

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)

Letters to the Editor



Blood quantity lost

To the Editor,

To Indian's of all tribes: Native people are in danger of losing tribal status through marriage into other tribes because we do not ask the intended mate for the blood quantity he or she has in their enrolled tribe.

Like modern experiments to eradicate species to bees, mating may be the ultimate weapon to bring the demise of the Indian race. Young people on their own reservations are already related to most families and those they grow up with are thought of as brother and sister rather than lover.

Indian schools, Pow-wows, and College bound young people find the opposite. Unrelated tribes and those of different race, do the only thing left to them. They fall in love, marry, and have children who will again lose that all important blood quantity to be enrolled in the tribe of their own choosing.

These children of lesser blood may have to endure a vote of the tribal membership. Or, their names might be put before an enrollment committee made up of tribal members entrusted not to bring in personal prejudices, look at residence, consider blood quantity, ask about place of birth, and review family trees. Proof of a non-prejudice action has never been given to any family.

Children who are rejected are then denied the right to vote in Tribal elections. Also, they are denied tribal education money which was held back from funds set aside by the tribe specifically for education. Further, they lose the right to fish and hunt. They are denied some health benefits pro-

vided by the Federal Government. There is no way to measure the damage done to one of these children's self-esteem and sense of worth. Such an experience at the place a young person calls home among the community they call "My People" can be extremely devastating to a child as well as whole families.

These children and their families then become alienated from the tribe. In going back to the other spouse's tribe, their absence places them last in line for everything. They have lost their vote for too long and enrolling the children becomes another fight.

Those who have married outside of the Indian race now have no ties to any tribe, although in their hearts they remember the grandfather and grandmother they left behind.

Federal monies are dependent on the head count of the Indians on the reservation. Are non-tribal members counted also?

Are we heading to a time when there will be no Indians because of blood quantity? Do cousins start marrying cousins to keep a full blood alive?

A question has been asked, Do you favor combining blood quantity from surrounding tribes, by area? the nation?

Serious discussion is needed on this matter. We cannot hide our eyes and think it will go away. Like killer bees, we are in danger of being put out of existence.

Jean Danzuka
1/4 Cayuse, 1/4 Nez Perce
Umatilla, enrolled
Married Into Tribe, Warm Springs

Parents set examples

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Many times I hear from angry adults that the schools, teachers, counselors, and school consultant are not doing their jobs or lastly the school is prejudice. These comments usually are when a student is having academic, behavioral, or social problems. Remember, the school and the staff can only do so much to salvage some students and help others who bring many personal needs to the school.

The lack of attendance is a real problem. On the average, a grade school child from Warm Springs Elementary misses 20 days a year. There are students at the junior high and high school who have missed 160-200 days of attendance since the beginning of their education in Jefferson County Schools. There are many reasons given for these absences; some are babysitting, alcohol and drug-related problems, sleeping-in, legal situations, abuse and neglect. All of this really hurts our children's education and

future and when they get behind they begin to give up. When this happens we in our Warm Springs community all hurt.

Get behind your children. Give them love, attention and support, NOT EXCUSES TO FAIL. If we are going to be the healthiest Indian community and have our children do better in education by the year 2000, we all need to work on it together. Remember, our children learn from all of us adults.

Please attend the Youth Conference May 18-19, 1990 at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort which is sponsored by our community's young people.

Respectfully,
Marie A. Calica
Community/school consultant

LOST

Broach (pin) in the shape of a (filligree) butterfly made from sterling silver and marcasite with one garnet center stone. PLEASE return to Tricia Courtney-Ike. Phone 553-3225.

Toe Ness

SPILYAY SEZ: "If you have half a mind to get married, do it. That's all it really takes." YIKES

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This guy said, "My wife is a light eater, as soon as it gets light she starts eating," YIKES

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Ole Tom and Joe went fishing at the lake one day and found the fishing real good, they caught all kinds of big fish. Tom said, "Joe, You'd better mark this spot so we can come back and catch some more good fish." Joe said, "I did, I put an X on the side of the boat." Tom said, "What if we don't get the same boat tomorrow?" YIKES

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Bill said, "My wife is so immature, everytime I take a bath, she comes in and sinks my boats." YIKES

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EDITOR'S NOTE

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Mother proud of children's achievements

