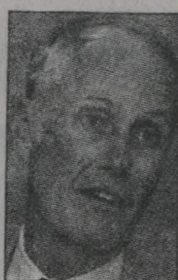


Was there 'Gorton fatigue'?

MANY ELEMENTS were part of the successful campaign of Democrat Maria Cantwell to unseat three-term Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., in the Nov. 7 election. The mechanical recount completed Dec. 1. "Senator No-Hair" has conceded. AP Political Writer David Ammons counts her successful steps. Story, PAGE 3.



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Florida certifies Bush electors; Supreme Court hears state ruling

Gore seeking county recounts

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Supreme Court justices questions lawyers for and Vice President Al Gore today vigorously during oral arguments in the historic presidential election showdown between Bush and Gore. Several justices questioned whether they should intervene.

The Supreme Court in this historic case mounted a same-day transcript on its website and also made available an audio recording for American media.

Amid the watchful eyes of the nation and to cheering crowds in Tallahassee, Katherine Harris, Florida's Secretary of State, on Nov. 26 certified election results there. Despite mounting legal challenges from Vice President Al Gore's campaign the next day, and Supreme Court hearing on Friday, Bush heartily accepted his 537-vote win on Nov. 26.

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"Secretary Cheney and I are honored and humbled to have won the state of Florida, which gives us the needed electoral votes to win the election," said Bush in Texas Nov. 26. "We will therefore undertake the responsibility of preparing to serve as America's next president and vice president."

Whether or not Bush's acceptance will hold true remains to be seen. Gore is challenging the counts in Palm Beach, whose updated results were ignored by Harris due to their lateness and her denial of an extension to the county, Miami-Dade, where recounts were suspended last week, and Nassau.

But even if he won those, he has to face the Supreme Court. In a move which surprised many, the

Colby resigns court bench

BY DAVID LESTER
Yakima Herald-Republic

YAKIMA - Admitting that he violated ethical rules, Judge George Colby resigned from the Yakima County District Court bench on Nov. 30.

The resignation, effective immediately, is part of an agreement with the state Commission on Judicial Conduct. The agreement ends Colby's fight against a lengthy list of charges the judicial watchdog agency filed against him earlier this year.

Contacted late afternoon on Nov. 30, Colby denied most of the

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TEXAS GOV. GEORGE W. BUSH, left, greeted supporters Nov. 25 as he returned from his ranch to Austin on the eve of the Florida certification Nov. 26. Vice President Al Gore, right, praised the chocolate chip after going out with his family for ice cream in Washington. - (Photos by AP & New York Times.)



high court agreed to hear Bush's challenge to the Florida ruling which led to Sunday's revised certification.

Also, the General Services Ad-

ministration (GSA), which controls transition funds and offices on Capitol Hill, said Bush can't start acting like the President-elect just yet. Bush appointed Cheney head

of his transition team but the pending legal challenges will prevent the release of \$5.3 million in federal funds for them.

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Thomas sentenced in '94 slaying

BY RICHARD LA COURSE
Yakama Nation Review

YAKIMA - Bernal Thomas, 28, was sentenced to 12 years in prison Nov. 17 in the 1994 murder of Jonathan Hahn in Wapato.

District Judge Edward F. Shea oversaw the sentencing hearing here in U.S. District Court.

Thomas pleaded guilty last Aug. 30 to a charge of second degree murder and was sentenced to 168 months in a federal prison. Thomas appeared with his lawyer Richard A. Smith.

After his release, Thomas will be on supervised release for a period of five years and forbidden to have a firearm, to enter businesses where alcohol is sold, and will be subject to drug tests. He will also be restricted to living within the judicial district in reach of his probation officer.

Court papers state Thomas will pay total restitution of \$3,771.

The victim's mother, Elaine Hoptowit of Fort Hall, Ida., gave the following prepared statement at the hearing, read by her sister Sharon John: "I will never be able to forgive and/or take an apology from this man for running over my son, Jonathan, with a car. He took from me the joy and light of my life on that day of Sept. 23, 1994."

"I was looking forward to seeing my son Jonathan get his driver's license, go to his first prom, and graduate from high school. But, I will never see this, nor will my son Jonathan ever fish on the Columbia River again nor inherit these fishing sites."

"Jonathan was a very loving person and many of his friends are still trying to cope and deal with his death, besides his family. He left behind his Mother, two sisters, two nieces, one nephew (a new nephew and a new niece), Father, Kuthlas, Ulla, Tilla, three uncles, 10 aunts, 35 cousins and 40 second generation cousins."

She added: "These were his last parting words to me: 'I'll be alright Mom. Everyone knows me and I'll be okay. All the police know me.' I had asked Jonathan to stay home that evening after cleaning nets, the boat and the house, and putting up new bunk beds for his twin niece and nephew. But, he (Jonathan) wanted to go visit his friend across town because, he (Jonathan) had been busy fishing on the Columbia River and had not seen (his friend) for a month or more."

"He (Jonathan) left his friend's home around midnight and his friend's mother offered to drive him home. But, he told her, 'It's okay. I'll be alright. It's only a short

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It's 'Coyote radio' over KOTY-AM

BY RICHARD LA COURSE
Yakama Nation Review

TOPPENISH - Call it "Coyote Radio," with the new call letters KOTY for 1490 AM radio in Toppenish.

Two winners for the call letter contest were Dino Sanchez of Wapato who submitted KYOT and Isaac Hannigan of White Swan who submitted KIOT. The two will split the \$200 jackpot right down the middle.

These two important matters were unveiled at the Toppenish Community Center during the noon hour Nov. 28 as the dedication ceremonies were conducted and broadcast live over KOTY.

The host drum Indian Nation sang an honoring song for the new

station. Drummers and singers were brothers Joseph and Rodney Totus of Granger and Gary Smith of Toppenish.

Roy Dick conducted the In-vocation for the dedication ceremony. Dick said launching the Yakama radio station was "a big moment when Yakama voices can be heard across the states. Here in the mountains and on the rivers, we now hear the voices of our own people."

The KOTY broadcasts had begun at midnight on Nov. 27. "I first heard the songs from peoples across the U.S. and Canada," said Dick. "Our voices will now be heard alongside those of white people, Mexicans and black people. They can be heard all across Indian country."

OEDP Chairman E. Arlen Washines said the birth of the radio station occurred two years earlier when the General Council adopted a resolution to establish a radio station to meet the communications needs of the Yakama people.

"We need to know how our tribe is progressing and how the whole community is doing. We need to know what the churches are doing, the longhouses and schools. The old people can hear many things in their own language."

"People can hear matters concerning their economic development, their natural resources, water and timber. They can hear legal concepts explained. This is a very important step for our people."

Washines noted that KOTY was the first Indian-owned radio station in the state. He said that the Colvilles to the north were also weighing radio, "but we can go up there and brag around."

OEDP Committee member Duane Clark noted that in the 1990s the General Council had approved moves to launch radio, to open a casino, to build a sawmill and sort yard, and develop a tribally owned electrical utility. "Three of the four are now here."

General Council Chairman Jeffrey Bill called the day "a great step forward," which implemented a resolution of the electoral body of the people.

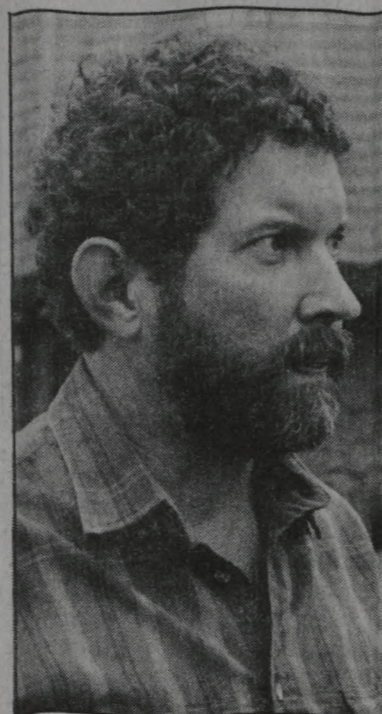
Economic Development Director Simon Sampson said an original plan to examine an FM station would have cost millions, and the purchase of the AM station in Toppenish was "more cost-effective."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and concluding song with Treaty Day royalty dancers concluded the dedication.

Clifton A. Wilson, the new KOTY station manager, resides in Toppenish. He graduated high school in San Leandro, Calif., then

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Protecting sites across Closed Area



ARCHAEOLOGIST DAVID POWELL

TOPPENISH - Yakama Nation archaeologist David Powell will speak on archaeological site protection on Yakama Nation Ceded Lands of 10 million acres as part of the Yakama Nation Museum Brown Bag Lecture Series Dec. 13.

Participants arrive just before 12:00 noon with their meal in hand, and leave about 1:00 p.m. when the presentations conclude.

Powell was born in Virginia and raised in Florida, but as a young adult migrated to the Northwest. He has a bachelor of arts in anthropology from Eastern Oregon State College and a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Oregon.

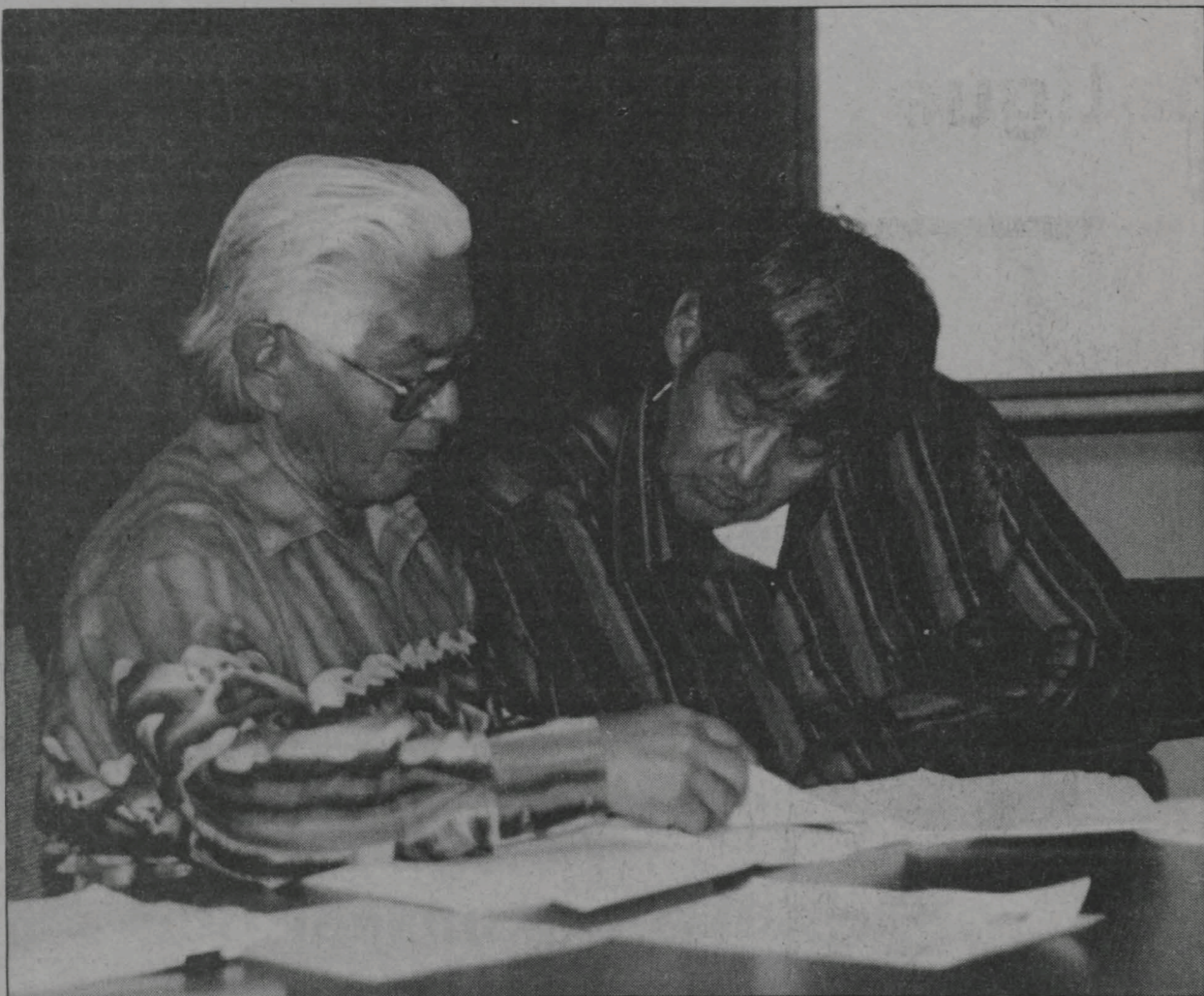
Powell will discuss how the archaeologist for the Timber, Fish, and Wildlife Program uses a variety of means to reach the goal of protection for archaeological and other cultural resource sites.

Making state officials and landowners aware of state laws is one avenue to achieve resource protection.

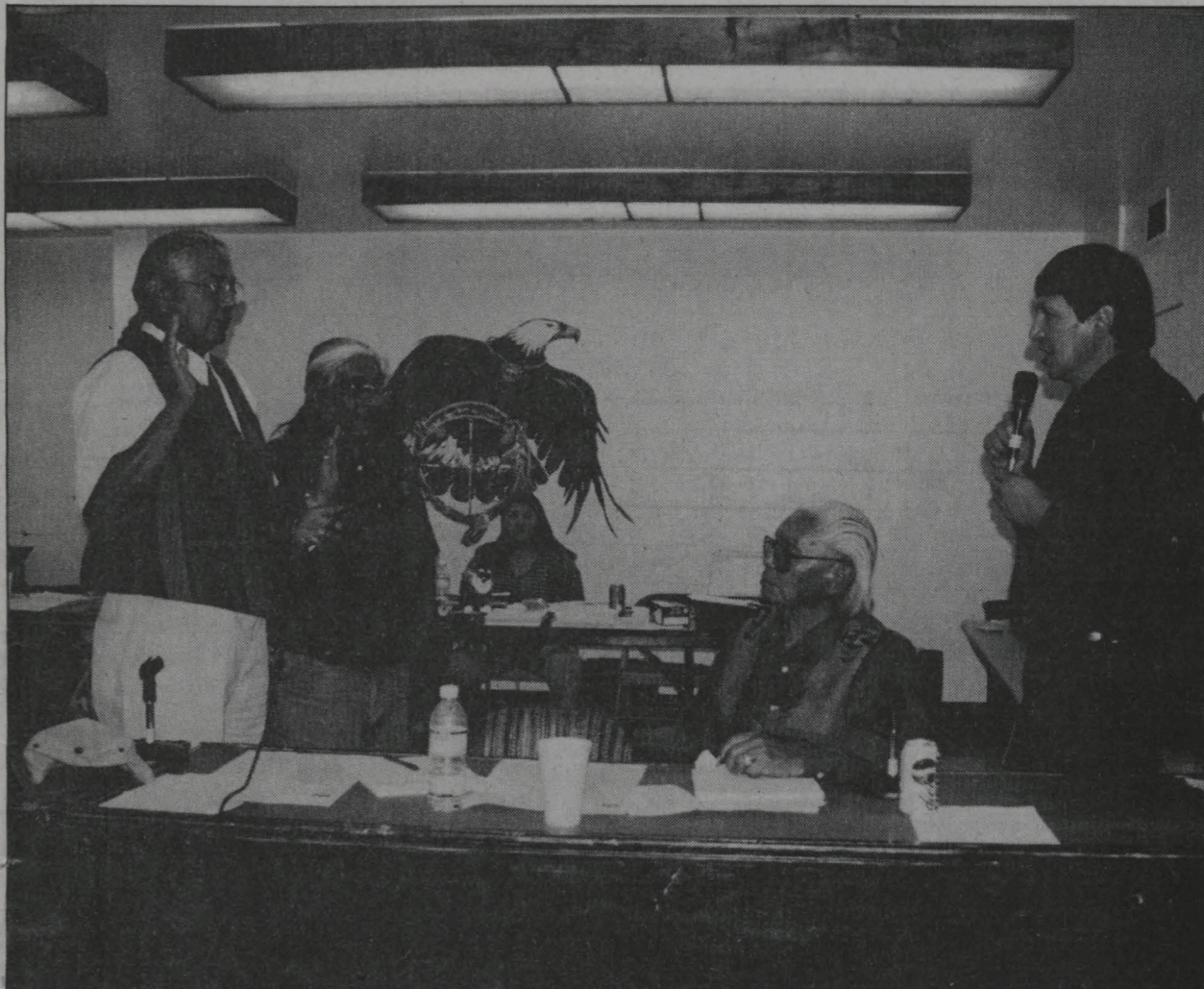
Demonstrating how to identify, document, and protect sites while carrying out the management goals of the landowner is another. The TFW archaeology attempt to communicate and cooperate with land owners and state regulatory officials to protect cultural resources.

