

## Howlak Tichum

### Michael Hellon

In everlasting memory of Michael Shane Fox Hellon born on January 27, 1979 to Carol Ann Fox also known as Rebecca Beech, and Leo Hellon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was 26 years old at the time of his tragic death on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005, in Warm Springs, where he was a life long resident and enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes. Michael, or affectionately named YiYa by family members, enjoyed a variety of interests in his short life, most of which were in the field of sports.

Michael had a lifetime passion for basketball, understandable, as Michael was one of, if not the tallest Warm Springs tribal member. He traveled and participated in many of the all-Indian basketball tournaments throughout the northwest among his favorites were the Warm Springs All-Indian Holiday Tournaments and the Yakama All-Indian Tournament of Champions. Michael was well respected by many as a teammate and opponent, and all knew Michael as a trusted friend.

In Michael's later life he also enjoyed the Mixed Martial Arts, as a fan and practitioner and trained under J.T. Tyler, expert martial arts instructor of Bend.

Besides an athlete, he was also an accomplished artist, mainly free hand sketching,

which works were appreciated by many. He was also a hard worker and dedicated employee of Warm Springs Composite Products, where he had many coworkers and friends. He did a variety of work assignments for Composite Products, the last as an entry-level supervisor.

Besides leaving behind many friends and teammates, Michael is survived by a large and loving family who include his father Leo, his mom Victoria, brothers Charlie, Lewis, Lee, Young Leo, and Syrus (who Michael cherished as a little brother), all of Warm Springs; step sisters Deborah Still of Burns, and Laura Johnson of Warm Springs. Also surviving are Michael's paternal grandmother Agnes Tulee, and family of the Yakama Indian Nation. Michael's traditional dressing ceremonies were officiated by Margaret Boise, and an all-denominational service was held with sermon by Brother Earl Tufti, followed by traditional WaShut Services, with Fred Wallulatum officiating at the Simnasho Longhouse. Michael was laid to rest at the Red Lake Cemetery, beside his sister Shana Lea on the morning of May 31, 2005. Michael is missed by many and no saying is more fitting than "the light that shines twice as bright burns half as long."

### Ronald Kalama

Ronald "Bugger" Kalama passed away June 1, 2005. He was 58.

Mr. Kalama was born August 3, 1946 at Warm Springs to parents Leonard Kalama and Ella Battise.

Mr. Kalama was a lifetime resident of Warm Springs, and served in the U.S. Army.

He worked as a welder at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, and was a member of the Welders Union.

Mr. Kalama enjoyed his work as a welder and enjoyed metal sculpting and ornamental ironwork. He also liked to ice skate and play the piano. He wrote and drew cartoons for the Spilyay Tymoo and

Yakama Nation newspapers under the name of "Johnny Mountain Goat."

Mr. Kalama was involved in the Warm Springs Boxing Club and Boy Scout Troop No. 59.

He is survived by children Verona Red Fox of Shlewa, Wash., Leonard Red Fox of Bellingham, Wash., Michael Kalama of Warm Springs, Ronetta Kalama of Harrah, Wash., Shawna Kalama of Toppenish, Wash., and Pamela Kalama of Warm Springs; brother Gerald Wewa of Warm Springs; sisters Carol Wewa, Vivian Wewa and Lois Lesarley, all of Warm Springs; and numerous grandchildren.

### Edwin Tryon Cornwell

Edwin Tryon Cornwell passed away on May 12, 2005 at Desert Cove Nursing Center in Chandler, Ariz. Mr. Cornwell was born January 10, 1915 in Oregon City. During his collegiate years in the 1930s, he played football and wrestled for Oregon State.

He served in the Navy during World War II, and is an honorary member of the Warm Springs Indian Tribe. He spent his years as an entrepreneur, raising and selling Christmas trees and timber.

Mr. Cornwell was an accomplished skier, fly fisherman and hunter.

Mr. Cornwell is preceded in death by Iris, his wife of 50 years, his sister Mary James, and nephew Stanley James. He is survived by his nephew David James of Dundee, and his niece Mary Knaupp of Chandler, Ariz. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 13 at the Little Chapel of the Chimes, 11667 SE Stevens Road, Portland (503-656-1184).

