

## Warm Springs Forestry sends technicians to Northern Pueblos Agency to help

**To the editor,**  
During Los Alamos, New Mexico's highly publicized Cerro Grande Fire, more than Private and Public lands burned. Tribal lands belonging to San Ildefonso and Santa Clara Pueblos were also impacted. In the aftermath of a large wildfire, one can truly contemplate the might that is Mother Nature. Intense firestorms, driven by high winds, engulfed most vegetation and surface fields, save

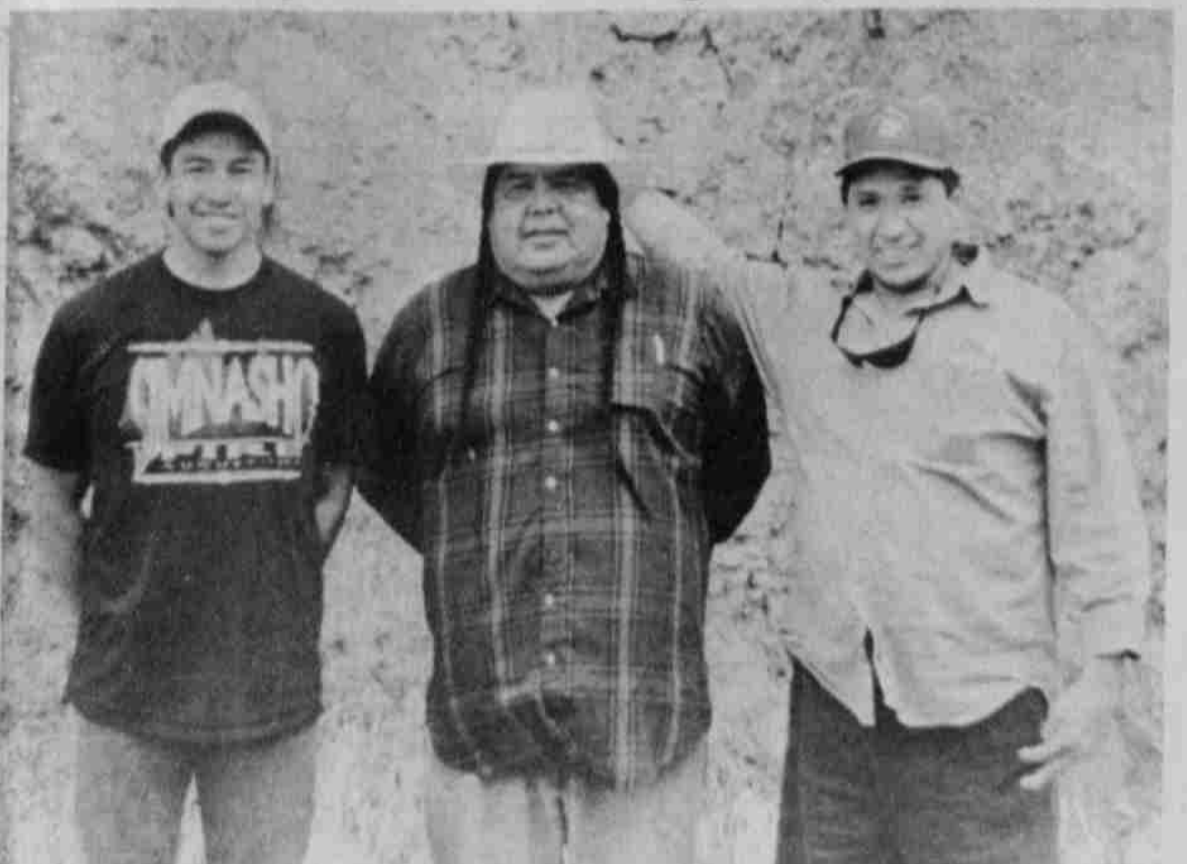
but for a few scattered islands of green trees. Thousands of blackened stems now dominate the landscape-frozen in silence: remains of what was once timbered canyon lands. Even in the midst of perceived devastation, the forest's temporary slumber is broken by the dove's call; one of the first signs of nature's resiliency.  
From an economic perspective, two post-fire options remained. Ei-