The Yakama TFW Program advocates for resource protection on state and private lands through the review of forest practice application.

Powell has authored numerous reports and papers on cultural resource management and has been an important advocate for cultural resource protection in Washington state. He has worked as an archaeologist for private contractors and various agencies including the U.S. Forest Service.



GENERAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN Jeffrey E. Bill, at right, with Secretary Joe Jay Pinkham, during April deliberations over the matter of the Yakama alcohol ban before the voters, which they adopted Apr. 5. - (YNR Photo by Ronn Washines.)



SWEARING IN: Supt. Clarence E. Holford, right, administers oath of office to newly elected General Council Chairman Anthony Washines, left, and Vice Chairman David Mann on the night of Nov. 27. - (YNR Photo by Darla Leslie.)

Voters unseat Bill; Washines, Mann new top team

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of the General Council Chairman.

"Today you see something different. They say 'You can't tell us what to say. What to do,'" Bill said. "You want your authority back, well you better give it back where it belongs so he [Washines] can give that direction. Thank you once again for the trust you put in me for nine years. God bless you."

Bill, 55, was elected to the General Council chairmanship, succeeding Phillip 'Bing' Olney, on Jan. 14, 1992. Before that, Bill worked for the Wapato Irrigation Project for 27 years.

Chairman Washines then opened the floor for nominations for General Council Vice Chairman seat. Joanne Wahpat was elected. Lavinia Washines, Emma Walsey nominated Mavis Kindness and Debra Byrd nominated David Mann. Ruth Jim moved to close, with Byrd providing the necessary second.

Those nominated were excused to separate rooms, but before the count could be started, Louis Cloud raised a point of order from the floor.

He contended that the election for the General Council chairmanship should not have been held because of a General Council resolution [GC-1-86] regarding a natural resource enterprise, which he said called for repayment from several individuals, including Washines, of money utilized in securing the enterprise, Pan Sylvan Inc. back in 1984. Washines served on the Tribal Council's Economic Development committee at the time.

The enterprise was purchased through a 1984 Tribal Council action which sought new and innovative ways to market Yakama Nation timber. The issue was brought to the General Council, which dissolved the enterprise by passing the resolution.

"Therefore these people should not be holding elected positions or salaried positions," Cloud said. "The election is not valid and the man [Washines] you just elected made no attempt to pay back the money." Washines had turned the meeting over to General Council Secretary Joe J. Pinkham II, who reminded the assembly the three

people nominated for the General Council vice chair seat were still awaiting the vote.

Upon hearing that Washines was not conducting the meeting, Mann came out and announced he was declining his nomination, thinking that Washines had stepped down as the General Council Chairman. He asked Washines for a clarification.

"Mr. Acting Chairman Pinkham, at this time I believe this a point of order by Louis Cloud and it is not up to me to recognize his contention and object because it makes reference to me directly," Washines said. "It has always been my feeling and position that the General Council is the ultimate authority. When the General Council passed that resolution [GC-1-86], that same General Council nominated me into this position. I would not serve if it was not your pleasure."

He told the people that he would be more than willing to put the Pan Sylvan issue on the agenda and gather all the files and make a report to the people.

"The same person who signed

that General Council resolution gave me 10 minutes to address the issue. It is not fair to you to make a decision without all the information," Washines said.

Vice Chairman Vote

Understanding that Washines was not stepping down from the General Council chairmanship, Mann announced to the assembly that he was not declining his nomination for the General Council vice chairmanship.

The vote was taken, with Mann garnering 176 votes, Kindness 59 votes and Washines 42 votes. "I want to thank you. I think the leadership is here to serve the people. We're not here for ourselves, we're here for the people," Mann said in accepting his General Council seat.

Marcel Olney asked Yakama Agency BIA Supt. Clarence E. Holford to swear in the newly elected General Council executive board members. Supt. Holford proceeded to conduct a swearing-in ceremony.

"Back to the first vote for the Chairman. We voted in a new chairman. We got on new business and now a new vice chairman. Now they are sworn in, now we come back to wherever we're going to go from here," Pinkham said.

The recall vote was taken after the opening formalities, including Supt. Holford's report and Chairman Bill's report.

Auditor's Report

Chairman Washines moved to the next item on the agenda - the auditor's report and called on Brian A. Deveau, a Certified Public Accountant with the Moss Adams accounting firm of Bellingham. The firm has 21 offices in Washington, Oregon, California, New York and London and has been in business since 1913.

Deveau, in his summary, said the tribe is "financially very strong; a pattern of revenue growth in business enterprises and grants and contracts; and the flat general fund revenue will continue to pose a challenge," in referring to the 148-page Independent Auditor's Report and General Purpose Financial Statements with Supplemental Information.

In the scope of the audit, he said the report dealt with primary governmental areas including the General Fund, including the tribal treasury and gaming; Special Revenue, including grants and contracts; Tribal Enterprises; Internal Service Funds, including insurance and travel; Retirement Funds; General Fixed Assets and Debts; and Yakamart.

He added that the Yakama Nation's Land Enterprise, Forest Products, and Credit Enterprise were audited by LeMaster & Daniels and another firm was used to audit Legends Casino, and Moss Adams used the findings from their reports and could not specifically answer any questions regarding those audits.

The floor was opened for question and answers.

Adrienne Wilson referred to the

enterprises in asking if the losses for one was covered by the other and Deveau's answer was that four other profitable enterprises did cover the other.

Wilson then asked about the possibility of improving the financial system for the tribe and when those improvements would be reflected in future reports.

Deveau said that there was great concern with the Nation's current financial system and it needed a comprehensive review and re-engineering.

Cecil James Jr. questioned the possibility of having the Land Enterprise be a part of the 45-45-10 tribal revenue distribution formula, Deveau said he was reluctant to make any definitive answer because his firm did not do the audit on the enterprise.

James said when the time came he would consider making a motion to include the Land Enterprise in the revenue distribution formula.

Chairman Washines reminded the assembly that the Land Enterprise was established through a General Council resolution in order to purchase back land, and the issue could be revisited during its time on the current agenda.

Yvonne Colfax had a concern over the indirect cost rate tribal programs were charged over a lower established rate and how would this handled.

Deveau said that there were 20 or so "major programs" that received the lower rate and those programs that were charged at the higher rate would have their respective budgets reflect the lower rate by FY 2000.

Several tribal members brought

up similar concerns regarding the financial report and asked for a complete and detailed financial reporting in the future, including the tribal enterprises.

Many voiced a concern that the enterprise auditors were not present to field questions and concerns from the assembly.

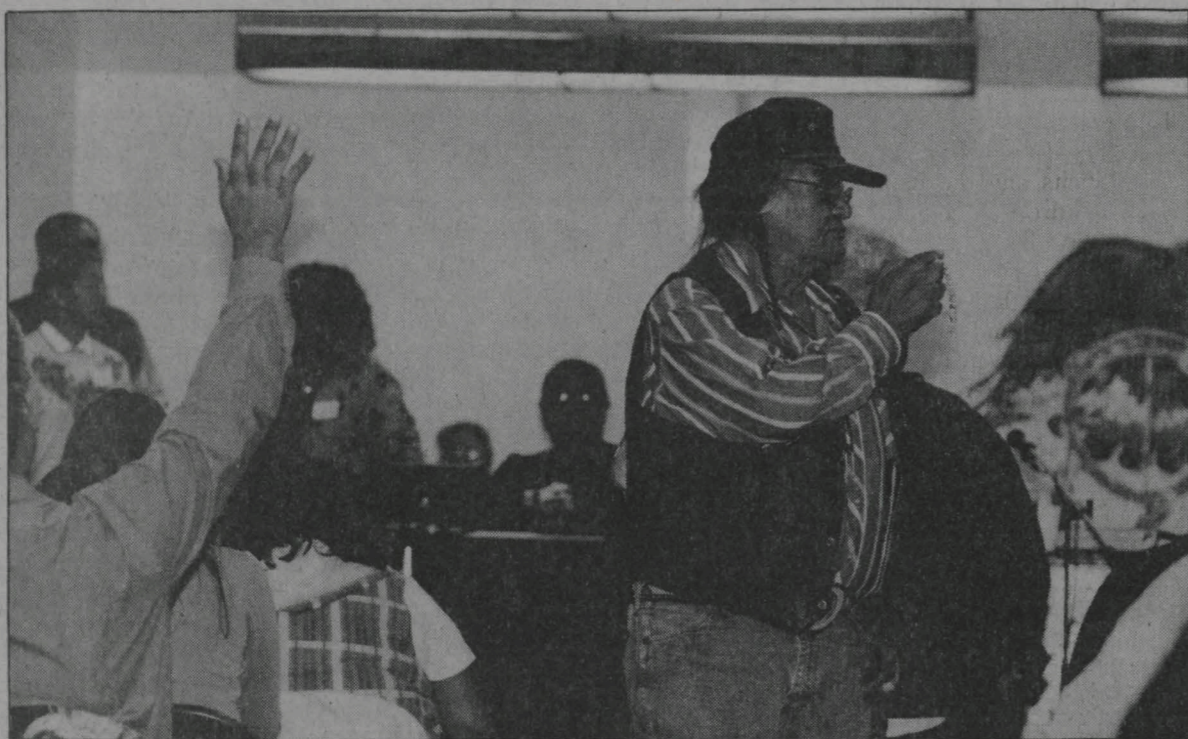
Chairman Washines said that if the General Council wanted them to be present, he would make it his responsibility to contact them and have them made available.

With the session nearing the designated recess hour, many tribal members were leaving, prompting Chairman Washines to recess the session. The General Council officers issued a notice on Nov. 28 that the session would be recessed until Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m., when it will take 175 voting Yakama members to re-open business.

The next agenda item is the Nation's Code of Ethics Report, including Councilman Russell Billy Sr. Appeal (motion required), and Chairman Lonnie Selam Sr. Appeal (motion required).

Other reports are scheduled on Legends Casino, including Gaming Commission and Board of Directors reports followed by a Yakama Forest Products report to be presented by the YFP board of directors.

A series of Tribal Council committee reports are then scheduled covering budget and finance; enrollment; roads, irrigation and land; health, employment and welfare; fish, wildlife, law and order (including the alcohol ban); legislation; loan, extension, education and housing; timber, grazing and economic development (including a report on Yakamart).



COUNTERS AT WORK: General Council Counters certify identity and age of eligible voters and enumerate the volume of voters throughout the public sessions. At work is Richard Thompson in the top photo as voter raises hand to be counted. Below, Dora Mesplie at left and Nettie Moses do the important work of voter tabulations. - (YNR Photos by Darla Leslie.)

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Heritage funds teacher scholarships

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Nation joined Heritage College in applying for money to fund Indian scholars who want to become teachers. The proposal was funded this fall by the U.S. Department of Education as an Indian Professional Grant called "Kutkutlama." Recipients, who agree to attend college full-time, receive \$1,250 per month to help them with living expenses. (The U.S. Department of Education stipulates that recipients must be within two years of completing a teaching certificate.)

Seven recipients were selected fall semester: Tina Allen, Raymond Azure, Celeste Isaac, Tonya Kreis, Priscilla Moore, LaVerna Scabbyrobe, and Sarah Whitefoot. Recipients were selected using Yakama Nation hiring practices. First preference was given to Yakama Nation members and students of Yakama descent. Second preference was given to spouses of enrolled Yakama members. Third preference will be given to other Indians.

Two more stipends will be available for Spring Semester 2001. Applicants please contact Apanakhi Buckley, Project Direct (509) 865-8670 or Jan Seago, Project Coordinator at (509) 865-8565.

Bazaar, talent show Dec. 1-2

TOPPENISH - The annual Christmas Bazaar and Talent Show will be held Dec. 1-2 at the Yakama Nation Cultural Center Winter Lodge and 14 Tribes Room from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with free admission.

This year a contest with "Handmade Christmas Clown" - a wall hanging, door decoration, center piece, or table runner - will be held. Also, three cash awards will be given for Best Article made this past year with \$25; \$20; and \$15 awarded to the winners.

Table Rentals are available at \$10 per table per day and \$15 for wall space. Pre-registration and pre-paid were required with a limit of 50 tables.

The bazaar is sponsored by Creative Alternatives to Alcohol and Drugs Committee with Arlene Olney, president. For more information and for applications forms mail to Margaret Ambrose, P.O. Box 133, Brownstown, WA 98920.

The Annual All-Indian Talent Show is set for Dec. 2 at the Cultural Center Heritage Theater. Matinee only with admission of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 years and under.

Cash prizes include Best of Show, \$300; Best Singer, \$100; Best Instrumental \$100; Best Comedy Act, \$100; Best Dramatic Presentation (Reading, Poetry, Skit, etc.), \$100; Best Contemporary (Modern Dance, Tap Dance, Ballet, etc.), \$100; and Best Traditional Indian, \$100.

All past winners are welcome to enter. Pre-registration required for all contestants. For Talent Show application contact Margaret Ambrose or Julene George at (509) 865-5121, Ext. 4490 or Arlene Olney at Ext. 4484.

Satus Shakers select elder posts

SATUS - Satus Shaker Church Minister Harriet Strom provided the following election results during their latest business meeting held last Nov. 15.

Elected First Elder was Vivian Tomaskin; Second Elder Cleo Sarah Shuster; and Third Elder Marsha Sweowat. Columbus Beavert Sr. volunteered to be the Church Secretary, while E. Arlen Washines stepped forward to volunteer to be the Church Treasurer.

Strom added the church would be opened Dec. 1, 2 and 3, for Shaker meetings, starting at 7:00 p.m. each night.

On Sat., Dec. 2, starting at 4:00 p.m., a dinner will be served to commemorate the Satus Shaker Church's 29th anniversary. Following the dinner, the new Elders will be ordained by the 1910 Washington State Church Bishop and the State Board of Elders and everyone is invited, Strom said.

Tourism seeks event, arts listings

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Nation Tourism Office is requesting information of all events to be on the 2001 "Calendar of Events". The names of the contact individuals with current telephone numbers are extremely important. Contact the Economic Development Division of Tourism, Atwice Osborne or Katie Swan at (509) 865-5121, Ext. 4753, for the appropriate Form to complete.

In addition, the Tourism Division is in the process of developing a "Tribal Arts and Craftsperson Registry." The Tourism Marketing Strategy includes assisting tribal artisans and craftspeople market their wares to the general public.

On the advent of the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, there has been and will continue to be a significant increase in the demand for Native American performers, lecturers, demonstrations, arts and crafts, and exhibits. A registration form is available for inclusion in that directory.

In an effort to capture a portion of the \$10 billion tourism dollars spent in the state of Washington - ranking fourth nationwide, the office's mission is to promote tribal members, and the reservation as a tourist destination to the global society.

Eight-week relapse prevention course

TOPPENISH - A Relapse Prevention Group will hold an eight-week course to be held at the Health Annex or old clinic building every Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting Nov. 17.

The Relapse Prevention Group is open to the public. Because Nov. 23 is on Thanksgiving Weekend, the Nov. 24 class will be canceled then made up on Jan. 14.

Limited flu vaccine on hand

TOPPENISH - The Fall flu vaccine supply was expected to arrive at the Yakama Health Center sometime in late November. This year, there may be a limited supply nationwide, with some deliveries not arriving until December.

The health center will use the guidelines for vaccine administration from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which recommends that the following people receive the vaccine:

- Adults 65 years and older;
- Residents of any ages in nursing homes and other chronic care facilities;
- Adults and children who have chronic heart or lung conditions, including asthma;
- Adults and children who have chronic medical conditions, like diabetes, kidney failure, blood disorders, or immune suppression;
- Health care workers in clinics, hospitals, or nursing homes.

People in the above categories are the first priority. These people may receive the flu vaccines by scheduling an appointment with the primary care provider or the ACN nurse (in medical department) by calling the medical appointment desk at (509) 865-2102, ext. 284 or 1-(800)-574-5584, or an appointment with a Public Health Nurse by calling ext. 269.

Vaccines may also be given on a walk-in basis in the Public Health Nursing Department in the Community Health wing of the health center.

When vaccines are available, the Home Health Nursing Department will contact the Foster Care Retirement Center and Wanity Park to schedule flu vaccine clinics at those locations.

