



Cy Jim with a bighorn ram taken recently from the Lower Deschutes River canyon. Jim received one of two off-reservation tags reserved exclusively for tribal members. The ram, estimated to be 8-9 years of age, is only the second taken by a Warm Springs resident in modern times.

Agreement to improve Indian housing

For the first time, three federal agencies have agreed to join forces to address housing needs of American Indians.

The three agencies are Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior.

The announcement of the cooperative agreement came from HUD assistant secretary Michael Liu at the recent conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) in Montana. Liu heads the HUD Office of Public and Indian Housing.

The three agencies agreed to commit to work together to remove barriers that make the home-ownership process more difficult in Indian Country.

Each agency will use its in-house processes and programs to improve assistance to American Indians to develop and operate affordable housing on trust or restricted lands and reservations.

For example, the BIA is in the process of implementing an automated system that will expedite title status reports (TSRs), which is an important documentation that lenders require before a family can obtain a home loan.

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25 years ago this week

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Work has begun on a financial impact study that will determine just how the reservation affects the school district, Superintendent Darrell Wright reported to the Tribal Council. "We've got the ball rolling," he told the Council.

"The point is," he said, "we need factual data so that perhaps we can eliminate some of those opinions which lead to misconceptions."

Wright said that nobody knows for sure what the final outcome will be, but that the figures will be "controversial regardless" of what the committee comes up. Elsewhere:

Over 600 people were in attendance at the 1979 Northwest Indian Education Conference, held in Spokane. The theme of this year's conference was "Education Is A Treaty Right."

And this news:
A native of India, Deepak R. Sehgal, 26, recently took on the newly-created

position of Water Master of the tribes.

At age 4, Sehgal moved with his family from India to the suburbs of Belfast, Northern Ireland, where he lived for about 18 years. "It was getting pretty hot down there, pretty dangerous," Sehgal said, referring to the conflict between Catholics and Protestants.

Because Belfast was "just too rough," he decided to go to the University of Manchester in England where he earned his engineering degree in 1977. Elsewhere:

Temporary insanity hit Warm Springs this Halloween, and tribal employees took advantage of the opportunity to let their inhibitions go.

Many more women than men dressed for the occasion, leaving some to believe that women are more often in work rles that don't allow the "real" person to show through. Would you want to be hired by a black cat? The personnel department employees were seen dressed in a variety of unusual costumes.

Bear euthanized in Central Oregon

(AP) - Wildlife authorities in Central Oregon last week euthanized a black bear that had taken to rummaging through residents' trash.

"Bears exhibiting this kind of behavior - foraging through neighborhoods for trash and other kinds of food - tend to repeat the behavior," said Steven George, Deschutes district wildlife biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "And they usually get more and more aggressive over time."

George said the agency does not relocate these "problem" bears because they will either return to the area or become a problem in another populated place.

"Probably what happened with this bear is, a stronger bear came and took this one's territory," he said. "And so he was here (in Tumalo) looking for a new place to live."

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates that 25,000 black bears currently live in Oregon.

Most of them avoid humans and live alone, in territories of about 10 square miles.

The Tumalo bear was captured Wednesday night in a trap set less than two days earlier. George said the animal was lured by parts of a deer the agency salvaged as roadkill.

Some residents said they had been worried about the animal eventually becoming a threat.

"I'm glad he's gone, but I'm also sorry that it had to turn out this way," said Anna Andersen. But Tumalo resident Doug Coats said he was upset about the euthanization.

"What do you expect, if you stick the garbage out?" he said. "To me, it's not the bear's fault, it's the people's fault." When a bear is first reported in a residential area, the wildlife agency first tries to educate residents on how to prevent the bear from returning, asking them to keep their trash, pet food and other items likely to attract bears inside their house or garage.

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