

TRIBAL NEWS BRIEFS...

Portland Officers Disciplined For Racist Imitation of Dance

Two Portland police officers have been counselled on racial awareness after admitting they imitated American Indian "drumming" and dancing around an elderly Indian whom they had detained.

The two officers have been disciplined, the Police Bureau has confirmed. The bureau declined to release their names.

A Portland woman who witnessed the March 2 incident while riding home on her bicycle filed a complaint three days later with the bureau's internal investigations.

"The police car was making a strange noise and its lights were flashing, so I slowed down as I approached it," wrote Vanessa Redwick.

"I witnessed one male police officer in the passenger seat using the loudspeaker on-off switch to make a strange noise. The other officer was out of the car on the sidewalk next to a seated older American Indian."

"The officer was dancing around the seated man in an imitation of Indian dancing, complete with whooping noises. Then I realized that the accompanying clicking noise that the cop in the car was making with the loudspeaker was supposed to be a tom-tom rhythm."

"This was one of the most racist actions I have ever witnessed," Redwick wrote.

Redwick said Sgt. Susan Fachini of Central Precinct contacted her and told her the officers had acknowledged the actions Redwick had described.

Fachini said the two had received counselling.

"I determined their actions occurred not out of malice or vindictiveness but out of insensitivity or ignorance, so I proceeded with the counselling session," Fachini said.

Tribes Ready for "Oregon Trail Migration"

Native American Tribes of the Northwest are preparing a big welcome for the next wave of Oregon Trail "immigrants"—the tens of thousands of tourists expected to visit the region this summer for celebrations marking 150th anniversary of the opening of the trail.

For the first time, more than 40 tribes from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will be cooperating in a joint promotion and marketing campaign designed to draw tourists to attractions and special events on Northwest reservations.

A key part of the campaign by the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) will be publication of a combination map and calendar of events that will show scenic attractions and other points of interest on the reservations as well as dates and locations of pow-wows, all-Indian rodeos, exhibits, and museum and cultural center activities.

The map/calendar will be distributed on reservations, nearby communities, chambers of commerce, and other locations this month.

ATNI has engaged Liberty et al., and Indian-owned advertising and marketing resource agency based in Bend, Oregon to produce and coordinate this promotion, which is projected to cost \$35,000-\$40,000. The organization also has participation from tribes in Alaska, Northern California, and Nevada. The organization seeks to promote tribal, reservation, and individual economic development through grass-roots efforts.

Walking On: Deborah Cannon---1950-1993

Deborah (Debe) Grenia Cannon, 42, died of a malignant brain tumor at her home in Fovant, Salisbury England on March 2, 1993. She was the beloved wife of Wing Commander Don Cannon who is a member of the Royal Air Force and Base Commander at Chilmark. RAF, England.

The daughter of Lt. Col. Carroll F. & Mrs. Grenia of Belleville, Illinois was born June 1, 1950 in Fort Richardson, Alaska. She was the sister of William Grenia of Dallas, Oregon and Kelly Grenia of Willamina, Oregon. Mrs. Cannon had one niece, Gina Grenia of Belleville, Illinois, and two living Aunts; Fern Black of Fairview Heights, Illinois, and Josephine Towers of White Salmon, Washington.

Mrs. Cannon Graduated from Belleville Township High School East in 1968. She was married in 1982 at the First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville. She was also a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Funeral Services were held at St. Margaret's Church in Chilmark, England on March 8, 1993. Most of her ashes were buried at St. Margaret's church cemetery on March 10, 1993.

The remainder of her ashes will be spread on Spirit Mountain in Grand Ronde, during a special ceremony which will be held on June 12, 1993 at 10:00 A.M. at the Grand Ronde Cemetery. Debe was a loving and caring person to everyone who knew her and she will be sadly missed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tribal member Toni LaChance married Mike Stahl on April 24, 1993 in Newberg, Oregon at the Church of the Nazarene. Toni's parents are Tom and Charlene LaChance of Dayton. The newlyweds, who are expecting twins in September, reside in McMinnville.

Ellen Langley and Walt Brewster will be married June 3, 1993. A reception and dance will follow the wedding at the Grand Ronde Tribal Community Center. It will begin at 6:00 P.M.



Walt Brewster & Ellen Langley

Congratulations to tribal member Eddie Denham II and his wife, Sonja on the recent birth of their daughter Shylen Lee Denham. She was born April 12, 1993 weighing 6 lbs., 14 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Diana George-Stogsdill and Ron Stogsdill of Salem. And Edward Denham, also of Salem, Oregon.

Congratulations to Mike and Shannon Lane on the birth of their beautiful baby boy born May 13, 1993. Nathaniel Clayton James Lane weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. Grand parents on the father's side are Diane Lane and the late Clayton Lane. Great-Grandmother is Dorothy McKnight Lawe. Aunt: Dorothy Lane.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Jill and Jim Harris, Great-Grandmother Mildred Stenett.

Cemetery News

Anyone needing a grave marker please let the Cemetery Committee know. All we need is the home and dates.

I would like to thank Tina Grout, my Secretary, my daughter, Cindy Butler, and two friends of the Stahl family--Susan Nelson and DeDee Hathaway for helping us make sandwiches for the Stahl family luncheon on May 13, 1993.

Also I would like to wish the Cemetery Committee's Vice Chair, Zelda Lane, for a speedy recovery. She is in the hospital in Portland.

Wilmaene Butler

Chairperson

Special Art Showing

A special art showing will be held June 7, 1993 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Tribal Community Center. The show is sponsored by TRANS Designs representatives Camille Mercier and Zoe Schirman.

Fine art as well as reproductions will be on display. Orders will also be taken. Come and see! There will be a raffle for an art print, matted and framed in your choice of colors! Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to a tribal Youth Program.