'Gorton fatigue' boosted Cantwell

SEATTLE - She had to wait through an election night that lasted 24 days, but Maria Cantwell finally stepped forward Dec. 1 to declare "a long-awaited victory" in the closest U.S. Senate race in state history.

A statewide machine recount of nearly 2.5 million votes showed yesterday that Cantwell, a Democrat, defeated three-term incumbent Republican Slade Gorton by 2,229 votes.

She did it by carrying only five of the state's 39 counties - a fact that was clearly on her mind. "My challenge will be to get better known outside the Puget Sound region, Maria be to get better known" outside the Cantwell said.

And she plans to start delivering on her promise to unite the state with trips next week to Vancouver, Spokane and the Tri-Cities.

Gorton, in a brief concession speech from Bellevue Dec. 1, urged Cantwell to represent all of Washington.

"I have, of course, paid particular attention to those parts of our state - and to those people - who have not shared in the impressive economic growth of the last two decades," he said. "And I hope that they will not be forgotten in the future."

Cynthia Bergman, Gorton's spokeswoman, said there would be no challenges to the recount.

"The results are in and the election is over," she said.

Cantwell's victory will give Democrats 50 of the Senate's 100 votes when the new Congress is sworn in Jan. 3. She also will become the 13th

woman in Congress' upper chamber. She will make Washington one of only three states represented by two female senators.

Why Maria Cantwell?

Republican Slade Gorton, a powerful member of the Senate's inner elite, one of the "College of Cardinals" who hold the nation's pursestrings, versus Democrat Maria Cantwell, a six-year state lawmaker bounced after a single two-year term in Congress who went on to become a wealthy businesswoman.

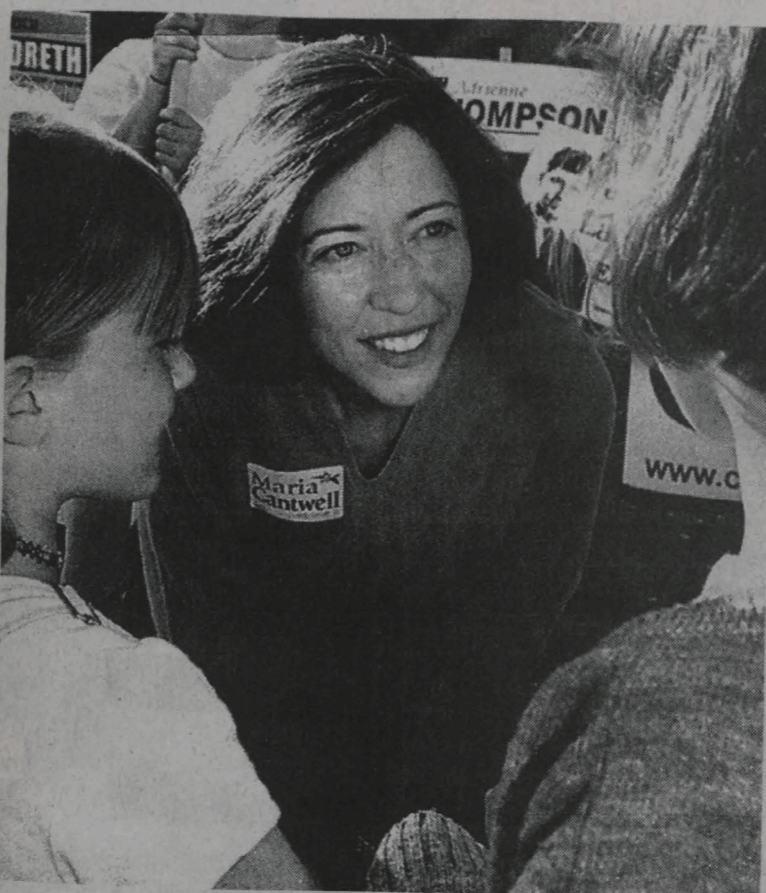
Gorton, a 42-year veteran of politics who had won six statewide races, versus Cantwell, a 42-year-old who had never gone beyond a single congressional district.

Gorton, the wily one with connections in every burg in the state, versus Cantwell, virtually unknown outside Seattle when she first jumped into the race.

And yet it is Cantwell who is the odds-on favorite to scoop up Henry M. Jackson's old Senate seat when the 2.5 million ballots are recounted, starting Nov. 27.

She goes into the retabulation nearly 2,000 votes ahead, and no Washington election in modern history has been overturned in a recount.

Presuming her victory holds up, it will create the first tie in the Senate in 120 years, a 50-50 deadlock that Dick Cheney can break in favor of the Republicans if he's vice



MARIA CANTWELL, Democratic senatorial candidate, pictured in Seattle during the autumn campaign. - (AP Photo.)

president. If Democrat Joseph Lieberman becomes vice president, his Senate seat will go to a Republican appointee, making the margin 51-49, at least until a death or resignation changes the math.

Cantwell's victory would put her shoulder-to-shoulder with second-term Democratic Sen. Patty Murray. Washington would have two women senators for the first time in its history, enhancing its reputation for electing women legislators, executives and judges. California and Maine have two women senators now.

Cantwell's election also would reduce Republican representation on the 11-member congressional delegation to three and give the Democrats their best showing since the 1992 sweep - the year Cantwell won her 1st District congressional seat.

(Republicans might take comfort in remembering that Democrats lost all their gains in the 1994 "Republican Revolution.") Northwest clout would take a hit.

Losing Gorton means the state's U.S. Senate seniority plummets to eight years, down from 26 years with the GOP veteran. His plum subcommittee chairmanships will be gone and the state would have nobody in the majority party.

Can Cantwell and Murray save the Snake River dams, protect Microsoft, fend off huge power-rate increases, avoid diversion of Washington water and bring home the bacon?

The jury is out, as they say. A variety of Cantwell attributes, Gorton deficits and the national political backdrop all combine to explain Cantwell's apparent victory.

Here's a list of thoughts offered by pollsters, independent analysts, academics and party pros:

• **WIND AT HER BACK.** Though most pre-election analysis suggested a near-dead heat nation-

ally and in the state, it was actually a mildly Democratic year here. Al Gore carried Washington comfortably. Democrats picked up the state's only open U.S. House seat and, apparently, dumped Gorton. Gov. Gary Locke was elected in a landslide as the party won seven of nine statewide offices. Democrats appear to have retained a co-majority in the state House - two races there are headed for recounts. And they have a one-seat majority in the state Senate.

"It was a Democratic turnout, a tough night for Republicans everywhere," says GOP consultant Brett Bader. "Slade had to run ahead of everyone, and he almost did it."

Democratic state Chairman Paul Berendt also credits a mild Democratic tide.

• **GENERATIONAL POLITICS.** Gorton is 72 and Cantwell is 42. Though he's vigorous and still runs half-marathons, she subtly portrayed him as over the hill and out of touch. She referred to "19th century solutions to 21st century problems." She used her cache as a high-tech, dot-com success story, giving her campaign an upbeat sheen and an edgy, with-it quality. By inference, Gorton was yesterday's news, embracing a more rural, resource-based Washington while she was the Seattle sophisticate, well-versed in the New Economy.

• **GORTON FATIGUE.** Gorton himself ousted a Senate icon, Warren G. Magnuson, 20 years ago by saying it was time for change, time to allow "Washington's next great senator" to start building up seniority. What goes around, comes around, it seems.

• **SKINNY-MAJORITY SLADE.** Gorton has always seemed to have a tough time winning in the Democratic-leaning state. Two of his three Senate victories were in GOP landslide years of 1980 and 1994. He narrowly lost re-election in the midterm race of 1986 and won with a 2 percent mar-

gin two years later. His first statewide victory, for attorney general in 1968, required a recount.

• **COMBATING IMAGE.** Both have a frosty, aloof persona, but it probably hurt Gorton more, since re-election campaigns are basically a referendum on the incumbent. Gorton didn't try to warm up his image - other than wearing sweaters instead of Brooks Brothers suits - and ran a take-me-or-leave-me campaign that asked voters to consider his clout and his ideas, not his Cuddly Quotient.

• **THAT MONEY.** Gorton was outspent, about \$11 million to \$8 million. Most of Cantwell's campaign cash - an eye-popping \$10 million - came from her own checking account. It paid for a ceaseless barrage of TV commercials that built Cantwell up and tore Gorton down.

Pollster Tim Hibbitts says the potentially hazardous money issue actually became a small net plus for Cantwell. By self-financing, she was able to swear off political action committee contributions and direct party help, and ask outside interest groups not to spend money on her behalf. She touted campaign-finance reform.

• **GROUND GAME.** Democrats did a stellar job of identifying their voters and getting them to cast ballots, analysts agree. Organized labor, including the teacher's union that wanted a huge turnout for their teacher-pay initiative, beat the drums and Cantwell benefited.

• **AN ENEMY OF MY ENEMY.** Cantwell got third-party help, though unsolicited, from tribes, environmental groups, abortion-rights activists, trial lawyers and others who badly wanted to dump Gorton. It was hard to spot similar passion among Gorton affinity groups on the other side of the ledger.

• **GREENER THAN THOU.** During the campaign, their themes often sounded similar - Social Security, education, prescription drugs and so on. One of the winning issues Cantwell picked as a defining difference was the environment. She and environmental groups painted Gorton as part of a "Dirty Dozen." She excoriated a Gorton rider to allow an open-pit mine in Okanogan County and ran ads suggesting he would be responsible for poisoning children's drinking water with cyanide.

Cantwell carried King County, home of the state's most fervent environmentalists, in a landslide.

"Slade Gorton lost because he was not a moderate and not green enough," Gorton's 1994 foe, King County Executive Ron Sims, told The New York Times.

• **RALPH NADER.** And speaking of environmentalists, probably no voters in the state were more fired up than the 100,000 who stuck with the Green Party nominee. That was more than 4 percent of the voters and could have been double that had Gore not been in trouble nationally. Nader voters, including some who don't ordinarily cast ballots, presumably went 99.9 percent for Cantwell.

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It's 'Coyote radio' over KOTY AM

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attended Skagit Valley College and broadcast-related schools. He served in the U.S. Army Security Agency from 1964 to 1968.

Clifton also managed the KSFE radio station in Needles, Calif., KBRD in Tacoma and KRKO in Everett. He belongs to the Lion's Club and Odd Fellows and his interests focus on tourism.

Clifton was born in Sedro Woolley and his parents are the late Louise and Robert Wilson.

Assistant Manager Connie L. Blodgett attended Haskell Indian Nations University in 1981 and reported for Indian Leader. She majored in communications at Central Washington University, reporting for CWU's The Observer, graduated in 1986. She served as public information officer for Indian Health Service Yakama Clinic with features and profiles published in the Yakama Nation Review.

She was then employed at Heritage College, the Native American Youth Association of Portland, Ore., and Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore. Blodgett is a member of the Native American Journalist Association (NAJA) and her interests are playing volleyball, basketball, attending powwows and photography.

Ms. Blodgett said: "My interest in communications began in high school. The radio station will provide news and information in a timely manner. I think we'll see huge benefits for the people from broadcast media. It's an honor and a privilege for me to be part of this project."

She resides in Toppenish with her five-month-old Bobbie and her spouse Robert Lewis. Her parents are Jim and Barbara Blodgett of White Swan. Her maternal grandparents are James and Anna Olney and maternal grandparents are Alfred and Sophia (Hoptowit) Blodgett.

Shawn M. Rich has been delegated to the Radio Project for short-term assistance with computer technology.

The Tribal Council approved purchase of KENE on July 12.

The purchase agreement included the Federal Communications Corp. license and full inventory of broadcasting equipment and infrastructure at KENE Radio. Under this option, the owner Rick Knapp would provide orientation and operational training at no charge.

The final purchase price for the facility was \$300,000. The current building and antenna would be leased at a monthly rent of \$700 for the period of a year.

A five-year budget for the station was adopted by the council, which included purchase, start-up costs, construction of a new studio, annual operating costs and development, totaling \$1,570,000.

The radio project will be a non-commercial "community service program" with no interest in selling air time to the public whose mission is to "provide radio information and communication services to the Yakama Nation government and community to enhance cultural, educational, social and economic values to promote the perseverance of the people, the protection and conservation of the natural resources and the well-being of the tribal and surrounding communities."

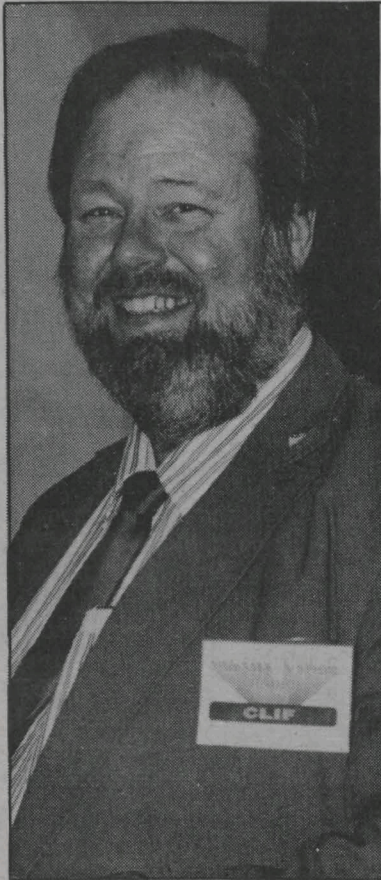
The provisions of the FCC license allow for a 24-hour broadcast day.

Three goals were adopted for the station:

- Increase Yakama governmental capacity to efficiently inform and communicate with tribal and surrounding communities;
- Promote Yakama Nation cultural and social values, and economic well-being;
- Promote the persistence of tribal government and tribal community.

Under terms of the July 12 resolution, a new broadcast facility could be constructed on trust lands belonging to the Yakama Nation, and the radio antenna could be relocated onto tribal lands up to two miles away from the present location, as long as the signal caused no "interference" to other broadcast frequencies.

Attorney Jim Casey, a Native American communications lawyer in Washington, D.C., is assisting the Yakama Nation in its application to the Federal Communica-



NEW RADIO STAFF: Cliff Wilson, top left, is first station manager for KOTY, and Connie Blodgett, a Yakama with a communications degree, right, is assistant manager. At the Nov. 28 public dedication below, The group "Indian Nation" left to right, including Randy Totus, Joe Totus of Granger and Gary Smith with son Trevor T. Smith, provided the dedicatory song. - (YNR Photos by Darla Leslie.)

tions Corp. for transfer of ownership of the broadcast license, the name change and eventual relocation of the antenna.

KYOT will operate within the tribal government's Support Services under a five-member Telecommunications Board of Directors. This board will operate under new by-laws in preparation, and will be formed once the license transfer is approved, the report states.

Program options include the following: Live coverage of local powwow events, learning the Yakama language, local sports events live on the air, special events coverage, traditional storytelling, traditional music, educational coverage, coverage of the activities of the Yakama Tribal Council, health information announcements, local youth programming and problems facing young people, local news and community information, non-Indian community interaction, women's health matters, features and news concerning natural resources such as land, water, wildlife and forests, and both live and recorded interviews with individuals.

The Economic Development Office described the "service area" of the new community broadcast station as the communities of Toppenish, Wapato, White Swan, Yakima, Sunnyside, Granger, Mabton, Georgeville, Goldendale and Celilo Village, Ore.

Their report stated: "The signal area will cover and serve nearly 225,000 residents in the service area, including Native Americans, Hispanics, Asian, and European-American communities. The radio service will provide information and entertainment from the Yakama Nation to the entire community."

"It is the experience of other Native American radio stations in mixed ethnic communities that they serve as the source of information for the entire community regarding the affairs surrounding

KOTY: What's just ahead

TOPPENISH - KOTY Radio 1490 A.M. will be involved in two major tasks just ahead, Radio Program Manager Alfonso Garcia said Thursday.

- First, we are configuring computer equipment to meet our music needs. In the meantime, we are playing a variety of music, making every effort to find a pleasant blend. We are now mixing in some public service announcements with the music.
- Second, the staff will place survey questionnaires throughout the community to come up with a plan for future programming. The questionnaires and dropoff boxes will be placed at the Yakamart, the Cultural Heritage Center Gift Shop, the Yakama Indian Health Center lobby, Legends Casino, and the Yakama Agency lobby. Later, we will have surveys available in White Swan and Wapato.
- Currently our schedule is 24 hours a day of mixed music with one set of announcements approximately every hour. Anyone with public service announcements can drop off information at the radio station.

Native American issues."

KOTY is anticipated to become a member of the National Federation of Community Broadcasters (NFCB), which provides national representation, ongoing station management information and staff

training.

