmington is expected to be connected by the fall of 2000.

## Navajo veterans nix 'Codetalker' movie

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - The first major Hollywood movie to tell the story of the Navajo Code Talkers is encountering opposition from some of the Code Talkers.

About 450 Navajo soldiers were assigned to a special Marine unit during World War II that used encrypted messages in the Navajo language. The messages were never broken by the Japanese.

MGM Productions plans to tell the story of the Code Talkers in "Windtalkers." The movie focuses on two Anglo Marines charged with protecting the Code Talkers.

Samuel Billison, one of the Navajo Marines who was tapped to become a Code Talker when he enlisted at age 18, said the movie has major problems,

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including how it details life on the Navajo reservation in the 1940s.

Billison, 74, president of the Navajo Code Talker Association, is especially miffed that the movie's star

Nicholas Cage is being considered for one of the lead roles as a Marine from Philadelphia who must guard two Code Talkers.

When he first heard about the movie last month, Billison sent Cage a letter expressing his disappointment with the project.

"This is a story that must be about Navajos," Billison wrote. "We are told that you are an honorable person. We would ask that you reconsider your involvement in a project that has ignored us and seeks to use our story to feature a non-Navajo as the most important person in the movie."

Cage passed the letter on to the movie's producer, Terence Chang, who has scheduled a trip to Gallup Saturday to talk to Billison and other Code Talker veterans about their worries about the film.

Eric Kops, vice president of national publicity for MGM, said Chang is open to correcting any inaccuracies in the script.

"We want the movie to be historically and culturally accurate," Kops said.

Billison said he intervened because he didn't believe Hollywood screenwriters and producers could accurately portray an important chapter of Navajo history without consulting with the veterans who lived through it.

"We just wanted them to do the story correct," he

#### **NORTHERN PLAINS**

# Missouri River summit draws mix in January

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) - It's time to deal with sedimentation on the Missouri River before it gets worse and more expensive to address, says Sen. Tom Daschle, who is organizing a summit in Springfield next month.

"Just seeing what has happened in recent months and years should give us all pause and motivate us to join together and make this not only a river issue, but a state issue," he said.

Other issues to be examined at meeting Jan. 20 will include tribal water issues, release rates from Missouri River dams and the erosion of farm ground and wildlife habitat along the shoreline.

Indian tribes also will be invited, along with river advocates, environmental specialists and officials for the Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies.

Although he believes the state must take the lead in the solving the sedimentation problem, Daschle said Congress will play an important role as well because of the Corps of Engineers' involvement on the reservoir system.

The town of Springfield has struggled with increasing siltation problems during the past 15 years. Millions of tons of silt from the Niobrara River in Nebraska have been flushed into the river at the upper end of Lewis and Clark Lake.

A state recreation area at Springfield is difficult for boaters to use because of sandbars.

"Sedimentation has had a detrimental effect on that area for years, and basically has choked it off from any river traffic," said Doug Hofer, state Parks Division director for the Game, Fish and Parks Department in Pierre. "If you multiply those problems with all the other areas where it's happening, that's an especially serious issue."

Daschle aide Marc Kimball said the senator estab-

lished the summit in response to contacts with landowners and municipal officials up and down the Missouri in South Dakota. He said mayors and other community representatives will be invited to describe their problem with the Missouri and its management.

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# Haskell archivist excavates history of famed college

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - Bobbi Rahder stumbled upon the historic treasures of Haskell Indian Nations University while cataloging century-old glass plate negatives five years ago.

Now the university's archivist is busy excavating the past to help future generations understand Haskell's unique role in American Indian education, culture and history.

When Rahder's mission is complete, researchers won't need to call the University of Kansas for information about Haskell.

"Now Haskell can be explaining its own story and

people won't go elsewhere for it," Rahder said.

In May, Haskell was one of 62 national sites selected to receive \$30 million in federal grants through a program called "Save America's Treasures.'

Haskell's share of \$50,000 for its Museum and Archives Collections will be matched with preservation funds from the American Indian College Fund.

Currently, Rahder and two student interns are sifting through the archives that will fill a planned cultural center.

The grants will enable Haskell to:

- Hire an art conservator to advise university staff on how to preserve campus murals.
- Pay for shelves, file cabinets, a digital camcorder and videotapes. • Allow staff to microfilm the Indian Leader, the

Haskell yearbook and newspaper. • Establish a disaster recovery plan if art and

other valuable materials are in danger. "Haskell is a microcosm of how American Indian education has changed over the years, and part of Haskell's goal is to become a national center for

educating people about that," Rahder said. The university plans to build a log cabin on campus to house the Haskell Cultural Center, to include

a museum, research facility and archives collections. Donations and grants are coming from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and

Rahder's job is organizing the photographs, yearbooks, scraps of paper and government documents that tell the story of Haskell's transformation from the U.S. Indian Industrial Training School in 1884 to a university offering four-year degrees.

Over the years, boxes of documents and photographs accumulated in closets and storerooms across campus. The disorganization hindered Haskell's ability to tell its story.

Now, each story-telling treasure is being archived, from the 20-year-old school pageant program to a baker's handwritten supply list from earlier this cen-

Rahder joined Haskell five years ago to catalog 809 glass-plate negatives featuring American Indians in their tribal clothing. The pictures were taken by Frank A. Rinehart in 1898 at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition and U.S. Indian Con-

While she was documenting the historic Rinehart negatives, Rahder said, she began to learn more about Haskell. The first students were forced to attend because the government hoped to assimilate American Indians to the white culture.

