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**509-J Budget Election**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 1981**  
**8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
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### Siletz powwow planned

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz request the honor of your presence at their first annual Powwow Encampment on Government Hill scheduled for September 11, 12 and 13, according to Pauline Ricks of the powwow committee. The Siletz will be celebrating the return of Government Hill and 3,600 acres of reservation land. Opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. on Saturday the 12th will include a special Seven Drum ceremony dedication (Warm Springs Drum) and blessing of the land. This is the first time in many, many years that the tribe has had such an event on their own land.

"Nothing would please us more than to have our brothers and sisters of other tribes join us in the dedication and blessing of the land," said Ricks. "It has been a long and hard fight to regain restoration and a reservation for our people."  
 The Siletz will be celebrating one year on September 4 since they regained their land base and, on November 18, it will have been four years since they were restored as a federally recognized tribe. The Siletz have been working hard on Government Hill clearing the land for this "very humble and historic event."

### Ancient archaeological site discovered

A small cave, known as Lava Island Rockshelter was recently discovered on the Deschutes National Forest southeast of Bend, Oregon. Preliminary investigations at the site suggest that the cave may have been used 10,000 years ago.  
 The site, reported by two local student archaeologists, was brought to the attention of Forest Service personnel in March 1981. Recognizing the importance of the site, the Forest Service immediately contracted with professional archaeologists to investigate the cave. Excavations at the site, aided by Forest Service employees, began in July and will be completed this month.  
 One of the most important finds at the site was a group of 32 obsidian spear points, ranging from two to five inches in length. This cache is the largest single find of Paleo-Indian points in the Pacific Northwest. Paleo-Indian

people are thought to be the earliest inhabitants of North America, arriving as long as 12,000 years ago.  
 Other projectile points recovered during the excavations include smaller dart points and tiny arrowheads. Darts about four feet long were flung with a throwing stick or "atlatl". Darts and atlatls were used for hunting game before 2,000 years ago. The bow and arrow, which required a much smaller stone tip, was introduced after that time.  
 The cave was apparently a temporary camp used intermittently by hunters for thousands of years. Broken rocks and charcoal indicate that some cooking activities took place at the site. A small assortment of stone tools, bone fragments and stone flakes also suggests that scraping, butchering and tool sharpening took place on a limited basis.  
 A bark-lined pit some three feet in diameter was also found

in a corner of the cave. The pit was apparently built by a native hunter as a storage pit. The empty pit and scattered bark slabs suggest that the hunter returned to retrieve cached goods.  
 The project analysis and report on the site will be completed this winter by Heritage Research Associates of Eugene.  
 The Forest Service requested complete excavation of the shelter because of the vandalism and potential loss of remaining artifacts. Removal of artifacts, including arrowheads and projectile points, from Federal lands without permission is against the law. Once a site is disturbed by artifact collectors, much of its value for understanding the past is lost.  
 The rockshelter, which overlooks Lava Island and the Deschutes River, will be developed as a visitor information point during the next year.

## Years of learning earn Trudee honors

by Marsha Shewczyk

Since she was a tiny tot Miss Warm Springs, Trudee Clements, has been learning all she could about traditional Indian ways. At age four she got her first buckskin dress and began competing in dancing at powwows. She did well in school, gained in leadership abilities and competed in pageants as she grew older. And just this year Trudee was named Miss Warm Springs.  
 But the culmination of Trudee's experiences so far came on August 8 when she placed as first runner-up for the title of Miss Indian America. With nineteen other candidates she competed for the nation's top title for a young Indian woman who will reign for one year as a representative of the Indian people.  
 The 27th national Miss Indian America pageant was held in Sheridan, Wyoming.

The young women, Trudee among them, were judged in ten different categories; dedication to the advancement of Indian people, ability to communicate and speak before an audience, poise, potential, Indianness and appearance, Indian dress, scholastic achievement and interest, skills and talents, scope of interest and knowledge of governments and ability to get along with people.  
 Even though the title was claimed by 21 year-old Jerilyn LeBeau, a Cheyenne River Sioux from South Dakota, Trudee was ecstatic when she was selected first runner-up. She said, "I was up against the best. I knew I had to put aside all of my fears and do what I do best. I couldn't fool around."  
 Each of the contestants strived to attain the goal set by the theme of the pageant, "Miss Indian America is always ready

and prepared." The girls each went before a panel of judges and were questioned on current events, knowledge of traditional culture and on general knowledge. They also participated in a fashion show, talent show, powwow, parade and attended luncheons and dinners held in their honor.  
 All of the candidates were on a rigorous schedule, according to Miss Warm Springs. She says they were up at 5:30 a.m. putting on buckskin dresses which were worn all day and "the pageant itself was trying both mentally and physically."  
 During it all Trudee says, "I learned a lot about myself. I learned there is no such word as "I can't!" And of course she learned a lot from the other girls. She says, "They knew their Indian language but also had degrees in college. It made me realize I should do something."  
 During the four days of activities Miss Warm Springs received support from her mother, Anna Clements, who accompanied her, and from Amos Simtustus who acted as her escort. She was very pleased when Amos had come to the pageant to help her.  
 As a contestant and representative of Warm Springs, Trudee has received letters of congratulations from Oregon's Governor Vic Atiyeh and from Representative Scott Ratliff of Wyoming. Atiyeh wrote, "You are to be commended for your extra effort and abilities which were rewarded with the first runner-up title....Oregonians are proud of your out-standing representation of your family, friends, Warm Springs and our state, in the 1981 Miss Indian America pageant."  
 Representative Ratliff had this to say to Trudee, "I think it is Indian people like yourself that keep the Indian world moving forward at a pace it should while retaining the past that is ever so valuable to the entire Indian world."



Before leaving for the Miss Indian America pageant in Sheridan, Wyoming Trudee practiced for her traditional Indian presentation. Behind her are the many awards she has received from dancing competition, horsemanship playday and pageants.  
 Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Now away at school in Lawrence, Kansas, Trudee is working towards her degree. She expressed disappointment in not being able to represent Warm Springs at the next NCAI conference in Alaska but her school work is very important to her. She has to stay at school. Her experiences as Miss Warm Springs have added both inspiration and goals to her plans. She expresses her appreciation particularly to the Tribal Council for sponsoring her at the Miss Indian America pageant.

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