The Yakama General Council approved the feasibility study for a non-commercial community radio station on Jan. 5, 1998 by a vote of 103 for, 25 against and 58 abstain-

Yakima Waste Systems area waste agency

TOPPENISH - Effective Dec. 1, Yakima Waste Systems Inc. will be the area's new solid waste collection company. Yakima Waste Systems Inc. and the Yakama Nation have entered into a joint venture contract for solid waste collection on the Yakama Reservation.

YWS will be working with the previous contractor, Yakima Waste Management, to make the transition of service as smooth as possible.

Initially YWS will continue to pick up solid waste on the same day that it is now picked up. Residential customers will be billed for three months at a time at their current service level and at the current collection rates. Commercial customers will be billed monthly at their current service level and at the current collection rates.

For enrolled tribal members, to qualify for tax-exempt status they must provide their tribal enroll-

ment number to the YWS office, which will be verified by the Yakama Nation administration office.

Persons with any questions or who would like to verify that YWS has their correct service level, call the YWS office at (509) 248-4213, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For the Mabton-Granger area call toll free at 1 (800) 572-0172.

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High court hearing trust case

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Supreme Court will rule on a high profile case which is raising questions about how far the government should go to protect tribal interests.

In 1999, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Interior Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs must comply with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request made by a group of Oregon citizens. Indian law advocates say the trust relationship between tribes and the government is at risk unless the Supreme Court overturns this decision.

The documents a group of Oregon water users have requested address the government's fulfillment of its trust obligations to several tribes in Oregon and northern California, as well as a water rights lawsuit it filed on behalf of them in the state of Oregon.

As such, groups like the Native American Rights Fund of Boulder, Colo., say the documents should be kept confidential between tribes and the federal government.

A federal court supported this notion, ruling that the seven documents were exempt from a FOIA request. The court said they qualified as "inter-agency or intra-agency documents."

But the 9th Circuit disagreed and said that while the Interior must act in the interests of tribes when protecting trust resources such as water, it can't give them greater rights than they would normally have.

The court even cited President Bill Clinton's 1994 tribal consultation memorandum as support for its position. That memorandum directed agency officials to consult with tribes over decisions that af-

fect them, but the court pointed out that the process must be "open and candid" so that other interested parties can be involved.

Clinton later issued a tribal consultation executive order in 1998 and renewed it earlier this month, calling on government officials to give tribes "the maximum administrative discretion possible." The order has been hailed as evidence of the administration's commitment to tribes and tribal sovereignty.

In preparation for the Supreme Court hearing, scheduled for next January, several tribes and tribal organizations have shown their support of the administration's appeal of the case. The National Congress of American Indians, the United South and Eastern Tribes, and the Campo Band of Mission Indians of California are a few who have filed support briefs.

The case is Klamath Water v. USDO (9th Circuit No. 97-36208, August 1999).

Babbitt may head university

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) - Northern Arizona University is abuzz with speculation among faculty members that Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt might emerge as a candidate to replace the school's departing president.

Anthropology professor Miguel Vasquez said Babbitt would be a good choice because of his environmental credentials, national stature and sensitivity to Native American issues, evidenced by his action to help close a pumice mine on lands held sacred by many Arizona tribes.

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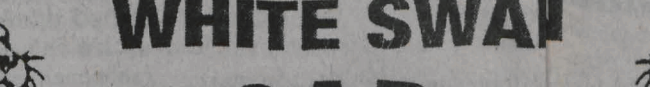
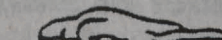
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U.S. ELECTORAL DILEMMA:

After land restoration, 14 rules for Americans

ASTUTE ANONYMOUS AUTHORS on the Internet have reacted interestingly to the prolonged electoral dilemma the United States is in. One wag - perhaps from Great Britain - penned a declaration by Queen Elizabeth reclaiming all of the U.S. - except for the state of Utah - back into the Commonwealth.

Some Indian on the net, probably responding to the Queen's initiative - decided to "Indianize" that action and to return the lands of the U.S. to the original owners.

The new e-mail states:

In light of your failure to elect a President of the U.S. and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the repossession of your government and property, effective this date. The Council of Chiefs will assume traditional duties over all states, commonwealths and other territories, except Los Angeles, which you have inflicted irreplaceable damage beyond repair.

The new Council of Chiefs will appoint the National Congress of American Indians to disband the United States Congress and Senate.

The White House will become an Elders' Center.

All Governor's houses, and other government housing will be turned over to those homeless or near homeless families that have been on HUD waiting lists for years.

To aid in the transition to the traditional ways of life, the following 14 rules are introduced with immediate effect:

- Look up the word "repossession" in the dictionary.
- Look up the word "Shaman" in the dictionary and discontinue any relationship of this word to any Indigenous healer or helper.
- Revision and reprint of all dictionaries, specifically removing the word "Squaw" and other disparaging words hateful to all people of color and those with disabilities.
- The words 'aye,' 'ayes,' 'enit,' 'not even' and '49' will be added to the dictionary.
- Discontinue to refer to traditional regalia as "Costumes."
- All hunting and fishing rights of the will be based on need of the family or community. All sports hunting and fishing will be banned. Those caught sport fishing and hunting will be deported to the unclaimed country, Los Angeles.
- You should learn to distinguish southwestern, northwest, coastal, plains, southern, east coast and all other tribes, bands, clans and corporations from each other. And note that all tribal people don't or did not live in teepees.
- Hollywood will be required to hire actual Native actors for parts and not just the bad guys or spiritual leader.
- Discontinuance of tribal names, tribes or images on any sports team. The 99.9 percent of you that are unaware that no other race of people are degraded in such a way, - St. Louis Spicks, Washington Wops, Georgia Gooks, Denver Danes. (With exception of the "Fightin' Irish.")
- Discontinuance of the use of tribal names, tribes or images on any product or merchandise. The 99.9 percent of you that are unaware that no other race of people are degraded in such a way, i.e., Jeep Chicano (without the consent of that particular tribal council's consent.)
- July 4, Columbus Day and Presidents' Days are no longer public holidays. Instead we will have the summer off with pay, if you are Native American or a descendant.
- Commodities will have color applied to their labels.
- Beauty pageants will allow the Native American contestants to wear T-shirt and cutoffs in the swimsuit competition.
- All non-native peoples will be required to attend trainings in the appropriate gestures of "lip signaling."

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World's dams harmed environment

BY IAN PHILLIPS

LONDON (AP) - Tens of millions of people displaced. Livelihoods wrecked. Fragile ecosystems destroyed. Animal species made extinct.

Large dams have brought much-needed power and water to the world, but their toll on the environment has been unacceptable, according to a report released Thursday by the World Commission on Dams. The report proposed strict new guidelines for future projects.

After two years of research focused mainly on nine major dams - including Grand Coulee in Washington state - the commission said previous evaluations of the possible damaging side effects of dams were "few in number, narrow in scope ... and inadequately linked to decisions on operations."

Among its findings: 40 million to 80 million people displaced worldwide and rarely compensated by governments; an irreversible loss of fish and aquatic species; and huge losses of forests and wetlands.

In a speech to environmentalists in London to mark the report's release, Former South African President Nelson Mandela said

Nov. 16 that he wished the findings had been available when he sanctioned the construction of some of his country's 539 dams.

"There is a part of me that resented having to choose the lesser of two evils - relocate some so that all may have water, or forgo a dam, thus slowing human development," he said.

The 12-member commission was set up in 1998 by the World Bank and World Conservation Union.

The body, which includes representatives from industry, dam owners, governments and environmentalists, called for dam projects to sustain rivers and livelihoods and for greater efficiency and accountability.

It also said alternative methods should be studied, that more effort was needed to gain public approval, and that in-depth environmental impact studies should be mandatory.

It proposed reviews of all existing large dams.

James Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank, which in recent years has markedly scaled back its financing of dams, said he would present the findings to the bank's 180 member nations. A decision on

whether to implement the guidelines when financing future projects is expected in February.

"This report gives us a basis upon which we can move toward trying to deal with the healing of the wounds," Wolfensohn said.

Half the world's dams were built for irrigation purposes and account for 12 to 16 percent of the world's food production, while others act as flood defenses and to produce hydropower and water supply.

Dams account for 19 percent of electricity generated worldwide, and 24 countries generate more than 90 percent of their power from dams.

More than 100 non-governmental organizations called Thursday for a suspension of all dam projects until they are reviewed in accordance with the committee's report.

"If the builders and funders of dams follow the recommendations ... the era of destructive dams should come to an end," said Patrick McCully of the California-based International Rivers Network.

There are 45,000 large dams in the world, most built in the 1970s, when an average of two to three new large projects were commissioned each day to help meet es-

calating demands for water. China and India have half the world's dams.

Construction has tailed off in recent years, but projects such as the Sardar Sarovar Dam across India's Narmada River are still a source of controversy. India's Supreme Court recently gave the go-ahead for work to continue, dismissing widespread concerns the dam will flood villages and displace hundreds of thousands of people.

In China, 10,000 villagers were recently moved away from the massive Three Gorges Dam - a figure expected to climb to more than 1 million.

The best documented examples of disrupted fish migrations are from the Columbia River in Washington state, where an estimated 5 percent to 14 percent of the adult salmon population are killed "at each of the eight large dams they pass while swimming up the river," the commission said.

In addition to Grand Coulee, the other dams studied by the committee were Pak Mun in Thailand, Aslantas in Turkey, Glomma-Laagen Basin in Norway, Kariba in Zambia and Zimbabwe, Tarbela in Pakistan, Tucurui in Brazil, and Gariep and Vanderkloof in South Africa.

OUT OF OUR MAILBAG:

Jeff Bill took time to serve people

REVIEW:

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Just as in your farewell speech you asked for blessing for your people, I too say, God bless you Jeff.

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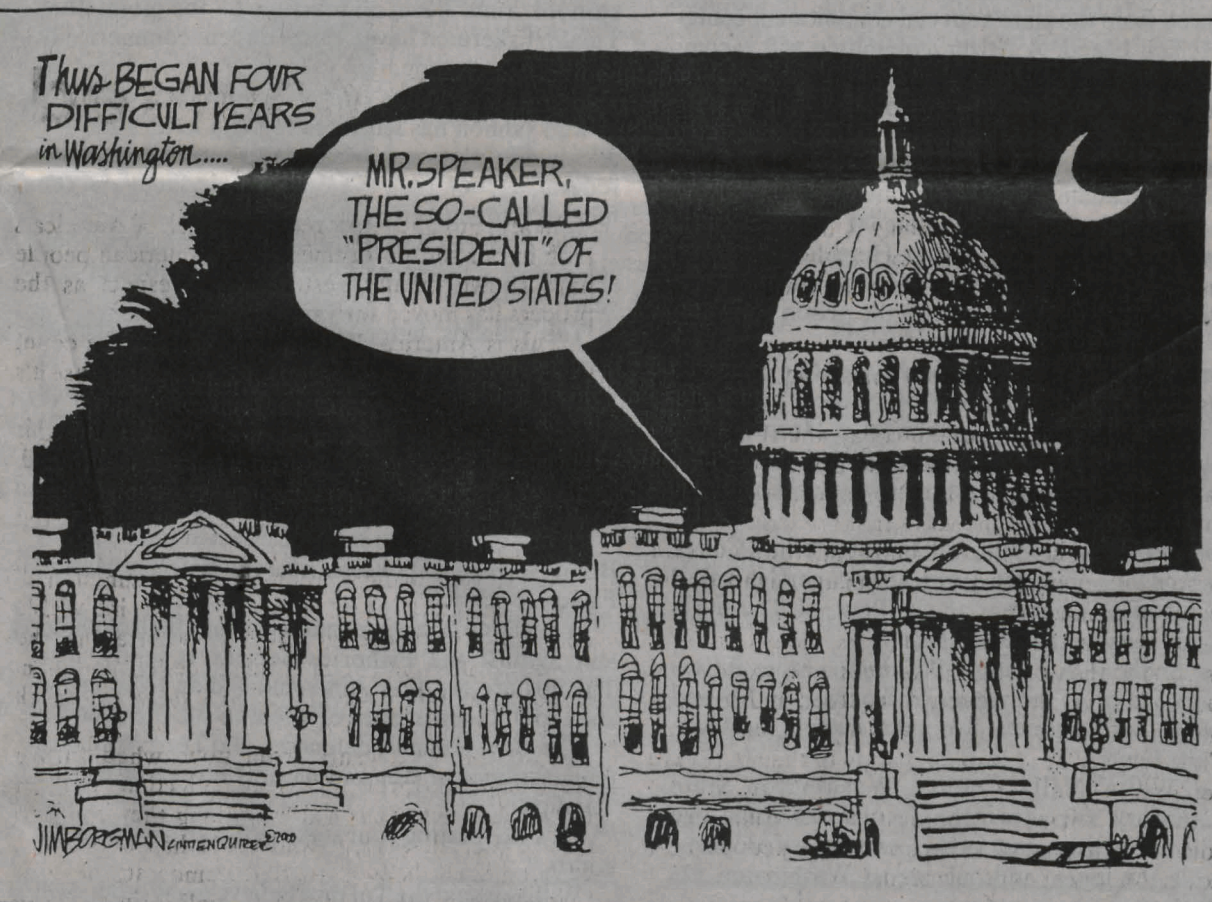
intrigues reader

REVIEW:

My name is Harrison Hunt and I'm 24 years old. I'm a table games floor supervisor at Legends Casino. I just read the Nov. 17, Vol. 31 No. 14 issue of the Yakama Nation Review and at the Across Native America section, on the Northeast column, I read a story called "Clinton considering clemency for inmate Leonard Peltier."

This story really caught my attention and would like to know where to receive more information on what happened almost 25 years ago on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Leonard Peltier has been locked up for as long as I've been alive, for some would call him a criminal and others would call him an activist. I feel for not only myself but for each and everyone of us that this issue is and should be important to all of us.



Please sent responses on all or any information you can of Leonard Peltier or places available for me to learn more about this matter. Thank you. A truly concerned Native American.

HARRISON J. HUNT

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[EDITOR'S NOTE: The three best books on the American Indian Movement and the June 1975 shooting in South Dakota are Peter Matthiessen's "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse" (1983), James Messerschmidt's "The Trial of Leonard Peltier" (1983), and Peltier's book "Prison Writings: My Life Is My Sun Dance" (1999, all available in most libraries.)

Had wife, son and home; Now he has walls, sentence

REVIEW:

Conclusive of my past full of foster homes, juvenile institutions and prisons, my attitude toward you-all and the world is one without concern for much of anything outside of me, and those I associate with such as The Circle (which is another story altogether).

I can't tell you or even explain to myself why I'm writing this letter, other than I've got this feeling that compels me to tell you all about a lil' sumptin' that happened to me the other day - and to tell you how all this stuff came down on my head.

Just short of three years ago, I started drink'n and drive'n, and duck'n and dodge'n all the resultant penalties for my conduct. Sure, I had to do some jail time here and pay part of a fine there, but essentially I just kept duck'n and dodge'n until the guy with the big stick caught up with me the other day and whacked me with a straight-up five year jail term, to be served in its entirety here in Yakima County jail.

...And oh yeah, did I mention that I had a wife and son, a home full of love, warmth, comfort - three nice vehicles, etc., etc. Did I mention that?

Well anyway, I traded it all in, for this. And it was just as simple as

that. I was in love - I was in love - I was happy.

I never had much of any of that in my life...and the loss still kind'a hurts me now and then. But I'll get over it.

How are you gonna handle it though? Like me? Or like a true native that's come back to your family, to your people...to your senses?

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AFTER FLORIDA CERTIFICATION

Bush: Extraordinary days

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP) - Following is the transcript of Texas Governor George W. Bush's speech Nov. 25 following certification of Florida election results.

GEORGE W. BUSH: Good evening. The last 19 days have been extraordinary ones. As our nation watched, we were all reminded on a daily basis of the importance of each and every vote. We were reminded of the strength of our democracy, that while our system is not always perfect, it is fundamentally strong and far better than any other alternative.

The election was close, but tonight, after a count, a recount and yet another manual recount, Secretary Cheney and I are honored and humbled to have won the state of Florida, which gives us the needed electoral votes to win the election.

We will therefore undertake the responsibility of preparing to serve as America's next president and vice president.

During the past year and a half of the presidential campaign, I've had the privilege of traveling America and meeting so many of my fellow Americans: the teachers who mold our future, the volunteers who take time to help neighbors in need, the police and firemen who risk their lives to protect ours, the workers who keep our economy strong and growing.

These experiences have confirmed that ours is a strong and vibrant nation, full of people whose hearts are bigger than even our most bountiful harvest.

