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## Miss Indian World visits Warm Springs

By Lenora Starr

Miss Indian World, Mitzi Tolino made special appearances at the Oregon Education Association conference at Kah-nee-ta and at the Warm Springs Elementary School during her brief weekend stay October 28, 1999.

Tolino is a 21 year old Apache-Navajo woman who was selected among 19 other candidates for Miss Indian World 1999. She performed the Apache Rainbow dance as her traditional presentation. Judges also assessed her personality, knowledge of tribal tradition, ability to communicate effectively and dancing ability.

She received her crown during the Miss Indian World Pageant held in the University of New Mexico Arena during the Gathering of Nations annual pow-wow usually

held during the month of April.

Mitzi's job is to travel throughout the World to promote the traditions and culture of Native American people and to dispel stereotypes about Native Americans. She also serves as a teacher, exchanging information about her culture among other tribes.

She expressed that her trip to Hawaii is one of her favorite trips so far. She explains, "The native Hawaiians are very nice. They have many of the same issues that we as Native Americans have like the status of sovereignty." One of the things that touched her emotionally was the men and women in the armed services stationed in Hawaii and how "homesick" they were. Tolino said, "Even if they didn't have their regalia they danced with all their heart."

One idea she wanted to leave with the Warm Springs youth is, "Always follow your dreams."



Mitzi shows Warm Springs Elementary students her Apache Rainbow dance regalia.



Royalty  
Miss Warm Springs, Rebecca Soliz and Miss Indian World, Mitzi Tolino



Mitzi Tolino



Apache Rainbow Dance

## Public Notice

Attention all Warm Springs and Simnasho-Schoolie Flats water users.

As a public water system, we are required by The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) to publish the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR).

The Consumer Confidence Report is posted at the following locations Post Office, Simnasho Longhouse, Warm Springs Market (Macy's) and the Administrations Building.

Copies are available by calling the water treatment plant 553-1472.

## Notice of Availability posted

Notice of Availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact of the **Project Assessment entitled: Project Assessment, Leasing of Allotments in the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries Mill Yard**, issued by the Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Warm Springs Agency, dated October 29, 1999.

This notice advises the public that the **Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Project Assessment, Leasing of Allotments in the Warm Springs Forest Products Industries Mill Yard**, is available for public review.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this FONSI should contact: Gerald Henrikson, Environmental Coordinator; Bureau of Indian Affairs; PO Box 1239; Warm Springs, OR 97761 Phone (541) 553-2421.

Gordon E. Cannon  
Superintendent

## Council passes seat belt resolution

On October 11, the Tribal Council passed a Resolution requiring the use of seat belts on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Resolution 9787 was passed after the Tribal Council heard evidence that pointed to serious consequences for those who are involved in accidents and do not wear seat belts. Between 1991 and 1995, 22 deaths were attributed to motor vehicle accidents. Of those deaths, 86% were alcohol-related. Of the people who died, 63.6% were not wearing their seat belts. The other 37.4% had no designation on death certificates as to whether or not they were wearing seat belts. There were no deaths reported where it was determined that the victim was wearing a seat belt.

In 1993, the Tribal Safety Committee came to Tribal Council with a draft seat belt ordinance. The Tribal Council asked that the committee try to educate the community. The Committee found that only 15 to 20% of the people will comply voluntarily with wearing seat belts.

The Committee surveyed 454 people about whether or not there should be a seat belt law on the Res-

ervation. More than 70% said they would favor a Tribal Seat Belt ordinance. They also thought that a law would go over better if there was a transition period.

Comments made by those favoring legislation include: "We need to allow for vehicles that don't have seat belts and help to get them installed."

"Don't allow road blocks in order to get people stopped."

"People not wearing seat belts should have to do mandatory community service with no political exceptions."

"Have public meetings prior to the implementation of the law and put articles in the newspaper and on the radio then give out warning tickets first and finally fines."

Of the 454 people surveyed 5% were not in favor of any tribal legislation. Reasons given were: "It violates my rights."

"I would favor legislation if there was a way to have the baby boards."

"I don't favor legislation because there isn't anyone to enforce it and it would just be another law."

Nancy Collins said in talking to

people in the community, she heard a number of interesting comments. Collins said that some people feel that parents are role models for their children. When kids see the parents buckling up they realize it is important, and they also buckle up their seat belts. Other people stressed that it didn't make sense for parents to buckle up their children and leave themselves unprotected. "The kids need their parents. If there is an accident, the kids survive, but the parents don't."

Collins said that for any group interested in finding out more about the value of using seat belts, they can contact Mt. View Hospital. A presentation by Will and Susie Beamer on motor vehicle, boating and motorcycle crashes is available from the hospital. It is called Mt. View's Trauma Nurses Talk Tough.

In the next 6 months, IHS will be conducting educational meetings to help people understand the importance of the entire family wearing seat belts. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Collins, Tribal Sanitation, at 553-4943.

## Credit updating software

The present software in use for Accounting for the loan detail of the Confederated Tribes Credit Program was developed in 1974 by the Credit staff and the Office of Information Systems programmers and underwent a major modification to improve the program in 1985.

Since the development of this program, the computer world has undergone a complete revolution. Machine speed memory and storage space have increased tremendously. At the time this original program was developed, it was critical to keep the record size at a minimum and programmers used two digit year dates not anticipating the year 2000 would ever come about.

Now the millennium is at hand, the existing Credit software is no longer valid because of the use of the two digit year. OIS has done a detailed study of the problem and determined that it is not economically

feasible to modify the Credit Program to operate after the year 2000. Therefore a new program has been purchased to provide detail accounting for the Credit Program that is year 2000 compatible and is now being implemented.

