

Editorial

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(The way it is)



Editor's Notes

Please Sign Letters

We are quite pleased with the number of letters we have been receiving for publication lately. It is a good indication that folks out there are reading, thinking and responding.

Please remember, however, that it is this newspaper's policy to print only signed letters. A signed letter would be one bearing the name of the individual, department or organization whose views are expressed. Authentic Indian names are acceptable but pen names are discouraged.

Creative writing (poetry, essays) may be submitted with pen names, however.

This policy protects us and our readers from any irresponsible expression of opinion. Thanks for cooperating.

Dogs Taking Over

It has always been stressed that dog is man's best friend. Well I can see their point because dogs come in all shapes and sizes and each breed has his place in the world. It would be just great if they were in their right places and not here in Warm Springs unless they were here for a certain purpose like disturbing the residents all night long.

Why is it that all dogs have to gather around homes at night while people are trying to get some sleep. There should be a law for those people that own dogs and do not take care of them and let them roam at large creating disturbances all night

long while people are trying to get some sleep.

I think that if a person would like to own a dog he should have the sense of responsibility and respect for others who are trying to get some rest and see that their dogs are put up for the night.

"YAWN" I'm doing this cause I can't get any sleep from the racket out side. 4 A.M., I don't know about the neighbors, perhaps they have become accustomed to the racket, but not I.

Any response can be sent to P.O. Box 735, Spilyay Tymoo, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. "Not a Pooch Owner, Never will be."

Thanks to all the people

I want to thank the Church of Latter Day Saints for their assistance during my son's funeral. They provided pastries and cakes at the longhouse and were helpful in more ways than one.

Thanks also to the people who prepared the meals.

Thanks to Mark Budge who stood by my side while they were tending the body, right up to the last day after the body was put to rest.

Also I want to thank the people who came forward for Owens' fire shower and helped with gifts.

Chesley Yahtin

Thanks from Chevron

Our family would like to thank all our people, friends and families for patronizing us in the years we have been in the Chevron station business.

It's all of you that spent your money at the station that keep us in the business. Our family can't thank you enough. George, Janice, Gettes, Warren, Luther, Matthew, Cassie, Carey and Careen.

Indian News Notes

by Vince Lovett

INTERIOR SECRETARY IDENTIFIES CRITICAL INDIAN ISSUES FOR 1979: A november 14 memorandum from Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus to Department Senior Staff listed 10 critical Indian issues for 1979. These were matters which were expected to "require the most intensive and continuous involvement by the Executive Committee," which consists of the Secretary, Under Secretary James Joseph and Solicitor Leo Krulitz. The ten items in alphabetical order: Boldt Decision; Duck Valley, Wildhorse Reservation; Eastern Indian Land Claims; Hoopa-Yurok controversy and Klamath River Fishing; Indian Affairs Reorganization; Indian Education; Indian Water Policy Implementation; Navajo Land Selection; Responsibilities toward Alaska Natives; and Trust Responsibility Administration.

For each item, there was a brief amplification. Thus, on water policy: "Begin a process of Indian water rights claims identification and negotiation. Develop legislation." On trust responsibility: "After the Department's trust responsibility is defined, the administration of the Department's programs to meet its legal obligations and policy goals will be reviewed and assessed." Alaska Natives: "Policy clarification will be developed concerning the Federal trust responsibilities after full implementation of ANCSA and definition of the role of BIA. Guidelines will be prepared for subsistence hunting and fishing; legislation will be submitted establishing Native organizations eligibility for self-determination contracts."

INDIAN VILLAGE IN ARIZONA IS FIRST SOLAR CITY: The Papago Indian Village of Schuchuli, long lighted by kerosene lamps, initiated a \$100,000 solar power system December 17. The system, paid for by the Federal Government, local governments and the Papago Tribe, was dedicated in ceremonies at the desert village of 96 persons, which has had no electricity. Until now, the villagers did their washing by hand or drove 20 miles to take it to the nearest laundry. Water was pumped by a diesel engine. The solar power system will provide energy for lights, a water pump, refrigerators and washing machines, an official of the Federal Energy Department said in Phoenix.

Don't Shut Us Out

The Tribal Council closed its December 19 meeting to the press, as well as to anyone not directly involved in the topic of discussion. Under scrutiny were the eighteen budget items held in abeyance by the Council September 27.