To the Editor,

This is a letter to my children: Shawn, Nikiya, Steven & Sheena to let them know how proud I am of them. This has been a very busy year for all of you, all of you have changed schools and made many new friends. Shawn your my oldest, in the past year I have seen you grow & mature into a fine young man. You're into Scouts and have earned many badges and you've had to work hard to earn each one, and tonite you will receive the badge you have worked so hard to earn, your Webelos Badge, and you deserve it. Shawn also participated in the Pinewood Derby put on by the boy scouts. Shawn was one of the top five in his pack to go on to the district meet to represent his troop. I think one of the most important things you learn in scouting is you don't always have to win "Just do the best you can." Nikiya and Steven are also into scouting they have been working towards earning their badges, so far both Steven & Nikiya have earned their Bobcat. Steven competed in the Winter Olympics held at Mt. Bachelor he competed in the 500 & 100 meter cross country getting a gold in both events. In April both Nikiya and Steven traveled to Salem to compete in the Oregon Games for the Physically Limited each of them competed in 4 events they came home with 6 first places 3 second place and 1 third place. A week later they competed in the Spring Olympics winning 3 gold medals and 1 silver and 1 ribbon. You have shown people their are no barriers but the invisible barriers in your mind. This past Sunday was the most touching moment I have witnessed I couldn't have been any more prouder than I was on that Sunday, as I watched my three boys walk down the aisle at

St. Patrick's to receive their first Communion. I know that all three of you have worked really hard at learning all your prayers and were getting closer to Jesus everyday. I've always tried to teach you that you can always turn to Jesus if you have a problem. One day I happened to over hear one of my boys' conversations, they were talking about what it meant to receive

communion, Shawn was telling his younger brothers that when they go up to receive communion their saying, I believe. This made me very proud to know how close they have all come to know the Lord. And last but not least Sheena our littlest precious, you also belong to brownie troop. You have participated in the calendar sales, and you were one of the top cookie seller's for the Girl Scouts cookie's in Jef-

erson county. A great big thank you to all the people of Warm Springs who supported Sheena in her cookie sales. The Courtney kids would like to take this time to Thank everyone who bought tickets or calendars or cookies.

Lotsa love & kisses to
Shawn, Nikiya, Steven
& Sheena Courtney
from Mom

Family thanks friends, relatives for help

At this time we would like to acknowledge all the people who came and gave us a helping hand during the great loss of Douglas Dixon Luton. We would like to thank the following people who helped where help was needed. So special thanks go to the following: Pauline Howard, Merritt funeral Home; Warm Springs Confederated Tribes; Delphine Scott; Johnny Sampson; Arthur Miller; Joe

Joe Miller Sr.; Johnson Meninick; Harry Smiskin; Amelia Sampson; Lena Owens; Viola Sohapp; Neda & Jimmy Wesley; Josephine Umtuch; Helen Totus; Arlene Ahtanum girls; Clifford Bailey; Gary Pierce; Judy Moody; Martha John; Twilla Moody; Franklin Lagard; Also all the hunters, cooks, drummers. Thanks for the wonderful Testimonies, flowers and sympathy cards. If we forget

anyone, God Bless each and every one for all the prayers and help. Thank you.

Justine & Robert Luton
Leona Manss
Harlan, Anetra & Eva Luton
Candace Walters
Orlando Moody & Family
Lacy Luton & Robert Manss
Duane Luton, Rachel George
Ranea George
Clara Moody & Family

Pitt honored at Governor's Art Award ceremony

Lillian Pitt, a Native American artist, is from the Wasco-Sahaptin tribe and was raised in a two-room house on the Warm Springs Reser-

Thanks for support

To the editor,

To my friends who attended the Governor's Art Award Ceremony: Thank you for your support. You honored me with your presence and made a fun evening a lot more meaningful and unforgettable.

As I said there, I'm a product of a community. You all have given me inspiration and a desire to do the very best I can. I feel that when one does well—we all do well. I promise to keep working hard—hopefully doing good things.

Sincerely,
Lillian Pitt

vation along with her two siblings.

After graduating from high school, she entered beauty school and eventually bought her own beauty shop in Southeast Portland. When back trouble forced her to quit the field, she entered Mount Hood Community College. While at the college she took a ceramics class because she thought it might be fun. Her back did not allow her to throw at the wheel so she began to handbuild the clay, and thus created the first of her unusual masks which constitute the basis of her work.

Drawing from her Native American background, she creates unique masks adorned with feathers, beads, bone and buckskin and fired in the raku process which leaves a shining, vibrant surface, different each time. Each mask Pitt makes takes on its own form. She is inspired by the folklore and culture

of the Plateau Indian tribes, which she has found to be a great source of strength. Her masks are named after Stick Indians, the petroglyphs of the lower Columbia, and after specific tribes and sites of the original homeland of her tribes.

