

# Jesse Jackson meets with tribal representatives



With cameras rolling and clicking, national, state and local media representatives recorded the meeting between Jackson and tribal officials.

It's not very often that a presidential candidate visits Central Oregon. So, when Jesse Jackson came to Redmond last week, thousands flocked to the town of 6,500 to catch a



The Tribe presented Jackson with a jacket and beaded cap. Each carries the tribal three-teepee logo.

glimpse of the charismatic candidate and to hear his message. Among the crowds were 10 members of the Warm Springs Tribal Council and representatives of the Umatilla and Grand Ronde tribes. Jackson had agreed to meet with the Council and other Oregon Indian leaders in a meeting at which they would discuss issues concerning Native Americans.

As Jackson entered the small choir room, he was introduced by tribal public relations officer Rudy Clements. While Jackson worked his way around the table, cameras clicked and whirred as he shook hands with the tribal representatives. Jackson stated he was "honored to share" ideas and comments and that as he has traveled around the nation, "there's been a great sense of warmth and welcome expressed for us by the great Indian nations...in this campaign they've found hope."

Wasco chief Nelson Wallumatum opened the meeting with a prayer, in which he asked for guidance "that we may make a wise choice. We believe that if we cannot follow our leaders here on earth, we cannot follow from where we were created."

Jackson said that "some insist ours is a politics of hope...we must shift the ways of our nation from aristocracy to democracy. We're all members, in the fundamental sense, of the Rainbow Coalition," he said.

Jackson added that he has tried to shift the "focus from mass hysteria to a new history of a new appreciation of the relationship between our country and Native Americans. Treaties must not be broken. Because there have been so many broken treaties, broken hearts and broken dreams, there must be a commitment to economic development on the reservations. Unemployment sometimes goes from 40 to 90 percent."

Jackson pledged that, if elected, "there will be a Secretary of the Interior who is sensitive to your heritage, sensitive to our treaty obligations, sensitive to our treaty obligations relative to fishing rights. We, as a great nation, must honor the agreements we put forth. And, I hope, that as we keep expanding in our country our language base, we expand our culture base and have a sound footing. We want you to feel a valid part of the growing mobility of the country."

Jackson's genuine concern for the nation's youth and underprivileged was apparent, stating that some turn to alcohol and drugs and even suicide and he urged support for his campaign. "We have many miles to go, far beyond this campaign. We work to make growth in the American stability. We measure our character, not just by the number of votes we receive, but by how we treat the least of these...the abandoned and the rejected. Indeed, so many people who need our help cannot vote at all, the children. They're too poor, they've given up, some of them are even locked up in jail. They need our help."



With just a minute to spare, Rudy Clements was able to shake the hand of the presidential hopeful.



Delbert Frank, Sr. shook hands with Jackson and Council chairman Zane Jackson told the candidate, "I may be your uncle."

Text and photos by Donna Behrend

## Tribal member succeeds

by Pat Leno-Baker

Being the very first Warm Springs tribal member to graduate from the Oregon State Board of Police Standards and Training (BPST) in corrections and being given such recognition for it by the BPST school was an honor given to Lavena (Lovey) Ike Thomas, 25, at graduation ceremonies held May 6 in Monmouth, Oregon. Her class of 22 scored the highest group score in corrections.



Lovey Thomas

Lovey went to work for the Warm Springs Correctional Facility as a parttime employee in November, 1987 and was hired as a full time corrections officer in December of the same year. She said she applied for the position because she needed a job and it was there. After working for a short time she began to realize that there were benefits to her being there; for years the Warm Springs community has asked that police and police-related jobs be filled with tribal members. In that respect she fit the bill. She also discovered that the job was not as bad as she had believed and she felt she was doing a service for the community as well

as for the inmates.

Part of the requirements for becoming a corrections officer is to attend the BPST school in Monmouth and to graduate. Sounds easy? Well, Lovey had heard stories of people not making it through the academy and not graduating. It sounded like it was going to be a major task. It is important to the department to have officers certified by the BPST school because they set a standard that is accepted by all police departments in the state. It also gives credibility to the department and ensures that they are getting top employees who know and understand their jobs.

Lovey prepared to leave for school and in her mind she had decided that she was just going to have to try harder and to put her best effort into each class. It was a challenge she made up her mind to meet and with encouragement from her co-workers and family, she knew she could do it. One person who especially encouraged and supported her was her immediate supervisor, Carl Bowden. At times it was the encouragement and support of others who made that extra step possible for Lovey.

After arriving at the school and settling in, she soon discovered that there were classes she was taking that kindled her interests. Among her favorites were Inmates' Rights and Responsibilities; Law Suits (libel); and Defense Tactics. But the one she enjoyed most was Oregon Jail Law taught by attorney Jerry Cooper. She said he presented a very informative and interesting class.

Another highlight while at school was when she qualified on the weapons range with a revolver. When it became apparent to the weapons instructors that she could hit the target without any help, they gave her added instruction. She qualified with a 91.6 and is ranked an

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## Study scheduled

Larry and Dorothy Pederson will be opening their home at 2368 Oitz Loop, Warm Springs on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. to anyone wishing to join them in a study of the Bahi'i Writings.

May 24, Equality of men and women; May 31, The purpose of life; June 7, Spiritual solutions for economic problems; June 14, Common foundation of religions; June 21, Elimination of prejudice; June 28, Harmony of science and religion; and July 5, Importance of education.

Larry and Dorothy Pederson, P.O. Box 270, 2368 Oitz, Warm Springs, Oregon 553-1420.



Accepts position

Curt Olsen recently accepted a position as controller at BRAMCO boat manufacturing company in Culver. His last day on the job for the Tribes was May 13.

## Two recognized for leadership

Laurain Johnson and Harry Hintsala were recognized for outstanding leadership during an awards ceremony at the University of Oregon May 13. The students were nominated by faculty, students and staff for their outstanding contribution.

Johnson is director of the Native American Student Union while Hintsala is coordinator for the Native American Student Union and also minority affairs coordinator for the Associated Student Union.

According to Council for Minority Education spokesperson Dianna Kale, the two students are "outstanding role models for Indian students." They are also, says Kale, "instrumental in bringing Indian issues to the attention of upper level administration at the University of Oregon in a positive way."

The students work actively with the Indian community in Eugene and are members of the 4-J school district parent committee and the Native American Consortium of Lane County. They are responsible for the planning of this year's U of O powwow, says Kale. Also recognized at the ceremony was Modesta Minthorn who is a freshman student from Pendleton.

## Photography display

A photography exhibit by David Horttor is on display in the library at Madras High School until May 20, 1988. Hours for viewing are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Horttor's photography has been displayed in Central Oregon and also in Kailua, Kona, Hawaii.

## Shawl missing

Does anyone have any knowledge of the whereabouts of a turquoise blue shawl with flowers and a pair of black boots. These were missing after the Suicide Conference powwow at the Agency Longhouse. The items belong to Patricia High Eagle, Lapwai, Idaho. Please contact Jeanie Danzuka at 553-1217 with information.

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