

# Tribes host healing conference

**Over 200 participate in second-annual event**

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs recently had the honor of hosting the Second Annual Healing Our Wounded Spirits Research Conference. An introductory statement at this year's gathering summarizes the purpose of this series of five annual research conferences.

"At last year's conference," the statements says, "we started the process by speaking the unspoken, giving a name and a historical context for understanding the genocide and oppression of colonialism that is the holocaust of the Native North American."

The statement says, "At this year's conference we will face the many traumas that make up the holocaust. In the teachings of some Northwest tribes, facing the hurt is the first step in recovery from grief."

Next year's conference will move on to the next step, the releasing of the tears. In the fourth year, the theme of the conference will be wiping away the tears, and at the fifth and final conference, "we will pick up the tears."

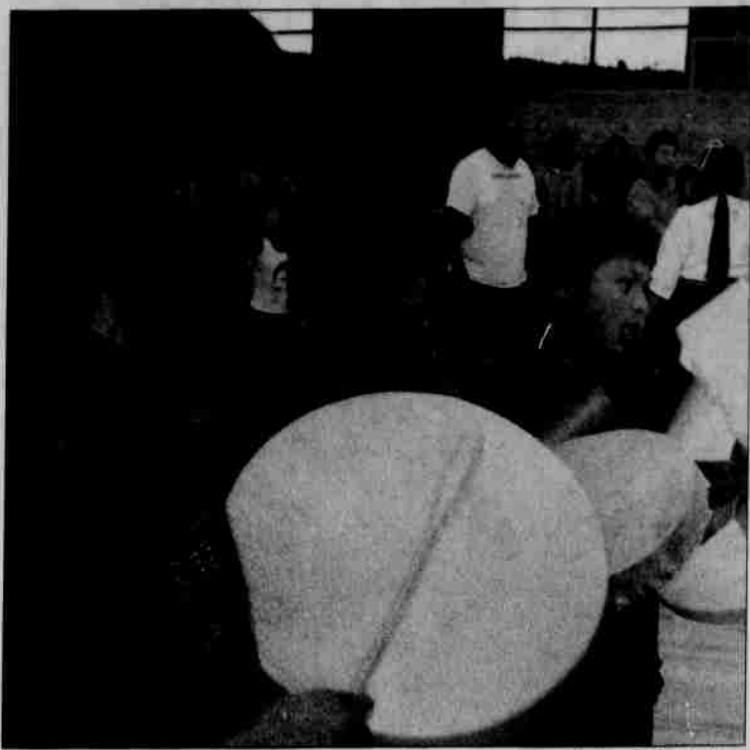
"The work of healing is hard, especially in the Indian way," the statement says.

Six Oregon tribal confederations are participating in the five-year series of conferences.

Participating tribes include the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Umatilla, Siletz, Colville, Burns Paiute and Klamath.

Some guests also attend and participate at the conference from tribes out of the state of Oregon.

The idea of the Healing



Selena Boise/Spilyay

Above, young people drum at the Indian Nite Out and mini powwow at the Simnasho Longhouse; and pictured at right, Eduardo Duran speaks on the final day of the five-day conference.



About 250 people participated in this year's Healing Our Wounded Spirits Research Conference.

Herkshan also helped in planning and coordinating this year's conference.

The full planning committee included Herkshan and Tom Ball, Guy Wallulatum, Sal Sahme, Geneva Charley and Anita Davis.

The conference this year began on Sunday, May 19, and lasted through Thursday, May 23.

Events included opening

ceremonies, Grand Entry, posting of colors, and participation in discussions led by prominent Native American inspirational speakers.

The conference also included an Indian Nite Out and mini powwow at the Simnasho Longhouse.

About 250 people participated in this year's Healing Our Wounded Spirits Research Conference.

Featured speakers included Dr. Eduardo Duran, of Apache/Tewa ancestry, who currently is the clinical supervisor of Outpatient Substance Abuse and Mental Services, IHS in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Arlie Neskahi, member of the Dine' Nation, living in the Pacific Northwest.

In 1996 she completed four years with the Western Regional Center for Drug-free Schools and Communities, at the prestigious Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in Portland.

Dr. Al Siebert, director of The Resiliency Center in Portland.

He is internationally recognized for his research into the inner nature of highly resilient survivors.

Dr. Joseph Stone, Blackfeet, clinical director, Mental Health Program for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Dr. Alison Ball, Colville, who received her PhD from the University of Oregon in Special Education and Rehabilitation.

She has worked as a family therapist, and early childhood specialist.

Liz Sunnyboy, Yup'ik Eskimo, a certified chemical dependency counselor in Alaska.

Some of the themes of discussion this year included: The 500-year holocaust; post-Colonial psychology; and historical trauma.

Intergenerational trauma, psychological effects of historical trauma, developing tribal historical trauma genogram, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

## Victims of Crime to sponsor gathering on Breaking the Cycle

Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services in June will host the Fourth Annual Vanishing the Anger Conference, with the theme this year of Breaking the Cycle.