ther do nothing or salvage potentially lost timber revenues. Both Pueblos decided to go forward with salvage sales. Unfortunately, local forestry staff lacked intensive experience in producing a large-scale salvage safe in a timely and efficient manner. A call for help was then issued by the Northern Pueblos Agency seeking technical assistance from Western Tribes. The Warm Springs Agency was the one and only forestry organization to respond by supplying the aid of three Forest Technicians and myself.

Over a two-week period, nearly 2,000 acres of forestland was surveyed and evaluated much of which was subsequently readied for salvage. Primary duties included reconning, laying out treatment boundaries, marketing and cruising timber. Primary duties included enduring adverse terrain and weather, along coping with the occasional snake. Although of the non-poisonous variety, encountering a harmless bull snake is a heart wrenching experience when one expects a rattlesnake under every stone. However, most impressively, was coping with thunderstorms and lightning, something that is best appreciated atop a butte at over 8,000 feet above sea level. Many prayers and unspoken consequences were minded as the thunder roared and lightning sought the path of least resistance. Overall, the mission was accomplished without the slightest hint of complaint or regret.

Therefore, most humble thanks go out to three Warm Springs tribal members, Leslie "Wally" Bill, Lincoln "Jay" Suppah and Edward "Hot Dog" Heath. You three individuals bravely answered the call of duty, putting aside fears of the unknown to explore an ancient and strange land. Again, thank you for helping my people and strengthening intertribal relations. You honor your people and your families. May the Good Lord above greatly bless you and yours. One day, Southern sons will be names in your honor, Hey-Yah!

**Matt V. Jimenez,**  
BIA Forestry WS Agency  
Member of the Nation of Nambe Pueblo



Edward Heath, Leslie Bill and Jay Suppah were sent to Northern Pueblos Agency to help salvage timber.



Picture taken of the remains of the fire in New Mexico.

## "Lost in Pace" Team looking for sponsors

We are a women's walking team from the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center. Our team name is Lost in Pace. We have participated in the Portland to Coast walking relay the last two years. The Hood to Coast/Portland to Coast is a large event with the American Cancer Society benefiting from money that is raised by this relay. Many of the teams in this event are sponsored by companies/corporations that provide the

uniform, vans, lodging, food and entry fees. Our team has been self-sponsored raising money for our entry fees, lodging, gas, food, etc. We are planning a raffle to raise money for our team. The drawing will be held August 1st. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased by contacting any of the team members listed below. We also plan a bake sale. The dates will be posted at a later date.

Watch for the Lost in Pace flyers.  
**Lost in Pace Team Members:**  
Judy Budd, Grace Cho (sub for Shirley Earl), Debbie Hansen (sub for Margarita Gonzales), Joy Harvey, Becky Hunt-Lucei, Shari Marrazo, Sharon Miller (team captain), Michelle Najera (co-captain), Coleen Reed, Jeannie Seyler, Earlynne Squiemphen, Sara Thomas

## Two-day placement tests offered at COCC

Central Oregon Community College is offering two sessions to help incoming students prepare for college. Placement tests and "Next Steps" orientation programs will be offered starting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1; and 9 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, in the Boyle Education Center on the COCC Bend campus. Group advising sessions are also available.

intend to pursue a college degree or certificate, and for those planning to enroll in math, writing or other courses requiring placement scores for registration. Results are available after the Next Step session.

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact COCC Counseling Office at (541) 383-7515. To register online, go to [www.cocc.edu/admit/Registration/placement\\_test\\_reservation.htm](http://www.cocc.edu/admit/Registration/placement_test_reservation.htm).