## Drought compounds challenges facing Columbia

(AP) — The water seems quiet and calm at the mouth of the Columbia River, offering no hint of its turbulent history or the deep emotions it provokes in the Pacific Northwest.

From its headwaters in British Columbia's Selkirk Mountains, the river weaves through a tapestry of mountains, desert sagebrush and steep canyons to the Pacific Ocean. Along the way, it serves as the cord that ties the region together.

It nourishes communities and crops, wildlife and fish. It provides a treasure of irrigation, transportation and electricity. For Indian peoples the river spiritual, and part of the traditional culture.

But demands on the river are escalating as the region changes, and conflicts that smolder along the river are heating up.

A multi-year drought and significant growth have parched communities and farmers demanding more water from the river and its tributaries. Dismal snowpack this spring will leave streams and rivers low, once again raising the specter of a fish vs. power debate.

Worries can be heard from competing Columbia water users: the Native American tribes

of the river, fishermen, farmers who rely on barge transportation to get grain to market, vintners who need irrigation to feed the region's growing wine industry.

"Whoever controls this river and its resources controls so much of the wealth of this region," said Katrine Barber, assistant professor of history at Portland State University. "Nobody is very happy with the compromise that gets struck. I think that's probably going to be the future."

Between 1990 and 2000, the population in Washington, Idaho and Oregon grew more than 20 percent, increasing demand for water and power. That growth continues today, even as parts of the Columbia River basin enter their seventh straight year of severe drought.

In Idaho, the water supply outlook for the summer was reported as "dismal" by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. In Washington state, snowpack and the water supply are the worst since records have been kept.

The region is getting warmer, said Alan Hamlet, research scientist for the University of Washington's Climate Impacts

Group. Since 1950, the Pacific Northwest has lost as much as half of its average annual snowpack. Part of the decline can be attributed to drier conditions, but higher temperatures also played a role, Hamlet said.

The result: More rain flowing down the river in winter and spring, when it's already flush with water, instead of a heavy snowpack melting slowly during the dry summer months, maintaining streamflows for irrigation, fish, recreation and transportation.

Too many questions remain unanswered about any potential climate change to drastically alter how the system is currently run, said Bill McDonald, regional director of the federal Bureau of Reclamation, which manages water for irrigation and power generation.

If average precipitation doesn't vary drastically, but shifts from snow to rain, the river poses a completely different water management challenge. In that case, the question becomes whether the region has enough reservoir space to store water for summer and fall, McDonald said.

But if the drought is so deep that it represents a fundamen-

tal decline in water, storage is no longer an issue, and having enough water to go around becomes the problem, he said.

Meanwhile, the fight over the region's water supply continues. Hundreds of applications for new water rights remain unanswered, leaving both irrigators and municipalities infuriated and in limbo.

Tribal, commercial and sport fishermen are bemoaning a sharp decline in spring chinook returns this year — now forecast at less than one-fourth the anticipated 250,000 salmon following five years of promising salmon returns.

They contend the decline proves salmon recovery efforts in the Columbia River basin aren't working.

The dismal snowpack also has utilities warning of higher power rates this summer from the resulting low streamflows.

The Columbia River has changed drastically since Meriwether Lewis and William Clark camped on its banks 200 years ago. Since then, water has been treated much like the mining and timber resources that fueled the settlement of the West, Hamlet said. Now, the times are changing.

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### Marvena J. Thompson

Marvena J. Thompson passed away on May 24, 2005. She was 45.

Mrs. Thompson was born June 17, 1959 at Redmond to parents Marvin Meanus and Doris Squiempfen. She was married to R.T. Thompson on March 26, 2000 at Warm Springs.

Mrs. Thompson was a lifetime resident of Warm Springs. Survivors include her husband R.T.; children Reanna Charley, Cody Lesina, Alyssia, Falcon, Marvin, Jeannine Thompson, all of Warm Spring, and Wynter Erickson of Alaska; brothers Marvin Jr. and Michael Meanus, both of Warm Springs; sisters Andrea Kalama, Madene Meanus, Marva Lawrence, Louella Heath Jackson and Evelyn Gilbert, all of Warm Springs; and two grandchildren.

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