As our country ends its Thanksgiving weekend, we have so much to be thankful for, beginning with the fundamental freedoms that are the birthright of every American: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

And with our freedom comes responsibility, for all of us. Once our elections are behind us, once our disagreements are expressed, we have a responsibility to honor our Constitution and laws, and come together to do the people's business.

Two hundred years ago, after a difficult election, President Thomas Jefferson reminded his fellow citizens that every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle.

Vice President Gore and I had our differences of opinion in this election, and so did the many candidates who ran for the United States Congress. But there is broad agreement on some important principles.

Republicans and Democrats agree we need to provide an excellent education for every child at every public school.

Democrats and Republicans agree that our seniors deserve a secure retirement and a prescription drug coverage in Medicare. Already there is some bipartisan groundwork on efforts to reform

Social Security and Medicare. We have a duty to find common ground to reform these vital programs for the greatest generation and for future generations.

Republicans and Democrats want a strong military to keep the peace and a foreign policy that reassures our friends and restrains our enemies.

There is growing consensus in Congress and America on the need to reduce taxes by reducing the marriage penalty and eliminating the death tax.

And I will work with members of the Congress from both parties to reduce tax rates for everyone who pays income taxes in America.

Progress on these issues will require a new tone in Washington. The path to progress is consideration and fair-dealing. I've worked with Democrats and Republicans in Texas, and I will do so in Washington. I will listen and I will respect different points of view, and, most of all, I will work to unite our great land.

This has been a hard-fought election, a healthy contest for American democracy. But now that the votes are counted, it is time for the votes to count.

The vice president's lawyers have indicated he will challenge the certified election results. I respectfully ask him to reconsider.

Until Florida's votes were certified, the vice president was working to represent the interests of those who supported him. I did not agree with his call for additional recounts, but I respected his decision to fight until the votes were finally certified. Now that they are certified, we enter a different phase. If the vice president chooses to go forward, he is filing a contest to the outcome of the election, and that is not the best route for America.

All of us in this election fought for our views. Now we must live up to our principles. We must show our commitment to the common good, which is bigger than any person or any party. We cannot change yesterday, but we share a responsibility for tomorrow.

Time runs short, and we have a lot of work to do. So tonight I'm naming Secretary Dick Cheney to chair our transition effort, and Secretary Andy Card to serve as my chief of staff.

I've asked Secretary Cheney to work with President Clinton's administration to open a transition office in Washington. And we look forward to a constructive working relationship throughout this transition.

The end of an election is the beginning of a new day. Together we can make this a positive day of hope and opportunity for all of us who are blessed to be Americans. Thank you very much, and God bless America.

Gore: Votes must be counted

WASHINGTON - Following is the text of a nationally broadcast speech Nov. 27 by Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore, as transcribed by eMedia Mill Works, Inc.:

Good evening. Thank you for taking the time to listen tonight.

Every four years there is one day when the people have their say. In many ways the act of voting and having that vote counted is more important than who wins the majority of the votes that are cast, because whoever wins the victor will know that the American people have spoken with a voice made mighty by the whole of its integrity.

On that one day every four years, the poor as well as the rich, the weak as well as the strong, women and men alike, citizens of every race, creed and color, of whatever infirmity or political temper all are equal. They're equal, that is so long as all of their votes are counted.

A vote is not just a piece of paper, a vote is a human voice, a statement of human principle, and we must not let those voices be silenced.

Not for today, not for tomorrow, not for as long as this nation's laws and democratic institutions let us stand and fight to let those voices count.

If the people do not in the end choose me, so be it. The outcome will have been fair, and the people will have spoken. If they choose me, so be it. I would then commit and do commit to bringing this country together. But, whatever the outcome, let the people have their say, and let us listen.

Ignoring votes means ignoring democracy itself. And if we ignore the votes of thousands in Florida in this election, how can you or any American have confidence that your vote will not be ignored in a future election?

That is all we have asked since Election Day: a complete count of all the votes cast in Florida. Not recount after recount as some have charged, but a single, frill and accurate count.

We haven't had that yet. Great efforts have been made to prevent the counting of these votes. Lawsuit after lawsuit has been filed to delay the count and to stop the counting for many precious days between Election Day and the deadline for having the count finished.

And this would be over long since, except for those efforts to block the process at every turn.

In one county, election officials brought the count to a premature end in the face of organized intimidation. In a number of counties, votes that had been fairly counted were simply set aside. And many thousands of votes that were cast on Election Day have not yet been counted at all, not once.

There are some who would have us bring this election to the fastest conclusion possible. I have a different view. I believe our Constitution matters more than convenience. So, as provided under Florida law, I have decided to contest this inaccurate and incomplete count, in order to ensure the greatest possible credibility for the outcome.

I agree with something Governor Bush said last night. We need to come together as a country to make progress. But how can we best achieve that? Our country will be stronger, not weaker, if our next president assumes office following a process that most Americans believe is fair.

In all our hands now rest the future of America's faith in our self-government. The American people have shown dignity, restraint and respect as the process has moved forward.

This is America. When votes are cast, we count them. We don't arbitrarily set them aside because it's too difficult to count them.

In the end, in one of God's unforeseen paths, this election may point us all to a new common ground, for its very closeness can serve to remind us that we are one people, with a shared history and a shared destiny.

So this extraordinary moment should summon all of us to become what we profess to be: one indivisible nation. Let us pledge ourselves to the ideal that the people's will should be heard and heeded, and then, together, let us find what is best in ourselves and seek what is best for America.

Two hundred years from now, when future Americans study this presidential election, let them learn that Americans did everything they could to ensure that all citizens who voted had their votes counted. Let them learn that democracy was ultimately placed ahead of partisan politics in resolving a contested election. Let them learn that we were indeed a country of laws.

Supreme Court hears election case

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On the other side of the country, the news that Democrat Maria Cantwell has defeated Republican Slade Gorton for Washington's Senate seat has tribal leaders there proclaiming victory for all of Indian Country. Cantwell inched past Gorton to claim a lead of 1,953 votes.

(Maria Cantwell had a constellation of forces working for her. Profile, PAGE 3.)

The defeat of Slade Gorton, and the politics he represented (that of division, blame and castigation of the powerless) is a double victory for Indian Country," said the First Americans Education Project (FAEP).

Formed by Ron Allen, Chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Billy Frank Jr., Nisqually Tribe, and Joe De La Cruz, the Quinault Nation leader who passed away in April, the FAEP said it helped educate the public by informing them of Gorton's public service record. But they also said his defeat has sounded a warning.

"Gorton's loss sends a message across the US that politicians who so aggressively fight to destroy Indian sovereignty and mistreat Indian people will do so at their own political peril," said the FAEP.

Under state law, Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro is expected complete a recount of the election Dec. 1. The recount would begin on Nov. 2 and is expected to take a few days. But should Cantwell or Gorton challenge those results, the would have to put up some money to have the recounted: 5 cents per ballot counted.

And although Cantwell could probably afford its doubtful she or Gorton will challenge the certification, which is due by Dec. 7.



MARTIN LEO CLOUD MEMORIAL

"Pax-ana'pi" Louis L. Cloud and Families are very grateful, and say 'Thank You' to everyone that came forward and helped with the shed, groceries, fish, meats, giveaway items, and by being with us spiritually and with prayers at the time of funeral of our son, brother, and father, "Lush'Ku-Yaa-it" aka Martin Leo Cloud Dec. 24, Cloudville.

We must now prepare ourselves and have his headstone, and memorial Bbundle as the year is almost here, also to pass his name unto his son "Mick Louis Cloud" of Yakima.

In addition, will be giving name to Noah Neal Cloud, son to Warren and Margaret Cloud of Ketchikan, Alaska; a name to be given to Sylola Chelsea Cloud daughter to Mary Louise Cloud of Toppenish.

So please, come be with our family, as we must now fully release our sorrow and again go forward. On Dec. 22 at Yeomowat Cemetery-Union Gap Headstone setting service around 10:00 a.m., with a late Breakfast at Cloud Residence, No. 1521 Blue Heron, Annahat Road, Toppenish.

Then on the following day, Dec. 23 at Satus Longhouse starting 8:00 a.m. Memorial Service-Namegiving-Rejoining with lunch.

Also the Rejoining of grandsons to Raymond and Helen Totus, Satus.

Cheyenne warrior reburied

FORT SUPPLY, Okla. (AP) - The remains of a Cheyenne warrior who died young in the early 1800s have slipped back under the Oklahoma earth 27 years after they were accidentally exposed.

Sandman was reburied at the Fort Supply cemetery Nov. 27 as a small gathering of people sang a Cheyenne memorial song.

"As a chief, I felt it was my responsibility to get him back on his spiritual journey," said Gordon Yellowman, a Cheyenne sun dance priest and peace chief who conducted the ceremony. "I believe he may have been a Cheyenne chief or someone of great standing among his people."

Yellowman began the ceremony at a canvas teepee outside Fort Supply's replica stockade where Sandman's remains, wrapped in a painted buffalo hide and fanned with the smoke of sweet grass, were carefully loaded onto an antique buckboard wagon.

The wagon carried him to the fort's historic cemetery.

Sandman was unearthed by accident in 1973 by a homeowner south of Woodward. Since then, his remains have been at Fort Sill and the University of Oklahoma, where the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey studied them.

Archaeologists uncovered several items near Sandman's body, including thousands of beaded works, sea shell ornaments, bracelets, silver conchos, moccasins and leggings. The beadwork proves he fought in battles, experts said.

Walking On

"Foremost, he was a warrior," state archaeologist Robert L. Brooks said. "He was a fairly young man, and like the rest of us, his life was not without adversity."

Tests on the remains show Sandman died in his late 20s or early 30s some 160 years ago.

Archaeologists believe he had a disease when he died, but that he may have been killed in the 1838 Battle of Wolf Creek when the Kiowa and Cheyenne tribes clashed near Woodward.

Tom Duggin, a Woodward optometrist, discovered Sandman's skull after he finished building a house on a knoll near Indian Creek.

"Obviously, someone had admired the spot long before I ever did," he said.

The reburial happened on the 132nd anniversary of the day hundreds of members of the Cheyenne tribe were slain along the icy banks of the Washita River.

"This is a very emotional day for us," Yellowman said. "But we also have reason to celebrate."

Mixed-blood storyteller
Wolfsong dies at 47

HARDWICK, Vt. (AP) - Wolfsong, a popular Native American storyteller, has died at the age of 47.

Born Rickie Douglas Provencher in Middlebury, Wolfsong, was of Abenaki, Mohawk, Cherokee, English, Scottish-Irish and French descent. "I was a mixed-blood person living in two worlds," he said in July. "I always wanted to know about the Indian part of me."

He explored his ethnicity with American Indian teachers who gave him a traditional name, Wolfsong, which he legalized in 1988. A former U.S. Marine and college Bible major, Wolfsong spent about 15 years compiling an extensive repertoire of American Indian fables, myths and folk tales.

Assembling the stories began as a hobby but became a full-time pursuit in 1992. Listed on the Vermont Arts Council register, he performed throughout the East Coast states, Quebec and Nicaragua.

Wolfsong suggested that spinning yarns is "how we pass on wisdom and history. I tell an Abenaki story, 'Snowy Owl and the White Hare,' that mentions woolly mammoths. They've been extinct for 7,000 years, but the story keeps them alive."

Wolfsong lived in Hardwick with artist Carole Murphy, who described herself Monday as his "life partner." Twice married, he is survived by seven children between the ages of 6 and 24, as well as two grandsons.

A service was scheduled for Nov. 30 at the foot of Snake Mountain in Addison. Afterward, his ashes will be "taken to the top of the mountain and given to the wind," Murphy said.

"His intent was to make a difference and help people appreciate not only the beauty in the world but also within themselves," Murphy said.

Thomas sentenced in 1994 slaying

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ways, and he ran out the front door to go home. Jonathan was so trusting.

"The Yakama Nation community has recognized the elements that have been the most destructive to our society, alcohol and drugs. And, I have to commend the people for banning alcohol on the Yakama Indian Reservation. It has destroyed many lives and families. We need to get healthy as individuals and families, respect and value human life.

"Not only have these three individuals ruined their own lives by using alcohol and marijuana and taking the life of a human being, but, they have given pain and grief to their families. It is sad that their own sons and daughter will grow up without them."

Sharon John told this newspaper after the sentencing: "My feelings are that if these three individuals were not under the influence of alcohol and marijuana, they probably would not have taken my nephew Jonathan's young life."

Of the three charged in the 1994 Hahn case, Thomas received the shortest sentence of 12 years. Strong received 14 years, and Owens 15 years. All three pleaded guilty before trial.

Thomas told the court: "I can say or do nothing to bring him back." Thomas said that when the car he was driving away from the crime scene ran over Hahn's body, he believed at that time he had hit a curb alongside the road.

Thomas told the court he and two other defendants in the Hahn case had all become fathers of new

children this past year, and would not experience the pleasure and duty of raising them.

A spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service told this newspaper Thursday that Strong and Owens had already been transported to a prison facility. Thomas remains in the Yakima facility at press time.

The U.S. Marshals were established in 1789 by the Judiciary Act. A U.S. marshal was appointed by the president for each judicial district. The marshals are responsible for acting as disbursement officers for the federal courts and to execute "all lawful precepts issued under the authority of the United States." The marshals seek federal fugitives, produce federal witnesses and prisoners for the courts, provide temporary housing for prisoners during trial, pay witnesses and expenses of witnesses and jurors, and enforce court orders.

The present U.S. Marshals Service was established in 1969 to coordinate and centralize federal law enforcement. They provide protection for federal judges and attorneys who have been threatened, as well as courthouse security. They administer the Witness Protection Program to protect witnesses in federal cases, including the provision of new identities, residences, occupations and income in exchange for testimony.

They provide travel for prisoners through the national Prisoner Transportation System, a secure linkage of aircraft, buses and vans. As needed, Fugitive Investigative Strike Team (FIST) activities are launched in close cooperation with state and local law enforcement officers.

Murder on Blackfeet reservation goes to trial

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - The murder trial of a Browning man accused of bludgeoning another man with a log opened before U.S. District Judge Jack Shanstrom Nov. 28.

David Rivas is accused of second-degree murder in the Aug. 3 death of 38-year-old Don Horn. The incident occurred on a hill overlooking the small community of Blackfoot, just east of Browning.

Attorney Palmer Hoovestall told jurors that Rivas killed a drunk and belligerent Horn in self-defense, after Horn hit Rivas' wife.

Federal prosecutors painted a scenario in which Horn was struck on the head by a small log Horn carried in the back of his pickup truck.

Hoovestall said Rivas threw the log at Horn, but "he did not intend to kill Mr. Horn."

The defense lawyer said Rivas'

accounts of what happened changed because he was on probation and feared he would get in trouble for drinking.

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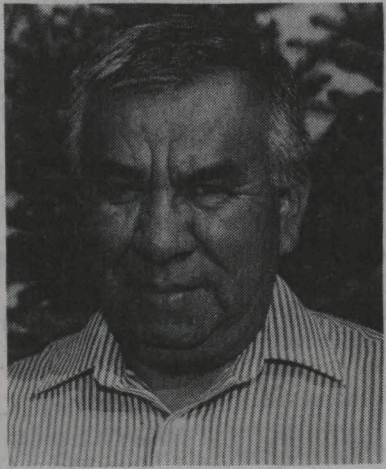
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Sports

SPORTS with Lehigh John

‘Serious minded’ people sought for YNBTA

There is always plenty of interest directed to the annual Yakama Nation Basketball Tournament, which has been held every year for the past 45 years. This coming 2001 year will mark the 46th anniversary of this event. The sponsoring association, the Yakama Nation Basketball Tournament Association (YNBTA) has already begun their weekly meetings in preparation for it. Joe Sampson, the long standing president, has been a part of this association since the beginning (except during his military obligation). Serious minded individuals are invited to these weekly planning meetings at the conference room of the Land Enterprise administration building every Monday beginning at 5:30 p.m. As mentioned, only serious minded volunteers, willing to donate their time are invited to become members. No one is paid for their services for this non-profit organization.



