

The Willamette Valley Sacred Site Preservation Committee

is an organization that formed recently to oppose the ongoing destruction of sacred sites in Western Oregon.

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boundary of Oregon, but who knows whether the site will be deemed suitable for nuclear dumping.

As a back-up plan, the Siletz could offer to trade the land in Salem (where brothels are outlawed) to the Paiutes in exchange for land in Nevada (where MRS's are outlawed). In such a way, the Ft. McDermitt Tribal Council would be able to establish a nuclear dumping grounds in Salem and the Siletz Tribal Council would be able to establish a brothel in Nevada. They might even be able to work out a joint venture agreement where each Tribe could be junior partner in the other's nuclear and sexual operations.

This sort of land swap would work for other Nevada Tribes, too. Unlike the Paiutes of Ft. McDermitt, other Tribes in Nevada have no lands outside of the state. For this reason, they have not been able to take advantage of the federal program encouraging U.S. Tribes to store nuclear waste on reservation lands. And, of course, Tribes located other states are in the same situation as Siletz: no chance at all to open a brothel.

The only part that is missing is a federal program to encourage Tribes to cash in on the very profitable and well-established economic enterprise of prostitution. For tribal governments who are bankrupt enough to store nuclear waste and open casino-style gaming centers in order to make big and easy money, operating a brothel seems a reasonable next step.

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Open Forum

A letter to the Editor of the Siletz Free Press

I am an Indian that is part white. I have heard many times about Indian persecution and I have lived with it for many years in the public schools, in churches and in business.

I moved to Siletz in 1988 and moved into the Indian Housing in 1989 with my wife Agnes. We left a home in Terrebonne at a great financial loss as my wife was terminally ill.

She wanted to be with her people for her last days. We burned our bridges for any other life, used up all our resources, and sold everything we could to do this. I am now broke, 100% disabled and in a wheelchair most of the time.

I now run into more racial prejudice than what I believe existed. I only wanted to stay here temporarily, but now I have no money to leave with. I have suffered the greatest loss in my life in the death of my wife of 46 years. I am now losing my home with nowhere to go. I am more white than Indian, but I am an Indian at heart and have always lived that way. I don't hate the people who are doing this to me. I feel sorry for them and their ignorance. May God bless them.

To My Great Sorrow,

Ralph Flanary

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lands and extend reservations without limit. In short, Siletz is asking that Indians no longer be thought of in terms of "elimination." And some people are highly optimistic that Siletz, a U.S. federal judge will agree.

I'm not betting on it. The psychology of elimination still rules the day. Reservations are still made to function as the whiteman's toilet. What was that I was reading about the Ft. McDermitt Tribe's plans to use reservation lands in southern Oregon to store nuclear waste? What was that I was reading about the Warm Springs Tribes' plans to use reservation lands as a landfill for Portland's garbage? □

SPIRITUAL GATHERING

Phrophecy says there will come a time when each of us must stand up and recognize ourselves for who we really are ..."

March 20, 1993, the Siletz Tribal Council fully supported our request for use of the the Tribal Community Center and the grounds to host a "Spiritual Gathering of the Native Youth and Elders" of Oregon, July 1st - 4th, 1993.

It is our belief that it is time for a gathering of the people in order to overcome the bitterness and confusion that is threatening the survival of our Red Nation.

The Elders of all Nations have always fulfilled the