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# Spilyay Tymoo

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## Coyote News In Brief

### Police officials tell of difficulties

Three police officers relate the difficulties they face when trying to enforce local laws.

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### Youth witness

Three local youth traveled Honolulu, Atlanta and LA to witness with King's Kids.

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### Kids express feelings

Summer youth workers expressed their thoughts recently in a survey distributed by the Program.

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### No disability with this guy

A 20-year-old tribal member, who's been deaf since he was five months old, does not let his disability prevent him from achievements.

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### Canadians visit

An entourage of Kamloops tribal leaders recently visited Warm Springs.

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### Lessons presented

Learning Sahaptin and Wasco is made easier. This issue features a Paiute lullaby.

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### Sports news moved

There was plenty of sports action over the last couple of weeks so Spilyay added an extra page.

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### Living with disaster

The American Red Cross provided information for families who are dealing with the recent fire.

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### Four-page special

**FIRE!!** is a special four-page insert dedicated solely to the Simnasho Fire.

EXTRA

Deadline for the next  
Spilyay Tymoo is  
Friday,  
August 23, 1996

## Fire destroys homes, wreaks havoc on Reservation



Olney Patt's home, at the head of Indian Head Canyon, was the first to be destroyed by the Simnasho Fire. A huge fire whirl enveloped the home after a strike team had totally foamed the area to keep the home from burning. For more fire information, see the special insert included in this issue.

## Gold's basketry in exhibit at Maryhill

Maryhill Museum of Art will feature new baskets by Native American artist Pat Courtney Gold in an exhibit titled "Wasco Legacy". The exhibit opened August 17 and will continue through September 15. A closing reception will be held Saturday, September 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Museum board room. This is the sixth exhibit in the museum's 1996 Contemporary Northwest Artists Series.

Gold reflected on her past recently in a letter to Spilyay.

"I am Wasco Indian born and raised on the Warm Springs Reservation, Oregon. When I was a child growing up on the Reservation, the nearest museum my family visited was Maryhill Museum, along the Columbia River. At that time, most museums were west of the Cascade Mountains in the big cities.

"It was a three-hour drive and I have fond memories of these trips. The view of the Columbia River was beautiful, and I loved the gorgeous Peacock feathers. These birds graced the Maryhill grounds with their proud struts and eerie screams.

"On of the neat things about Maryhill Museum at the time, was the free admission to Indians. The free admission made me feel special, since there was a lot of prejudice against Indians. Currently there is an admission fee.

"Mom showed us kids the Indian baskets. Maryhill still has one of the finest collections in the

Northwest. Mom was proud as she pointed out the Wasco Sally Bags. I was awed by the designs.

"No one in our family had a Sally Bag, and I never knew anyone who made them. I thought that I'd only see them in museums.

"In my child's mind, I never imagined that I would, one day, be reviving this art. And never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that I would have an exhibit at this special Maryhill Museum."

## August 22 in Fort Hall....

## Salmon Corp graduation set

The Earth Conservation Corps' Salmon Corps program will graduate 65 Salmon Corps members at Fort Hall, Idaho, Thursday, August 22 at 4 p.m. This is the second annual graduation for the program. The Salmon Corps program is a partnership among the ECC, AmeriCorps, the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, the Department of Energy, The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, the Nez Perce Tribe, The Yakama Indian Nation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

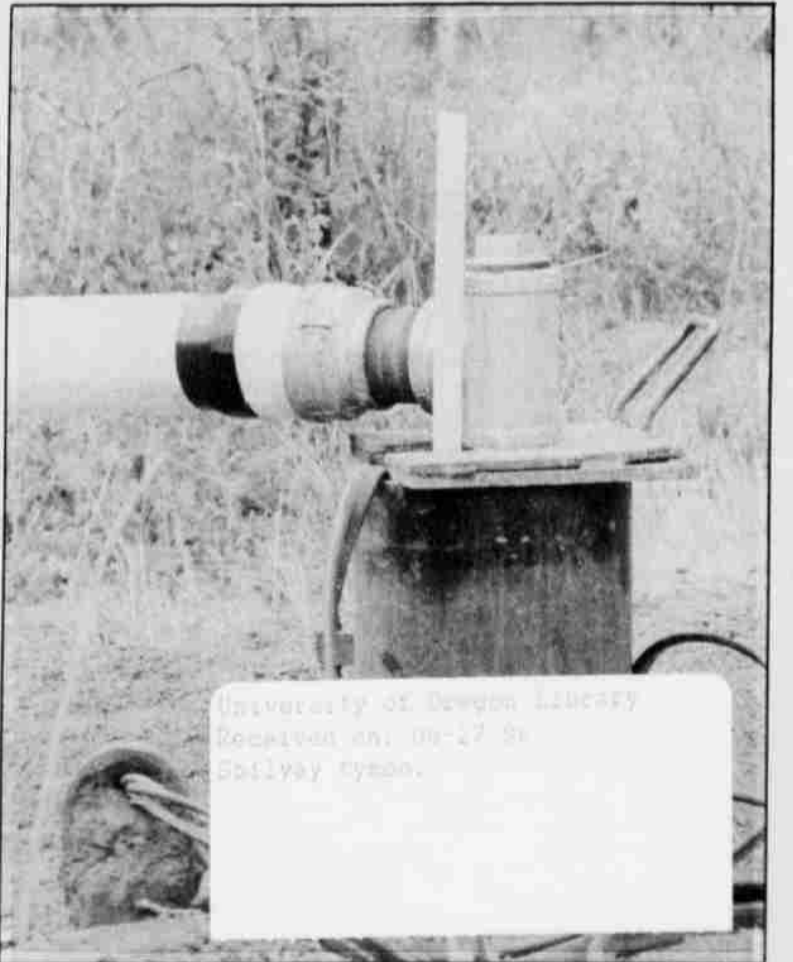
The Salmon Corps members are AmeriCorps volunteers over the age of 18 who receive a weekly stipend

while in service and will receive a \$4,725 educational grant upon completing 1,700 hours of community service.

Through important on-the-ground habitat restoration, Salmon Corps members restore salmon habitat, watershed reforestation, fence off and revegetate stream beds, establish native plant nurseries, screen irrigation canals and other labor intensive activities on or near the partnering tribes and nearby communities.

Salmon Corps is a program of the Earth Conservation Corps, a non-profit environmental organization that is dedicated to restoring the nation's two most at-risk natural resources—the environment and the youth.

## Simnasho well redrilled



Well deepened by 150 feet.

One month has passed since Well #3 went dry at Simnasho. Simnasho has three wells where Beaver Creek and Coyote Creek converge. Leonard Zindah, of the Water Treatment Plant, said the well was in full operation as of August 13.

The well was redrilled and deepened by 150 feet. It is now 470 feet in depth. Zindah said, "I don't know how much it will produce or how long it will last." The well also needed to be cased to ensure it will

not cave in. With the hot weather a lot of water was being used. The wells just couldn't keep up with the increased demand.

There was an announcement on the radio and a letter mailed to residents of Simnasho to conserve water. Zindah would like to encourage Simnasho residents to continue conservation efforts. It has helped, especially since the Simnasho Fire burned through the area.