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Spilyay Tymoo photo by Steve Cox

Halloween spirit

Halloween is not far off. Children enthusiastically get into the spirit early at the Great Pumpkin Party held at the Community Center. With carved Jack-O-Lanterns are (left to right) Gary Heath, Chips Kalama and Ava Smith.

Yakima timber committee reprimanded, suspended

One Yakima Tribal Council member has been suspended and three others have been reprimanded by the Yakima Nation's Code of Ethics Committee, tribal officials say.

Russell Jim, chairman of the tribal council's timber

committee, has been suspended without pay for nonfeasance, or not doing what ought to be done, officials said this week.

Jim is among seven council members up for re-election in the coming tribal council election.

Enrolled tribal members will decide Jim's fate at the General Council meeting in November, said Ethics Chairman Harry Smiskin.

Ethics charges filed last year led to the ouster of Leonard Tomaskin, then General Council chairman.

Smiskin declined to elaborate on the allegations against Jim, saying he was bound by tribal resolution not to discuss the case prior to the committee's General Council report. The suspension bars Jim from participating in governmental actions, he said.

Jim was not immediately available for comment at his White Swan residence. He is known outside the tribe for his outspoken stance against nuclear power and his concern

for environment.

The six-member ethics committee suspended Jim effective October 7, the day he reportedly left to attend the National Congress of American Indians in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Jim was vice-president of the NCAI Portland region.

According to a report, the ethics committee received a written complaint in July from a tribal member. Accusations and reprimands were made this month after two days of hearings between the ethics and timber committees.

The ethics committee issued letters of reprimand to timber committee members Roger Jim, Joe Sampson and Moses Dick, Sr. They also were not immediately available for comment.

Timber committee decisions are crucial, since 90 percent of the nation's annual per capita payments to membership have been dropping in the last two years as timber sales have dwindled.

NCAI convention held in Green Bay, Wisconsin

There were nearly 1,200 Indian Tribal leaders and representatives gathered for the 40th convention of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held this year in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The general session was called to order by President Joe De La Cruz, with the convention theme, "Nation to Nation, Government to Government: The Continuing Quest."

"Four decades ago, Indian people gathered together for the first time to debate and discuss common issues and determine national policy positions. A consistent theme has been expressed at the

conventions over the past 40 years supporting Tribal sovereignty and the rights of Indian people. The world has changed dramatically over the years, but our theme remains the same," said De La Cruz in his president's message.

A tribute to late Chief Amos Simtustus was a portion of the first session as members of the Rules and Credentials Committee gave a brief history of the work done by Simtustus with that committee. He was dependable, willing, loyal to his duties and often committee members looked to him for wisdom. On behalf of the Rules and Credentials Committee, a

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Safety tips for Halloween

Washington D.C.—The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission today issued a safety alert to parents and guardians of children who go trick-or-treating on Halloween. The Commission particularly emphasized the importance of careful examination of all treats before children are allowed to eat them. Children should be warned not to eat any of their treats before they get home.

*Costumes, masks, beards, and wigs should be labeled "Flame Resistant."

*Costumes should be light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists. For greater visibility in dusk or darkness, costumes should be decorated or trimmed with reflective tape which will 'glow' in the beam of car's headlights.

*Costumes should be short enough to prevent children from tripping and falling.

*Hats should be tied securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.

*Apply a natural mask of cosmetics rather than have a child wear a loose fitting mask which might restrict breathing or obscure vision.

*If swords, knives, or similar accessories are carried, they should be of soft or flexible material.

*Smaller children should always be accompanied by an older responsible child or an adult.

*Children should only go to homes where residents have outside lights on as a sign of welcome.

*Those receiving trick-or-treaters should remove anything that could be an obstacle from steps, lawns, and porches.

*Parents should encourage home parties and celebration in place of trick-or-treating.

Weather

Oct.	High	Low
6	70	46
7	63	30
8	62	40
9	64	48
10	69	48
11	71	36
12	66	40
13	62	41
14	60	33
15	60	29
16	60	28
17	62	46
18	60	40

From daylight to standard

The time change from Daylight Savings Time to Pacific Standard Time will occur October 30. On this date at 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned back one hour. They will then read 1:00 a.m.

Daylight hours will change so that it will be light earlier in the morning and dark earlier in the evening.