



## TOWN 'N' AROUND

### Mt. View contracted to conduct drug testing

"Mountain View drug testing. How may I help you?..." is the answer you get when you call the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at 553-3227. Times are a changin' and so it goes with EAP.

As of last week, EAP has been split into two different entities. Each standing alone, drug testing and employee assistance will operate independently of each other. Drug testing falls under the authority of the personnel office headed up by Benson Heath, says Social Services director Gayle Rodgers. "We're dividing the two out to create separate identities" for the two functions, says Rodgers.

Drug testing is the enforcement arm of the tribe's Drug-Free Workplace Policy. The contract with Mountain View Hospital, which is expected to run at least through the end of the year, will be monitored by Heath. Supervisors, working through their respective personnel offices, will handle disciplinary measures according to their own personnel policies. All tribal entities will use the drug testing services offered at the "white house".

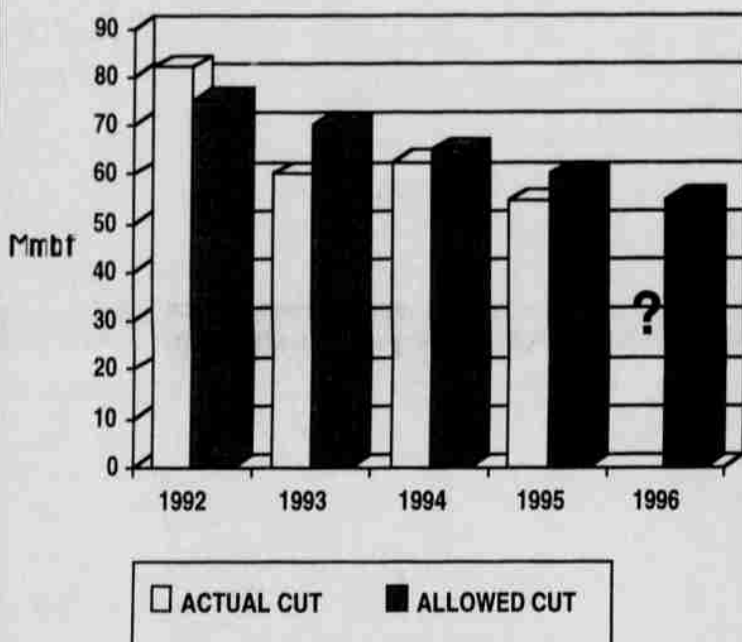
The EAP will operate out of the Community Counseling Center as a "helping arm" of the Tribes' drug policy. An EAP specialist will be hired within the next few weeks and will handle the education aspect of the program. The specialist will inform employees and supervisors of the vast number of resources available to them on the reservation and make referrals for appropriate services. Rodgers added that the specialist will be supervised and monitored by Counseling Center director Jim Quaid. The specialist will have a "physical presence" at each of the worksites on a regular basis to make the person more accessible.

Drug testing is conducted from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Testing is for pre-employment, cause and monitoring purposes. Random testing will resume in the near future.

### Annual allowable cut continues to decline

Tribal members often question the annual cut that occurs in reservation forests every year. A look at actual figures shows that the allowable annual cut has decreased five million board feet per year since 1992, in accordance with the five-year cutting contract. Only in 1992 did the actual cut exceed the allowed cut (by 6.9 million board feet—just under 10-percent). The actual cut cannot deviate from the designated volume by more than 10-percent in one year and the five-year average cannot be more than five-percent above or below the allowed cut.

WSFPI Actual and Allowed Cuts



### Tribes secure \$\$ for restoration projects

Having secured the endorsement of the Northwest Power Planning Council on April 17, the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes are now negotiating contracts for \$6 million worth of watershed restoration projects for fiscal year 1996. The habitat work will take place on-reservation and in tribal ceded areas.

The money will come from the Bonneville Power Administration as part of its Endangered Species Act obligations.

