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Ideas needed on new casino

By Dave McMechan
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What should the new casino at the Columbia Gorge look like? What should the landscaping around the casino look like? What should be the name of the new casino?

Tribal members no doubt have opinions on these issues, and they are being asked to share their views.

Over the next few weeks, tribal gaming officials and the casino architects will be talking with tribal members about the design of the Gorge casino.

A central question in the design process is how, and to what extent, the culture and history of the Confederated Tribes will be reflected in the casino architecture and landscape.

During April, tribal gaming officials and the architects plan to conduct 12 to 15 meetings with tribal members. Most of the meetings will be the home-base type of gatherings that led up to the vote last year on the new casino.

There will also be two April meetings of the group of tribal members who are taking a lead

role in the architectural phase of the casino project. The core group consists of 15 representatives of the various family clans of the reservation.

The core group meetings are set for 10 a.m. on Friday, April 11, and Friday, April 25, at Kah-Nee-Ta. The home-base meetings are scheduled throughout the month of April.

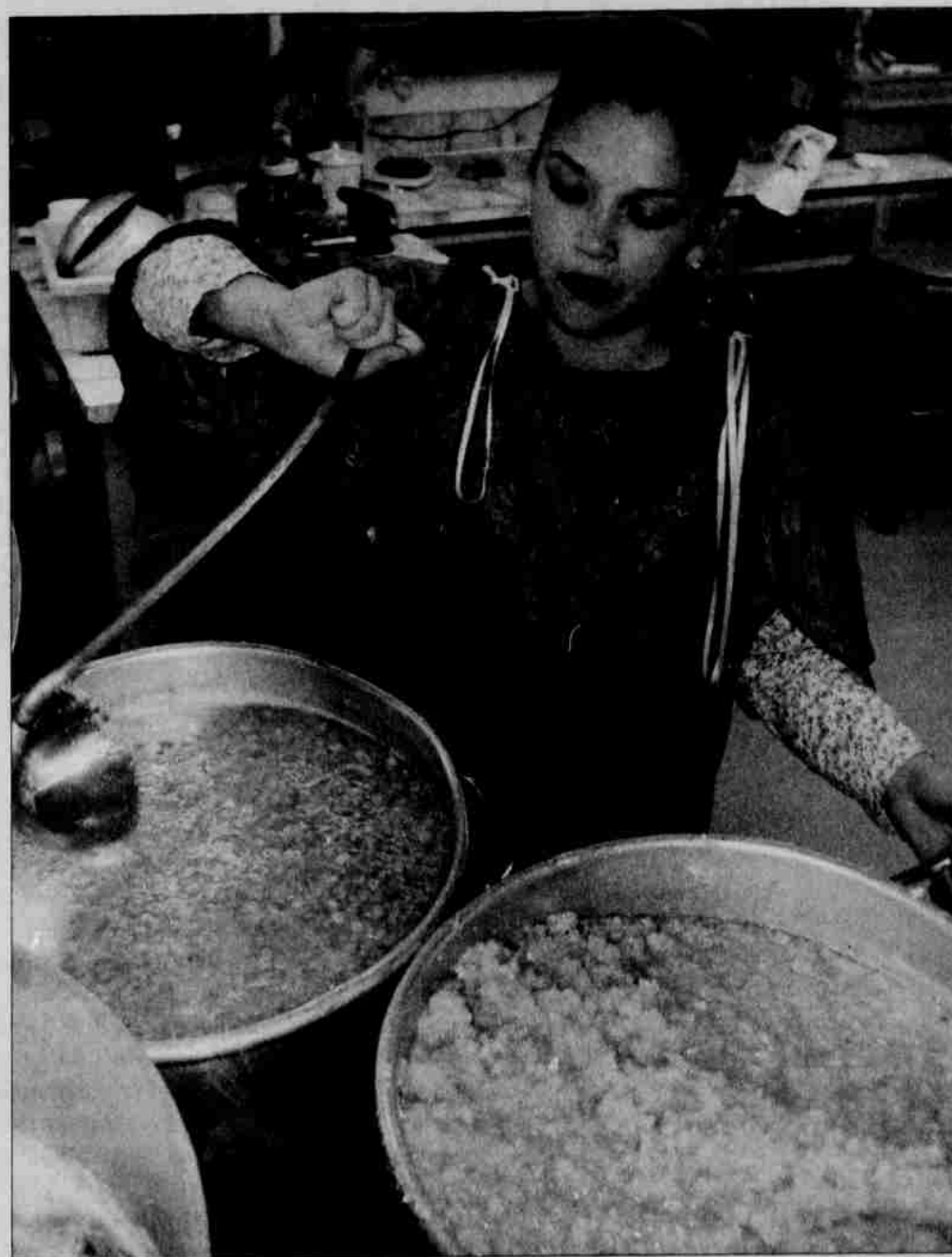
Starting on Monday, April 7, tribal members can also share their views on the new casino at any time by stopping by the Administration Building. Someone from gaming will be on hand throughout the day at Administration to hear comments.

