

Editorial E COOSH EEWA: (The way it is)



Letters to the Editor Jay Edwards Associates-Washington Update

Thank you!

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to THANK YOU ALL for supporting my two girls in the recent adoption elections.

Also, we will be having a dinner in the near future, but it will probably be after the first of the year, due to all of the holiday activities that are planned. One of the participating families is still in mourning, hoping that you understand, but you will be notified of the date.

Once, again I cannot express

my happiness and joy to everyone. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you and your families for being so thoughtful and considerate of me and my girls-Laura (Missy) and Deborah.

Everyone have a nice and wonderful Merry Christmas and have a good and joyous New Year, for you have made me and my family very happy.

Thank You,
Vickie and Chris Still and daughters, Margarat, Laura (Missy) and Deborah Still.

Holiday Message—Sharing and Caring

Our old Indian culture taught us that women were created with special skills. We were to bring seeds and to scatter and cultivate these seeds upon the earth and to have. Knowledge of domestic and survival skills. Men had special skills also, they created seeds with in our bodies. They were the fathers of creation. Their roles are to provide women with the basic needs such as food, shelter and things of value called money.

It was taught we would live in one unity which is called marriage. We would share responsibilities equally and be

partners with one another.

Let us compromise and share responsibilities and be good family models. Together we can teach our children the special skills of partnership of marriage for they too will some day enter this unity.

Let me take your hand, and teach you my skills and you take my hand and teach me your skills.

Let us change together with the pace of time to benefit our unity.

Sunbeam Nequatewa
Outreach Department
Family & Children Service

Food drive results

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to announce the results of the Madras Junior High canned food drive.

—776 food items weighing over one-half ton (1048 lbs.) were donated.

—2131 articles of clothing (some brand new) was donated.

—\$63.44 was collected, which will be used to purchase food.

—51% of the student body participated.

The seventh grade won the competition, having donated the most and heaviest food, and bringing the most clothing.

Eighth graders contributed \$40.64 and had 55.4% participation.

We wish to thank everyone who helped to make this such a success.

Sincerely,
Janet Dobry
Assistant Principal

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THERE WERE THESE THREE MICE in a winery and they decided to get wasted. After a while the first mouse said that he was going to Washington to tell the President to go and jump in a lake. The second mouse said he was going to Iran and tell them what they could do with the oil. The third mouse thought for a while and said, "You guys ain't nothing. I'm going out there and kick the cat in the pants." YIKES

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THERE WERE THESE TWO POLACKS sitting on a tractor mowing a field of hay when one fell off and his ear was cut off by the blade. The one driving stopped the tractor, and they started searching for the ear. After a while the driver shouted to the other guy, "Is this your ear?" The other, "Naw, that can't be mine, because mine had a pencil stuck on it." YIKES

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THERE WAS THIS DC 10 JET LINER THAT crashed, and a rescue crew was gathering the bodies of all the casualties. There was this arm laying there when a T.V. narrator picks up the arm with a big grin on his face and said, "just listen folks. The Timex is still ticking." YIKES

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TWO SECRETARIES WERE TALKING about their dates the previous Saturday. One said, "My date was terrible. Not only did he lie about the size of his yacht, but he made me do the rowing, too." YIKES

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A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE SUPERSTITIOUS, they say, for instance, if you step over a growing person while that person is lying down, he will be short. That always seemed specious. However, it's undeniable that if you step over a person while he's standing—he is short." YIKES

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On December 14, 1979, the Senate passed S.J. Res. 108, a bill to validate the effectiveness of certain plans for use or distribution of funds appropriated to pay judgments awarded to Indian tribes. This resolution would affect certain plans submitted to Congress by the Secretary of the Interior over the last five years. In July, 1979, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia held that a judgment distribution plan which has not been submitted to the Congress within the time period set by the statute is null and void. The purpose of this resolution is to validate these plans by treating them as having been timely filed. Any legal challenge which a tribe may be able to make to a judgment fund distribution plan except timeliness of a filing will not be affected by this legislation.