The rehabilitation of spawning and rearing habitat in Columbia River subbasin or watersheds is one of the major actions called for in Wan-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit (Spirit of the Salmon)—the four tribes' fish restoration plan.

The funds will go exclusively for projects that are ready to "break ground" in 1996. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission coordinated the four-tribe effort to secure the 1996 funding and is working on tribal proposals for additional money for watershed activities in 1997 and future years.

Warm Springs Fish and Wildlife committee member Olney Patt, Jr. and Fisheries Program Manager Jim Griggs explained that the Tribe has 13 habitat projects slated for the 1996 funding that will benefit fish and wildlife habitat in the Deschutes, John Day, Hood River and Fifteenmile Creek watersheds.

Seven projects involve fencing livestock from streamside areas; five projects are for the removal of irrigation diversion barriers and the installation of alternatives, such as sprinkler systems; and one is for a watershed biologist/liaison for the John Day watershed. The Tribe is cooperating many of its watershed activities with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Salmon Corps, tribal allottees, Oregon Trout and others.

Patt and Griggs made presentations about the Warm Springs watershed projects at an April 3 meeting of the Northwest Power Planning Council in Pendleton. Mary Lou Soscia is the watershed coordinator for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

### Bottled water available for home, business

What started five years ago to fulfill a need is now a viable operation. Opal Springs Water is now available in five-gallon bottles for home and office use. Water coolers have popped up throughout the organization as employees enjoy the cool, clear water, touted as the State's best drinking water.

Opal Springs is one of three companies to bottle the water coming from deep within the Crooked River Gorge. The water has no color, odor, volatile organic or synthetic compounds or metals. Nor is their evidence of radiation, meaning the water emerges from the ground for the first time in at least 50 years, since before nuclear tests began.

If interested in obtaining Opal Springs Bottled Water, call (541) 389-1773 in Bend.

### On Enola Hill....

#### Controversy continues on mountain

Controversy continues over logging at Enola Hill, just west of Mo. Hood, near Rododendren along highway 26.

Young and Morgan Lumber Co. of Mill City, who has the logging contract to log the area by helicopter was halted as 38 protesters were arrested and removed by Clackamas County Sheriff's Department and the

U.S. Forest Service. It was reported that Protesters had moved into the area along highway 26.

They were arrested and placed into busses and transported to jail.

The Protesters were charged with criminal trespassing, a Class C misdemeanor. The logging operations was halted for about two hours while the Protesters were taken off to jail.

## Help make early learning years better learning years

An infant cooing with joy as she plays with a stuffed animal... a 3-year-old building a tower of blocks, each time a bit higher... 4- and 5-year-olds deciding what role they will play in the dress-up corner... a first-grader making a book from a story she has dictated to her teacher... a group of second-graders working together on a computer...

These images of early childhood remind us that the early years—birth through age 8—are truly learning years. Every moment is an opportunity to learn more about the world, practice social skills, and gain critical thinking skills and knowledge. The early years lay the foundation for all later learning and shape whether children succeed in school and later life. If we care about our children, then we must ensure that all young children enjoy an early childhood that prepares them to take full advantage of their educational opportunities and to become effective citizens, capable workers, and loving parents of the next generation. It's up to us to make the early years count.

Here are some specific ways that you—as a parent or a concerned citizen—can help make early years better learning years.

As a parent, you can take time to really watch, listen, and appreciate your children.

Do your conversations with your children often sound like this: "Not now. I'm busy!" "Hurry up; we're late!" or "Shh! I'm on the phone."? Stop for a moment. Take time to really listen to your child. Quietly observe her as she plays by herself or with friends. You will get powerful clues about her thinking and level of understanding. You may also rediscover the simple joys of childhood. Your genuine interest in your child and her day sends a powerful message that says, "I care about you!" and helps her feel good about herself.

Recognize the learning potential of play and everyday activities.

