

## Letters to the Editor

### Vote Kulongoski



On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Get Out to Vote Committee, I am pleased to announce that the tribe has officially endorsed Ted Kulongoski for Governor of the State of Oregon.

This is a key testimony of the community and Tribal Council's support for our Governor and I encourage everyone to get out and vote.

If anyone has questions or comments, please contact any member of the committee: Julie Quaid, Teeny Miller, Urbana Ross, Lonny Macy, Louraina Hintsala, Fritz Miller, Louie Pitt, Margie Tuckta or myself.

Again, I encourage everyone to get out and vote and I encourage you to vote for Ted Kulongoski for Governor.

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return, no questions asked. Or if you have information regarding this bag or any of the contents, please call 325-3205 and leave a message. Thank you.

Joseph Smith, aka Irkie.

### Our future

I didn't want to write this letter but someone has to remind our leaders of their responsibilities. I am writing this letter in regard to the direction that our tribe is going. I feel that the tribe has spent a lot of funds on travel and other items but we have yet to accomplish something. We have been losing funds for years - we are not making good decisions for the future. We need to give our young people a future. Our leaders need to be responsible for the jobs that they are suppose to be doing.

I am concerned about our spending of tribal funds. It seems to me that only the consultants and attorneys are getting rich.

I am concerned about our management and Tribal Council. I can't understand how they make decisions. I have to say it again, "We don't seem to be getting anything accomplished!"

We are having more and more problems and if we continue to go in this direction we bigger problems in the future. Our employment rate is getting higher and higher. I know we have a lot of tribal members with no jobs, no housing - nothing.

I am requesting that a \$1,500 or \$2,000 bonus be given to our tribal members. The tribal members should make this decision. I do not want our tribal member funds going to consultants. We have spent a lot of funds on the Gorge Casino and still after four years we have nothing.

I hope the tribal members are listening to what I am saying. I would like to remind everyone that elections are coming up in April, and that is not too far away. **Uren Leonard**, enrollment number 1146.

Thank you for writing to the Spilyay. The next deadline to submit an item for publication is Friday, Nov. 3. Thank you.

### Graduate

*Congratulations to recent graduate RaNeva Dowty, who graduated on September 7, 2006, at Yakima, Wash., from the Medex NW Physician Assistant Training Program. Medex is part of the University of Washing School of Medicine. In addition to her certificate, RaNeva also obtained her Bachelor's Degree. RaNeva is a tribal member and the daughter of Levi and Crystal Keo of Simnasho.*

### Hood to Coast

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our Hood to Coast Team.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Warm Springs Composite Products, Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Brunoe Logging, Guerin Logging, Earth 2 0, Warm Springs Market, and Vernon Squiemphen.

I have always been lucky in getting the people I do to run on the team. This year was no exception. Those runners were: Kaipō Akaka, Ray Anderson, Lex Anguiano, Angela Anderson, Zena Bartz, Shawn Harry, Yvette Leecy, Monica Leonard, Rich Lohman, Sean Sohapp, Robin Smith and Ina Wainanwit. Special thanks to Geri Polk for being our other driver. Everyone did a great job, as always!

We did run into some



The Reservation Runners 2006 Hood to Coast team.

problems this year that we haven't had before and that was six of our runners got blisters on the run. That is really an unusual occurrence. Normally, there is no more than one or two. What a record! Also, two of our runners hurt themselves during the run. They have both recovered and are doing well.

In any case, everyone is looking forward to next year and has already started their training (after several weeks of recuperating after the run). You can see them out there running the hill at Fire Management or around "the loop" (from the Commu-

nity Center, up East Tenino, onto Highway 26 and back down to the Community Center). They have been a dedicated bunch of people!

I appreciate their dedication and the whole team appreciates everyone's support of their endeavors.

We couldn't do it without our sponsors and they couldn't do it without the support of their families and friends. Thank you, everyone!

**Val Squiemphen**, captain, Reservation Runners.

### Missing bag

To whom it may concern, On October 7, 2006, after my little cousin's funeral at the Agency Longhouse, my round bag, red and black plaid with black handle, came up missing. This bag contains two hand drums, a maroon vest with beaded eagle design on the back and buckskin around all the edges, a woven bag made with brown twine, red, white and turquoise stripes (this bag contains a bell), a pair of moccasins with beadwork around the edge of the foot, a green lanyard with a beaded keychain that has multi-colored feather design, a red C keychain and numerous keys.

All contents of the bag have sentimental value and are of great importance to me. Please

### Myths and facts about diabetes

**Question:** Hydrogen Peroxide is good to use on a sore?

**Answer:** Hydrogen peroxide actually may slow down the healing of a sore. When a wound starts to heal, it starts building up layers of new skin cells.

If you put hydrogen perox-

ide on a wound, it actually strips off the new developing layer of skin, making healing time longer.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 553-2478.

**Elsie Howard**, Diabetes Nurse Educator, Warm Springs Diabetes Program.

### Wishing you a Safe and Happy Halloween



Artist Travis Bobb wishes everyone a Happy Halloween!

### Congressmen push to allow hunting of salmon-hungry sea lions

(AP) - Fishery officials have tried just about everything to keep California sea lions from munching on threatened salmon migrating up the Columbia River - from yelling at them to setting off firecrackers. But nothing has worked.

Last week, two Washington state congressmen announced at Bonneville Dam - where the pesky and portly pinnepedes have been doing most of their munching - that they are going to enlist Congress for help.

Sea lions are protected by federal law. But Republican Doc Hastings and Democrat Brian Baird said they will introduce a bill that would let officials from the two states, as well

as American Indians, quickly obtain permits to kill a limited number of sea lions that are going after salmon in the Columbia.

"These sea lions have belied up to an endangered salmon buffet and they will be eating thousands and thousands of fish right here this spring if we don't do something about it," Hastings said.

They say numerous attempts to scare the sea lions off, including yelling at them, shocking them and exploding fireworks, have failed.

When the Marine Mammal Protection Act was passed in 1972, there were about 50,000 California sea lions.

Oregon officials say their numbers have grown to 300,000.

The bill proposed by Baird and Hastings could allow the states to kill some of the sea lions as early as next spring. The expedited process would be temporary - just three years.

Under the proposal, officials from those states and the Columbia River tribes would be able to apply for permits from the Secretary of Commerce to "lethally" remove up to 10 California sea lions over a 14-day period that are known to have "preyed upon salmon" and have resisted efforts to scare them off.

The number of sea lions

killed in a single year would not be allowed to exceed 1 percent of what's known as the Potential Biological Removal level, or 80 California sea lions a year in this case.

Michael Garrity, associate director of American Rivers, an environmental group, objects to the bill, saying dams and the degradation of salmon species' habitat is more to blame for their decline in numbers.

"It seems like whenever the federal government's failures to restore these salmon become obvious, you often see relatively minor problems like sea lions scapegoated," Garrity said.

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