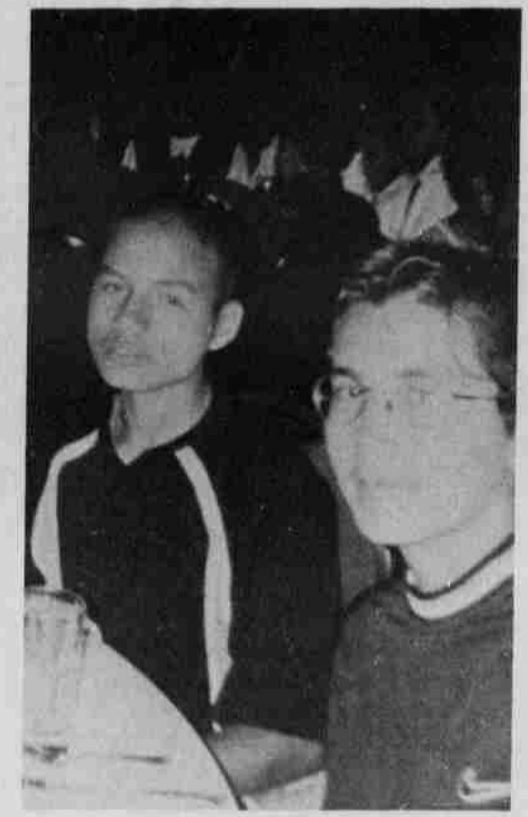
The two-hour ASSET placement test measures current skills in reading, writing and math and is used to determine the correct level of course work. It is required for students who

The one-hour "Next-Steps" session, which follows the placement test offers an orientation to the college and some helpful hints about planning a course of study. The sessions is mandatory for all new students who plan to earn a degree or certificate. Group advising sessions are also available.

Anyone wishing to attend this event who has special needs resulting from a physical disability should contact Gene Zinkgraf, ADA coordinator, at least three days in advance of the event. He can be reached at 383-7775 or through the college's TTY number, 383-7708.

There is no charge for these services.

## Youth attend the Native American Unity Youth Conference



This year the Native American Unity Youth Conference was held in Seattle, WA where four youth from Warm Springs and Madras attended. The goal for the youth was to obtain some ideas from other Native American Youth Councils around the Nation, and bring these ideas back to Warm Springs, so that the youth could start a youth council of their own. The youth also wanted to learn new leadership skills so they would be able to run a good strong program when they returned. While there, the youth attended sessions on how other youth councils spent a few months learning about their own Tribal Government, sessions on how alcohol and drugs affect pregnant woman and also a formal dinner where many positive role models spoke to the youth that were attending the Native American Unity Conference.

Warm Springs youth consisted of Gladys Graybael, Eric Miller and Poncho Pedraza. There was also a youth member who graduated from Madras High School last year and is now attending Oregon State University. Her name April Hornbuckle, although she is not a member of the Tribe, she is working with Victims of Crime Services this summer, and decided this Conference would be a great opportunity to understand tribal government and how it operates.

April Hornbuckle stated that she really did not know what to expect and what she would get out of the Native American Conference. But as soon as she got there it really opened her eyes as to what the youth around the nation were trying to do to stop all the negative things that were going on with today's youth on Reservations. She said she had no idea things were getting this bad and that she would try her hardest to help out the youth back at the Warm Springs Reservation.

Gladys Graybael who is a Senior at Riverside High School and Eric Miller who is a Sophomore at Madras High School, wanted the youth to know that Unity is a good leadership conference to go to, and not only do you meet new people, but you also have the privilege of learning how to be a good leader. They also stated that this conference is a good way to learn how to help out your own community, and it would be neat if more youth would get involved. The conference not only showed that there is more to life than drinking and drugs. But a way to be a positive youth. They would like to encourage all of the youth including youngsters to get involved and make our Reservation a place to be proud of. Poncho Pedraza who is also a sophomore at Madras High School

## Hepatitis shots required

The state of Oregon is requiring additional shots for school children. Beginning in September 2000 children who will be entering the 7th grade must have Hepatitis B vaccine, second dose of measles vaccine (MMR), and varicella vaccine (or have had chickenpox).

get the shots for your child before school starts. Your child can be excluded from school because of non-compliance with the school laws. Immunizations may be obtained by scheduling an appointment for the Ambulatory Care Nursing Clinic at 553-1196, Ext. 2632.