The staff of the Tribal Credit Enterprise ask your assistance in helping in the implementation of these new programs by reducing your inquiries to the office until after January 1, 2000. Also during November during implementation of the new programs only emergency loans will be processed by Loan Officers.

In order to insure that the present program is closed out properly and the new program implemented, the Tribal Credit Enterprise will be closed in December 1999. Only emergency loans will be made.

During the implementation of these programs, we are still open for all payments.

## Open house to be held Nov. 5

To all Community Members  
Victims of Crime Services will be having an

**OPEN HOUSE!**  
Where: 1132 Paiute Street (old Water & Soil Building)

When: November 5, 1999  
Time: 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Finger foods and delicious snacks will be provided. Opening ceremony starts at 12 noon. We invite everyone to come and see our new shelter for our crisis intervention team during the Open house.

## Danzuka wins

Small Business Development Center  
Reservation Business Director  
winner is:  
Gerald Danzuka  
for the \$100 drawing.

## November computer schedule set

The Computer schedule for November 1999 is as follows. Classes are scheduled for 1/2 days, either morning or afternoon. They run from 8:30 to 12 or 1 to 4:30 p.m. Each runs 4 class periods for a total of 14 hours of instruction. Students start with Introduction of Beginning class in subject program, i.e. MicroSoft Word-Introduction to, Intermediate to, Advanced. there are usually three levels per program.

**Introduction MicroSoft Excel** (requested again this month); Nov. 2, 4, 8 & 10, 1999 Tuesday & Thursday; Monday & Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon; cost \$85.

**Introduction to Windows 95/98** (takes place of Introduction to Computers); Nov. 2, 4, 8 & 10, 1999

Tuesday & Thursday; Monday & Wednesday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.; cost \$85.

Please make note that these two classes have a different schedule on the second week with the holiday (Bless our Veterans) we have to change the days. With Thanksgiving also this month it shortens our ability to schedule classes. There will be some special department classes held during the months of November and December.

Please fill out the GL fund transfer form and return to Marilyn R. Hart at COCC immediately. We now have 10 computer stations and would like to see the classes fill quickly. If you have any questions, please call 553-1428 or Fax 553-7629.

## Simnasho District Hears Budget Proposal

By Lenora Starr

Members of the Warm Springs Tribal Council presented the budget proposal for the year 2000 this month to members of the tribe during the Agency, Seekseequa and Simnasho District meetings. The proposed budget is in excess of 43 million dollars with a surplus being projected for next year.

The largest monetary requests were initiated by new programs including \$500,000 to operate the Elder Care facility presently being constructed. \$100,000 is being requested for a "youth initiative," a tentative project to reduce juvenile delinquency. Another \$250,000 is being requested for the housing department and \$328,000 for departmental maintenance projects such as high mileage vehicles and antiquated equipment.

There was no "bonus" budgeted for the year 2000, a savings of almost one million dollars from the 1999 budget.

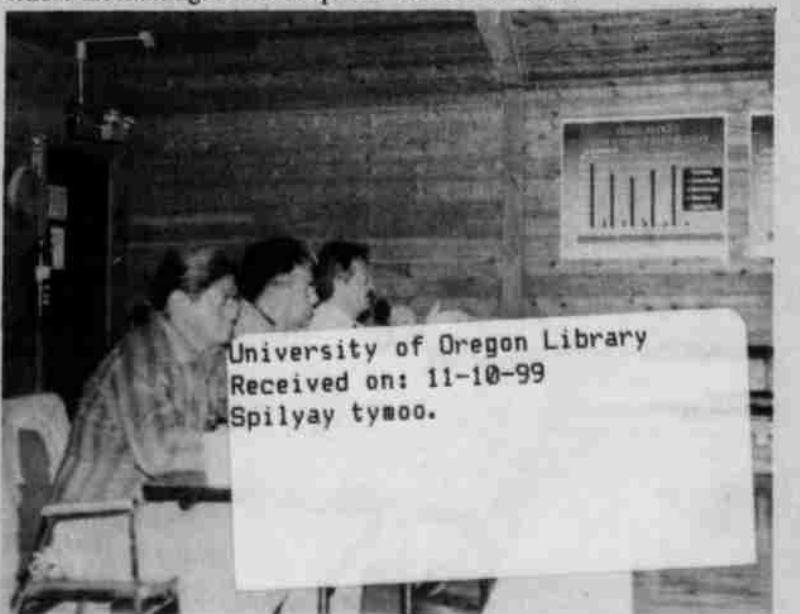
According to Charles Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer, the purpose of the district meetings is to get input from members of the community and offered the Simnasho Store as a direct of tribal members expressing the

need to have local access to a convenience market and gas station. Presently there are three job positions being advertised for store clerks. The Simnasho Store is being budgeted \$200,000.

Approximately 65 persons attended the meeting. The atmosphere

was remarkably subdued compared to the usual heated discussions at previous budget meetings.

The tribal budget will be posted at the Main Administration building, Warm Springs Post Office, and at the Simnasho Longhouse in accordance to Ordinance 67.



Simnasho Dist. Tribal Council Representatives Ray Tsumpti, Olney Patt, Jr. and Secretary -Treasurer, Charles Jackson present budget

## Deadline for next issue is noon, November 12th.

**Flu Shots**  
No appointment needed  
Wednesdays  
November  
10th, 17th, 24th, 1999  
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
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