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The new Tribal Council took office last week. The swearing-in was held in front of the Administration Building. Above, council members Garland Brunoe, Carol Wewa and vice-chairman Buck Smith (from left) take the oath of office; at left Councilwoman Rita Squiemphen (left) is congratulated by Arlene Boileau.

### Yakama Nation buys juice plant

TOPPENISH, Wash. (AP) – The Yakama Nation says it has purchased a former juice plant in Selah to bottle apple juice, with plans to expand to other products in the future.

The Hi-Country Foods juice plant began operating in 1937 but closed last November. Yakama Juice will employ 30 full-time employees immediately and could employ as many as 120 people once running at full capacity, the Yakama Nation said in a news release Wednesday.

"We are fortunate that this opportunity came to us," said Virgil Lewis, vice chairman of the Yakama Tribal Council. "It is an opportunity for us to be involved with a business that has a long tradition in the Yakima Valley and to help keep business here locally."

The council unanimously decided to purchase the plant, which tribal officials said will be the first juice plant owned and operated by American Indians in the United States. No purchase price was disclosed and a tribal spokesman did not immediately return a call for additional comment Wednesday.

Yakama Juice will start out bottling

apple juice and has the capability to expand to other fruit and berry juices and bottled water as well, the release said. Yakama Juice will sell under a private label to supermarkets, restaurants and other buyers.

The juice plant also becomes the first Yakama Nation-owned and operated enterprise located off of the Yakama reservation.

"We see this as a great opportunity to expand our economic base," said Davis Washines, secretary of the Tribal Council. "We used to rely solely on timber, now we have evolved into successfully running many different enterprises. Previous Tribal Councils had the foresight to look into the future and make other acquisitions; the birth of Yakama Juice follows that pattern."

The tribe also has a casino.

The Yakama Nation grows several hundred acres of apples on the reservation, but likely will provide only a small percentage of the pulp needed for juice. Yakama Juice anticipates purchasing apples from a number of growers in the region, the release said.

### Howlak tichum

#### In Loving Memory of Robert Orlando Holliday (Julio or Poochie)

Robert O. Holliday of Warm Springs passed away on April 9 on Good Friday at 8:50 p.m. at the hospital in Portland hospital. He was 23.

Mr. Holliday lived and grew up on the Warm Springs Reservation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Holliday. Robert was a very loving son and grandson who loved his family and especially his grandparents who raised him. His grandparents taught him to fish, hunt, cook and many other qualities of life itself. He was always a happy, humorous person and he loved help-

ing others when needed, especially his grandparents and elders, who he respected gratefully.

He is survived by his grandparents, Milton and Buckie Holliday of Warm Springs; parents Magdaleno R. Colazo of Madras and mother Beatrice H. Colazo Lopez of Pasco, Wash.; brothers Johnny, Joel, Larry, Tony, Chico, Freddie, Alonzo of Warm Springs, and his sister Maria of Hillsboro; all his nieces and nephews, his son Dominick Holliday and Lucinda Stwyer of Warm Springs.

Dressing was held at the Warm Springs Presbyterian Church on April 13; then followed by overnight services at the Shaker Church. A short funeral

service was at 10 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church by Pastor Rick. Burial was at the Warm Springs Cemetery.

We all love and miss him, but nobody realizes how each and everyone is affected until they are gone. So please, tell your family members close to you how much you love them. The Lord called upon my son to go to a better place, where he'll have eternal life and watch upon all of us. I, his mother, love and miss my son dearly. I was around him off and on but not enough, like I should have been, but he was my son. I remember the times we talked and I remember him as a baby who was a good son.

### Howlak tichum

#### Ronald "Ron" Governor.

Going to home to be with the Lord, April 18, 2004.

Mr. Governor was born May 2, 1939 to parents Mable and Wesley Governor. He passed away April 18, at the age of 64.

He and Viola were married 44 years. They married on December 5, 1959. They were members of the Full Gospel Church.

Mr. Governor worked as a potato field hard laborer, and Community

Center janitor. He was a coach for the Golden Eagle Boxing Club. He also worked in Fire Management, as a cat operator; and as a mill worker. His recent occupation was supply technician.

His hobbies were riding horses, traveling to camp meetings and tent revivals, and playing guitar.

Mr. Governor is survived by his wife Viola, and brother Earnest. Also, seven children: Angelina, Valerie, Mary, Lorelei, Mervin, Cecil and Leila.

Grandchildren are Maureen, Aletha,

Rozylin, Myron, Galen and Tiana Northrup; Steven Governor, Keith Jackson, Juliene Governor, Ronald Gonzalez, Terrance Miller. Also, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and great-great grandchildren of Oregon and Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Doris, Letha, Geraldine and Ruth; daughter Julie Governor Jackson; and one grandchild, Paul M. Jackson.

## Small Hands to Hold Love ... Not Fire

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### Agency wants fish plan extension

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) – A federal agency that is rewriting a salmon recovery plan for the Pacific Northwest has asked for a six-month extension that would delay a final decision until after the presidential election.

A federal judge ordered NOAA Fisheries to rewrite its recovery plan, known as a biological opinion, last May, after ruling that the existing blueprint violates the Endangered Species Act.

U.S. District Judge James Redden set a June 2 deadline for the new plan. The previous plan, adopted in late 2000 by the Clinton administration, remains in effect while the rewrite is completed.

But in court papers filed recently, the fisheries agency, formerly known as the National Marine Fisheries Service, said it needs another six months to do the job. The agency said the comprehensive nature of the recovery plan, and the extensive work it has done with the four affected states – Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho – as well as Indian tribes and conservation groups in the region, make delay unavoidable.

Some environmentalists are skeptical, saying the Bush administration wants to postpone the politically sensitive decision until after the Nov. 2 election.

"Our view is that they are asking for much more of an extension than is practically necessary or legally warranted," said Todd True, an attorney for Earthjustice, an advocacy group that filed a lawsuit challenging the original biological opinion on behalf of environmental groups.

True and other conservationists say they would not object to an extension of up to three months to allow the government to do a thorough job. But they say six months is too much time.

"It's hard to speculate about motives; certainly there is an event out there in November they might be concerned

about," True.

"I think some extension is reasonable and fair to provide," said Nicole Cordan, policy and legal director for Save Our Wild Salmon, another group involved in the case. "The amount of time the federal folks are seeking just seems more political than necessary."

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