On December 14, 1979, the House debated H.R. 5980, the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act. The purpose of this legislation is to provide Federal assistance to state and local governments during a national recession. Two amendments offered by Congress Jack Brooks (D., Texas) were adopted. The first amendment would permit the Secretary of the Treasury to make population projections of Indian tribes and Alaskan Native Villages under the same procedure as is done for general revenue sharing. Allocations to Indian tribes and Alaskan Native Villages are based on the most recent population data available, which is the 1970 census. This amendment would provide more up to date information. The second amendment would add the governing bodies of Indian Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages to the definitions of units of local governments.

On December 14, 1979, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Forrest J. Gerard, announced his resignation effective December 19, 1979 from his post to return to private practice. No announcement has been made as to a replacement for Mr. Gerard.

December 14, 1979

The ceremonial installation of the Commission of Indian Affairs, William E. Hallett, will be held December 14, 1979, at 10:00 a.m. at the Denver Marina Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Attendance is expected from BIA officials, tribal leaders, the media and the general public. Mr. Hallett, a Red Lake Chippewa, was nominated by President Carter on September 28, 1979, and confirmed by the Senate on November 16, 1979.

The Department of the Interior announced that Indian tribes have completed balloting on a distribution formulas as required by the 1978 Education Amendments Act. The tribes voted to keep the Johnson-O'Malley Act funding formula used by the BIA during the last four years. The formula provides straight per capita payments for all students with increased allowed for states which spend above the national average for education.

Indian News Notes

by Vince Lovett of The Bureau of Indian Affairs

SUPREME COURT REJECTS INDIAN WATER RIGHTS APPEAL:

The United States Supreme Court refused to intervene in a dispute over the proper forum for litigating Indian water rights issues. The Court rejected a Jicarilla Apache request to rule on whether state or Federal courts should be used to litigate controversies over the water rights of Indian tribes. The Court let stand a Federal Appeal Court dismissal of an appeal by the tribe. Justices William Brennan and Harry Blackmun said they would have heard the case.

FEDERAL JUDGES SEND MONTANA WATER CASES TO STATE COURTS:

Seven lawsuits filed by the Federal Government to support Indian water claims have been dismissed because two Federal judges decided that state courts are the proper forum for the controversy. At the time that five of the suits were filed last April, Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus said he had requested the action because "any litigation of Indian claims should take place in Federal courts." The Montana legislature was then in the process of passing legislation to give the State courts jurisdiction over Indian water rights. Interior Solicitor Leo Krulitz expressed surprise when informed of the dismissal. He said the Justice Department "never would have filed the suits in Federal Court if they hadn't felt that was the proper forum." Senator John Melcher of Montana said the suits were "ill-conceived and ill timed" and added that he had reason to believe that the Justice Department would not appeal the district court decision.

WESTERN GOVERNORS AND INDIAN LEADERS SIGN "ENERGY TREATY"; U.S. gives \$24 million to CERT:

Representatives of ten western states and members of the Council of Energy Resources Tribes (CERT) signed an agreement in Phoenix December 5 to attempt to insure the goal of national energy independence is not reached at their expense. Governor Bruce Babbitt of Arizona said that the agreement showed "we have common interests in developing the mountain West to make sure that our energy resources are used wisely, utilized for the benefit of the West, the people who live here and future generations. He said that the West would not "be overrun by the overwhelming political power of the Eastern states." The agreement was generally limited to statements of principle and did not provide details on how participants plan to translate the policies into action. The ten states are Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. On December 6, a Department of Energy official announced that the U.S. will commit \$24 million in the next ten months to speed development of Indian energy resources in the West. He added that funding would continue in future years. Peter MacDonald, CERT Chairman, said "Santa Claus has come earlier than we expected."

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