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"Well, let's see!" The gaming situation seems to be the big topic now around here as there are talks of relocating our gaming facility to a more populated area and where it would be more accessible to the public.

There will be public meetings regarding a new location of the gaming facility as talks have been coming with the gaming team. Since our prize catch fell through when the Governor refused to allow our move to Cascade Locks, and since most of the residence in that community were in favor of our move there for the simple reason, it would have benefited that community in many ways because at the present time there really is no real job available there for its local residents. It would have helped their economy to where the whole community would have been up graded a 100 percent as to what it is at the present time.

Maybe we should go ahead and build a big Casino at Hood River and tear the heck out of the Beautiful Columbia Gorge scenic area. Just like that home they are forcing out on the north side of the Columbia River, only they couldn't do that to the tribes as it is on trust land. As a matter of fact there isn't anything anyone could do to prevent us from building there.

What ever we do decide on the future of the gaming situation we should not pay too much attention on this, "Phrase." "This will create plenty of jobs for the tribal members!" In almost every venture we have entered in involved that promise in the past, and that is a good selling point...maybe we should consider the \$ sign that would be coming in, no matter who is employed there. Just as long as we have all the say on the total operation and not get our hopes up of all those false promises they make to the tribes as they have done in the past.

No matter who is employed in the operation we must have first hand reports on the income statement and balance sheet. Bring all the funds in to where we may be able to create programs here for our local people to work for. There are numerous things the tribes can be working on here on the reservation to improve conditions in all respects. Some type of programs to create a good job market for our local people.

We have more and more kids who are going away for higher education and give a little time they will take over on our business. Even to day we have several individuals with good education and degrees but there is no job market here. And there people with less education who hold key positions and don't try to help our younger ones who do have the education and degrees. Maybe they are afraid they will be bumped out of their jobs...

"Well," back to the gaming subject, at the present time we will be trying to decide on the future of our gaming situation. At the present time the Gaming team is aiming for a location in Madras. All the response so far are negative to this site for several reasons. All Con's and no Pro's, so far. Mostly against that area as it is their funds that will be building the gaming facility in that area. It is apparent how most tribal members feel toward building in Madras from all past history of the dealings the tribal member receive from that area, especially during payday or when a little dividend is given to each member.

Highway 26, is very busy all year long with a pretty heavy traffic to and from the metropolitan area, and we have all kinds of locations where we could build a casino, and even create a little settlement along the highway. We would not have to negotiate on taxes as it would be on trust land.

All these public meetings are very important and everyone has that right to express his opinion one way or the other of how you feel about the whole thing. Don't sit back and wait until it's too late and start to talk. There might be some good ideas floating around out there but they cannot be applied unless you speak up. AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

A dollar goes a long way these days.
You can carry it for miles before you find anything it can buy. YIKES

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One Housewife said to another: Do you believe in Reincarnation?
The other Housewife: "Dear me, My Husband dosen't even believe in life after Dinner." YIKES

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Father to Son: Remember, words are very important. When you talk to the Neighbors, just say that your mother likes to Crochjet, don't call her a happy Hooker. YIKES

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The key to seccess i always remembering where you came from...and how much you dread going back. YIKES

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Tribal member speaks against Madras for casino site

To the editor,
I'm against the construction of a casino in Madras—either temporary or permanent—for four good reasons.
First, whatever jobs created by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs should be jobs created for the people of the reservation. I know that those who are pushing for the casino in Madras will promise up and down that this casino will create more jobs for our tribal members... and let's face it, that's a darn good promise. However, with the current unemployment rate of our tribal members, it's easy for me to believe that it's already hard enough for a Native American to get a job on his own reservation. I'm sorry, but I can already see who'd be standing behind the desks, smiling and greeting the public as they enter—and who'd be in the back room emptying out the garbage cans if the casino is built in Madras.

Second, what are we promising the city of Madras, the way we were promising the good people of Cascade Locks and Hood River? An ambulance? Or maybe ambulances? More police officers? Fire trucks?

What color bow will we (the same people, many of which suffered this past Christmas) be putting on top of this big box of goodies? It amazes me to think of what the tribes would be able to accomplish with that money if it was kept on the reservation.

Speaking of money: Third, so much of our tribal dollars already goes into Madras every 10th and 25th. We're talking groceries, gas, electricity, sometimes fines, etc. They receive a handsome roll of bills to educate (suspend/expel) our Native American children in a school that didn't get a passing grade on its own report card. If you add everything up, the City of Madras would be in some pain without the tribal money that's being pumped into it. Is there any sane reason why we would want to build a casino in a place where we would contribute even more money in the form of taxes? We have our own tax-free land right down the road. As a tribal member, I would feel more comfortable knowing that whatever money we make will remain on the reservation.

Fourth: Madras has a reputation for its treatment of tribal members.