The conference happens Wednesday through Friday, June 12-14 at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The vision statement for the conference is, "To give community members the power to heal wounds so we can help our future generations live without violence."

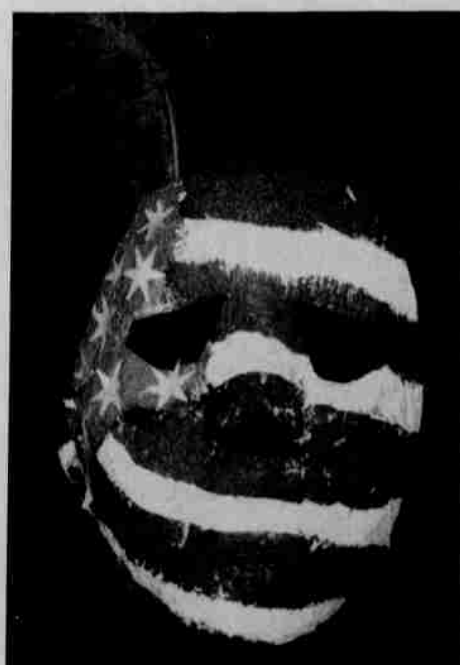
Those invited to attend include community members, tribal leaders and elders, health and social services workers, volunteers, educators, law enforcement and criminal justice, and young adults. Speakers include David Pelzer, author of award-winning books. He survived years of child abuse

and now dedicates his life to helping others. Author Robin Karr-Morse, whose work presents evidence of the early months of life as the time when violent behavior is born and cultivated.

Howard Rainer: Through his work with tribal leaders and youth, he inspires us to overcome our barriers to success. Marlin Mousseau, a Sun Dancer and former law enforcement officer.

"Violence wreaks havoc on our communities on a daily basis," the conference pamphlet reads. "Child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault affect all lives in some way. Everyone can take a role in ending this epidemic." For information on the upcoming conference, call Victims of Crime Services at 553-2293.

## Youth art show



Students at Warm Springs Elementary School recently held an art show. At left is a mask made by one of the students; and below, baskets by students.



Photos by Selena Boise

## Jobs available

Job vacancies from the Oregon Employment office

Job advertisements in Warm Springs from the Oregon Employment Division located in Madras, include:

Air Quality Specialist, Resources Technician, Wellness Coordinator, Substitute Teacher Aide, Announcer, Cash Management Supervisor, Controller, Head Start Home Visitor, WIC Certifier, Legal Secretary.

Pool Cashier, Switchboard Operator, Guest Services Representative, Service Bartender, Buffet/Line Cook, Dishwasher Prep., Room Attendants, Bellhop, Blackjack Dealers, Food and Beverage Hostesses/Cashier, Security Officer, Lifeguard, Lifeguard

Cashier, Janitor and Firefighters.

Language Arts Teacher Madras High School Salary Range: \$28,529 - \$56,000

Closing Date for application: Open until filled.

Date Position begins: August 28, 2002

Qualifications: Valid Oregon teaching license with Language Arts endorsement.

Application procedures: Interested candidates should contact:

Jefferson County School District 509-J, 445 SE Buff St., Madras, OR 97741. Phone: 475-6192.

E-mail: cthorpe@509j.net Fax number is (541) 475-6856.

## Class teaches computer skills

Central Oregon Community College's Workforce Basics Skill Center in Madras is registering students for a series of computer skills classes, beginning June 10.

The classes will teach the basic computer skills needed in the workplace.

Classes are designed specifically for adults who are just starting to learn how to operate a computer and will progress slowly.

Workforce Technology I will teach how to turn on and shut down a computer, use a mouse, send and received e-mail and use your start button to open a program.

Workforce Technology II

will include learning how to open, type and save a document to a disk.

In Workforce Technology III students will be learning how to word process a document with margins, as well as highlighting text and then changing its appearance. Students will also work on their keyboarding skills in all three classes.

Each class will meet three days (Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays) from 9am to 1pm and will cost \$20. Students registering for all three classes at once will pay only \$55. Call 504-2910 for registration information. Scholarships are available to cover the tuition.

WHEN IT'S TIME TO CHANGE YOUR OUTLOOK

# Stress

IS DECIDING WHICH CLUB TO USE

Wedge or nine iron? Vichy shower or deep tissue massage?

Such are the conundrums you'll encounter at Kah-Nee-Ta, where decision-making ranges from championship golf to a top-rated spa to fine dining and a vibrant casino. Choices made easier by the special packages available celebrating our multi-million dollar renovation.

Call 1-800-554-4SUN today and start unwinding tomorrow.

**KAH-NEE-TA**  
HIGH DESERT RESORT & CASINO  
1-800-554-4SUN Warm Springs, Oregon