



The weather was perfect for teachers of the strider class, Sylvia McCabe and Sandra Scott, to take the children outdoors on the Early Childhood Center grounds to play with the parachute. The children were enjoying it as well as the teachers.

### 509-J presents middle school levy to voters

The 509-J Board of Directors is asking voters to approve an \$11.7 million bond levy in the May 18 election for construction of a middle school.

The proposed education facility which will be located on donated land on Ashwood Road will accommodate approximately 1,000 students in grades 5 through 8. The design incorporates current technology in the classrooms and provides space for school activities.

A recommendation was made to the Board last March by a Facilities Committee composed of community member to build a middle school. Committee member Mike Ahern says that although the District buildings

are well maintained, "they are old" and "they are definitely overcrowded."

Alternatives were discussed, says Ahern, but because of the growing enrollment in the District and the age of the buildings, the Facilities Committee decided to recommend a new building. Ahern added, "I think it is the right way to go."

The land donation by the Bean Foundation was made when the Facilities Committee expressed interest in the parcel as a site for a school. The donation was made with the stipulation that the bond issue pass within one year.

Along with the recommendation for a new facility, the Board also

received information about growing enrollment, federally mandated programs demanding space, overcrowded facilities, conditions of old buildings, and goals for both District and students. They approved the recommendation by the Facilities Committee and then decided to present the question to voters in the May election.

According to District Financial director Jim Kanoff, the levy amount includes planning and design of the building, construction, roads, landscaping and furnishings. The estimated tax rate is \$1.98 per \$1,000 assessed property valuation over a 20-year period.

### Air Life begins membership campaign

The May 1993 membership campaign for Air Life of Oregon will soon get underway.

Air Life's membership plan has helped Air Life operate in the black since 1987. At the same time, it provides substantial financial benefits to members who become patients. Air Life member patients share in a \$98,000 benefit in 1992—charges that were not paid by member patients' insurance carriers. The plan also funded \$56,000 in free care to patients who had no resources nor insurance to pay for their air medical transport.

In the nearly eight years of service to Central and Eastern Oregon, Air Life has flown more than 2,500 patients who needed life-saving, urgent air transport. This has been made possible because nearly 12,000 Air Life member families have helped fund the operational expenses of the air medical service.

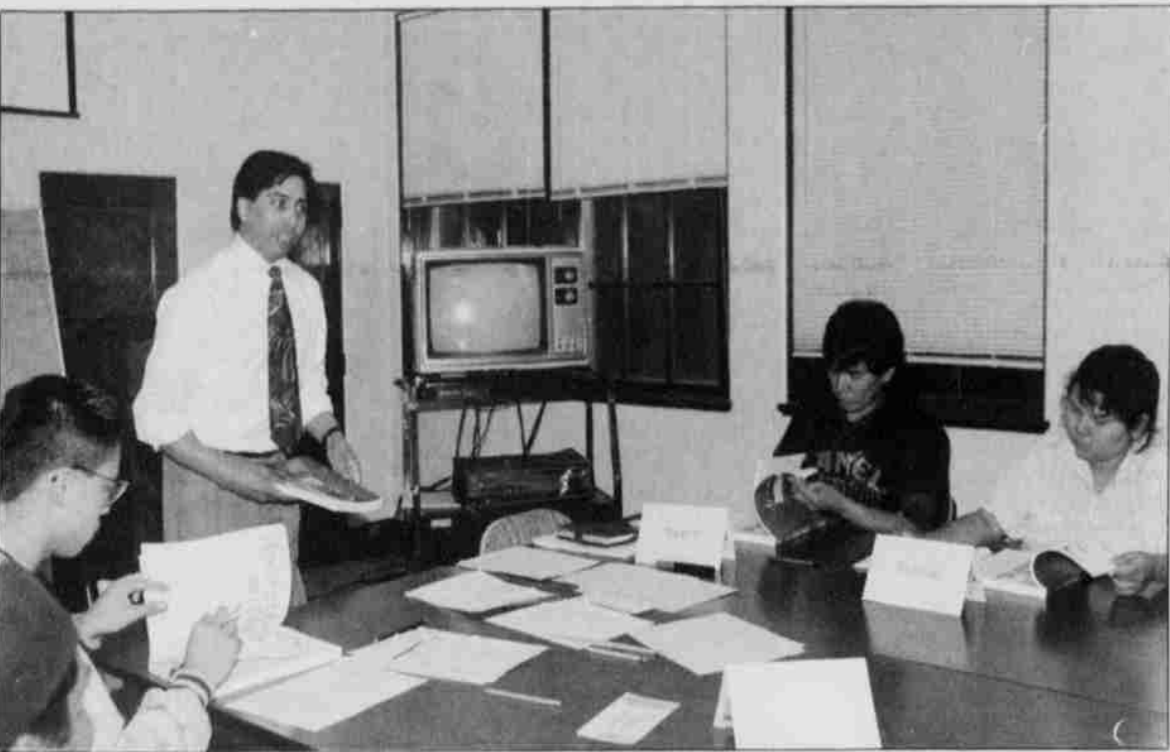
Be sure to watch this summer as Air Life's mascot, "Whirlbird", makes appearances throughout Central Oregon. Whirlbird's message to "children of all ages" will be that of safety: preventing the need for Air Life's life-saving service whenever possible.

