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The Chinns: Time For A Change

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THE REV. CHINN FAMILY:
CAL, JASON, ROBIN, STEPHEN AND NANCY

Change is not easy when it isn't chosen.

That is why it was difficult for Warm Springs to say goodbye to Presbyterian minister Calvin Chinn and his family, who left this week for a new life in San Anselmo, California.

The Chinns have chosen to change directions and we who became so accustomed to their friendship must adapt to their decision and the hole it leaves in our community. As with any loss it is painful for a time, but we find ways to cope and even grow.

After five and a half years in the Warm Springs community it was time for the Chinns to move on. It was time for Cal to return to academia. It was time for Nancy to surround herself with fellow painters. It was time for the kids — Robin, Stephen and Jason — to find new challenges in another school.

A parish minister for the twelve years since he left the San Francisco Theological Seminary, Cal, 38, felt the need to step back and reflect on what he has done. He is returning to his alma mater to take on instructional responsibilities in the Department of Ministries as well as pastoral work for the seminary community. He expects his return to an academic environment to be an experience of "enrichment, renewal, growth and stimulation" — the shot in the arm one needs when he begins to feel "used up."

Cal is also going home.

Raised in San Francisco's Chinatown, he left behind most of his family when he ventured north and it is time to rejoin loved ones. Cal looks forward to a family reunion this summer in honor of his mother's birthday.

For Nancy, San Anselmo may mean growth as a painter, an identity that has developed dramatically during her years in Warm Springs. She will have a studio — "a focus place" — in their 18-room house, and anticipates meeting other like-minded people as well as taking advantage of the cultural and educational opportunities of an urban environment.

I'm excited about what might be there for each of us and the growth that's going to bring," remarked Nancy.

Cal and Nancy's lively and sharp grade school age kids are already enrolled in such summer classes as gymnastics, needlework and science. Dubious about leaving friends, Robin, Stephen and Jason seem nevertheless to be philosophical about the move. Their concerns have been that all their precious belongings get packed securely and the less precious get sold at one of the family garage sales for a good price. They will have a huge new house to explore and fill and Robin already has her eye on a tiny windowed room for "sitting and thinking."

As settled as the Chinns appear to have been in Warm Springs, coming to the reservation was another kind of change.

Cal's previous churches in Medford, Oregon and Riverside, California were homogenous in their white, middle class membership and the young pastor was hungry for experiences with other people.

Warm Springs presented itself as an opportunity to "learn to live with differences" and Cal moved his family to the isolation of the reservation. Five years later the fusion of the family and the community attests to the fullness of their experience.

Warm Springs and the Chinns were gifts to each other. They grew in each other's presence.

Greeted with new concepts of space, time and culture, the Chinns found themselves shedding some of their German and Chinese upbringing. At the same time certain of their values were reconfirmed. In Warm Springs it was easy to be direct, to laugh and tease, to feel part of an extended family.

Always aware and appreciative of the differences between themselves and the community, the Chinns were in their own words "sojourners" on the reservation. But having internalized some of the values of pace and informality, the Chinns are bound to appear a bit odd at times in their new environment of hurried sophistication.

In fact the Chinns' ability to adapt was the way they were able to give to Warm Springs. As pastor, Cal brought a relaxed and youthful feeling to the

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There was this old lady who entered the rest home and upon her arrival she asked another lady at the home what they did for recreation there. The other day's reply was, "We use the recreation room, go on picnics, take tours of the city, and have social functions every so often."

The new lady asks, "What are the men doing around this time of the day?" "They are probably in the recreation room playing checkers." The new lady thought she would stir up some excitement and streak through the recreation room while all the men were there. She takes off all her clothes, goes through the recreation room, passing these two guys playing checkers. After she had passed one of the guys said, "Wasn't that the new lady that just went by?" "Yeah," replied the other, "and you know something, whatever she was wearing really needed ironing." YIKES

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There were these two ladies discussing man's best friend. The first lady said to the other, "I wonder why they consider the dog man's best friend?" The second lady said, "Perhaps it's for the simple reason that dogs can't talk." YIKES

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David and Elmer were on their way home from work one evening. David said, "You know that I never really appreciated my child's school teacher until now, since the summer vacation is here." YIKES

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There was this guy that just returned from his two-week summer vacation. He said, "This year my vacation was so dull that all the fun parts were just getting there." YIKES

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QUIZ

(1) True or False: Did the man who invented the vacuum machine invent the milking machine?

Blondes or Brunettes?

(2) True or False: Is the Warden of a New York Prison a Grand-ma?

(4) In the U.S. there are 218,218,000 of a group, what are they?

(3) Who suffers pain more -

(5) The soft pallet of a humans body is found in the upper half or the lower half?

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Indian Affairs Head Names Trust Resources Specialist

Interior's Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest J. Gerard announced June 1 the appointment of James L. Sansaver as Special Assistant in the area of trust services.

Sansaver, a member of the Assiniboine-Sioux Tribes of the Ft. Peck Reservation, will work on the Assistant Secretary's immediate staff in matters involving natural resource programs and the strengthening of tribal governments.

An attorney from Wolf Point, Montana, Sansaver was admitted to the Montana Bar in 1961, practiced general law in his hometown from 1961 to 1969, and served as Montana County Attorney for two terms from 1961 to 1962.

Sansaver served in the BIA Billings Area Office as Chief, Division of Rights Protection, 1974 to 1976, and Chief, Division of Resource Development, 1976 to present. He has also served in the BIA as a water rights liaison officer and tribal relations specialists and attorney in the Office of the Commissioner, Washington, D.C.

Gerard said that Sansaver's experience and education would provide "expertise urgently needed in dealing with the multifaceted situations which involve the Indian tribes' natural re-

sources, the Nation's energy needs and the knowledge of tribal governments as it relates to resource development."

Educated at the University of Montana, Sansaver earned his B.A. in history and political science in 1957, L.L.D. in 1961, and J.D. in 1970. From 1976 to 1977, he was U.S. C.S.C. Fellow in the Woodrow Wilson School of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia.

Sansaver, a member of the American Indian Bar Associ-

ation, has served as legal rights consultant to the National Tribal Chairmen's Association (1971-1974), Montana Intertribal Policy Board, and the Native American Natural Resource Development Policy Board, and the Native American Natural Resource Development Federation of the Northern Great Plains Tribes (1974-1976).

Sansaver, who is married and has three children, is included in the 1978-79 Who's Who in America series on Who's Who in the West (16 edition).

Tribal Council Agenda

June 19	Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. 1. 10:00 a.m. - IHS Annual Report 2. 2:00 p.m. - Robbins Law & Order Implementation Progress Report
June 20	Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. 1. 10:00 a.m. - Progress Report-Rereg Dam, Jerry Dibble 2. Warm Springs-Kah-Nee-Ta Water System, Satish Puri
June 21	Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. - BPA Agreement 2. 2:00 p.m. - Committee Reports
June 26	Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m. 1. 10:00 a.m. - OEDP Approval Revenue Sharing Budget Approval Amended BOR Plan
June 26-28	NCAI Mid-year Conference Spokane