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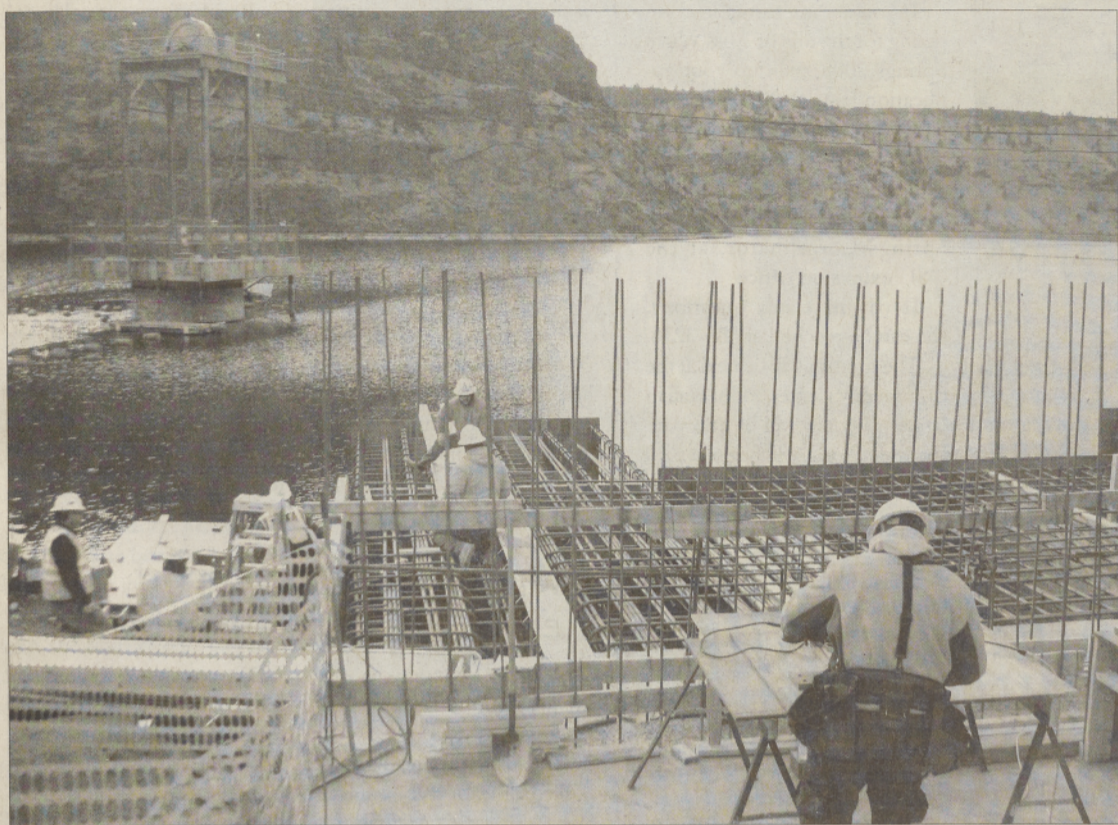
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## Fish passage at Round Butte



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Construction team works on a part of the tower project at the dam.

By Dave McMechan  
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The Confederated Tribes' Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, and Portland General Electric are constructing a large tower at Round Butte dam that will address the migrating fish passage problem at the dam. The 273-foot tall selective water withdrawal tower is scheduled to be completed in 2009.

The problem at Round Butte, constructed in 1964, is the lack of sufficient current in Lake Billy Chinook, the reservoir behind the dam. Juvenile salmon and steelhead that try to migrate downstream are unable to find their way through the lake because of the weak downstream flow on the lake surface.

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises and PGE are co-managers of the dam, and as part of the

federal re-licensing of the facility, the parties have agreed to address the long-standing fish-passage issue.

Through the re-licensing agreement, Power and Water Enterprises and PGE agreed to fund the construction of the \$90 million tower. The hope is that this substantial investment will reopen 226 upstream miles to salmon and steelhead migration.

The project will help the return of spring Chinook and sockeye salmon to the Metolius River and steelhead to the Crooked River to Bowman Dam, and the Deschutes River to Big Falls near Redmond.

According to plan, in the spring of 2009 the new water withdrawal tower will begin collecting migrating fish. They will be collected by a screen on the surface, piped to a fish handling facility, and then transported downstream of the project where they'll swim to the ocean. The water from the tower will

separately pass through turbines at the base of the dam to generate electricity.

In the long term, biologists predict that at least 96 percent of the juvenile fish collected at the water withdrawal tower will be safely transported downstream of the project.

Also, the tower's draw of warmer water off the surface of Lake Billy Chinook will keep the reservoir cooler in the summer, creating a healthier environment for fish.

The tower also has an intake near its bottom, so it can draw cold water during summer and fall to mix with warmer surface water. This will maintain appropriate downstream temperatures in the lower Deschutes River. The modified reservoir environment should provide an even better habitat for bull trout, kokanee and the rearing of juvenile sockeye salmon.