Pitt lives in Portland, Oregon. Her masks have been included in museum and gallery exhibitions throughout the United States and the world.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

To
Curtis & Sarah Thompson
&
Roland Jr. & Verleen
Kalama

To my husband Foster
May the Lord Bless you
always.

Love, Sandra.

COBRA seeks donations for shelters

Dear Community Member,

Central Oregon Battering and Rape Alliance (COBRA) is in the process of building a shelter to provide a safe refuge for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence. We are coming to you—the community—to help with the shelter by donating new or used, clean, durable items.

At the end of this letter is a general list of items needed for the shelter. We are requesting your business or organization to donate whatever you can, whether it is one item or an entire room. We have an "Adopt-a-Room" program whereby you may furnish an entire room. If you need a more specific list of items needed for each room please contact Sharon at the COBRA office (382-9227). COBRA is already receiving donations, so we ask that any item donated, which is either in excess or a duplication may be sold at a future garage sale. The proceeds will then be used to purchase needed items for the shelter.

Can your business or organization help COBRA in any of the following ways?

*Donation of small items: Ask employees or members to bring in small items (no clothing please), collect them and deliver to COBRA, or call for pickup. Sharon COBRA (382-9227) can arrange delivery or pickup times.

*Donation of larger items: Ask employees or members to deliver items directly to the storage unit, if possible, or call Sharon at COBRA (382-9227) for pickup.

Please pass this letter on to someone you may know who would be willing to help, or by including our request in your newsletters. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide in helping COBRA furnish their shelter.

Shelter Needs: Toys, playground equipment; television and VCR for training; table and chairs for dining; crib, playpens and highchairs; kitchen items including pots, pans, dishes, silverware, canisters, coffee maker, toaster, garbage cans, dish rack, garbage disposal, pot holders, kitchen towels, kitchen utensils, iron, ironing board; sofas, preferably sleepers, chairs, end tables, coffee tables; Beds, bedding, pillows; drapes, blinds, plants, clocks, pictures, mirrors; radio, stereo, alarm clocks, magazine rack, extra folding chairs; large throw pillows, bean bag chairs, metal storage shelves; outdoor equipment such as shovels, rakes, hoses; washer

and dryer, electric range, refrigerator, freezer; hair dryers, curling irons, towels, washcloths, door mats.

Office needs: 4 drawer locking file cabinet; 5 desks with locking drawers; 2 electric typewriters; word processor or computer; large conference table for 12 with chairs.

Extra needs: The shelter is always in need of extra bedding, sleeping bags, and towels, for the residents to take with them as they leave.

Soroptimist International of Bend
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Bend, Oregon 97701

Tribal Council Agenda

Tuesday, May 1, 1990—Tribal Council Meeting

9:00 a.m. Business
9:30 a.m. Deschutes River Management Plan
Wild & Scenic River Act
Metolius River Memorandum of Understanding

1:30 p.m. Mark Phillips Visit - S 1289
3:00 p.m. Financial Forecast

Wednesday, May 2, 1990—Tribal Council Meeting

9:00 a.m. Business
9:30 a.m. Bond Counsel Contract
10:00 a.m. Committee Task Force
1:30 p.m. Columbia River Gorge - Budget
3:00 p.m. Warm Springs Apparel Industry Update
— Board Selection

SIMNASHO DISTRICT MEETING

Agenda: Referendum - Housing and Health Facility
6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. — Meeting

Monday, May 7, 1990—Tribal Council

9:00 a.m. Invocation/Business Minutes
9:30 a.m. General Manager Briefing
10:30 a.m. Construction Department Update
1:30 p.m. Mark Phillips Conference Call
2:00 p.m. Education Memorandum of Understanding
Task Force Foster Care - Region 10

SEEKSEEQUA DISTRICT MEETING

Agenda: Referendum - Housing and Health Facility
6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. - Meeting

Wednesday/Thursday, May 9/10, 1990

Tribal Utilities Relations Conference

Tuesday/Saturday, May 8-12, 1990

Tribal Leaders Forum

Monday/Tuesday, May 14/15, 1990

Water Negotiations Workshop - Bend
Monday/Dinner with Dennis Karnopp

Wednesday, May 16, 1990

9:00 a.m. Business
9:30 a.m. Pension Committee Update/Employee Pension Plan
1:30 p.m. Pro Tempore Judge
2:00 p.m. U.S. v. Washington
Columbia River Gorge Update
4:00 p.m. Advise to Sherman County-Biggs Junction
Response to Aeronautics Division-Airport