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Coyote News In Brief

Air Life visits

The new Air Life helicopter made a brief stop in Warm Springs last week. The larger helicopter offers faster and safer transport service.

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To your heart's delight

The romantics came out in full force, expressing their thoughts for their loved ones for Valentine's Day.

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Saturday Academy set

The popular Saturday Academy for sixth through twelfth grade students is set to begin this month. The Academy is offered through Central Oregon Community College.

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Exercise keeps her healthy

Lucinda Green, as "Exerciser of the month" for December, offers words of advice for those wishing to improve their health and fitness.

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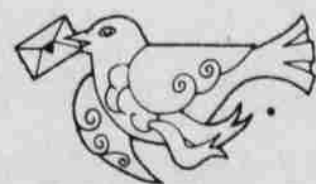
On patrol

Two tribal member men and a former Warm Springs police officer appeared before federal judges in January.

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**Roses are red
Violets are blue
Keep on reading
the Spilyay Tymoo**

**Happy Valentine's Day
from the Spilyay Tymoo
staff**



**Deadline for the next
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Marriage unites pen pals

When you hear a story of fulfilled dreams and true love, you can't help but feel that most everything in life is good. Your faith in



Rosemary and Mahmoud Aly are making their home at Dry Creek. The pair married after being pen pals for six years.

airplanes, mankind, foreign countries, the postal service and yes, even your faith in the unknown, is restored.

Such is the story of Rosemary (Tootsie) Holiday and Mahmoud Aly.

What began as a long (and we stress long) distance pen pal relationship more than six years ago culminated in the November marriage between the two.

Aly, as he is called, is a native of Port Said, Egypt. While in his homeland, he and Tootsie began writing to one another. Employed as an auto mechanic, Aly left Egypt, moved to West Germany for a while and lived with his brother, who is a student at West Berlin University.

Last fall, Aly vacationed in New Jersey. His trip coincided with the October 21 wedding of Tootsie's oldest son, Raymond. Tootsie phoned Aly and invited him to the wedding. In less than three weeks, on November 10, Tootsie and Aly were married.

Simply put, said Tootsie, "we fell in love." The decision to marry may have been made quickly, but after six years of correspondence, the two know each other very well.

While working for his brother-in-law Bob Werner, as a mechanic, Aly is seeking other employment. He has applied at numerous businesses throughout Central Oregon with no luck. After filling out much paperwork, Aly attained his temporary, two-year residency and work permission papers. After the two-year period, he will be eligible for permanent residency and employment status.

Aly said that Egyptian and American cultures differ in that Egyptian women remain at home until they marry. And, while many Egyptian women work, they are employed as doctors and in other professional fields.

"When I got the first letter and Tootsie said she was an American Indian, I loved it," said Aly. "I'm probably the only Egyptian man to marry an American Indian," said Aly. Tootsie added, "And I'm probably the only Warm Springs Indian woman married to an Egyptian man."

As the two looked at each other with loving tenderness, and shared smiles and chuckles understood only by them, faith returned and blossomed. Ah, ain't love grand?

Registration extended

Registration for the upcoming secretarial election concerning tribal borrowing authority has been extended to Wednesday, February 14. Actual voting will occur on Tuesday, March 6. It was determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribal Council that too few people had registered for the election. As of January 23, 184 eligible tribal members had registered. The decision was then made to extend the registration deadline to February 14.

Tribal members 18 years of age or older on March 6 are eligible to register. One-third of the qualified registered voters must turn out to validate the election. As of February 6, 281 had registered. A list of

qualified registered voters will be posted at the Administration Building, Macy's, the Portland Area Office, Simnasho Longhouse, Tribal Council Office and at the IHS clinic.

Qualified voters may request absentee ballots until February 23. Completed ballots must be returned no later than March 5.

Registration forms and informational packets were mailed to all eligible tribal members in early January by local BIA officials. A second Bureau mailing was sent January 30 and 31. Tribal officials are busily preparing packets as well so that voters will be appropriately equipped to make informed voting decisions come election day.

Work begins on widening project

The top of the Warm Springs grade, south of Pelton Junction, is moving and soon will be shaking as construction crews have begun work on the project that will extend the three-lane highway onto the Agency Plains. According to Art Steele, assistant project manager for the State Highway Division, J.C. Compton of McMinnville, Oregon, has 150 days to complete the project.

The widening project is part of a \$2.6 million project that includes recycling the existing highway from the County Line Road to Cherry Lane on Highway 26 and from milepost 80 into Madras on Highway 97. Compton crews have until July 31 to complete the recycling work.

Recycling is a process in which the existing highway material is removed, chewed up into small

pieces, added to an emulsion mixture, put into a paving machine then laid down and rolled.