When your child plays, she is

Through play children develop curiosity, self-esteem, language, problem-solving, cooperation, mathematics, and much more.

Everyday activities are also good learning opportunities—matching socks, setting the table, or playing with measuring cups in the bath. The types of activities will vary by the age and interests of your child. In general, look for ways to build upon your child's interests and encourage his curiosity. Aim for appropriate challenges for your child—if the activity is too simple, he may be bored; too difficult, he may be overwhelmed and give up. Watch your child. As long as he remains interested, you're probably on the right track!

Keep tabs on the amount and type

of television your child watches. Watch TV with your child and talk about what you've seen. Speak out in support of more television programming that promotes children's learning and social development in positive ways. And support limits on television violence, especially during the hours that children are likely to be watching.

Work with your child's teachers and others to improve the quality of early childhood services.

Spend time in and get involved with your child's school or child care program. Talk to your child's teacher and program administrator. What steps are needed to make the program a better place for children's learning and for adult working conditions? Enlist the support of other parents

and concerned citizens. There are many ways to help out, for example, volunteer your time and labor to build a new outdoor play structure or organize a scholarship fund. Your specialized skills, for example, in financial planning, or services, such as donated printing costs, may be particularly welcomed.

Do what you can to make your state and community more attuned to children's needs.

Speak out about what families need to help their children grow and learn. Share your own story and encourage other parents to do the same. Encourage local employers or businesses to assist families with your children by providing flexible scheduling, parental leave, and child care assistance.

## Vaguely familiar faces bring back memories?



The 1959 Hi-Sage year book from Madras High School contains some interesting, yet confusing, photographs. The senior class photos show younger versions of some very familiar faces. If you don't recognize these folks, turn to page 12 for their identities.

## Litefoot concert big success among reservation youth



Performers take time for autographs after the show.



Performers took time for a photo from left to right, Haida, Litefoot and Prophet.

### The popular actor, who is also a rap artist, brought his anti-drug and alcohol message to local youth

The Litefoot concert (Little Bear, from the movie, Indian In The Cupboard) turned out to be a big success, says Sports and Athletic Coordinator Andy Leonard.

A lot of community members thought that by bringing in a rap concert, there would be bad vibes about the lyrics rappers represent. But on May 2, at the Warm Springs Community Center, Litefoot and two other Indian rap artists Prophet and Haida, preformed without any problems. "The truth is this is what our kids listen to and maybe this is one way to get to them."

Litefoot is true to his word: he cares for young Native people and believes they are our future. "Alcohol, Drugs and gangs are our biggest enemy," he told the Warm Springs young people. "All we are doing is killing ourselves and we all know that death has no future."

Litefoot calls his music "tribalistic funk," it's his way of doing the "red thang." The name Litefoot reflects his identity as both a traditional grass dancer and a contemporary entertainer. Litefoot lyrics are diverse, but focus primarily on the political, historical and social injustices and struggles of Native people. Litefoot also tours numerous reservations, Native conferences and events, youth camps, high schools and graduations to convey messages of culture pride and identity to his predominantly Native youth



Litefoot performs in front of large audience May 2 at the Community Center.

audience. On June 1 1996 Litefoot releases his new album, "Good Day To Die." Litefoot is also president and founder of Red Vinyl Records. Besides his new album, Litefoot begins shooting another movie "Mortal Kombat 2" also in June this year. Litefoot's

appearance in Warm Springs was sponsored by: Indian Head Gaming, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Power Enterprise, The Tribal Council, A.E. All Stars, and the Warm Springs Market. Also Helping were: The N.A.S.H. Club, Bo Ortiz, Danni Katchia, Anita Davis,

Lana Leonard, Dana Smith, Tray Leonard, Mackie Begay, Donnie Bagley, Starla Green, Joni and Heather—the sales ladies, W.S.P.D. and Rosanna Sanders. Promoters hope that Litefoot will return for a performance in 1997.