

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/NEWS

My people,

Yes, it has been a while since I have put an article in our newsletter, which doesn't mean I have tiptoed away into the night. I had been told by several parties that my articles were getting personal and retaliatory, "witch hunting" and finger pointing.

Politically, our whole country is based primarily on a two-party system. And so is our tribe. Now, that's not a bad thing, but politics are more or less one party telling another they can run the country (or tribe) better than the other. So, when I as a candidate choose to plead for your votes, I feel it in my best interests to inform you as a voter of just what is wrong with the present regime.

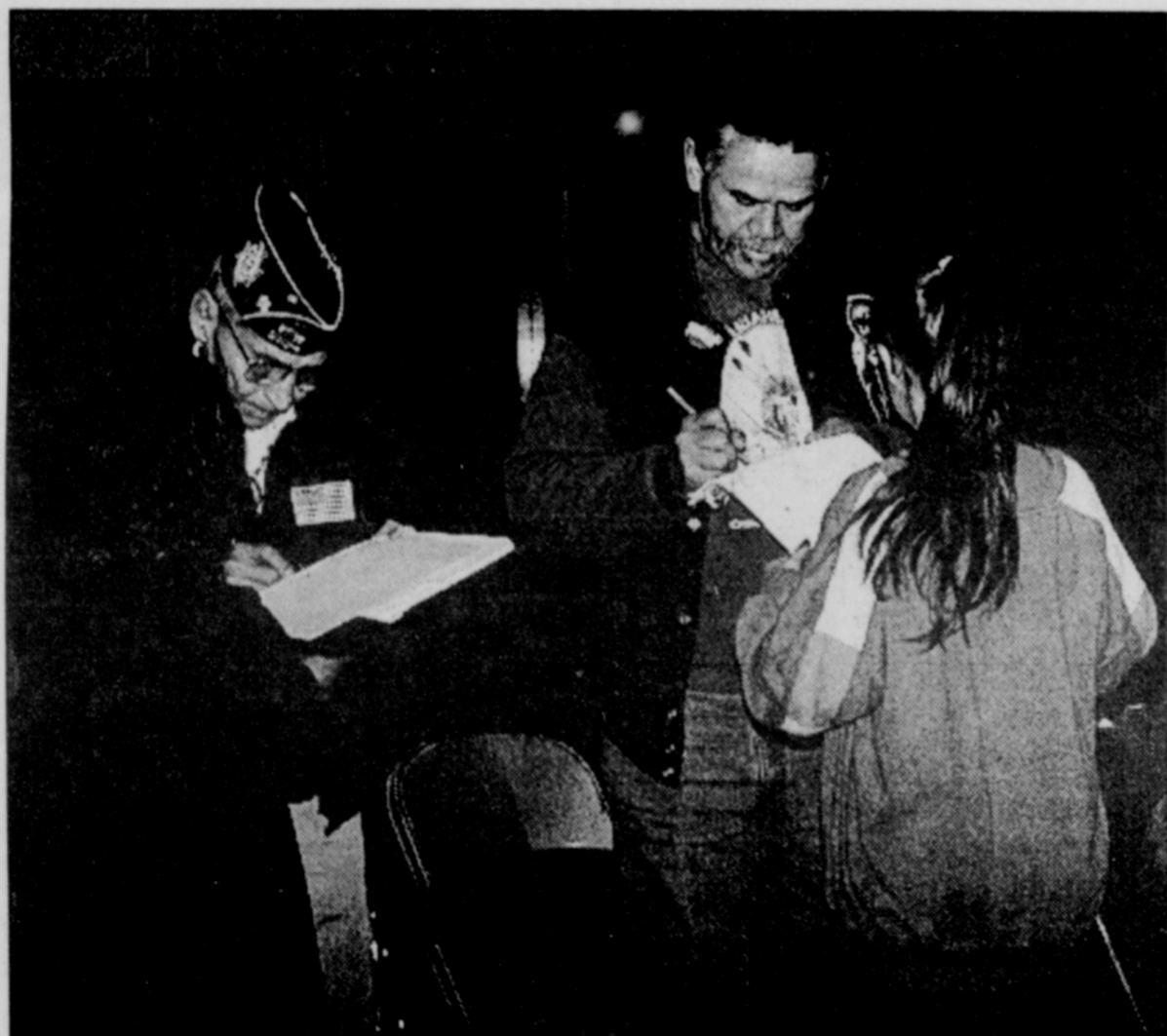
My number one issue is education. I feel that the present Council is not doing all it can to enhance our student programs. We need to use the casino money set aside for education **now!** Council is cutting program monies, while the casino funds sit in an account. I promise to work to the best of my ability to change this.

We also need to start moving toward economic development. Our only "iron in the fire" is the proposed RV park in Salem. We need to diversify and start branching out into other fields other than our casino. The money for future developments is also in an account. We need to use it **now!** I will promise to work toward a fully developed program.

After the health fiasco, it is very apparent some changes have to be made. We cannot keep having a million dollar shortfall every two years or so. We need to put policies and people in place to assure the success of a full-coverage health program for **all** of our tribal members. So, these are some of the problems facing us, not in the near future, but **now!**

I feel it is time for some of the people on Council to leave. It is time for new minds and new ideas to be brought forward. I feel I am one of those who can do this for my people.

Thank you,
C.W. Case



Eddie Collins and Benny Marzan sign autographs for children at the Veterans Day ceremony at Siletz School.

Jim Kikumoto Hired as Chinook Winds General Manager

Jim Kikumoto has been hired by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians as the general manager for Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center. Officially hired on Dec. 21, he will actively assume his position in mid-January 2001.

According to Siletz Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley, he was selected as the general manager "because of his experience and background in regulation and the managing of other casinos." The Gaming Board of Directors was particularly impressed with his style and leadership abilities.

Kikumoto has held several senior management positions in Nevada as well as the Midwest. His experience is extensive in all areas of casino operations, with diversified background in management styles and philosophies. He has firsthand knowledge of all casino games, having worked on the casino floor himself at the beginning of his career.

Kikumoto has served as casino manager of the Red Lion Inn & Casino in Elko, Nev., as well as Cactus Pete's Resort & Casino in Jackpot, Nev. He has held the position of general manager at three casinos: Treasure Island Resort & Casino in Welch, Minn.; Cactus Pete's Resort & Casino in Jackpot, Nev.; and most recently Prairie Knights Casino & Lodge in Fort Yates, N.D.

Pigsley praised Games Director Jim Lorson and Advertising Manager Chris Steinbach for the marvelous job they did during the six-month period between June and January, acting in the capacity of assistant general manager and general manager, respectively.

"Chris and Jim accepted the challenge to run the casino as a team when Gordon Dickey left in July of this year. This allowed the Board of Directors to devote adequate time searching for a new general manager. They are to be commended for their leadership throughout this transition period."

Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center, located in Lincoln City, Ore., is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon.

See additional
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