

# NCAI delegates travel to Tampa for annual meeting



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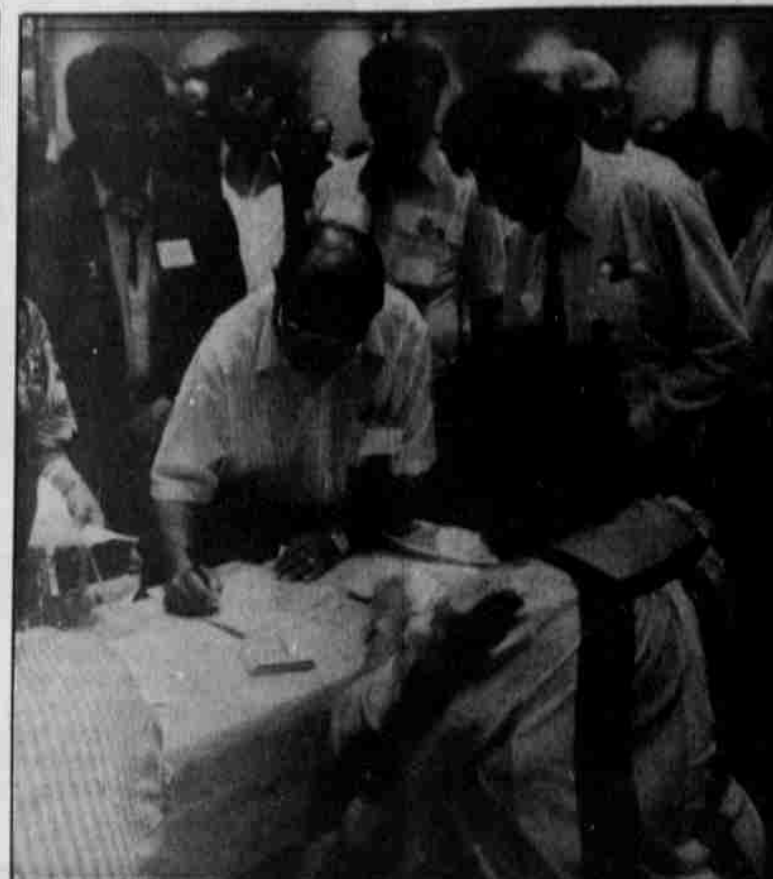
Miss Warm Springs, Sara Scott, making her introductory speech during the Miss NCAI Pageant during the conference at Tampa, Florida. The competition was real good with some very talented girls vying for the crown of Miss NCAI.

When important issues arise in Indian Country, all Tribesmen gather to discuss these matters. This year the National Congress of American Indians, an organization which is one of the strongest of Indian groups, organized 44 years ago, held the annual conference in Tampa, Florida, for a week long session.

Senato D. Inouye (d) Hawaii, the feature speaker and a person who is backing Indian problems spoke on issues the Indian people face today. When funds are being disbursed the Indian population is usually at the end of the line. The money is used up in administrative fees before it reaches the Indian country. Inouye went on to say,

you must put your disputes aside, disputes with other Indian tribes and work together. Unity is the word, because you cannot be heard if you speak out alone but if you speak out as a group you will be heard in Washington, D.C. Some of the issues covered in his talk were Indian Education, Health, Economic Development and Taxation. He also spoke on a plan to establish an American Indian Museum to be located in Washington, D.C., next to memorials such as Washington, Lincoln. The museum would be where it should be, that's among all the attractions near the Capitol.

Youth speak out at N.C.A.I. out going Miss N.C.A.I., Valerie Davidson, of Salcha, Alaska, aroused the



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Tribal Council chairman Zane Jackson casting his ballot during the elections for new officers of the NCAI in Tampa.

audience during the Miss N.C.A.I. pageant with her outgoing speech. In her speech she brought out attention to the elders of the tribes, how important they are in our lives. The elders get no recognition until they are gone. We should respect our elders, let them know how important they are to us. Some of them may not have had as much of a formal education as we do today but we still learn a lot from them. It is from our elders that we are progressing today, through their advice and guidance. They have faced a hard life and see things from a different perspective. Miss Davidson went on to say that she is down on Alcohol and Drugs. Everywhere you go you see the same things. It is hard to bare when you see Indians being arrested for being under the influence of alcohol or doped up with Drugs. People never learn...you folks who do the talking now should practice what you preach! You come to gatherings and make speeches against alcohol and drugs and after you finish you go down the street to have a meal, drink wine and other alcohol. The youth have eyes, they see what happens and you expect us not to use alcohol and drugs? So you better practice what you preach! Miss Davidson is a Junior at the University of Fairbanks, and when she completes her studies there she plans to attend Arizona State University for graduate work. Miss Davidson also said that it was a great honor to serve as Miss N.C.A.I. Funds prevented her from a lot of travel, places where she could have told the people what N.C.A.I. is all about and what it stands for.