Please check your child's immunization record so you have time to

Call Public Health Nursing at Ext. 4142 if you have questions.

## Voc Rehab holds orientations

Have you heard that the Vocational Rehabilitation program helps people with Disabilities? The disability must result in a substantial handicap to employment. A substantial handicap is defined as "physical or psychological challenge which impedes or will impede an individual's occupational performance by preventing or making very difficult his or her obtaining, retaining, or preparing for employment consistent with his or her capacities and abilities".

psychological challenge that prevents you from obtaining, maintaining, or being promoted in employment, you are invited to attend an Orientation at the Vocational Rehabilitation program. Orientations are held every Monday at 3 p.m. up in the Industrial Park, Food Commodities Warehouse, in the Social Services side of the building. Orientations are open to anyone interested in learning more about the program.

If you are an enrolled Native American and you have a physical or

It is important to note that you must be physically or psychologically able to work before seeking Vocational Rehabilitation services.

## Public notice

This notice is to inform the Public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will install gates with locks on the road to Look-out towers.

involve to repair damages. The BIA Facilities Management Shop will issue keys to those who need them. We appreciate your co-operation on this matter.

The installation of gates with locks is due to frequent vandalism at the Towers off seasons; and the expense

If you have any questions please contact Don Robertson, Facilities Manager at (541) 553-2400.

## COCC Dean's List name two

The following Central Oregon Community College students were named to the Spring-term 2000 Dean's List. The COCC Dean's list is based on enrollment in 12 or more credit hours and a grade-point average of 3.60 or above.

**Betty Bagley and Kahseuss Jackson both of Warm Springs, OR 97761.**

## COCC seeks plumber

Applications for a general journeyman plumber position will be available and accepted from 2 to 6 p.m. July 17 through 28 (Monday through Friday) in room 223 or Modoc Building at Central Oregon Community College. Applications must be made in person.

Plumbers install, remove and repair drainage and plumbing systems or parts in private, commercial and industrial complexes. They solder, brace and weld piping for all types of liquids. Plumbers use pipe wrenches, electric pneumatic and power tools, chain tongs, pipe reamers, threaders, hole drillers, pump pliers, metal cutters, hack and power saws.

Applicants must be at least 17 years old. There are additional education qualification. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. For more information call (541) 383-7410.

## New Pizza business delivers

Sonny's Pizza Delivery opened June 23, 2000 along Highway 26 (next to Texaco station).

Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily. Phone #: (541) 553-9226

- Types of Pizza's**  
-Canadian Bacon with or without pinapples;  
-Pepperoni  
-Sausage  
-Italian Salami  
-Combination: Canadian Bacon, Sausage, Beef  
-Indian Taco Pizza  
-Cheeze Pizza  
-Make your own Pizza  
Prices vary, usually \$12, \$14 & \$16.

**Extra Ingredients:** Tomatoes, Mushrooms, olives, green peppers, jalapenos, pineapples, sour cream  
**Special #1 - \$25.50**

Large Pizza (no more than 3 toppings) & Small Pizza (no more than 3 toppings) & a 2-liter of pop



Mom & Dad, I wanted to say Thank you for your Love & Support! Without this I would not have been able to attain my Bachelors Degree. Thank you for your encouragement to go on and get the Masters Degree, and maybe some day the P.H.D. (Piled higher and deeper).  
I love my family and our community with all my heart. In the end it is our love and support for each other which allows successes in each of our lives!  
**Vesta Johnson**