

# "Indian World" Celebrates 10th Year

by Bob Lothian

The Portland area's only Native American-oriented radio program celebrated its tenth year this week.

"Indian World," which is broadcast from 8 - 9 p.m. Mondays on KBOO FM 90.1, aired a special 10th anniversary show June 30. The program featured music by North and South American Indians and interviews about the threat to Indian reservations of nuclear contamination from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. Special features and interviews will be spaced through the year, said "Indian World" creator and host John Talley.

Talley has missed only one show in 10 years, he said. "Our feeling is very, very positive about the show. That's why we've put so much time into it, to serve the people," Talley said.

"Indian World" informs Indians and non-Indians alike about indigenous culture from the arctic to the tip of South America, according to Talley. The program features music by Indians, Indian news, an Indian calendar, interviews, commentary, legends and poetry, he said. "I think one of the key things about the program is that it is about contemporary Indian people," Talley said.

Talley's first show in 1976 featured interviews with members of the Siletz Tribal Council, who were fighting to have their traditional land near Newport restored to the.

Other programs have focused on Wounded Knee, the Big Mountain land rights struggle in Arizona, and Columbia River fishing rights. Talley interviewed Mayor Bud Clark, also Vine DeLorea, Jr., author of "Custer Died for Your Sins," and LaDonna Harris, a Comanche Indian woman from Oklahoma who ran for vice-president on the Citizen's Party ticket.

Talley, 55, a Mohawk Indian originally from Syracuse, New York, said the philosophy behind "Indian World" is to offer a unifying message to all Indian people and their supporters. That's why the program covers Indian struggles across the U.S. and as far away as Central and South America, he said.

"The struggles in South America are very clearly part of the same struggles we have here along the Columbia River, in Canada, and at Big Mountain," Talley said.

An Indian activist since the early



JOHN TALLEY

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70s. Talley said his personal awakening came at the time of the occupation at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

"I felt the need to become involved at all costs," he said. Now Talley said, "Where my people are I work, whether it's in a church, a bar, an Indian center or on the street."

Describing himself as a "perennial board member," Talley has served with the Portland Urban Indian Council, the Native American Rehabilitation Association, the Chicano-Indian Study Center and the Nation-

al Federation of Community Broadcasters.

Major needs for Native Americans in the Portland area, according to Talley, are a cultural center, improved health resources, a dental clinic, better education, and networking with Indian artists and poets.

Talley said he also looks forward to a national network of Indian radio stations.

His assistant with "Indian World" is Sunshine Humpy, a Piute Indian

woman from Nevada who compiles the Indian calendar.

"It's for all of us," Talley said about "Indian World." "I don't consider it mine, it belongs to the people."

"We are very grateful to KBOO for offering this opportunity," Talley said.

## Gasoline Prices Inch Upward

After a long downward trend, gasoline prices showed a slight increase in the Oregon AAA Fourth of July Fuel Gauge Survey.

Prices rose an average of two cents per gallon since the Memorial Day Fuel Gauge Survey was conducted in May.

During the Fourth of July week-

end, full-service cash customers can expect to pay an average of \$1.01 for regular gasoline, \$1.04 for unleaded and \$1.17 for super unleaded.

At the mini-serve pumps the average prices are expected to be 90 cents per gallon for regular, 98 cents per gallon for unleaded and \$1.10 for super unleaded.

Credit card customers will pay an average of five cents per gallon more.

Gasoline should be readily available during the Fourth of July holiday. More than 90 percent of the service stations surveyed will be open for the holiday.

Oregon AAA reminds motorists planning a trip during the holiday to make sure their cars are in shape before leaving. Oregon AAA suggests that motorists get their cars tuned up before leaving on a trip if a tune-up is needed. Also, brakes, tires (and spares), fluid levels, engine oil, belts and hoses, and battery and cables should be checked.

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