LEHIGH JOHN

“One way the YNBTA may address this deficit is to contact 200 fans of this tournament to contribute \$25 each to help get this association on its proper course again.” - Lehigh John

The tournament is scheduled for March 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2001. Last year, this event was almost moved from Wapato Senior High School gymnasium due to the last minute increase of rental fees by the school district. There was a proposed major increase that was sent to the YNBTA just prior to the tournament. Being a non-profit organization, it would not have been feasible to hold the event there with such high rental costs. It was fortunate that the school district reconsidered and restored the costs to the usual amount from the previous year. The YNBTA was concerned about this coming year, but their concerns were for naught, because Bob Johnson, principal of Wapato High School, recently notified the association that the fees would again remain the same. The high school does not want the event to move because it is a major fund raiser for the junior class every year. Potential new locations included two gyms for the opening games with one gym for the finals; selection of another large gym in the Valley that could accommodate this event; a sponsor to assume the costs of the Sun Dome, if it were available during this time. All options were being investigated. For 2001, it will remain Wapato.

It would be fitting if the City of Wapato would acknowledge this national event with a lot more interest and enthusiasm. I don't believe they realize the magnitude of this event and do next to nothing to greet our visitors from throughout the country and Canada. Just a little acknowledgment would be nice. Not knowing the specific plans for the entertainment arena at our Legends Casino - maybe it is designed to use as a gym. I understand that it will seat 3,000. I also believe our Tribe could be better host for these basketball visitors than the City of Wapato has been.

Another area the YNBTA is concerned about is the lack of Tournament Queen candidates the past several years. Pre-season ticket sales have always been a big plus for this tourney, because four to five candidates were selling advance ticket sales for three months before the tournament. The last few years saw one or two girls vying for the title just a month prior. Consequently, advance ticket sales were way down, which meant advance funds were lacking. As I've mentioned, sponsors who committed themselves to sponsor an award failed to come through and pay in the end. These types of deceitful sponsors (and they know who they are) have really hurt the YNBTA financially. So, adding the lack of candidates together with deceitful sponsors have led to a financial downfall of the YNBTA. At present, the YNBTA is in dire financial need.

One way the YNBTA may address this deficit is to contact 200 fans of this tournament to contribute \$25 each to help get this association on its proper course again. A letter will be sent to 200 individuals and businesses requesting a minimum \$25 donation. If you are one of the people selected, please contribute so that this tournament could continue on with the same reputation that is has established for itself the past 45 years. Being non-profit, this association is dependent on contributors.

The scheduling of other events during this tournament has also effected its income. Other groups have sponsored women's tournaments, teen tournaments and even a powwow. All these have affected gate receipts. The Association is powerless to prevent anyone from doing their own thing, but they would hope such individuals would have the courtesy to schedule theirs on another weekend.

Getting back to queen candidates, one has already stepped forward to unofficially announce her candidacy - Amie Dittentholer, daughter of Joni Swan. Amie is a junior at White Swan High School. More information will be provided on her when she officially submits her candidate's application.

This is just an update for some of you loyal tournament fans. As we approach the tournament, I will begin my "Tournament Talk" articles that provide you information in regards to this prestigious event.

Tourney Tidbits: One team from Albuquerque, New Mexico has already notified the YNBTA. Norbert Hill lives in that area and would like consideration for his team, "Trinity." Most of his teammates are from the Montana area, but live in New Mexico. He says he knows Clay Dawes, a member of the Yakama Bucks, who now lives in the Yakama area. ...Any potential teams that read this article from outside the Yakama area could receive information for team consideration by calling me at (509) 877-4548 at night or (509) 865-2251 during the day. ...Remember years back when many of the tribes had Indian basketball tournaments? They are getting fewer and fewer. Teams lack travel funds and many of the players are committed to jobs or school. ...Any serious new tournament sponsors could also contact me. This Association could use all the help possible in order to get financially stable.

PREP BASKETBALL

Trujillo, Goudy to lead YTS Eagles' basketball

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Tribal High School varsity girls and boys basketball team coaches for the coming season, which is scheduled to tip off Dec. 8, have been hired.

Rebecca D. Trujillo was hired to coach the girls team, while Sean C. Goudy will coach the boys team.

"I am very proud to have received this position once again. Being able to get to know these young ladies in an honor," Trujillo said. "I believe Native people have an advantage, especially the youth - we can choose our destiny to succeed. Whether it be in the work force, in school, in college or being that supportive parent."

She attended Haskell Indian Nations University and graduated from Washington State University with a B.A. in natural resources, with an emphasis on land management.

The White Swan High School graduate is an avid sports fan, who enjoys playing volleyball, bowling, basketball and softball. She also likes to travel to different areas of Indian country and attend powwows, rodeos or tournaments.

She was voted the 1993 Girl Athlete of the Year by the Yakama Nation Basketball Tournament Association; holds girl athlete honors for all four military branches; was a women's crew member in 1996; played 3rd base and catcher for the first-ever Haskell Indian Nations University women's fastpitch team.

Trujillo said the team is preparing for their first game on Dec. 8 at LaSalle High School in Yakima, and their first home on Dec. 9.

"We are working very hard every day at practice and it will pay off during game time. I have the very most confidence in these girls that



REBECCA D. TRUJILLO

they will represent YTS School and themselves very well, on and off

the court," she said. "So I hope to see the gym packed at every home game and noisy as ever - like I know you all can be - cheering for the Yakama Tribal School - Awana Xwyama!"

She is the daughter of Yvonne (Broncheau) Trujillo and the late Roger Trujillo.

Goudy, 30, has worked for the United Indians All Tribes Foundation Program; the Ina Maka Family Program, and as coordinator of a men's domestic violence intervention program from Jan. 1998 to Oct. 2000.

He is engaged to Melinda Davis, and is the son of Sharon and Patrick Goudy Sr. Of Toppenish. He is a graduate of Toppenish High School, attended Yakima Valley Community College and the University of Washington. Goudy has one child, Jaycee Lee Goudy, age 9 years.

Gold medalist Chaffee joins Sho-Bans on Winter Games

FORT HALL, Ida. - The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes will partner with 1968 Olympic gold medalist Suzy Chaffee to highlight Indians during the Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

"She is the Muhammad Ali of the skiing world," tribal member Rose Ann Abrahamson said.

Chaffee also serves as co-chairwoman of the Native Voices Foundation, an organization that educates people about tribal culture and history.

The Sho-Bans share that goal and hope Chaffee's Olympic connections will bring more attention to Indians.

Abrahamson and Chaffee met earlier this year in Utah and the World Cup for downhill skiing.

Chaffee, who started the Native Voices Foundation to introduce skiing to American Indian children, wants to see more Indians on the slopes. Thought they have an appreciation for mountains, snow

sports, most Indians cannot afford to ski, she said.

She hopes to convince the region's ski areas to offer free skiing to local Indians on the day before the Olympics.

"After all my involvement in downhill skiing, I wanted to give back something," said Chaffee. "Skiing opened up a magical world to me."

She also wants to bring tribal leaders and local politicians together to discuss their tarnished history.

"It's a wonderful thing to deal with our histories," she said. "We need to speak from the heart and start a new beginning."

Abrahamson hopes Chaffee's name recognition - advisers to her foundation include former Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley and Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson - will attract more attention to the tribes.

Yakama Vets team back from Umatilla with awards

UMATILLA NATION - The Yakama Veterans Basketball Club traveled to the Nich Yow Way Veterans Basketball Tournament, played here last Nov. 4-5.

The 'iron-5' roster included Corky Ambrose, Gil Calac, Pete Shipley, Marcus Slome and Cyrus Dick Squeochs. The team played two games and were sent to Wild Horse Casino early.

Ambrose received a Pendleton blanket for being the eldest player in the tournament and Calac earned an all-star vest.

The next stop for the Yakama club will be Jan. 20-21 in Nespelem for the Colville Veterans Tournament.

Dick Squeochs said the Yakama team will be hosting their tournament in Toppenish next Feb. 10-11, with invitation going out to Umatilla, Nez Perce, Colville, Warm Springs, Shoshone-Bannock, Makah nations, as well as those veterans occupying space

in the urban areas of Portland, Ore. and Seattle.

The entry fee is \$250 per team. Awards include 10 championship jackets, second through fourth place awards, MVP jacket, Mr. Hustle jacket, 3-point shooter jacket, oldest veteran player jacket, team sportsmanship awards and 16 all-star hooded sweatshirts.

The current Yakama roster includes Tony Washines, Doug Rigdon, Gil Calac, Myron Lewis, Frank Ward, Mike Tulee, Roger Jacobs Jr., Virgil Lewis, Archie Washines, Mike Lettig, Jeff Littlebull, Marcus Slome, Tony Shilow, Johnny Yallup Jr., Virgil James, Craig Janis, Johnny Lay and Pete Shirley.

Dick Squeochs can be contacted by writing him at P. O. Box 429; White Swan, WA 98952. His telephone numbers include (509) 874-2059; (work) 865-3808, ext. 681; and FAX, 865-7909.

Freshmen lead SIPI to NJCAA cross country title

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Southwest-ern Indian Polytechnic Institute won the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III National Cross Country Championship here last Nov. 11.

The Albuquerque, New Mexico school went into the NJCAA event ranked as the number one team in the country and fought off second ranked Delhi College of New York for their second cross country title.

Delhi and Alfred State College of New York held the early lead after the first two miles of the five-mile event, but at the three mile mark, SIPI runners made a strong move on the second loop of the hilly and wet course to push five runners into the top fifteen. The five runners held their positions over the last two miles in winning the title.

By finishing in the top 15, the 5 SIPI teammates earned NJCAA All American status, led by freshman Brent Reiter, 19, a Menominee from Keshena, Wisconsin, who was the top runner as well as the national runner-up with his second place finish in a time of 27-minutes, 18 seconds. The individual winner was Jeremy Cornue of Delhi College with a time of 26:59.

Other SIPI All American runners who finished the top fifteen included Heath Kaline, a Northern Cheyenne and 19, of Ashland, Mont. 7th with a time of 27:49; Joey Franklin, a Dine' and 18, of Shiprock, N.M. 10th at 28:11; Greg Concho, Acoma Pueblo and 19, of Acoma, N.M., 13th at 28:17; and Herbert Pebeashy, an Apache and

21, of Hydro, Okla., 15th at 28:22.

Also competing at the national finals were Josh Sam, Dine' and 25, of Penasco, N.M., 31st with a time of 29:17 and Chaves Holiday, Dine' and 19, of Keyenta, Ariz.,

33rd at 29:20.

Coach Michael Daney for SIPI earned the Coach of the Meet award and his peer voted him the Coach of Year award for the NJCAA Division III men's cross

country season.

Daney, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, looks to have a shot at repeating the feat next season, with Pebeashy the only sophomore on this year's squad.

Boys basketball teams forming

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Nation Youth Activities Program announced here this week they are now taking registration for the boys Winter Basketball League.

Registration categories include 9-10 year olds; 11-13 year olds (middle school); and 14 years and up through grades 9-12 (high school).

Games will be played in the Toppenish Community Center at

the completion of the current Yakama General Council session. Christmas games are tentatively planned to be held at the same site.

League coordinators said parents, team managers or coaches can call the Youth Activities Office to sign up and register their teams for a respective division. The telephone number is 865-5121, ext. 4450 or 4451.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Great American Smokeout posters unveiled at YTS

TOPPENISH - A poster contest recognizing The Great American Smokeout during the month of November was held at the Yakama Tribal High School. The contest was sponsored by the Yakama Indian Health Service Unit.

Each entry received a prize and posters were judged by Yakama I.H.S. staff.

Students and their posters from Tribal School recognized included Apaulo Martinez, Lucinda Billy, Eva Paul, Thunder Lou Paul and Lisa (no last time provided). Each received a Great American Smokeout T-shirt and ball cap.

The posters had different themes, for example: "Our Heritage Means A Lot To Us By Not Smoking" and "Please Don't Smoke Cause Everybody Loves You" and "Stay Strong, Don't Smoke."

Rick Lambert, Health Class In-



ANTI-SMOKERS at Yakama Tribal school included, left, Leona Dick, Tenile Eyle, Camille Martinez, Samantha Tainewasher and Sony Miller. [Photo by Margaret Bolte]

structor stated: "Everyone enjoyed the table display that promoted the Great American Smokeout," said

Rick Lambert, YTS health class teacher. "The poster contest was a very good educational project for

the kids."

Other instructors that assisted the students in promoting the poster contest were Marian Stewart and Verna Mancha.

Facts from American Cancer Society state that 10-20 million current smokers will die from tobacco-related diseases. It is estimated that 90 percent of all adult smokers begin smoking before the age of 18.

Students were told smoking is hazardous to their health, and smoking and chewing tobacco can cause lung cancer, emphysema, heart disease and stroke. Other risks associated with smoking cigarettes include: frequent colds, smoker's cough, gastric ulcers, and chronic bronchitis.

For more information on how to quit smoking and for smoking facts, contact: Margaret Bolte, Health Educator, Yakama Indian Health Service, 865-2102, ext. 313.

Local EMPIRE group earns national honor

ORLANDO, Fla. - The EMPIRE (Exemplary Multicultural Practices In Rural Education) Project, coordinated through Heritage College, had representatives attend a ceremony in Orlando, Fla. to accept an award from the National Association of Multicultural Education last Nov. 8.

Yakama Tribal School Supt. Anita Swan was part of the delegation that made the trip to accept the award, the only one handed out nationally. The Tribal School is a participant of the EMPIRE Consortium of school since 1989. The project was started that year with a Ford Foundation grant to Heritage College.

The EMPIRE vision statement for the Tribal School is: "To promote a cultural focus to the existing school curriculum in an effort to promote pride in individual cultural heritage, while fostering greater understanding of other cultures."

The project is an educational outreach program that seeks to promote positive relations between races, an appreciation for ethnic and cultural differences, and development of learning environments where students from all different backgrounds feel included.

Yakama Tribal was one of four school which initially started the

project. Schools involved now are West Valley's Ahtanum Valley, Apple Valley, Wide Hollow and Cottonwood elementary schools, and middle, junior and high schools; Yakima's Davis High School, Franklin, Lewis & Clark and Wilson middle schools; Toppenish's Eagle Alternative; Yakama Tribal; Wapato's PACE Alternative; Granger's Roosevelt Elementary; Selah's junior high school; and the Sunnyside School Dist.

Yakama Tribal also received personal recognition when it was awarded the Golden Apple for excellence in education by KCTS-TV of Seattle. Mary Looney, Swan and student Delphina Coates were interviewed and footage was taken during the Honor The Elders Thanksgiving Dinner at the school by the television station.

Looney and Swan are joined by Teresa Scofield, David Buzzard, and Marilyn Goudy on the Tribal School's EMPIRE team. Serving on the Advisory Board for the EMPIRE Consortium of Schools is Program Administrator Randi Gottlieb, Executive Director Barbara Greco, Peter Aningsh, Michelle Harper, Rosemary Leiva-Murphy, Bertha Ortega, Marsha Pastrana, Larry Petry, Juan Pineda, Kathleen Ross, Shirley Sutton, Henry Strom, Mary Looney and Anita Swan.

Town earns anthropology bachelor degree at Cal-State

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Jane A. Town is graduating on Dec. 15 from California State University here with a bachelor's of arts in anthropology and a minor in history.

Jane is an enrolled Yakama. She was born in White Swan in 1933 to Oscar and Frances Olney. Upon graduating from White Swan High School in 1951, she attended Haskell Institute where she completed a two-year business course in only six months.

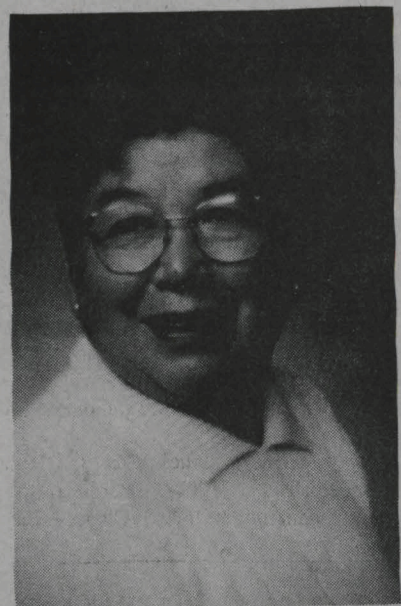
She moved to Phoenix, Ariz., and acquired a position with the BIA and met her husband of 32 years, Jess Town. She continued her employment while raising a family of seven children. She retired in December 1993 and decided to pursue a lifelong goal of acquiring a college degree.

"Not seeking a career, I can study for the pleasure, of learning," Jane stated in a paper she wrote in 1995. She is currently a docent at the California State Indian Museum in Sacramento.

Attending classes primarily in the fall, winter, and spring allowed her the opportunities to further achieve credits and educational experiences outside of the classroom during her summers.

She has traveled to Costa Rica, participated in archeological digs in California and Utah, attended a basket-weaving session in Northern California, and still found time come home to camp and pick huckleberries in August before classes started again.