During the Miss N.C.A.I. pageant held on Tuesday night there were 13 girls from all parts of the country vying for the crown of Miss N.C.A.I. Among the hopefuls was Miss Saphronia Scott of Warm Springs, but it was Miss Ute Tribe, Devonne Murdock, a Ute Indian



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Miss Devonne Murdock, of Ft. Duchesne, Utah, the newly crowned Miss NCAI, at Tampa, Florida after the pageant held Tuesday night September 22.

from Ft. Duchesne, Utah, who was crowned Miss N.C.A.I.

The newly elected President of the N.C.A.I. is John Gonzales, who is the administrator for the San Ildefonso Pueblo, in New Mexico. He beat out Mel Tonasket, a councilman for the Colville Tribe

of Washington. Joe DeLaCruz, Quinault, replaces Allen Pinkham, Sr., as the representative for the Northwest region.

Next year the conference will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and in Oklahoma City the following year.



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Larry Calica, secretary/treasurer of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Delvis Heath, Chief Warm Springs Tribe and Myrtle Adams T/C secretary, busy on Council work during a break at the conference.

## Tel-Law services now available to Seniors

For those senior citizens who are interested in a variety of legal topics there is a new service called Tel-Law. Tel-Law is a service of the Oregon State Bar that offers basic information and background on tapes, running three to eight minutes in length.

The taped messages are designed to help callers understand the problems in the areas they want to know about, how the justice system works and where to go for help. To listen to the tapes, phone 1-800-452-4766 and ask by number the tape you wish to hear.

Here are some subjects that may be of interest to some of our local senior citizens:

1. Social Security.

- 6. You Will.
  - 10. Why Probate?
  - 11. What taxes have to be paid if someone dies?
  - 14. What is trust?
  - 64. What to do when a close relative dies.
  - 66. What is a living will?
  - 77. Medicare
  - 88. Estate planning for the handicapped.
- A brochure with all subjects for the Tel-Law library is available from the Oregon State Bar, Public Service Department, 5200 S.W. Meadows Road, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035.
- If there are questions concerning this information, call Myra Shawaway at the senior's citizen's program at 553-1161, ext. 313.

## IHS issues new rules for eligibility

The Department of Health and Human Services has issued new rules governing eligibility for health services provided by the Indian Health Service.

The rules are intended to set limits on the eligible service population and enable the IHS to direct its services to those who qualify for IHS care. The rules also will enable the IHS to allocate resources among beneficiary groups based upon clearly defined local service populations. The more precise eligibility requirements, applicable to both direct and contract health services, are expected to enhance coordination of patient care in IHS and non-IHS facilities.

### Catholic overview session scheduled

Forum on the fundamentals of Catholicism: This program is meant for Catholics who wish a total overview of their faith, as well as for non-Catholic who desire to know something about the Catholic Church. The class begins on October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and will be held Wednesday evenings at Madras.

person must be of Indian or Alaska Native descent and be a member of a federally Indian tribe and reside within a designated health service delivery area. The tribal membership requirement would be waived for Indian children 18 years of age and younger who have at least one natural parent who is a member of a tribe and otherwise eligible for IHS services. A former resident of a designated health service delivery area who is otherwise eligible also may receive services from IHS and

IHS-funded facilities in any health service delivery area but not from contract health care providers. The rules provide a one-year transition period to enable persons eligible but not enrolled as tribal members to seek tribal membership. Additional provisions are made for those under IHS care on the last day of the transition period or who have chronic degenerative conditions.

Deleted from the final rules are two provisions that appeared in a notice of proposed rulemaking published June 10, 1986: a requirement that eligible persons be of one-quarter or more American Indian or Alaska Native ancestry and a proposal to make non-tribal Indians eligible for services if they are of at least one-half Indian descent.

The new rules were prepared after a 150-day comment period during which IHS convened more than 120 public meetings around the country and received more than 11,000 comments. Under prior rules published in 1956, health services were provided to persons of Indian descent who "belong to the Indian community served" by the local IHS health facility and program. No established degree of Indian ancestry (blood quantum) was required, and the term "Indian community" was not defined. To be eligible for contract health services (services purchased from non-IHS hospitals and providers), a person was required to be eligible for direct care for the IHS, reside within a designated contract health service delivery area and either be a member of the local tribe, or if not a member, reside on that tribe's reservation or have close social and economic ties with the tribe.

The new rules were published in the Federal Register September 16 and will take effect six months after this date.

The 1987 Thanksgiving Mini-Powwow has been cancelled. The powwow will be held again next year.



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During the latter part of summer a fire was reported near the junction of Highways 26 and 3. Fire management engine director Ed Johns (left) and Search and Rescue (SAR) tracker Keith Baker combined their skills during the investigation of the cause of the fire. It was determined the fire had been set by persons unknown. It was just one of several fires that were classified as arson. It was the first time a SAR tracker was used.

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