

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the JTPA organization of the Siletz Tribe for working with me back in May/June of 91 towards employment. The credit really goes out to the Springfield Area Office and Don Hudson (who was the JTPA temp. coordinator at the time). Don Hudson's commitment to find an immediate place of employment for me, turned out to be not just a summer job but a one year position beginning in August of '92. I began working for the Willamette National Forest in the personnel department July 10, 1991. Since that time I have been informed I shall be a Federal Employee upon the termination of my JTPA appointment.

Not only have I acquired some new working skills I have also acquired some new friendships within the Willamette National Forest.

I also would like to recognize David West, the current JTPA coordinator, for his ability to continue having that great employee relationship and all the time he has committed to seeing me through my permanent employment with the Wil-NF. I would like to further recognize the Siletz dancer's, Frank Petersen, David West, and Roseanne Lestenkof for their creating a much more aware work environment about the lifestyle and culture of the Native American. It is important for me to stay involved with my culture, and the opportunity to share with others about the Native American culture as a part of my job is a wonderful concept.

To the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, I would like to share my concerns in seeing this particular program continue to function with much support and pride.

In closing I would like to thank all those involved with helping me be where I am today. I am very appreciative.

P.S. A very special thanks to Janet Dair/George Nagel and my mother and stepfather (Bonnie and Frank Petersen) I love you all....

Sincerely,

Fish M. Martinez

TO TRIBAL MEMBERS:

I recently applied for a groundskeeper position knowing I would not be interviewed because of the highschool-GED requirements, but wanted to bring attention to the discrimination of Tribal Members that cannot get jobs with the Tribe because of these requirements. I talked to the former groundskeeper and he said there was no high school or GED required when he got the job. I talked openly of taking the matter of high school-GED requirements to Tribal Court. Education requirements were discussed at Council Meeting but Council stuck to education requirements. One Council Member in favor of the education requirements recently resigned from Council and got the job of groundskeeper. I received notice that I was not qualified to be interviewed for groundskeeper position because I had no high school or GED and had five days to appeal the decision to the General Manager. I wrote and asked for a resolution made and passed by Council of the education requirements. I did not ask for an interview. A day before the interview, I got a phone call from the Personnel Manager saying they would fit me in for an interview. I guess because I'm a logger and don't have a high school degree I am suppose to be plumb ignorant. The first thing that came to my mind was they would have to drop the education requirements in order to give me an interview and if they did drop the education, then the staff would be out of line by not readvertising the job again. If they DID NOT drop the education, they did me a great injustice. I am an Indian with a lot of pride and I think someone stepped on my pride. I am not dropping this matter and I expect to face someone in Tribal Court. I think I have the grounds for it.

To think, Tribal Members, the Tribe pays the General Manager around \$70,000 and his fall guy, the Personnel Manager, around \$35,000 to try and trick the poor uneducated Tribal Member with a stunt like this, they might of had a little coaching in the background from some Council Member.

(this letter will be continued in the next Siletz Newsletter due to excessive length)

Reggie Butler, Sr.



Birth Announcements

Baby Ramirez

Adriana Elena Ramirez was born June 5, 1992 at Memorial Hospital in Salem. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Tonya Martin and Sergio Ramirez of Salem Oregon. Grandparents include: grandmother Jackie Taylor and great-grandparents Jack and Lorna Martin all of Salem, Oregon.

She joins big brothers Jonny age 6 and Sergio age 2.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Baby Austin

Julie Lewis and Tribal Member Randy Austin, wish to announce the birth of their daughter Julia Lynn Austin on June 3, 1992. Julie weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. and is 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Alfred Lewis, Skokomish, Washington; Eileen Bello, Bainbridge Island, Washington; and June and Bill Austin of Gervais, Oregon.

Congratulations to Randy and Julie!

Baby McNair

Doug and Jacque McNair of Phoenix, Arizona proudly announce the birth of their daughter. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz.

Grandparents are: Grandmother Delores Case; Great Grandmother Cassie Case of Chiloquin, Oregon; and Great-Grandfather, the late Edward (Bazz) Case.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

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Happy Birthday to
Margo Norton
and

Robby Robertson!

Love,
Angella, Dale & William