Jane's family has proudly supported her to achieve her degree. Her sisters and brothers are Sophia and William Blodgett, Marie S. Olney, Hiram and Ruth Olney, Oscar Olney, and Frances Ward. Her children are Cecile Town, Athena and Jim Perkins, Ramona and ArJay Rae, Nathan and Jane E. Town, Alan and Carrie Town, Jess and Dee Town, Wynona and Larry Woolf. She has 11 grandsons and six granddaughters.



JANE A. TOWN

Reuben Bending hired as realty administrator

TOPPENISH - The Yakama Nation's new tribal employees total 9 from Nov. 14 to Nov. 28, courtesy of Yakama Nation Personnel staff. These are as follows:

HUMAN SERVICES: WIA: Irene M. Paskemin, Frances L. Polk, and Marie A. Yniguez, teacher assistant. Tasheena M. Randall and Celestina J. Scott, office assistant I; Valerie J. Smartlowit, office assistant II.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Realty: Reuben D. Bending, realty administrator.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Public Safety: Tiffany R. Martin, Lieutenant.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Economic Development: Shawn M. Rich, Radio Programmer, temp. appt.

Annual holiday potluck dinner set for Dec. 16 in White Swan

WHITE SWAN - The 20th Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and Raffle sponsored by White Swan Health Clinic and Ambulance Service is set for Dec. 16 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the White Swan cafeteria.

This community function will honor Thomas L. Jackson, who retired last September after his 12 years of service as Emergency Medical Service (E.M.S.) Coordinator for the Yakama Nation.

Raffle tickets are three chances for \$1 are now being sold by all of the employees of the White Swan Health Clinic-Ambulance and by friends of E.M.S. Service. Some raffle items include: \$20 to \$100 cash prizes plus items donated



from local businesses plus many more prizes.

Santa will be there and there will be door prizes. Everyone is welcome.



Ceremonial Calendar

DECEMBER

Dec. 2: 26TH ANNUAL POWWOW SEASON, Gault Middle School, 1115 E. Division Lane, Tacoma. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; closes, 11:30 p.m. Grand Entry at 7:30 p.m. All children attending must be accompanied by an adult. Table space available for arts and crafts; Seller must make reservations at least three weeks in advance. No food seller space available. For further information contact Jim Egawa at (253) 571-1139.

Dec. 8: CHRISTMAS POWWOW, Portland State University, Peter W. Stott Center main gym, Portland, Ore. All drums welcome. Exhibition dancing. For more information call the United Indian Students in Higher Education at (503) 725-5671.

Dec. 15: HOLIDAY POWWOW, North Seattle Community College - Wellness Center Gymnasium, 9600 College Way North, Seattle. Grand Entry at 7:00 p.m.; Host Drum: Tatanka Wambli; Lead Male Dancer: Lone Warrior Medicine Bear; Lead Female Dancer: Sharon Akers. All drums are welcome. Vendor space available. Sponsored by American Indian Heritage Middle College; North Seattle Community College and Pathfinder School. For more information contact Polly Olsen at (206) 527-3733.

Dec. 16: CHIEF LESCHI SCHOOL POWWOW, Chief Leschi School, in the Big Gym, 4-Seasons, 52nd and Pioneer Way, Puyallup. Native vendors only, please. For more information contact Chief Leschi School at (253) 445-6002.

Dec. 21: INDIAN NEW YEARS, Yakama Nation Reservation: Satus Longhouse, Satus; Toppenish Creek Longhouse, White Swan; Toppenish Longhouse, Toppenish.

Dec. 22-23: NIIX-YOW-WAY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, Mission Longhouse, Pendleton, Ore. For more information contact Alberta Taylor at (541) 278-0273.

Dec. 25-28: WAPATO CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, Wapato Longhouse, Wapato. Christmas Dinner on Dec. 25; Competition dancing nightly on Dec. 26-28. Outgoing Queen Tierra Paskemin will sponsor 7-12 yr Girls Special Contest; 3-person Hand Drum Singing Contest. Raffle tickets sold at \$1 each. For more info contact Eric Sampson.

Dec. 29-Jan. 1: TOPPENISH CREEK NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION AND POWWOW, Toppenish Creek Longhouse, White Swan. Stick Games with Concession on Dec. 8-9 with 50/50, baked goods, Indian Tacos, coffee, tea, soda pop and Flea Mart - Yard Sale on Dec. 9 for \$3 per table, to take place at the White Swan Pavilion. Celebrate Indian New Years on Dec. 21 with Washat and Feast at Toppenish Creek Longhouse; also, will conduct meeting for Xupenish Creek Powwow and Encampment Celebration on 4th of July. The raffle fundraising drawing will be held Dec. 21 at the Yakama Agency lobby at noon. Christmas Tree on the evening of Dec. 24 at the Longhouse. Memorials on Dec. 28 at Toppenish Creek Longhouse. Masquerade Parade Dec. 31 at 11:50 p.m. to bring in the New Year 2001. Veterans Dinner on Jan. 1, 2001. For more information contact Dolly Washington at (509) 865-5121, Ext. 4304, Raemell Kiona at Ext. 4331, Ruth Tahkeal at Ext. 4304, or Geogette Abrahamson at Ext. 4723.

Dec. 30-31: RENEGADE'S 7TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE POWWOW, Nez Perce Reservation, Pi-Nee-Waus Community Bldg., Lapwai, Idaho. 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 (208) 843-7405.

Dec. 31: 15TH ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE SOBRIETY POWWOW, National Guard Armory, 655 N.E. Cornfoot Road, Portland, Ore. Grand Entry at 6:30 p.m. All drums welcome; Arts and Crafts vendors welcome. Raffles and 50/50; Countdown to the New Year. Powwow from 6:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For more information call NARA at (503) 621-1069.

Six tribal members attend symposium on elder issues

Left, Anna Ward, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno and Arlene Olney during the session on elder victimization.



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Six tribal members attended a national symposium on preventing and responding to elder victimization held in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 30-31.

Attending the Our Aging Population: Promoting Empowerment, Preventing Victimization, and Implementing Coordinated

Interventions symposium were Yakama Area On Aging Elders Advisory Board Chairman Joe Sampson; Anna Ward and Jonathan Whitefoot of Yakama Nation Law & Justice Services; AAOA Director Arlene Olney; Yakama Tribal councilmen Leo E. Aleck and Clifford Moses Sr.

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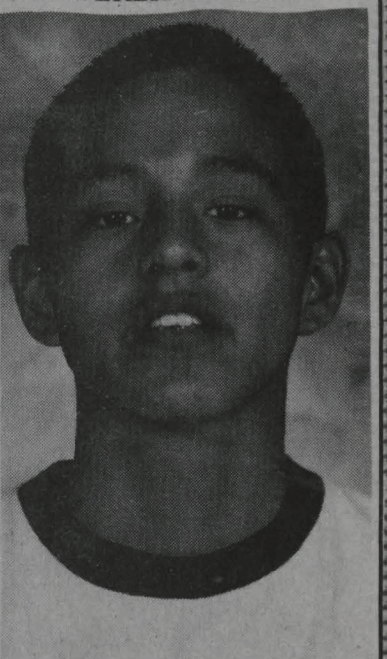
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FINANCE OFFICER: Finance Office, Yakama Nation. \$22.58/Hr. Responsible for overseeing, evaluating and directing tribal finances, including complex fiscal management and security of assets; management of all money, funds and monetary resources; banking, investments and credit; fiscal forecasting and budgetary projection; and implementation of financial management systems in compliance with federal standards and OMB circulars relative to treaty tribes receiving federal and state grants. Assures federal decisions comply with government fiduciary responsibility. Provides advice and recommendations to tribal director, assistant tribal director and tribal council to ensure integrity, reliability and validity of the financial system of all tribal entities.

Minimum Recruiting Indicators: M.A. in public administration or finance and at least 5 years' experience in governmental accounting, investments and credit. CPA required. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-28. Closes Dec. 8, 2000.

FISHERIES TECHNICIAN II: Fisheries, Yakama Nation. \$9.73/Hr. Location: Twisp, Wash. Contingent on Douglas PUD funding. Housing provided.

Responsible for carrying out field activities related to monitoring and evaluations aspects of the Methow Basin Spring Chinook Supplementation Plan. Work involves weekend and non-eight a.m.-five p.m. work hours.

Recruiting Indicators: Strong consideration given applicants currently employed by the FRM program or with prior FRM fisheries experience.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-31. Closes Dec. 8, 2000.

OFFICE ASSISTANT II/OPERATOR: Facility Management, Yakama Nation. \$7.99/Hr.

Responsible for the operation of CPX switchboard, receiving calls in a cordial and courteous manner. Works cooperatively with other operators to share duties equally. Duties include assisting callers in locating tribal and BIA offices. Exercises judgment in release of information. Assists people at main headquarters with directions and other information. Provides minimal clerical support services.

Minimum Requirements: 6 months' general clerical office experience, some telephone experience preferred. High school or GED diploma. Any experience or education demonstrating ability to do the work. Valid state driver's license. Able to obtain a tribal driver's permit. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-32. Closes Dec. 8, 2000.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM AIDE II: Education, Yakama Nation. \$8.81/Hr. Temporary: N.T.E. 60 days. Focuses on children birth to 5 years who have a disability and/or should be diagnosed to confirm a disability. Pro-

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vides assistance in early intervention, child find, screening, parent training areas. Establishes formal lines of communication with public schools, education, health, social service providers, I.H.S. and B.I.A. to ensure children and parents receive adequate, timely and appropriate services promoting transition of child into public schools.

Qualifications: Enrolled Yakama preference. Prefer A.A. in early childhood and/or child development associate credential, or, substituting on a quarter-by-quarter basis, successful work experience in an early childhood health or education program (18 months), or, substituting on a month-by-month basis, successful work experience in an early childhood health or education program (18 months). Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-231. Closes Dec. 6, 2000.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM AIDE II: Early Childhood-MCH, Yakama Nation. \$8.81/Hr.

Focuses on children birth through 5 years of age who have a disability and/or should be diagnosed to confirm a disability. Provides assistance in areas of early intervention, child find, screening, parent training and early intervention. Establishes formal lines of communication with area public school districts, and with education, health and social service providers. Assists in facilitating communication among parents, respective tribal, I.H.S. and B.I.A. program staff; public school personnel; and medical service providers to ensure children and parents receive adequate, timely and appropriate services promoting a positive transition of the child into a public school system.

Qualifications: Enrolled Yakama preference. Prefer Associate of Arts in early childhood and/or child development associate credential; or, substituting, on a quarter-by-quarter basis, college level work matching an AA degree (6 qtrs. Or 4 semesters); or, substituting on a quarter-by-quarter basis, successful work experience in an early childhood health or education program (18 mos.). Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-39. Closes Dec. 7, 2000.

TEACHER: Head Start, Yakama Nation. \$8.81/Hr. Furlough position.

Teacher of young children, especially in Early Childhood Education field. Requires integration of Head Start Performance standards and must be able to meet Head Start Federal guidelines, tribal personnel policies and procedures. Must be sensitive and mature, able to relate well with children and adults. Have the personality and able to provide leadership and stability for program continuity. Program goal to provide delivery of integrated services toward overall child development.

Recruiting Indicators: Must love, respect children. Must be an enrolled Yakama member. High school or GED diploma. At least 2 years' Head Start Program experience. Have or obtain a CDA. Valid state driver's license, own transportation and required insurance.

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Able to obtain a tribal driver's permit. Pass a background check. Have medical, physical exam, TB skin test. Have or obtain First Aide card. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-40. Closes Dec. 11, 2000.

GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNTANT: Central Accounting, Yakama Nation. \$13.75/Hr.

Primarily responsible to journalize, account for, maintain and report all expenditures and receipts. Duties include daily journal entries, review and adjustments for month-end financial statements, reconciliation and maintenance of the general ledger, timely distribution of financial reports.

Minimum Recruiting Indicators: Graduation from 4-year college, university, with major course work in accounting or related field and 1 year professional accounting work experience, or, substituting on a month-for-month basis, progressively responsible work experience for the minimum education. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-42. Closes Dec. 12, 2000.

BOOKKEEPER II: Central Accounting, Yakama Nation. \$10.24/Hr.

Responsible for completion of varied bookkeeping duties in accounts payable. Performs moderately complex bookkeeping functions with an emphasis on data entry. Prepares, maintains accounting records, journals, ledgers, reports, statements and accounts associated with accounts payable. Requires working knowledge of relationships of accounting records and documents, the significance of codes and classifications and of double entry bookkeeping principles. Work is performed under general supervision and is reviewed through auditing of resulting documents and accounting records.

Minimum Requirements: 1 year progressively responsible clerical accounts and maintenance of closely related experience, or, substituting on a month-for-month basis, successful completion of course work or training in bookkeeping, accounting or a closely related subject. 50 wpm typing and use 10-key by touch desired. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-43. Closes Dec. 12, 2000.

FISH CULTURIST I: Y.K.F.P., Yakama Nation. \$8.38/Hr. Furlough position. Worksite: Cle Elum, Wash. Performs a variety of semi-skilled duties at the Yakama Fisheries Project facilities. Assists in technical work.

Minimum Recruiting Indicators: High school diploma or equivalent. Valid state driver's license. Able to obtain a tribal driver's permit. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-29. Closes Dec. 5, 2000.

PROGRAM MANAGER I: Women,

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Infant, Children, Yakama Nation. \$14.46/Hr.

Provides leadership and management of WIC and LaTisha. Plans, organizes, writes, implements and monitors approved scopes of work and budgets to ensure fiscal and programmatic compliance with applicable laws, regulations, policies and procedures. Negotiates conditions with funding agency as appropriate. Assures high quality health care delivery standards are established and maintained; that services are coordinated with appropriate health care services; and they are patent and community education activities. Ensures internal controls are in place and operational to allow monitoring and audits performed. Promotes and encourages a positive work environment promoting teamwork, communication and positive interpersonal working relationships among staff, clients, other health care providers and community. Provides mature and sensitive leadership to staff and strives to promote professional career development.

Minimum Qualifications: Registered dietitian, B.S. degree in nutrition or food science, with valid current certification. Alcohol and drug free. Agree to criminal background check. Enrolled Yakama preference. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-41. Closes Dec. 11, 2000.

COOK AIDE (SUBSTITUTE): Head Start, Yakama Nation. \$7.58/Hr. Furlough position.

General food service worker responsible for assisting in the preparation and serving of meals; in preparing food items; assembling sack lunches; setting up and cleaning tables; cleaning kitchen and cooking area. Incidental work may entail inventory of food supply and buying replacement items. After learned routine, work is performed with some independence under direction of the cook and is reviewed for compliance to instructions and health standards.

Recruiting Indicators: Enrolled Yakama preference. Former or current Head Start parent preference. High school or GED diploma. Documented medical physical exam, TB skin test. Have or able to get a Food Handler's Card. Have or able to get a First Aide, CPR card. Have reliable transportation. Valid state driver's license, proper liability insurance and YN insurable. Pass a criminal history background check. Any experience or education demonstrating ability to do the work. Pass a drug and alcohol test. Must follow lines of authority. Must have ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with all coworkers.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-45. Closes Dec. 14, 2000.

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COOK AIDE: Head Start, Yakama Nation. \$7.58/Hr. Furlough position.

General food service worker responsible for assisting in the preparation and serving of meals. Work involves assisting cook prepare food items; making sack lunches; setting up and cleaning tables; cleaning kitchen and cooking areas; helps plan menus. Incidental work may involve food supply inventory and replacement. After learned routine, work is performed with some independence under direction of the cook and is reviewed for compliance to instructions and health standards.

Recruiting Indicators: Enrolled Yakama preference. Current or former Head Start parent preference. High school or GED diploma. Documented medical, physical exam, TB skin test. Have or obtain a Food Handler's card, a First Aide/CPR card. Have reliable transportation. Valid state driver's license, proper liability insurance and YN insurable. Pass a criminal history background check. Any experience or education demonstrating ability to do the work. Pass a drug and alcohol test. Must follow lines of authority and have ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with all coworkers.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-44. Closes Dec. 14, 2000.

HOME HEALTH/DIABETES NURSE: Home Health Program, Yakama Nation. \$15.21/Hr.

Assists program with medical care of any patients needing nursing assistance in their respective homes.

Qualifications: Maintains valid state nurse license. Valid state driver's license. Respects elders and sensitive to cultural issues. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-46. Closes Dec. 15, 2000.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR: Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Yakama Nation. \$16.00/Hr.