Steele explained that crews will be drilling holes in which blasting material will be placed at different locations on the grade. The "shoots" will create a break where the new highway cut will be. The blasting schedule will limit highway closures to 20 minutes and will take into consideration peak traffic hours. Daily highway closures can be expected during the next few months, Steele said.

The "Pelton Dam Road/Rim Rock Ranch" project is just one of many projects scheduled for Central Oregon over the next few years. All projects are part of the State's six-year, \$83 million Highway Improvement Plan.

Truck dumps diesel oil

A 720 gallon diesel spill on Highway 26 near the 79-mile marker is currently being cleaned up by Ridel Environmental from Portland, Oregon.

Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department responded to the January 29 emergency after being notified by the Oregon State Police.

The driver of the M & R Transport truck and trailer was heading east and was unable to avoid the accident after a tree fell into the road during a snow storm. The rear

of his truck hit the tree as he swerved to avoid it, causing the trailer to tip over on the side of the road near Beaver Creek.

According to Fire and Safety Department director Dean Seyler, a small leak was caused in the trailer. When the trailer was uprighted, the leak was stopped.

Seyler says, "The clean-up is looking good." The contaminated soil will be removed to the Madras landfill which is authorized to accept toxic waste. The soil will be replaced.

The water table of the spill site is two feet below the surface according to Warm Springs watermaster Deepak Sehgal. Because water and oil don't mix, he feels the oil removal process will be successful but the site will be monitored to make certain oil does not seep under the highway into Beaver Creek. The Department of Environmental Quality was also called to inspect the site following the spill.

A spill occurred last spring within a mile of this latest spill. It is being monitored by the Natural Resources Department.

It's tax time!

The tax preparation workshop by Isler and Company for tribal members is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13 and 14.

Please schedule your appointment with Jo Ann Smith at 553-3217. This service is provided by the Tribe. Please bring your tax forms, W-2s, social security and tribal I.D. numbers and related receipts for deductions. The tax forms are available at the post office or local banks.

Secretarial Election proposes borrowing amendment

The General Council meeting February 6 may have been one of the shortest on record, but the issue of tribal borrowing authority may be one of the most important issues that tribal members have faced in recent years.

The Secretarial Election, if approved, will amend Article V, Section 1(e) of the Tribal Constitution to allow the Tribe to borrow from sources other than the federal government and allow the Tribe to procure financing for numerous projects in the future. The amendment reads: "To borrow money from the Federal Government in accordance with the terms of a corporate charter to be issued to the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and to borrow money for public purposes in accordance with terms to be approved by tribal referendum." (Copy in light italic is the amendment to Section 1(e) of Article V.)

All eligible tribal members were all informational packets explaining the proposed as well as Bureau of IHS packets that included

registration forms. All tribal members 18 years of age by March 6, 1990 will be eligible to vote, only if they register by Wednesday, February 14, 1990. One-third of the registered voters must vote to validate the election.

The following questions and answers were presented at the General Council meeting.

Q. What is the Constitution?
A. The Constitution and By-Laws provide the framework for our legal, governmental and economic affairs. This document was accepted by our people in 1938 and delegates authority from the people to the Tribal Council.

Q. What is the difference between Secretarial Elections and tribal referendum?

A. Secretarial Elections must follow BIA guidelines and require pre-registration for each election and allow 18 year-olds to vote. Tribal referendums do not require pre-registration and are limited to 21 year-olds or married people younger than 21.

Q. What is the proposed amendment to the Constitution?

A. Currently, tribal government

can borrow only from the federal government, as spelled out in the Constitution. Federal loan programs have decreased and very little assistance is available. This amendment would allow tribal government to borrow from sources other than the federal government, such as banks.

Q. Why does tribal government need to borrow money?

A. Borrowing is needed to finance large community facilities such as the Wellness Clinic and Community Learning Center. We have always borrowed money for major facilities and enterprises, including the administration building, water systems, hydroelectric project, Kah-Nee-Ta and Warm Springs Forest Products Industries. When tribal funds can be invested at a higher rate of return than the interest we pay on loans, it makes sense to borrow.

Q. How can tribal enterprises borrow from banks?

A. The tribal corporate charter permits tribal business enterprises, such as Warm Springs Forest Products Industries and Warm Springs Power Enterprises, to borrow

money from any source to establish and operate the enterprise.

Q. If this passes, how will the people be involved in loan decisions?

A. Borrowing could only occur if approved by the people. The Early Childhood Center would be an example.

Q. How much money would the tribes borrow?

A. That will depend on project costs and the Tribes' financial condition when each project is voted upon. It will be up to the people to decide how much money is invested into projects on the reservation.

Q. What are some of the "public purposes" that can be met if this is passed?

A. The Early Childhood Center and the Wellness Clinic are examples of what have been on the drawing board for quite a while. All community facilities would be eligible for this type of financing if approved by referendum.

Q. From whom has tribal government borrowed?

A. Only federal agencies, includ-

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