"As I was working with (the Rinehart negatives) I realized Haskell has this incredible history," she said. "It's amazing to me that the American Indian people have survived and prospered, after all they went through and what was done to them."

# Cherokee council approves new salary increases

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (AP) - Cherokee legislators Dec. 13 voted themselves a \$7,000 pay increase, despite concerns about the tribe's financial condi-

Harold "Jiggs" Phillips was among five of 10 tribal council members who voted against the proposal Dec. 13. The vote raised annual salaries from \$16,800 to \$23,800 and allows \$4,800 a year for meeting al-

'We still don't have a clear picture of our money situation," Phillips said Tuesday. "We do know we have a large indebtedness or obligation, and we have not reached a conclusion as to how to handle it."

Council member John Ketcher, a former deputy chief, defended the increase. He said legislative pay

lags behind that of other branches of government. The council members are elected from a 14-county district and their duties have expanded with growth of the 200,000-member tribe, he said.

"They attend numerous committee meetings, are in contact with many constituents and program people personally and by telephone on a daily basis," Ketcher said. "This is neither an 8-to-5 nor a Monday-through-Friday job if we are to represent the

The tribe's finances were a major issue in Chief Chad Smith's defeat last summer of previous Chief

Phillips cited attorney fees owed by the tribe and a \$1 million-plus emergency medical services building that is now under construction, although the tribe has made no appropriation for it.

He said an audit of finances under the previous administration also is pending.

"I think we need to be sensitive to the Cherokee

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citizens, and they have definitely told us they are opposed to a salary increase at this time," Phillips

A majority of the council turned down his request to postpone action on the pay increase. The increases take effect April 1.

#### NORTHEAST

# Onondaga Nation begins reacquiring ancient lands

ONONDAGA NATION, N.Y. (AP) - Even though they expect to proceed early next year with a major land claim, the Onondaga Nation has begun reacquiring its ancestral lands.

The nation purchased 156 acres in the town of Onondaga from farmer James Loader for a little more than \$30,000, said Chief Irving Powless. Almost all of the money was used to pay off Loader's delinquent taxes, he said. The Onondagas will lease the property back to Loader for one year and allow him to keep living there as long as he desires.

It is the first time in their history that the Onondagas have purchased property, although Powless says it won't be the last time.

Powless said the Onondagas have no long-term plans for the property, located just south of Syracuse and about three miles west of the Onondaga's 6,100acre reservation.

"It's quite a piece of land. Very fertile," Powless

The Onondagas do not intend to pay taxes on the property because the land falls within a 100-square mile area which the nation claims New York state illegally took from them 200 years ago, Joseph Heath, the nation's attorney, said Monday. In New York, Indian reservation land is not taxed.

"We feel this is a reacquisition of claim land, so it's not taxable," Heath said.

Town of Onondaga Supervisor Thomas Andino disagreed about the farm's status.

"They're certainly free to purchase the property, but they'll certainly be taxed on it. Property that is within the town and not part of their reservation will be taxed," Andino said.

Loader's neighbors, too, objected to the Onondaga's not paying taxes.

"I have no objection to the Indians owning it but I think they should pay taxes the same as we have to because it is not in what is considered their reservation right now," said Annette Raus-Kinyon, whose farm abuts the Loader farm.

Heath said the Onondagas plan to file a land claim lawsuit in federal court early next year seeking compensation for the 100 square miles of land they claim was illegally taken from them. That area includes the

Other members of the Iroquois Confederacy - the Uneidas, Senecas and Mohawks - all have land claims pending.

The Onondagas say they hope to acquire additional land through similar purchases.

"We need to expand our land to accommodate our population as it increases," Powless said.

SOUTHEAST

# FBI arrests former casino workers, charged in theft

CHEROKEE, N.C. (AP) - The FBI arrested 13 former casino employees and charged them with stealing more than \$187,000 over five months from Harrah's Cherokee Smoky Mountains Casino. The suspects are charged with conspiracy and

embezzlement for thefts that occurred from August 1998 until December 1998, according to a federal indictment unsealed Dec. 15. Each felony charge carries a maximum penalty of

20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians equally

shares the profits from the casino. Tribal and casino officials said an investigation started in November 1998 after an internal audit by the Cherokee Tribal Gaming Commission revealed irregularities. Authorities said money was stolen through an

"elaborate scheme" of double-paying jackpots - a winning customer would receive his or her correct payment and an employee would pocket an equal

"We have strict internal control procedures in place and those procedures worked," said Patrick Lambert, head of the gaming commission. "We have zero tolerance of theft of any kind, and we feel these arrests are appropriate."

Jerry Egelus, general manager of the casino, said casino visitors' money was not involved.

## NCAI winter session

WASHINGTON - Registration for the winter session of the executive council of the National Congress of American Indians begins on Feb. 23 at 12:00 noon. First General Assembly begins on Feb. 24 at 9:00 a.m.

All meetings will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington, 1000 H Street, Washington, D.C. Telephone is (202) 32-1234; or fax (202) 628-1641.

Pre-Registration Deadline is Jan. 28; Fees: \$125. On site Registration after Jan. 28; Fees:

Ask for NCAI Room Block when making reservations. The Room Block Rate will not be available after Jan. 23.

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