

Students Bring Medals Back from Special Olympics



ALL WINNERS - Every member of the Warm Springs Special Olympic team came back from John Day with a medal. Athletes and chaperones are: (front row) Rhonda Johnson, Marvin Arquette, Tony Wells, Kendrick Arthur, Spencer Portra, Tamara Henry; (middle row) Darshan Carter, Roylene Scott, Debbie Still, Lester Begay, Tony Broncheau, JoJo Smith, Buzzy Joe Berry; (back row) Miss Pat Croker, Jewell Winishut, Ellery Wolfe, Lottie White, Roberta Burce, Oueida Colwash, Leila Evick, and Delson Suppah. Spilyay Tymoo Photo by CDS

Nineteen kids from the Warm Springs grade school went to John Day last Saturday to participate in the Mid-Oregon Special Olympics. And nineteen kids returned with winning medals. Some even brought back more than one.

The proud kids also have some good memories of joining nearly 200 other athletes from schools all over central Oregon for the largest Special Olympics yet.

The Olympics are held annually for the special education students in the midstate area to encourage physical fitness and athletic competition. Recognition for achievement is the focus of the event.

As in the regular Olympics, the events are preceded by a parade of participants and a runner carrying a flaming torch. Warm Springs, turning out for

the first time, proudly hoisted a banner bearing an Indian head and wore T-shirts trimmed similarly.

They then began gathering up gold, silver and bronze medals in four of the nine categories of events. Kids competed by age group in 50, 200, and 400 meter dashes, 1,500 meter run, 1,500 meter relay, softball throw, standing long jump, high jump, and kickball.

Warm Springers took 13 firsts, 15 seconds and 9 thirds. Two girls, Lottie White and Oueida Colwash, won two firsts each. All the Warm Springs participants are students in the Educational Resource Center directed by Pat Croker. Ms. Croker accompanied the children and designed their banner and shirts.

Special Olympics winners from Warm Springs are as follows: Softball throw - (First)

Rhonda Johnson, Oueida Colwash, Lottie White, Leila Enick, Tony Wells, Spencer Poitra, Roylene Scott, Ellery Wolfe, Joseph Smith; (Second) Roberta Bruce, Jewel Winishut, Tamara Henry, Debbie Still, Tony Broncheau, Kendrick Arthur, Buzzy Jo Berry; (third) Lester Begay, Gabby Sohapp.

50 Meter Dash - (First) Oueida Colwash, Debbie Still; (Second) Jewell Winishut, Tony Broncheau, Tony Wells, Kendrick Arthur, Lester Begay, Joseph Smith, Gabby Sohapp; (Third) Rhonda Johnson, Darshan Carter, Spencer Poitra, Roylene Scott, Buzzy Jo Berry.

Standing Long Jump - (First) Roberta Bruce; (Second) Leila Enick, Tamara Henry; (Third) Darshan Carter, Ellery Wolfe.

220 Yard Dash - (First) Lottie White.

Indian News Notes

by Vince Lovett
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INTERIOR SOLICITOR WARNS AGAINST EXCESSES IN NAME OF SOVEREIGNTY:

- Speaking to the Northwest Affiliated Tribes at Fort Hall, Idaho April 6, Interior Solicitor Leo Krulitz warned tribes against pushing for casino-style gambling, using the taxing power as an economic weapon and insensitive demands made in the name of sovereignty. He said that hostility created by such actions could endanger tribal rights completely.

Krulitz said: "The tribes' zoning powers are important and we'll defend them, but their indiscriminate use subjects both the zoning power and tribal sovereignty to risk... You will have to consider in tribal decisions not only the economic and social implications of a given course but also the political - the public relations - implications."

Krulitz also told the tribal leaders that the Department showed that it was "deadly serious" about protecting Indian water rights by its action in filing four stream adjudication suits in Federal court in Montana to block the possibility of the Indians being forced into litigation in the state court system.

INDIAN PREFERENCE IN NEW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

The transfer of Indian education programs into the proposed new Department of Education was apparently stopped last year by the solid opposition of Indian tribal leaders at the hearings. Things keep happening, however, which seem to indicate that the transfer is still considered a possibility by some people.