Annual family memberships sell for \$45 per family. Membership enrollment forms are available in local businesses or by calling 1-800-522-2828 or 382-4321, extension 7391.

### WIC office boasts new hours

The WIC Clinic at Warm Springs is now open 2 days a week to provide more opportunities for you to sign up for WIC. All children under age 5 may be eligible for WIC.

For more information or to sign your child up for the WIC Program, please call Lillian January at 553-1196 or Ruth Tewee at 553-3291. Or stop by the WIC office in the Vern Jackson building any Tuesday or Thursday between 8 and 4.



Madras High School assistant principal Rudy Puente teaches a Student Success Strategy class, a requirement for students entering college fall term. The class makes them eligible for tribal financial aid. Class discussions range from budgeting, study habits, and self-esteem to being away from home and cultural differences.

### Clemmer adds a third doctorate to list

Dr. Janice White Clemmer became the first Native American woman in U.S. History to earn two Ph.D.s awarded in 1979 and 1980. On April 23, 1993, she adds a third doctorate to her accomplishments—J.D. - Juris Doctorate, when graduates from the J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. In a class-wide voting, Dr. Clemmer was selected a place of honor as the Class Marshall to lead the 155 graduates into the ceremonies.

While taking the 3 year law school program, Dr. Clemmer was also a full-time teaching faculty member at Brigham Young University. She has an appointment with the College of Education's Secondary Education-Cultural Foundations of Education Dept., with an adjunctship with the Dept. of History.

"Lest people think I just strolled over to law school and had the red carpet rolled out for me, I completed the application process and competed for a spot for law school as other students did. Comparatively speaking, the J. Reuben Clark Law School Class of 1993 ranked 7th nationally for having the highest overall G.P.A.'s and L.S.A.T.s (law school aptitude test) scores upon entrance. Competition to get into law school was, and remains, very great, and B.Y.U. was able to select the cream of the crop. The collective group could be classified as A-type personalities—bright, capable, competitive, hyper workaholics. We are a diverse group from throughout the country and world, but I am the only tribal person in the class. Statistically, I fill a "three-fer" spot: female, minority, older person. I am the eldest person in my graduation class, while the overwhelming majority are my children's ages. The students treated me well throughout the 3 years, and in many ways I ended up being the

Den Mother of the group."

"It was interesting to experience the learning, growth, pain, frustrations, and yes, even spots of joy that law school held. While the other graduate programs I've attended were rigorous, the law school experience had a different kind of academic rigor. The competition can really get cut-throat at times. One of the aims was to toughen up for the real world of law and the court system. It could even be compared to "shark-school", if one wants to be self-deprecating about the system. Because my husband is a physician, and lawyers always seem pitted against medical doctors, he jokingly would say it was ethically wrong for him to support a budding lawyer under his roof."

"My sojourn to law school could be cast as professional development because of the subjects I normally teach which focus on minorities—racial, ethnic, gender, disabled, age, religion, language, and history. All these topics are interrelated with the law and the legal system. I simply felt I needed to know more how all these were interwoven with the law. Law school seemed to be the place which would provide the proper background and it did. That's not to say that when I graduate my education will be complete. Learning and expanding one's knowledge base is a continual challenge and growth process. There is so much more to do in implementing what I've learned."

"I appreciate and acknowledge the support of my entire family, without whom I would not have been able to achieve the various goals. Whatever accomplishments and honors I have gained are due to their continued encouragement throughout life."

A product of the Oregon public school system and graduate of Madras High School, Dr. Clemmer earned a B.S. in Archaeology with a minor in History from B.Y.U.; an M.A. in

History from the Dominican College of San Raphael, California; an M.A. in Education from the University of San Francisco, California; the first Ph.D. in Cultural Foundations of Education, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. She has taught in both private and public secondary schools and universities. Over the years she has affiliated with numerous honor societies and professional associations, serving on a variety of boards of directors and councils. She has travelled nationally and internationally.

In her senior year in high school, Dr. Clemmer was the first Miss Warm Springs, as part of the Oregon Centennial celebrations. She went on to earn the Miss Congeniality Award at the Miss Oregon pageant, part of the national Miss America scholarship pageant program.

Dr. Clemmer, daughter of Cecil and Aradonna Aguilar White Seyler and Walter White (deceased), is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, whose tribal heritage includes Wasco-Tenino-Shawnee-Delaware. She is a great-granddaughter of Wasco Chief Billy Chinook Parker. Her husband is Dr. Terry P. Clemmer, M.D., LDS Hospital Director of the Shock-Trauma Intensive Care Unit, and a University of Utah Medical School professor, Salt Lake City. They are the parents of two children who have earned Master's degrees, a son Kori of Modesto, California, and a daughter, Xan (Mrs. Henry) Kali of Salt Lake City; they are the grandparents of six grandchildren, three girls and three boys. Dr. Clemmer's sisters and brother include: Myrna White (Mrs. Pete) Courtney, Warm Springs, Carroll Jean White (Mrs. Chuck) Bankston, Tucson, Arizona, Nancy Seyler (Mrs. Oliver) Kirk, Warm Springs, Ann Seyler, Madras and Dean Seyler, Aberdeen, S.D.