Almost every family has a story of being tailed around the stores, having to wait longer for service, being practically hunted on the highways every payday, and some of us even feel as if we need to get out of town before dark. At the Simnasho District Meeting held last month, this was one of the main concerns. I can't believe that after decades of this treatment, we would reward the City of Madras by boosting their economy with a tribal casino.

We're told that we have the potential to make more money if we build the casino in Madras. But for whom are we making more money for? I'm not rich...yet. My neighbors aren't rich. This past Christmas was very skimpy. I almost had to use newspaper to wrap what little gifts I could afford (the same newspaper that announced the Grande Ronde's percapita payment of \$2800...each). Every year we're told to save money. "Bonus won't be as big this year because we have to save!" Or "We might not get a bonus at all." I say yes, we really do have to save: so why not get rid of the skybox, stop buying land in John Day, and where

are the rumors coming from about expensive parties being paid for by tribal checks? I don't remember voting on that one.

Put the casino on the reservation where we can keep an eye on it. If we want business in Madras, hit them where it would hurt—buy that old Coast to Coast building across from Bi-Mart and turn it into a theater (don't tell me the rumors of buying that old run-down motel in Madras are true, either). And can't we put the casino in a nice place on the reservation, instead of an old gravel pit? How about building it at the Y on Highway 26 at the northern boundary of the reservation? If you don't think tribal members would drive out there for a good paying job, where do I sign up (just kidding Brigitte)?

Just two more things: Can we give it a nice traditional name and not tag it The Casino At Warm Springs? We're Indians, we can be a little more creative than that. And can we please make it a building that it won't hurt to look at the way it hurts to look at the Plaza or ECE buildings?

Respectfully,
Frederick Duran Bobb
Tribal Member

Consider your vote on casino

To the editor,
Hello from Pastor Rick: Well, I guess it's time to jump into the fire. The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. has this stand on the issue of Gambling: The church is against all forms of gambling including bingo's and lottery's.

This is not a statement to put judgment upon a people or to force a church view upon people. It is a statement of the observations of the effect of gambling upon the life of a person. You take a chance when you cross a street. You gamble when you bet someone how close the car will

pass by you.
Our Creator did not create us to dance with cars. We are to cross the road of life and move on, not go back for another try at death. A death that is economic to a person, a family and a people. A death that is to the soul of humankind and gives grief to our God. So please, consider in prayer your vote on the move of the Casino. Vote NO to the move. Then write in a statement against gambling. Please pray for the economic future of Warm Springs.

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro
WS Presbyterian Church
On the campus

Thanks for the time spent with family

To the editor,
Please print this thank you on my family's behalf, to each and everyone who made the time to be with our family during our loss.

I am the youngest daughter of the late Grant Waheneka and I was born and raised on the Confederated Umatilla Indian Reservation near Pendleton, Oregon. As I told those present at the Longhouse, I only knew my father since 1990. It was too short of time for my family and I. Beautiful and meaningful memories were created as we shared each other's company. I came to have deep love, respect and honor for him as my father and a grandfather.

I wish the Creator to look down upon my stepmother, Emily, my beautiful memories created by 48 years of marriage to my Dad help her heart, mind and body heal from the hurt and emptiness.

It was a sad occasion but it was good to see extended family members I don't all ways get to see and visit. Thank you to all those who gave me words of love and encouragement, the handshakes and the hugs.

Thank you again for your presence and support to the cooks and dishwashers, the drummers and singers, the young men and women dancers. All your hard work will be rewarded.
Marjorie Williams-Waheneka

Seeking female pen pals

To the editor,
I would like for this to be published on your next issue of your tribal paper.

I'm Native American/Blackfeet from Montana. I'm 23 years old 5'11", 150 lbs, brown eyes, black hair. I am looking for other native ladies to write to as pen pals. Age unimportant. But must be 18 years old. I'm currently incarcerated and got 1 year left on my sentence. I will answer all letters. I would also like to holler at George Picard in Warm Springs, OR. What's up bro. Come on Ladies of the Americas, holler at another Indian brother. Include photos if possible. I'll do the same. Thanks alot. Keep your heads up. We're Indian and proud of it!
Write soon, thanks,
Colin Racine 04969-046
FCI Florence
Box 6000
Florence, CO 81226

Looking for pen pals

My name is Toni Ann Beaumont. I am from Australia and would like to have pen pals from the Warm Springs area. Thank you.
Toni Ann Beaumont
17 Phillip Rd.
Raymond Terrace NSW 2324
Australia

Gratitude sent

To the editor,
Dear Friends, The Haney family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to all the good friends and organizations that reached out to us in this time of grief. Our special thanks to all of you who traveled to be with us and all who expressed your sympathies by sending flowers, plants, cards, donations and prayers. Your friendship has comforted us immensely.
We will always keep you in our prayers.