Culture and tradition

The architectural firm that the tribes have hired to design the new casino is the firm of ASGC, based in Anchorage, Alaska. ASGC is the largest Native American-owned architecture and design firm in the U.S.

In designing the Gorge casino, ASGC architects plan to use ideas brought forward by members of the Confederated Tribes.

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At the Root Feast

Tribal members celebrated the Root Feast on Sunday, March 30.

The Root Feast was held at the Agency Longhouse, and at the Simnasho longhouse.

This year saw a good harvest of roots.

The feast included the different kinds of roots, salmon and deer, chokecherries and huckleberries.

The Root Feast is the Indian Thanksgiving.

Thanks is given not only for the new roots, but for the fresh fish and the game.

The Root Feast dates back to time immemorial.

At left, Brittany Ruby stirs roots in preparation of the feast at Simnasho.

Tribal members wait for news from loved ones

Like other Americans, tribal members are on the front lines fighting for the liberation of the Iraqi people.

By Shannon Keaveny
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Rose M. Sanchez, 19 of Warm Springs, is one tribal member deployed south of the Iraqi border in Kuwait.

Her mother Coleen G. Reed last heard from her on March 14.

"My daughter called collect and said she was in Kuwait near the border. She was as-



Rose Sanchez

signed her own water truck and was delivering supplies to 6,000 soldiers in a 15 mile

area," said Reed.

Sanchez, a member of the U.S. Marines, said her infantry was preparing to move north into Iraq.

On the phone, Sanchez questioned her mother about what was on the news in the U.S.

Her infantry, like Americans at home, was unsure what would happen.

Soon after, President Bush issued a 48-hour ultimatum for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to leave the country or face war with the United States.

Days later a U.S. led war was launched.

"I don't know if she is in Iraq, but my feeling is that she is," said Reed.

When deployed in late January, Sanchez's commanding officer said it was likely she would be in the Middle East for six months or more.

Probably more, he added. Through phone calls and letters, Reed has learned some of the details of her daughter's living conditions.

"She said the weather is really hot and 12 females share a tent. Showers are only two to three times a week. She's using a lot of baby wipes," shared Reed.

In those letters, Sanchez

also expressed her fears and concerns of the situation.

Sanchez said she was concerned about the possible use of chemical weapons as warfare.

"It was really frustrating for me because she's all the way over there and I can't comfort her," said Reed of her daughter.

The website, newsday.com, interviewed Sanchez and others at their camp about being a woman in a war combat zone.

In addition, the troops are physically training daily in the extremely hot weather.

Sanchez said they eat a lot

of cooked chicken and work from morning to night.

In the past, Reed has had the opportunity to send her a few care packages.

According to Reed, her daughter was pleased with her decision to join the marines last May.

But Sanchez joined mostly to learn a trade and skills.

"I don't think she really thought about having to go to war," said Reed.

Now with the war in full force, like many other mothers, Reed waits and prays for her daughter's safety.

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Educators to gather at Kah-Nee-Ta

The Oregon Indian Education Association will hold its 28th Annual Conference this month at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort. The conference is set for April 16, 17 and 18.

