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Spilyay Tymoo

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Powwow Queen

Kimiko Danzuka, daughter of Tootsie and George Danzuka, was selected queen of the 1979 Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow last weekend. She sold more raffle tickets than the other four candidates, bringing in \$1,600 to the powwow committee.

Spilyay Tymoo Photo by Stowell

People urged to vote

Deschutes water project up for second try on July 10

Eligible voters are urged to cast their ballots Tuesday, July 10, when the Deschutes Domestic Water System again comes up for voter approval. In the last try on June 5, people approved the project five to one but not enough voters cast their ballots, invalidating the election. The count was 70 short of the required number of voters.

Vital Statistics supervisor Edith Danzuka noted that it is expensive for the Tribes to hold an election and that it is frustrating when the people do not bother to vote. The Tribal Council feels the project is very important to the future of the Tribes and they would like to see it pass this time.

The new water system for Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta is being proposed to the membership because of existing problems with the present water systems. The plan is based on growth projections to the year 2000 when it is expected that the

population of the service area will be about 3,000. The present system serves about 1,900 people.

The proposed water source is the Deschutes River with intake, pumping and treatment facilities located at the by-pass channel next to the Dry Creek Campground. The Deschutes River has been identified as the only dependable source of quality water available to Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta.

Because of the possibility that the intake location may have been a sacred area at one time, an anthropological survey will be conducted before any construction takes place, according to the Tribal planning department. "It will be more thorough than the usual surface inspection," noted Planning Director Ray Rangila.

According to the plan, water will be carried up to the proposed Tewee's Butte reservoir from a nearby pump

station. The reservoir will be high enough in elevation to allow gravity flow transmission lines to new reservoirs in Warm Springs and at Kah-Nee-Ta. Gravity flow water systems are said to be the most reliable kind.

Tribal planners feel that potential rural housing sites will be "opened up" along the new transmission lines, thus significantly improving the current problem of rural homestead availability.

Estimated cost of the project is \$8 million. Preliminary discussions with the Economic Development Administration and Farmers Home Administration indicate a good chance for funding assistance, which will minimize as much as possible the use of tribal funds.

If there are questions about whose property the lines will cross or about other aspects of the project, check with the planning department.

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NCAI removes director, searches for funds

by Cynthia Stowell

Within a matter of months the executive director of the National Congress of American Indians was elected by the membership, given a vote of confidence by the executive committee and asked to resign by the president.

Andy Ebona left the NCAI mid-year conference in Reno two weeks ago without a job as the result of an eight-month chain of events that also left NCAI without the dollars to hire a new director. Ebona offered his resignation only after executive committee members who had once enthusiastically supported him stood up one by one and reluctantly backed president Veronica Murdock's action.

A staff of two, numerous volunteers and executive officers are "taking the bull by the horns," Murdock told Spilyay Tymoo this week and getting NCAI back on its feet financially. An audit is expected to be completed by July 18. "The real shame," said Murdock, "was that nobody came to the realization sooner that NCAI was in a financial crisis. They kept waiting for a mystical happening."

In Reno, Murdock painted a picture of an Indian organization steadily going into debt and an executive director who was slow to

respond. Ebona countered with his own sketch of an executive director whose hands were tied by the complexity of problems he had inherited from the previous director.

Allegations somewhat vague
 NCAI conference participants who sat through the

difficult afternoon of speeches concerning Ebona's conduct were no doubt confused about the circumstances and allegations. Remarks remained somewhat vague for fear of harming the organization as a whole, indicated Murdock.

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Kah-Nee-Ta the site of next ATNWI meeting

The Warm Springs Reservation will be hosting the annual meeting of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians August 26-28 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort. The reservation setting was selected at the conclusion of the ATNWI spring conference at the Ft. Hall Reservation, which was the first meeting of the four-state organization to be held on Indian land.

Local members of the planning committee--Amos Simtustus, Larry Calica and Gene Greene--are busy finalizing the agenda, which is expected to follow the theme of

"To Strengthen our Unity and Sovereignty Forever."
 The recently restored Siletz Tribe has offered to co-host the Conference.

Oregon resource people will figure heavily into the panels and presentations at the annual meeting. An invitation has been extended to Governor Vic Atiyeh to speak on the first morning and the Commission on Indian Services is scheduled to make a luncheon presentation the same day.

Officials from the Portland Area Offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service have been placed on panels addressing health and education issues. Local tribal members will join state and federal officials in the discussion of water rights and trust responsibility.

Conference planners expect to keep panel presentations brief, leaving time for questions and comments from the floor.

Participants will come to the Warm Springs community Thursday evening August 28 for a traditional dinner and powwow at the Agency longhouse. All other activities will center at the resort.

Watch Spilyay Tymoo for details about the ATNWI conference.

Weather

JUNE	HI	LOW
16	68	50
17	-	-
18	72	57
19	74	51
20	78	48
21	78	46
22	85	47
23	90	50
24	95	55
25	98	62
26	90	58
27	85	54
28	98	60

Belloni announcement shocks Indian people

by Sandy Rangila

In a move that has stunned reporters, attorneys and tribal officials, Federal Judge Robert C. Belloni disqualified himself yesterday (Thursday) from hearing any more Indian fisheries cases involving the U.S. vs Oregon.

Belloni was scheduled to hear a suit filed by the four Columbia River Indian Treaty Tribes who were attempting to stop ocean trolling for salmon off the coasts of Oregon and Washington.

An affidavit presented yesterday to Belloni by the non-Indian trollers claimed bias on his part toward Indian fishermen. Belloni has been hearing Indian fisheries cases since 1967 and has invested thousands of hours of research into the Indian fishing rights issue.

The affidavit noted that

jurors are excused for the same reason - knowing too much about a case - and for that reason Belloni disqualified himself.

In a very brief phone interview Thursday evening, Judge Belloni told Spilyay Tymoo that he doesn't talk to newspapers. "I never have and I don't see any reason for changing now," he said. "No, not even Indian newspapers," he added.

Response from Indian leaders to Belloni's announcement was quick. Most see it as a loss to the Northwest Indians and to the fisheries resource. Belloni is referred to as a champion for Indian fishing rights and for the fish.

He was quoted as saying that newspaper cartoons of Indian and non-Indian fishermen

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