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gists James Coleman of the University of Chicago and Joyce Levy Epstein of The Johns Hopkins University, who addressed the topic "Family-School Relationships: An Overview." Among the many Conference topics was methods of implementing family involvement in education at local, district and county levels.

Michael Milken, co-founder and member of the board of directors of the Foundations of the Milken Families, spoke on "Building Links Among Communities," describing two new projects of the Foundations: EEN, an entertainment and education television network; and a national commission on the relationships between universities and their surrounding communities.

Because education reporting makes a major impact on public perception, a session on "The Media and the Schools" was held. Panelists were Edward B. Fiske of the New York Times; Nancy Perry of Fortune magazine; Thomas Toch of US News and World Report; and Elaine Woo of the Los Angeles Times.

In the "Promising Practices" session, award recipients showcased more than 200 programs imple-

mented in their schools or districts that promote family and/or community involvement. But sharing of educators' ideas was not limited to this session; the Milken Family Foundation encourages recipients to become resources to each other during the conference, to consult with each other throughout the year, and to return for each annual conference.

"Presenting each recipient an award is just the beginning," said Lowell Milken. "We are continually evaluating new ways to provide our educators opportunities for on-going professional growth."

Participating states are Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee and West Virginia.

The Foundations of the Milken Families, established in 1982 as private philanthropic institutions, administer their own programs as well as provide support to other non-profit organizations. The major giving areas are education, community services, health care and medical research, and human welfare.

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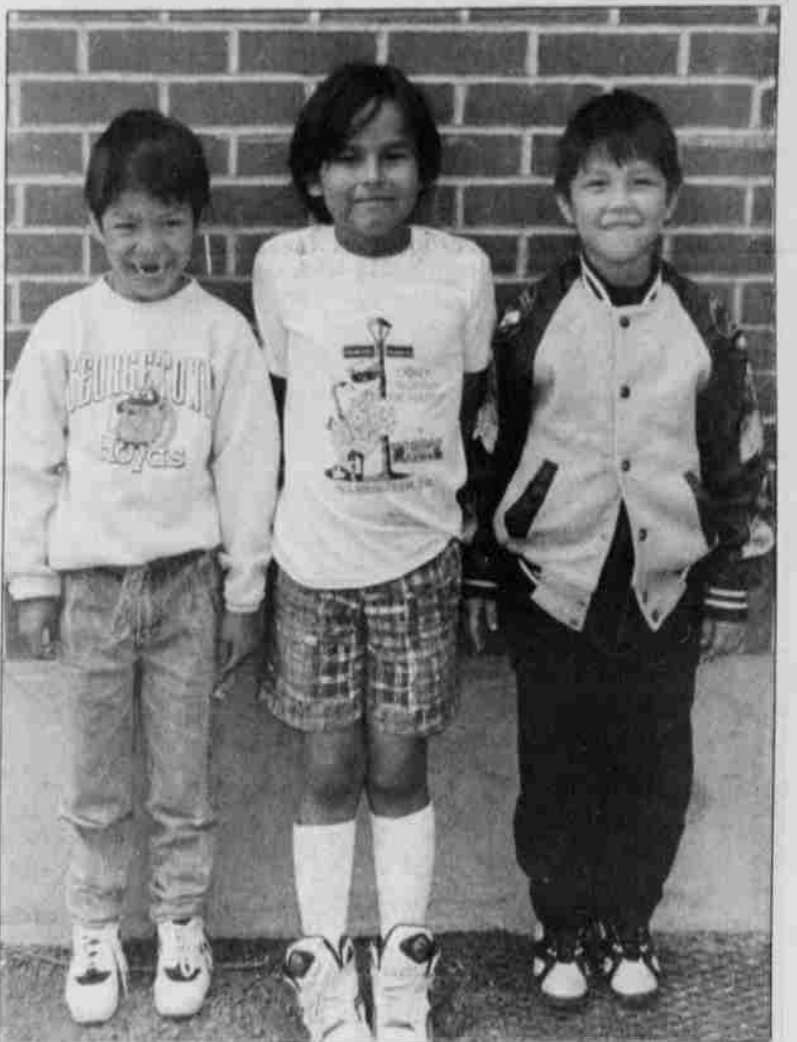
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"Child Abuse Prevention Month" poster contest winners from Warm Springs Elementary were Edward Weaselhead, III, kindergarten; Young Leo Hellon, second grade, and Esten Culpus, kindergarten.



Kindergarten through fourth grade students from the Jefferson County 509-J school district participated in a poster contest to celebrate April as "Child Abuse Prevention Month." The theme of the posters was "things that make me happy." The winners from Warm Springs Elementary, left to right, are Jarrod Allen, first grade; CaSandra Frutos and Shamona Charley, fourth grade; Camille Clements, third grade, and Aletha Northrup, fourth grade.