Responsible, professional educational, vocational counseling work. Duties include carrying a caseload in accordance with DVR policies and within established tribal policies. Responsible for developing case histories on applicants by personal interviews, employer work records, school records or other available sources. Works directly with medical professionals to set up tests for clients to determine their eligibility for services. Works closely with clients to establish a suitable vocational goal and set up and implement an individualized written vocational rehabilitation plan. Keeps up-to-date client files. Provides regular follow-up activities to keep case documentation current, document case activity and intervene or adjust re-

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habilitation plan as necessary.

Minimum Requirements: M.S. in social work, education or health related field, and 3 years' experience in human science and community service. Valid state driver's license with reasonably good driving record. Pass a drug and alcohol test.

Apply: Y.N. Personnel; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. Refer to job announcement 2001-47. Closes Dec. 15, 2000.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT - BOOKKEEPER: Yakama Nation Gaming Commission. Salary DOQ. Closes Dec. 7, 2000.

Full-charge bookkeeper, including payroll, accounts payable, financial statements and assisting in budget process. Assists commission departments in various other office tasks, including, but not limited to, purchasing, inventory management and meeting preparation. Reports to the executive director.

Qualifications: High school or GED diploma. College course work in business management, accounting or finance preferred. Experience in general office duties required. Excellent written communications skills required. Any equivalent combination of education and work experience may be substituted for required qualifications. Experience in various personal computer applications, including Microsoft Word, Excel, Works and Access. All other standard office equipment.

Application Information: Contact Yakama Nation Gaming Commission; P.O. Box 151; Toppenish, WA 98948. (509) 865-8800.

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ON DECEMBER 5TH, 2000

AT THE

WAPATO IRRIGATION PROJECT HEADQUARTERS
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413 SOUTH CAMUS, WAPATO, WA

TOPIC: TO DISCUSS MEASURES OF FLOOD CONTROL AT THE WAPATO DIVERSION DAM AT UNION GAP.

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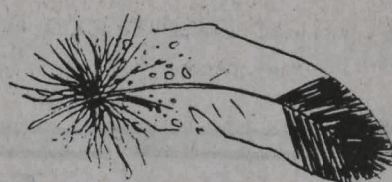
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Can tribes impose taxes on nonl-member activities?

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court agreed Monday to use a case involving a hotel on the Navajo Indian Reservation to clarify whether tribes can impose taxes on nonmembers' activities on non-Indian land within a reservation.

The court said it will hear a hotel owner's argument that its guests who are not tribe members should not have to pay a hotel occupancy tax to the tribe.

The Atkinson Trading Co. operates the Cameron Trading Post on land it owns within the Navajo reservation near Cameron, Ariz., in the north-central part of the state near the Grand Canyon. The trading post consists of a hotel, restaurant, curio shop and recreational-vehicle park.

In 1992 the Navajo Nation Council enacted an 8 percent hotel occupancy tax on guests, requiring hotels to collect the tax and pay it to the tribe.

Atkinson Trading challenged the tax, saying the tribe lacked authority to require the hotel's guests to pay the tax. Tribal courts ruled against the company, and Atkinson Trading - which is based in New Mexico - went to federal court in that state.

A federal judge ruled against the company, as did the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

In the appeal granted Supreme Court review on Nov. 27, the company's lawyers said tribes' sovereign powers "are limited to those necessary for tribal self-government." Tribes do not have authority to tax nonmembers' activities on non-Indian land within reservations, the lawyers said.

The 10th Circuit court's decision "opens the floodgates to all manner of tribal taxation of non-Indians," the company's lawyers said.

The tribe's lawyers said it has an "inherent right to impose taxes for the privilege of engaging in economic activity within its borders." The tribe provides police and fire protection, emergency services and health inspections to members and non-members on the reservation, the lawyers said.

The case is Atkinson Trading Co. v. Shirley, 00-454.

Leaders of largest tribes may form new coalition

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (AP) - Indian leaders from the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains will meet Nov. 26 with the Navajo Nation to discuss forming a national association of tribes with large reservations.

Nearly 20 tribal leaders are expected to attend the three-day meeting here starting Sunday.

If the Navajo Nation joins the coalition, it will represent more than 70 percent of the American Indian population and 60 percent of the tribal land mass, said Gordon Belcourt, director of the Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council.

Leaders of the tribes that have large reservations say they feel overwhelmed by the much larger number of small tribes and their needs are not being met. The U.S. government recognizes about 560 tribes.

Navajo Nation Council Speaker Edward Begaye said the tribe is ready to consider joining with other tribes that have large reservations.

"A national organization of large land-based tribes could become a powerful lobbying tool for larger tribes whose needs and concerns are often much different than tribes that have fewer members and smaller reservations," Begaye said.

The Navajo Nation claims jurisdiction over more than 27,500 square miles of land in three states.

Protesters shun Thanksgiving, seek Peltier clemency

DENVER (AP) - Members of the American Indian Movement shunned Thanksgiving feasts and began a fast to call for the release of Leonard Peltier, an American Indian serving two life sentences for the 1975 deaths of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Activists from around the world have urged President Clinton to grant clemency to Peltier, who has denied killing special agents Jack R. Coler and Ronald A. Williams in the 1975 shootout in South Dakota. Peltier was convicted by a jury in Fargo, N.D.

At the Colorado Capitol Thanksgiving morning, about 15 people set up a buffalo robe, buffalo skull and drum on three blankets on the west steps. Candles and a small fire burned as they continued a sunrise-to-sunset fast.

"Thanksgiving is the one day a year when Americans even remotely think of Indians," said Glenn Morris, a university professor and a leader of AIM Colorado.

NORTHERN PLAINS

Crow non-Indian business liens ordered removed

HARDIN, Mont. (AP) - Tax liens filed by the Crow Tribe against non-Indian businesses on the Crow Reservation were ordered stricken from Big Horn County records.

County Attorney Christine Cooke said she issued the authorization to remove the liens based on an August ruling by U.S. District Judge Jack Shanstrom that the tribe had no authority to collect a 4 percent resort tax contested by the businesses.

That decision currently is on appeal to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"By virtue of Judge Shanstrom's order, these liens are of no legal authority; and, in fact, constitute an unlawful cloud on the title of the various owners against whose property the liens were filed," Cooke said in a letter to Big Horn County Clerk and Recorder Cyndy Maxwell.

Maxwell said Cooke's opinion affected 12 liens filed by the tribe on various businesses.

"I think the county attorney did precisely the right thing," said Jim Torske, the Hardin attorney who represented many of the businesses in the lawsuit.

Leroy Not Afraid, spokesman for the Crow Tribe, called Cooke's decision premature because of the pending appeal.

The tribe approved the tax in 1995. The non-Indian businesses refused to pay and the tribe filed notice of tax liens on their property with the county clerk and recorder. Those liens clouded title to the property, making it difficult to obtain financing for their operations or to sell their businesses.

The tax was the product of the administration of former Crow Tribal Chairman Clara Nomee. The new Birdinground administration has not taken a position on the resort tax.

Not Afraid said tribal leaders were consulting with their attorneys and exploring the will of the people to find the right solution.

GREAT LAKES

Scientists piecing together puzzle of first Ohioans

VANLUE, Ohio (AP) - The discovery of prehistoric tools from an Ohio cave is one of several finds that has scientists questioning the identity of settlers thought to have moved in 11,000 years ago.

A just completed excavation of Sheriden Cave in Wyandot County, 100 miles southwest of Cleveland, revealed tools made from flaked stone and bone. The items are scheduled to go on display next year at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Kent State University archaeologist Kenneth Tankersley, who led the excavation over the past four years, said definite answers won't come until someone finds an Ice Age skeleton and the DNA is tested. "Disagreement swirls around the timing of their arrival, the nature of their migration, how fast they moved across the landscape and their relationship to contemporary Native Americans," he said.

Some scientists think that the earliest colonizers could have started out somewhere in Europe, not in Asia as previously thought. That idea is rooted in a rare genetic link called haplogroup X - DNA passed down through women that dates back more than 30,000 years.

Recent genetic samples from remains in Illinois show that the rare European DNA was around centuries before European exploration. Today, haplogroup X is found in about 20,000 American Indians.

To some researchers, its presence suggests the Mongolian ancestors of most American Indians were latecomers. Genetic tests show the DNA is completely absent from East Asian and Siberian populations.

That could dispel the more than half-century old notion that humans migrated across a land bridge from Siberia at the end of the Ice Age, made stone tools and hunted while moving south.

Archaeologists since 1996 have found genetic indications of several migrations, along with evidence that people came from Polynesia, regions near Japan and even western Europe.

"Frankly, it makes me nervous," Smithsonian Institution anthropologist Stephen Loring said of the idea that the first Americans during the Ice Age were of European ancestry. "It's a heretical argument, and some people, unfortunately, will use it to assert the cultural superiority of Europeans. But it's a good

theory that needs to be tested."

Tankersley and Brian Redmond, head of archaeology at the Cleveland Natural History Museum, have been seeking clues about the first colonizers from the cave, which is hidden 50 feet below cornfields.

"To find human remains of that age, 11,000 years old, is really, really rare, and I don't think there are any in that cavern. We would have found them," Redmond said. But he added, "Who knows what may turn up in the future. We're certain it was a camping area."

Farmers and landowners fear they could be tied up in litigation by preservationists and Indian tribes if old bones are disturbed.

"We know of places where you could probably find human remains up here," said Keith Hendricks, a Hancock County sheriff's deputy whose family owns the sinkhole where the Ice Age relics have been recovered. "But the problem is you'd be opening a Pandora's box. It's a sensitive issue."

Indian leaders examine state legislature delegates

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - A plan to give American Indians limited representation in the Wisconsin Legislature would give tribes a say about public policy that affects reservation life, a tribal president said Nov. 16.

The legislation, likely to be introduced when Wisconsin lawmakers convene for their 2001 session, would allow the state's 11 Indian tribes to place one nonvoting delegate on the state Assembly and another in the Senate.

"Oftentimes, there may be a piece of legislation that has a direct impact on our community, but tribes have thus far been cut out of the debate," Robert Chicks, president of the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican, said Thursday at the National Congress of American Indians, a weeklong conference that has drawn leaders and officials from more than 200 tribes.

The proposal was outlined along with other strategies for improving relations between states and Indian nations, who throughout the conference have stressed their commitment to protecting sovereignty rights.

Even though American Indians already vote for legislative candidates, Chicks said promises often go unfulfilled and that the delegates would bring immediate Indian concerns to the Legislature.

Maine is the only state with such delegates to its Legislature. Maine has had the delegates since it became a state in 1820.

Susan M. Johnson, a program principal for the National Conference of State Legislatures, said a recent report suggests that the delegates in Maine have been effective. But she said she doesn't expect many states to adopt such liaisons, in part because about 40 American Indians have been elected to state legislatures across the country.

The relationship that each state has with its tribes will dictate whether delegates are needed, said Bobby Whitefeather, chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa in northern Minnesota.

Whitefeather said he would prefer that Indians get elected to the Legislature. He said the Indian community in Minnesota has a positive relationship with the Legislature, noting that Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe, DFL-Erskine, was adopted into the Red Lake Band in 1996.

"We have a good enough relationship that, so far, we wouldn't need to (have delegates)," Whitefeather said. "If the situation ever got so bad that we felt we did, then maybe that's the way it would have to be."

It remains unclear how delegates from the Wisconsin tribes would be selected, or whether each tribe should have its own representative. Ideas for choosing the delegates include holding a general election or allowing tribal councils to make selections, said Chicks, the Stockbridge Munsee Band president.

Rare ancient charcoal drawings date back to 1,000 years

LA CROSSE, Wis. (AP) - An amateur archaeologist searching in a cave for ancient Indian art found charcoal drawings that date back more than 1,000 years.

The drawings on the cave walls depict bow hunters taking aim at game, pregnant does and thunderbirds.

"When I saw the drawings, I was blown away. I thought this is too much - they must be fake," said the discoverer, Dan Arnold. "My first impression was they were drawn by stoned hippies, because there's a

lot of abstract art."

Arnold made the discovery in 1998 but kept the find secret until officials could map the cave, photograph the art and construct an iron gate to prevent thieves or vandals from getting in. Authorities are not revealing the site, which is somewhere in southeastern Wisconsin.

Ernie Boszhardt, an archaeologist with the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center, said he was stunned by the drawings.

In addition to more than 100 drawings and carvings, Boszhardt found remains of a moccasin and birch bark torches possibly used by the artists, who are believed to be ancestors of today's Ho-Chunk Indian tribe.

The discovery doubles the known number of ancient Indian cave paintings and carvings in Wisconsin.

Authorities determined through carbon dating that the paintings were made around 900 A.D. It is the first time Wisconsin cave art has been conclusively dated, and archaeologists may now be able to determine the age of other drawings by comparing them with the cave art.

State archaeologist Robert Birmingham said he believes the cave was used for rituals.

"They're not simply drawings left behind on the wall to sort of class up the place," Birmingham said.

On the Web: Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center: <http://perth.uwla.edu/mvac/>

NORTHEAST

Massachusetts Nipmucs remain divided

DUDLEY, Mass. (AP) - As they await a federal ruling on their recognition as a tribe, two groups of Nipmuc Indians remain deeply divided.

The Hassanamisco band of the Nipmuc Nation, based in Sutton, and the smaller Chaubunagungamaug band, based in Dudley, have separate applications with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs seeking federal recognition.

Both claim they are the true Nipmucs and the others are impostors.

The BIA, which could rule as early as this week, could recognize one of the groups, both or neither. However, that may not end the dispute.

Chief Wise Owl, who also goes by the name Edwin Morse, could not be immediately reached Tuesday. But the chief of the Chaubunagungamaug band has said he is prepared to press his claims against the Hassanamisco in court, if necessary.

His Hassanamisco counterpart, Running River, who also uses the name William Gould, referred questions to the band's public relations firm. The publicist, Guy Conrad, did not immediately return a telephone message.

After more than a decade of research, the two groups, which some historians say operated separately for centuries, filed a joint application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1995 in hopes it would gain more attention. However, the alliance was short-lived and within a year they had split.

Now, Wise Owl, 72, of Warren, and Running River, 49, of Killingly, Conn., can't even agree on whether they are related. Running River has claimed they are cousins. Wise Owl disputes that claim.

If the Nipmucs gain federal recognition, they could become eligible to receive federal money, land and assistance.

They also could seek to run a gambling casino, and both groups have acknowledged links to casino interests at one time or another over the past decade. However, officials of both bands have said discussion of a possible casino is premature.

The tribe's traditional lands, including Lake Webster, which is also known by its 45-letter Nipmuc name of Lake Chagoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaug, centered on the

Blackstone Valley and stretched from Rhode Island through northeastern Connecticut and central Massachusetts.

The Hassanamisco band has about 1,640 members, nearly half of whom live in Connecticut, according to their application. The Chaubunagungamaug have 335 members, mostly in central Massachusetts.

The Chaubunagungamaug band has about four acres, just over the border in Thompson, Conn. The Hassanamisco have a four-acre reservation in Grafton.

Most of their lands were seized during King Philip's War in 1675.

Kickapoo homeowners pay taxes under protest

HORTON, Kan. (AP) - Merle Cisneros thought his home was exempt from property taxes because it is on the Kickapoo reservation in northeast Kansas. He also is a member of the tribe.

But Cisneros recently received a notice saying he owes more than \$800 in property taxes to Brown County. The 69-year-old relies on a monthly Social Security check and his seven children to make ends meet.

"I didn't know what to think," he told the Lawrence Journal-World. "I don't have that kind of cash."

Cisneros is one of dozens of property owners on tribal reservations who haven't paid property taxes but now are being charged, according to tax officials. The Kickapoo reservation is about 40 miles north of Topeka.

Tom Brown, appraiser for Brown and Jackson counties, said the change in tax status is due to a 1998 U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

Brown said the ruling allows local governments to assess taxes on properties on Indian reservations but outside land trusts held by the federal government for the tribes.

"If it's not in trust, it's taxable," Brown said. Cisneros said the change produces a monetary burden for him and is an attack by the state on the sovereign status of the Kickapoo nation.

Nancy Bear, Kickapoo tribal chairwoman, agreed. She said she is urging all tribal members affected by the change to pay their taxes under protest to preserve their rights to appeal the tax bills.

"We are supposed to be a sovereign nation, so why are we paying taxes to Brown County?" Bear said. "We have some unhappy tribal members, for sure."

Brown, the appraiser, said there may be about 100 properties on the Kickapoo, Iowa, Sac and Fox and Prairie Band Potawatomi reservations in northeast Kansas that will be affected by the tax change.

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