The latest indication is that the bill, S. 210, to create the new department, as published in the Congressional Record for April 5, still includes an Indian preference clause. The clause includes this statement: "Any function transferred by this Act and subject to any such law (Indian preference) shall continue to be subject to any such law."

'TREATIES ARE LIVING DOCUMENTS':

An interview with A. David Lester, a Creek Indian who is Commissioner of Administration for Native Americans in HEW, was published in the March issue of the American Indian Journal.

The following is from that interview: "Treaties are living documents just as a Constitution is, and have to be viewed that way because if they are not living they are dead. Each generation is going to have to continue the process, and the stronger our position, the more favorable the outcome will be. Power and strong position are relative terms. Power doesn't necessarily deal with numbers of people or dollar resources that Indians have."

"One of our biggest strengths is our moral case. I don't know of any other group in this country that has a stronger moral claim than American Indians and Native Alaskans. A strong moral position, that's power in this country. I think in some other countries moral position is meaningless. I look at what is happening to the Indians in Brazil and their moral claims is falling on deaf ears. So we are fortunate that society with which we have to deal does have some moral values and we should not underestimate that."

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S STATEMENT ON TRUST RESPONSIBILITY REVIEWED BY NARF:

A draft of Attorney General Griffin Bell's long-talked-about statement on the United State's trust responsibility to Indian tribes was sent in early April to the Native American Rights Fund, National Congress of American Indians and, it was reported, the National Tribal Chairmen's Association. John Echohawk of NARF said they received the brief statement, about two pages, on April 3 with a request that they review and comment on the statement by April 9. Echohawk, who had previously joined other Indian lawyers in expressing concern about the Attorney General's views on the trust responsibility, said that the draft statement received by NARF "is a positive statement."

He said that he thought there were still a few problems pertaining to Justice Department conduct in litigation in behalf of Indian tribes and the fiduciary standards in meeting such litigation. Echohawk indicated that he did not think the statement was hurtful to Indian tribes and was "much better" than early expectations when Bell first expressed his intentions to issue a statement to clarify the Indian trust responsibility.

In January a Justice official had said that the statement would be distributed to Indian tribal and organizational leaders for review and comment before being finalized. Echohawk, however, had the impression that Justice did not plan further distribution for review and comment, but would proceed now to issue the document as a final statement.

Valium, Treatment not Good Mixers

Valium (Diazepam) is the most widely prescribed sedative-hypnotic drug in the U.S., prescribed for a variety of medical and psychiatric conditions. Millions of Americans take valium regularly and there is growing concern about low-dose withdrawal syndrome associated with its use, particularly in people with a history of alcoholism.

In a report to the February issue of the U.S. Journal of Drug and Alcohol Dependence, David E. Smith, M.D., cites results of a clinical survey that documents withdrawal symptoms from abrupt cessation of long term use of Valium in 50 patients, 45 of whom had a previous history of alcoholism. These patients were not using alcohol at the time of their withdrawal.

It is important that physicians and alcohol treatment people are aware of an alcoholic's unusual susceptibility to Valium dependence and withdrawal.

In view of the accumulating research regarding Valium and alcoholism, it appears that the long term use of Valium in treatment has a usually non-constructive outcome.

Susan Ingrassia

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THERE WAS THIS GUY talking to Jim at the golf course recently and he said, "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100." Jim said, "You'd better concentrate on heaven because you've already moved enough earth." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS GUY who caught his best buddy kissing his girl friend and he said, "What the hell are you doing?" His girl friend tells the guy, "You see, I told you he was stupid." YIKES

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A SIGN WAS POSTED IN a local bar which read, "Shoes are required to drink in the bar." Someone wrote underneath, "Socks may drink where ever they please." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS BASEBALL manager talking to his first baseman one day just before the daily practice got underway. He said, "Remember all those tips I gave you on batting, fielding, and base running?" "I sure do," replied the first baseman. The manager said, "Forget them, because I've traded you away." YIKES

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