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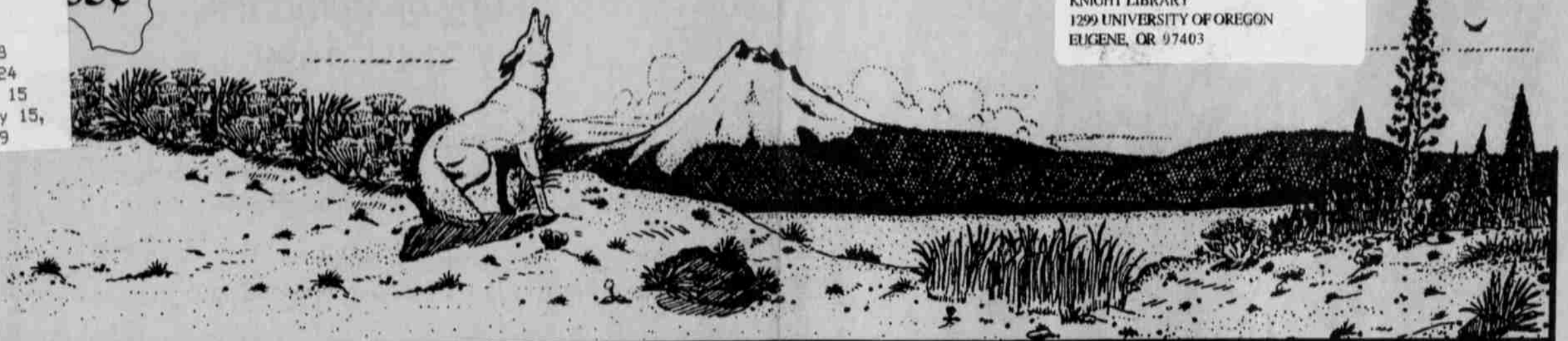
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## Fourth of July Celebration gathered community members for fun and games



Watermelon eating contestants eat their way to victory.



The team on the left side took first place in the "tug-of-war" contest.



Coming to the Crossroads, "Year 2000 or bust."



Graybael wins by a "nose" dive.



Water balloon toss cool and refreshing.

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Spilyay Tymoo photos by Selena Boise

## Unity 99 drew record number participants in Seattle

Native American, Hispanics, Asians and Black journalists gathered in Seattle

Seattle — Pledging to increase communication between the NAJA board and members, Sho-Ban News Editor Lori Edmo-Suppah on July 10, became NAJA's latest president. Edmo-Suppah, a member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe of Idaho, was elected by the NAJA board to the organization's highest rank at the Unity '99 convention in Seattle, following the general election July 9 of new board members.

Board members also elected three officers, as well. They are: Tom Arviso Jr. (Navajo) to vice president; Jeff Harjo (Seminole Nation of Oklahoma) to secretary; and Ben Winton (Pascua Yaqui) to his second term as treasurer. All will serve 11-month terms, until the NAJA convention scheduled for June 14-17, 2000, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Edmo-Suppah replaces outgoing president Kara Briggs (Yakama), who had been Unity president in 1998 and its secretary this year. Briggs had served two three-year terms — the maximum allowed under NAJA by-laws. Briggs is employed by the Oregonian, in Portland, Oregon, one of the largest daily news papers in the northwest.

Also leaving the board after serving the two-term limit were Keith Skenandore (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin) and Paul DeMain (Ojibwe), a founding president of NAJA and

permanent board member of Unity; Journalists of Color, Inc.

NAJA members elected three new board members to three-year terms. They are: Jodi Rave (Sioux), Deenise Becenti (Navajo) and Joe Allen. Winton was re-elected to a second term. The general elections took place at the Day Break Star Indian Cultural Center in Seattle.

Miles Morrisseau named editor-in-chief of Indian Country Today.

Veteran First Nations Journalist Miles Morrisseau, a former editor at Aboriginal Voices magazine, has been tapped to oversee the editorial operations of Indian Country Today, the largest Native-owned newspaper in the United States.