Those items included the salaries of the general manager and his branch heads, four positions in the police department, a couple of social service programs, according to Council chairman Gene Greene, the positions, pay increases, and programs were put on hold pending justification by the various departments concerned. It was the council's job on December 19 to make a final evaluation of the merit of the items.

Spilyay trotted faithfully into the council chambers to record what (s)he considered to be a "matter of great importance" which, according to the constitution, should be subject to popular review. Spilyay was promptly asked to leave, as it was to be a "closed" session. An appeal for "background information" was even denied.

The tribal budget and the associated programming and staffing should not be treated as a private matter, to be discussed behind closed doors. All tribal members are affected by such key council decisions, and they are entitled not only to know the outcome but to understand fully the context and rationale for the council's action.

Since it is not practical for tribal members to attend council meetings nor for the council to take every issue or decision directly to the members, it would seem to be efficient and in the council's interest to have a member of the local press in attendance. The council's theme when it took office in May of 1977 was "keeping members informed." Utilization of the newspaper is an effortless way to fulfill that promise.

Spilyay was told that the information could be gathered from council members or council minutes after the fact. But second-hand reporting can never match the perspective gained from an eyewitness account. We feel that Council is seriously jeopardizing the quality and detail of information made available to the public by closing such meetings to the press.

Maine Settlement Nears

Indian tribes, landowners, and the White House have accepted a proposed settlement of Indian claims to the northern two-thirds of Main, according to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The proposal calls for the

U.S. to pay an initial \$27 million to the Penobscots and Passamaquoddis. Another \$10 million would be used to buy 100,000 acres for the tribes.

Still needed: official approval by the state and by the Congress.

Close Encounters or The Birth of a Bureaucracy

Satire by Sam Crane
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Washington - President Carter, while governor of Georgia, reported that he had seen an official UFO. While running for President, he promised that if the government knew anything about UFO's, he would release the information to the public.

Word is that in a few months, the official announcement will be that the government has been making contact with creatures from another world.

A friend of mine, who shall be nameless, works as a special scientist involved with this type of thing. He was telling me that the government has not only made contact, but they are in the process of negotiations on an interplanetary treaty.

Here is the announcement in a few months or years:

President Jimmy Carter announced today the establishment of the Bureau of Alien Affairs (BAA).

The new Bureau, temporarily housed in the Department of Exterior, is expected shortly. The BAA will be responsible for implementation of the new interplanetary treaties, and the establishment of the outerspace trust responsibility, and for the implementation of Alien self-determination.

Six alien reservations have been established. One on the north face of the moon, one on Mars, about 600 miles from the nearest canal, two on Pluto and

two common cities on various planets with land held in trust.

The BAA will be responsible for the Health, Education, Welfare and Land Operations for the various alien tribes. Kmenchi La Mars, Chairman of the Mercury tribe (he jokingly says the only tribe named after a spaceship) says, "I'm concerned about letting these people do this, after all, we have been running our own lives for over 70 million Kilo-years, who do we need to become self-determined now?"

An entity to deal with alien Health, under the BAA, will be the alien Health service. Its director, Salmon Custer, an-

nounced that the first priority of the A.H.S. will be to sterilize many of the females of the alien race, "We all know that these aliens are always multiplying faster than rabbits. I don't think that will benefit anybody."

Another problem that the BAA will deal with is the education of aliens. Director of BAA education, Willard Not-A-Grad, said, "I will send these creatures to the best Vo-Techs in the country, I think most of them are extremely bright."

A relocation program and other tactics to bring them into our society is currently being planned.

Community Calendar

JANUARY

- 8 Parenting Committee Workshop with Mike Giamatteo. Time 12-4 and 7-10 staff and public respectively. Will be held at Community Center
- 10 4-H Beadwork Club 4 p.m. in Extension Office
- 10 Senior Citizens Luncheon at the Longhouse 11 a.m.
- 11 Each Thursday Caroline Tohet will be teaching beadwork to kids 9-18. Contact the Extension Office for more information.
- 20 Rollerskating party in Bend. Call Extension office for information
- 23 Home Ec Club Meeting One session 11:30-1 p.m. Second session 7-8:30 p.m.