

# The Oregonian drops Indians

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Indians have disappeared from the pages of Oregon's largest newspaper, along with Braves, Redmen and Redskins. The Oregonian has officially declared the nicknames of those sports teams racist. The paper will not print them.

"We do not expect the rest of the journalistic world to fall into line behind us, nor do we presume that our action will change any team names," the newspaper's managing editor, Peter Thompson, said on February 15.

"But we have concluded that we will not be a passive participant in perpetuating racial or cultural stereotypes in our community - whether by the use of nicknames or in any other way," Thompson said.

In its Sunday editions, the newspaper dropped all references to the "Braves" in an Associated Press story about Deion Sanders leaning toward a baseball career with the Atlanta Braves rather than football with the Atlanta Falcons.

But The Oregonian's story about Sanders did not mention the Braves by name. It referred to the team as "National League champion Atlanta," or "the baseball team."

Thompson said the decision was triggered partly by the behavior of the Atlanta Braves organization and its fans during the World Series. Atlanta fans appeared on national television in fake head dresses and war paint, chanting and making an arm motion known as the "tomahawk chop."

Atlanta Braves' general manager, John Schuerholz, when informed of the

newspaper's decision, replied: "I have no reaction to that. What they do in Oregon is their business."

In a statement that was circulated among staff Friday and appeared in Sunday editions, Editor William A. Hilliard said:

"I have directed this action with the belief that these names tend to perpetuate stereotypes that damage the dignity and self-respect of many people in our society and that this harm far transcends any innocent entertainment or promotional value these names may have." "America is a multicultural society and all of us have an absolute right to demand respect from our fellow citizens."

Thompson said the decision was made after editors listened to the views of many ethnic groups, including American Indians represented on his staff.

He said the paper took particular note of a column by Tim Giago, publisher of the Lakota Times, a South Dakota-based weekly newspaper with a wide circulation among American Indians:

"The same rituals, such as the wearing of feathers, smoking of so-called peace pipes, beating of tom-toms, fake dances, horrendous attempts at singing Indian songs, the so-called war whoops, and the painted faces, address more than the issue of racism. They are direct attacks upon the spirituality of the Indian people," Giago wrote.

"Stop insulting the spirituality and the traditional beliefs of the Indian people by making us mascots for athletic teams. Is that asking so much of America?"

# Senior Service Coordinator takes office

By Cathy Clive

The great and powerful Tracy Hubbell, former tribal receptionist, followed her yellow brick road all the



Tracy Hubbell has a new office to show off her Wizard of Oz collection.

way to the Land of the Community Center.

Tracy traded in her telephone message pad for her own office, with lots of room to display all of her Wizard of Oz collectables.

As the new Facilities/Senior Services Coordinator, she is now responsible for scheduling and monitoring the use of the tribal community center. She is also responsible for working with the seniors to coordinate committee and social activities, and provide clerical support.

Tracy, the granddaughter of Rosco and Rosella Langley, is looking forward to working with more people as her job continues. "I used to have contact with more people at my old job," she said. "Now, I like working with the elders the best."

Her first trip planned for the elders to "Elders Honor Day" at Warm Springs was a total success.

Good luck with your new job Tracy!

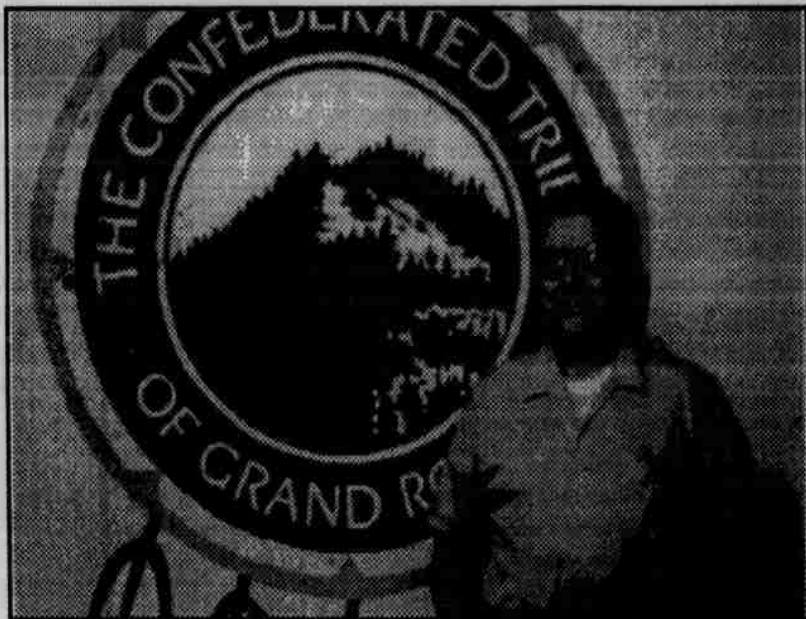
## REMEMBER...

The Planning Department and the Economic Development Department have moved to the new modular building located behind the Tribal Government Building at the tribal offices.

Official Grand Opening and blessing ceremony for Tribal Community Center is scheduled for April 15, 1992



## HAPPY RETIREMENT RILEY PORTER!



Tribal member Riley Porter retires April 3, after 20 years of service to the cause of Native American sobriety. Riley is featured in the Who's Who of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) as having begun the most AA programs; all in the Willamette Valley and Grand Ronde area. He will be leaving his post as counselor at Nanitch Sahallie to travel in his new mobile home and go fishing. Considered a Distinguished Tribal Elder he will be asked to lecture on tribal history, sobriety, and alcoholism at Nanitch Sahallie. "Riley is a person who has always been willing to give to others," Joanna Rogers, Director of Nanitch Sahallie, said. "We hope now he will finally let life start giving to him."



### Nominations for Tribal Council

Nominations for Tribal Council candidates will be held at the May 1992 General Council Meeting.

Any duly enrolled member who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election is qualified to be a candidate.

Any eligible voter may nominate a candidate from the floor at said May meeting. The candidate must be present at the meeting and either accept or decline the nomination.

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