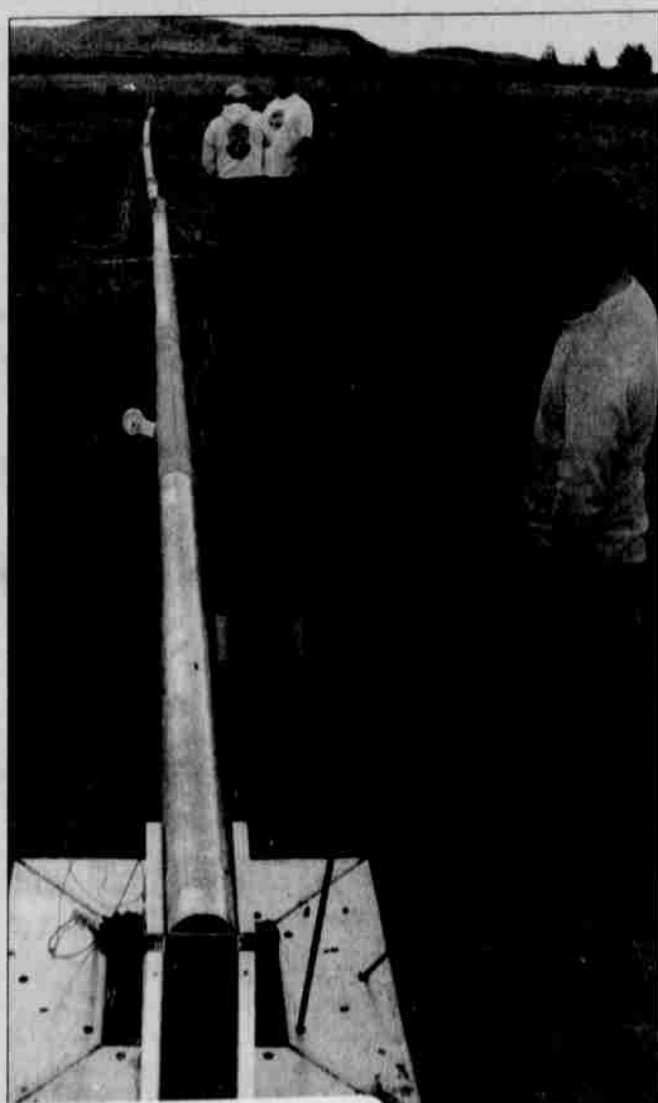
On April 16 there will be a dinner and powwow at the Agency Longhouse, starting at 6 p.m. For the following two days the conference will be at Kah-Nee-Ta.

State School Superintendent Susan Castillo will be the keynote speaker. Guest speakers will be American Indian educators, and state and federal educators. The goal of the Oregon Indian Education Association is, "Empowerment for our youth and families to succeed in education."

Daylight Savings Time

Remember, set your clock ahead one hour this weekend.

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Studying the wind

Tribes exploring wind generation potential

Warm Springs Power Enterprises is studying the possibility of developing wind power generation facilities.

Recently, wind test towers were set up at various locations on the reservation.

The Island near Simnasho was one of the test sites. A crew of Warm Springs Environmental Services workers helped set up the test tower.

The crew worked with a team from a Seattle-based company that specializes in development of wind-generation facilities.

At left, Easton Aguilar's crew, Warm Springs Environmental Services, was helping last week with the wind towers that will measure the potential for wind-power generation on the reservation.

At right is one of the gauges that will monitor information such as wind speed and direction.

Power Enterprises is contracting with the Seattle company to determine whether power-generating windmills would be profitable on the reservation.

Power Enterprises received last year received a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to study the wind-power potential on the reservation.

The grant was in the amount of \$460,000.

The test towers are between 60 and 150 tall. The towers are equipped with propeller devices

If the tests indicate the potential for profitable wind generation, then wind turbines could be constructed.

that spin in the wind.

The data from the devices is recorded into a small computer unit located at the base of the test tower.

The grant from the Department of Energy would also fund engineering services, and an economic analysis.

If the tests indicate the potential for profitable wind generation, then wind turbines could be constructed.

The turbines generate power by spinning in strong winds. Wind power is becoming increasingly popular in the U.S., and is now seen as a profitable means of generating electricity.