For more information contact:
Evelyn Haney (405) 964-5899
Paula Ostrovsky (217) 344-6928



To our son,
It has been two years and your growing too fast for us! (Feb 4)
Keep dancing your way thru life for it will take you a long ways.
Happy Birthday Quindon Jariah Calica. Love Mom and Dad

Tribal member speaks out

To the editor,
Whiteman said you're not Red, your skin is brown, why do they call you Red man? The Indian reply was why do they call you white, your skin is not white, it is pink, pink like a pig.

Historically, Warm Springs Tribal Government has always made their own laws and are governed by them. That Sovereignty. Respectively all Indians may very well be Tribal Members from various Tribes throughout North America, other Tribes and reservations are Sovereign. They make their own laws with variable differences but equivalent to ours here at Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (CTWS). The Synopsis is on CTWS Tribal employment preference status. And the right to vote on intergovernmental Tribal matters, CTWS employment preference is a Tribal right and a form of Tribal property.

Only Tribal Council and the eligible Warm Springs Tribal members should be permitted to vote on intergovernmental Tribal matters. Such as Tribal preference eligibility requirements of CTWS Tribal members is they must meet the required

amount of CTWS blood to qualify with Vital Stats at Warm Springs. Permitting any non-Indian or non-CTWS Tribal member to vote on restricted Tribal matters severely interferes with Tribal structure and Sovereignty. Also allowing that type of aggression is nothing more than permitting encroachment which violates by intruding and attacking tribal structure and sovereignty. From now on third parties voting on Tribal matters should automatically be invalid, also committees consisting of non-CTWS members should never be authorized to override any Tribal matters. Employment preference for CTWS Tribal Members is not invidious race discrimination. But instead was a political classification designed to encourage Tribal self-government and to fulfill the special federal responsibility to CTWS Tribal members. Undermining Tribal preference in any manner is violating Tribal members rights in regards to CTWS Tribal employment preference status.

Sincerely,
Anthony Littleleaf
Tribal Member

Looking for a friend

Reynolds Kelly,
Jose' M. Aguirre is looking for you. Please write to:
Jose' M. Aguirre #7134899
777 Stanton Blvd.
Ontario, OR 97914
He really would like to get in touch with you. Thank you.

Looking for family

To the editor,
To my family & friends, Here I am once again. Trying to find my family & friends. Whomever would find time to drop me a few lines. Next time when you're at the Post Office, also check General Delivery mail too. There might be something there for you! Hugs & Kisses!
"Happy Jolly Holidays!"
Love yours truly,
Tamara Henry aka Witch
133 NW 6th
Portland, OR 97209

I would like to wish my big bro a Happy Birthday, February 25. A big "32". I love you lots Brother.....
Love, Edna, Doug & Tyrece

Happy Belated Birthday 2/02/00
to my Grandpa "Big-head"
I love you always with all my heart,
"T"

Happy Birthday to my wonderful Auntie Shelly!!
Love your nephew,
"T"

Happy 14th Birthday to my loving sister Shelly Raye!!
2/21/00
Love your big sis',
Shey

Happy Birthday Shell Raye
We love you very very much
Your Mom Angie & Dad Azar

Happy Birthday Sister Shelly
We love you very, very much
your little brothers,
Lil Azar & Bryson the Cole

Learn about our culture, says one

To the editor,
I would like you to print this letter in the Spilyay Tymoo. I like to say what's up to the family back in Springs and also to my home boys locked down in the Federal Prisons. My homie Casey over in Cali. My other homie Merlin Yellowhorse wherever he's at. What's up homeboy? I also want to say What's up to my cuz Ben Hintsala on the Rez.

Just want to say to those kids out there on the rez. Quit acting like or wanting to be Gangstas. Learn about our culture, our language. Be proud of who and what you are. N8tiv American. If you kids don't want to learn, you will end up here in a F.C.I. if not the penitentiary for life. I've learned a lot since I've been down these 5 years. Also met a lot of good N8tiv bro's in the pen over in Cali. This prison time I got straightened me up. I was to hard-headed to listen to my family so here I am half way through my time I got sentenced to 11 years back in "1995" now down to five years left on this bid.
Casey, hey! bro. Tell Mike Debussi I lost his dad's address. Ya! bro I'm still waiting to get transferred. I know I'm going back to the penitentiary I've been in the hole since Nov. 21, 1999 for an assault but any wayz its all good though well, I'm out 4-now. If ya'll wanna write here's my address below.

Thanks,
Rayfield Jeff Mitchell #60839-065
Federal Correction Institution
PO Box 6000
Florence, CO 81226-6000

To my "Baby" Sis Maria Brunoe & Family,
We're thinking of you guys and wish you the best for Belated Valentines.

Lots of Love your big Sis,
Angie, Jarod, Brent & Torey

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