Morrisseau, who had been with the Canada council for the Arts for the last two years, will help build a major editorial staff and direct comprehensive coverage of Indian issues throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Avis Little Eagle, a NAJA board member who had been editor for the last two years, will remain in Rapid City, S.D., to oversee community coverage of the Lakota, Nakota and Dakota nations. Little Eagle started at the paper nine years ago as a cub reporter.

The Oneida Indian Nation of New York purchased the paper last December from Tim Giago and plans to

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## Tribal Council passes Resolutions in May

On May 4, with an affirmative vote of 7 members, 1 member not voting and the Chairman not voting, Resolution No. 9705 was passed. The Resolution calls for the adoption of the updated 1999 Comprehensive Plan. The Resolution directs the Tribal Organization to work with the community in carrying out the plan's vision, goals and benchmarks. It also calls for developing a measurement and reporting system to report on the progress in achieving goals and benchmarks. Summaries of the plan will be distributed to tribal households in July.

On May 24, with 6 affirmative votes and the Chairman not voting, Resolution No. 9706 was passed. The Resolution confirms WSFPI's authority to assist Tribal Member loggers who are struggling financially because of changes in the Reservation forest.

Resolution No. 9707 was passed on May 25 with the affirmative vote of 5 members. One member abstained and the Chairman did not vote. The Resolution calls for revisions to the Indian Reservation Roads inventory. This increases the inventory the BIA is responsible for maintaining by 57 miles.

Resolutions 9708, 9709, 9710, 9711, 9712, and 9713 all were land purchases. Allotments involved were 162, 691, 816, 819, 820, and 822. The purchases were paid for from programmed land purchase funds. All the mentioned resolutions were passed on May 25.

Resolution 9714 was passed May

25 by an affirmative vote of 6 members with the Chairman not voting. It called for Charles Frank to be granted a fifty (50) year homesite lease in the Wolfe Point Area. The lease contained 2.5 acres more or less.

Resolution 9715 was passed with the affirmative vote of 6 members on May 25. The Chairman did not vote. Jacklyn Langely Donahue was granted a fifty (50) year homesite lease in Tenino Valley. The lease contained 2.5 acres more or less.

Resolution 9716 was passed on May 25, by the affirmative vote of 5 members, with the Chairman not voting. Brigitte Scott Whipple was granted a fifty (50) year homesite lease containing 5.0 acres more or less in the Seekseequa area.

Resolution 9717 was approved on May 25 by an affirmative vote of 5 members, with the Chairman not voting. Shawna Jackson was granted a 5.0 acre, fifty (50) year homesite lease in the Schoolie Flat area.

Resolution 9718, in accordance with Resolution No. 4301, was passed with the affirmative vote of 5 members, with the Chairman not voting. The following are enrolled members of The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon.

Noted:  
Kelisiano Lynn Fuiava 5/17/99  
Brittany Faye Ike 5/18/99  
Kah-Liese June Smith 5/24/99  
Yancy Wayland Smith 5/7/99  
Tai' Anne Xvbonne Smith-Muldrow 5/6/99

Derick Jordan Summerhalder 5/14/99

Oshay Lee Summerhalder 5/14/99

Jaden Aurelia Rose Suppah 5/5/99

One applicant was denied membership because of blood degree.

An agreement was reached between PacificCorp, the United States Department of Interior, the Yakama Indian Nation, and other entities, which will lead to the removal of Condit Dam on the White Salmon River by the year 2006. The removal of the dam may cause siltation problems downstream at the Underwood In Lieu Site located at the mouth of the White Salmon River, where it meets the Columbia River. The agreement calls for PacificCorp to pay up to \$500,000 towards the cost of mitigating any siltation or other adverse consequences to the Underwood In Lieu Site caused by the removal of the dam.

By an affirmative vote of 5 members, with the Chairman not voting, Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 9719, entering into an "In Lieu Site Enhancement Agreement". The Resolution states that Warm Springs agrees that removal of the dam and payment by PacificCorp of \$500,000 represents full satisfaction for any and all claims that Warm Springs may have against PacificCorp involving the construction, operation and removal of Condit Dam.