

1990. At the same time I would like to congratulate Kimberlee, my daughter as she was elected by her class to be their Student Council Representative for this year.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
I AM PROUD OF BOTH
OF YOU!!!

Love, Mom

To the Editor:

This is regarding the quote from Ben Franklin in the Tribal Newsletter on Page 8, of the November issue.

"If an individual empties his purse into his hand, no one can take it from him." Ben Franklin. They should have also added to some of the Siletz Tribal members, "they would still be a few cents short." Robert Marzan

This is for the people who have nothing to do but complain and don't get off of their rear ends and do something for a change.

Robert Marzan

Dear Editor:

At the 11/3/90 General Council meeting, "Tribal Member Concerns" was the first agenda item. One family was upset with General Manager, Phil Rilatos' hiring of a Tribal Member in a Forestry position and for the hiring of a non-Indian, (it wasn't clear what position). Another family was upset with whoever, (unnamed), conducted interviews for the Springfield JTPA position. While no one likes to be rejected for a position and it may be human nature to react, the criticism that ensued was humiliating, embarrassing and uncalled-for. I truly felt empathy for the targeted families and individuals.

Tribal Council was also called out for delegating hiring authority to Phil, (one of the duties he was hired for!). Someone stated Phil shouldn't be the General Manager as he'd hired seventeen of his family members. I believe that was a slanderous statement, serving only to fuel the

controversy on the General Council floor. Will future job announcements require extensive family trees accompanying applications? Nearly everyone could possibly be related. People, take a good look at what we're doing to our future--we're killing ourselves off!

Another statement suggests we shouldn't hire a Tribal Member for General Manager. I have seen three General Managers come and go--one, a Tribal Member who transferred to another job, and two (one Indian, one non-Indian), were fired. Considering the years Phil has served an ever-changing Tribal Council, I'd say on balance he's done an adequate job. On more than one occasion, Phil's taken verbal beatings at General Council meetings. Yet, he maintains a courteous manner and has stayed with the Tribe, working to expand and improve Tribal Services. How many others could stand up to such verbal abuse time and again and maintain that commitment. Not one of us is perfect; it's not fair to say you're a better person than Phil until you've walked in his shoes.

The next time someone stands up in a meeting to belittle or criticize a Tribal leader or employee, put yourself in that person's place. How would you like to be treated?

Kristi Martin-Bayya

Letters to the Editor

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Carey of Toledo are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Nellie Violet Carey.

Nellie was born November 13, 1990 at 2:35 AM at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis.

Nellie is the grand-daughter of Alice Johnson and great grand-daughter of Violet Johnson of Siletz. Nellie is also the grand daughter of John and Joan Turner of Bellingham, Washington. She joins two sisters, Fawn and Trish and two brothers, Mike and Dennis of Toledo. Nellie weighed 7 lbs. and 9 oz.

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