## Developments encouraging for casino application

By Leslie Mitts  
Spilyay Tymoo

New developments indicate that Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne will agree to move the Warm Springs tribes' application for a resort hotel and casino to the next step after increasing pressures and public criticism.

This will allow Oregonians to make public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact statement (DEIS), which evaluates the environmental effects of a resort hotel and gaming facility in the city of Cascade Locks.

Warm Springs has received support from officials of the City of Cascade Locks, the Port of Cascade Locks and Hood River County, who last week made appeals to Kempthorne's assistant secretary, asking for immediate action.

In addition, Gov. Kulongoski's legal advisor has spoken with Kempthorne's legal advisor to demand the secretary follow the laws.

The Friends of the Gorge, a conservationist group, recently filed legal action against the Secretary of Interior.

The group opposes development in the Gorge, but filed action acknowledging that Kempthorne is required by federal law to move the DEIS to the public comment phase.

Recent news articles have painted the Bridge of the Gods casino in a negative light and suggested that development is unlikely.

Tribal officials, however, say that is not the case.

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## Kibak Tile features Lillian Pitt collection

Kibak Tile, a Warm Springs Ventures subsidiary, is currently selling tiles designed by Warm Springs artist Lillian Pitt.

The collection is the result of a project that began in 2006 when Susan Kibak-Redfield, the president of Kibak Tile, worked with Pitt to create the collection of tiles.

The Lillian Pitt collection includes the mask collection. 8 inch square tiles including "She Who Watches," "Coyote," "Spiderwoman," and "Featherwoman." The collection also includes tiles created in the summer of 2007, the stick people collection, featuring six designs.

The stick people collection includes the "Ancient Couple," "Fish Woman,"

"Shadow Spirit," "Wind Spirit," "Moon Mother," and "The Dreamer."

Tribal member Alberta Comedown, a Kibak employee, chose the colors for the most recent mask collection and also does most of the painting for this collection.

According to Sandra Danzuka, Warm Springs Ventures Administrative Officer, "They're amazing; the pictures don't do them justice."

Kibak tile is sold in high-end showrooms across the U.S.

"Lillian Pitt produces beautiful artwork," Danzuka said. "Through their collaboration they have produced a high quality, unique tile and our goal is to find an outlet."

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## Taco Express open for business in Warm Springs

By Leslie Mitts  
Spilyay Tymoo

Hungry community members have another option with the addition of a new local business.

Taco Express is owned by Eloy Pacheco and tribal member Elbrosia Eguizabal.

The vending truck is located in the parking lot for White Horse Adventures on Highway 26. Pacheco and Eguizabal have owned the business for four months.

Owning the business is a step forward for the Eguizabal and Pacheco.

"We started selling tamales out of the back of our car and then we got this," Eguizabal said. "Some people know us from selling tamales."

Pacheco's brother used to own Taco Express, but sold the business to them after deciding to open a restaurant in Culver.

Eguizabal had wanted to open some type of business, Pacheco said, and when they learned about the opportunity to buy Taco Express is seemed like the ideal option.

While Taco Express used to be located in Madras, Eguizabal said, they made the move to Warm Springs after buying the business—and that's made



Leslie Mitts/Spilyay

Taco Express owners Elbrosia Eguizabal and Eloy Pacheco.

it more convenient for the Warm Springs customers.

"His brother did have a lot of cus-

tomers from Warm Springs," Eguizabal said.

Pacheco cooks very similar to his

brother, she said, and is no stranger to the kitchen.

Prior to buying Taco Express Pacheco worked as a cook in restaurants like the Apple Peddler in Madras.

"I have quite a bit of cooking experience," Pacheco said.

The Taco Express menu currently offers a variety of tacos, burritos, tortas, quesadillas, zarapas, chicanas, fajitas, drinks and sides.

Many dishes are available with a choice between chicken, steak or pork and can be ordered in either a small or a large.

Prior customers shouldn't worry—Pacheco is using the same family recipes that his brother used, so the dishes are very similar.

However, he added, they aren't selling everything his brother used to sell and do plan to change the menu around depending on customer requests and their level of business.

"If we get more than two requests then we change it," Eguizabal said. "As business picks up then we'll be able to get a better menu."

That could possibly include a visually improved menu, as Eguizabal said they hope to offer a menu that features pictures of the dishes they serve.

Taco Express is open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. In the future, Eguizabal

said, they may even stay open later if business increases.

Currently the business is open about six days a week, and they are working to establish which days and hours are the busiest in order to stay open for the ideal amount of time to serve customers.

Phone in orders are welcome, and customers can call (541) 460-3343 or (541) 460-3340.

Eguizabal also said there is a possibility that they may offer deliveries in the future, but for now they are waiting to see how business increases.

But for right now, Eguizabal said, that would put too much of a strain on the person left taking orders.

"Since there is only two of us we get really busy," she explained.

Another potential change could involve the name of the business.

Because Taco Express is the name that came with the business when they purchased it, Eguizabal said they've talked about the idea of a name change—but not until the business is well established, she said.

And establishing the business is something Eguizabal and Pacheco hope to be able to do, as they said they would continue with their business "as long as possible."