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Warm Springs Tribal Councilwoman Bernice Mitchell shows the handbag that was given to her by the Council of the Tk'Emlups Indian Band, during their visit to Warm Springs. Councilwoman Mitchell gave gifts of salmon and huckleberry jam to the Tk'Emlups, and Salish and Kootenai council members (story on page 1).

## Tribe appoints new prosecutor

PENDLETON (AP) – The new prosecutor for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation said he plans to reduce crime rates in the tribal communities by focusing on curbing domestic violence rates.

Mark Kemp, who stepped into the position four weeks ago, said most domestic violence cases are drug and alcohol related.

Because simply locking people up won't solve the problems, Kemp said, he wants to also place more of those who are convicted into drug and alcohol treatment, and mental health programs, as well as anger management and batterers prevention programs.

"Alcohol-related offenses and domestic violence constitute a substantial amount of what I'm doing here," Kemp said. "There's quite a bit of domestic violence on the reservation just as there is quite a bit of it off the reservation with non-Indians as well."

Kemp, 54, was born in Hermiston and grew up in La Grande. He graduated from Eastern Oregon State College, and was a deputy district attorney in Umatilla County before becoming Umatilla Indian Reservation's prosecutor.

From 1986-2001, he was the chief judge on the tiny Burns Paiute Reservation, where he became familiar

with the tribe's customs, culture and issues.

Kemp is the Umatilla Indian Reservation's only tribal prosecutor and has one staff member.

He can prosecute American Indians in most cases, but has no criminal jurisdiction over non-American Indians.

In most instances, only federal officials can prosecute non-American Indian offenders who commit a crime on Indian reservations and only federal agents can make arrests in murder, rape and other major crimes cases, regardless of whether the offender is American Indian or not.

## Tribes bitter over past casino results

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) – Maine's Indian tribes have tried three times to have laws passed so they could build a casino in the state. Three times they've failed.

There's a lingering bitterness among many tribal members as Mainers prepare to vote Tuesday on whether to allow a casino under the operation of a Las Vegas company.

This is the second time Mainers will have voted on a casino that isn't being proposed by either the Penobscot Indian Nation or the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The first time, back in 2003, voters approved a ballot question that allowed for the Hollywood Slots casino and its 1,000 slot machines in Bangor while rejecting a separate proposal for a tribal casino.

Wayne Mitchell, the Penobscot representative to the Legislature, didn't vote on the casino question when he cast an early ballot for Tuesday's election. That decision, he said, should be left to Oxford County residents to decide.

But tribal members can't help but feel resentment that they can't build a casino when others can, Mitchell said.

"We've lived through so much adversity, put up with so much racism and discrimination – economic discrimination – that we're numb to that sort of

thing now," he said.

Question 2 on Tuesday's ballot asks if voters favor allowing a casino to be built in Oxford County. Olympia Gaming of Las Vegas is proposing a \$184 million resort in the town of Oxford that would include a 300-room hotel, a conference center, restaurants and a casino with up to 1,500 slot machines and a variety of table games.

The first time Mainers voted on a casino was five years ago, when the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes floated a referendum proposing a \$650 million casino and resort in Sanford. After a costly and contentious campaign, Mainers voted down the proposal by a 2-1 margin.

That same election, however, voters gave the thumbs-up to another referendum pushed by Las Vegas businessman Shawn Scott allowing for slot machines at harness racing tracks. The vote allowed Penn National Gaming to build the Hollywood Slots casino in Bangor.

A year ago, voters again rejected a statewide referendum calling for a casino and resort in eastern Maine, to be operated by the Passamaquoddy Tribe.

And earlier this year, the Legislature approved a bill to allow 100 slot machines on the Penobscot reservation near Old Town, only to have the gov-

ernor veto it.

Neither tribe has taken a public stance on the Oxford casino, but several Penobscot members said the vote is stirring up painful memories of past casino efforts.

Leading up to this election, Barry Dana has heard from many tribal members who oppose the Oxford casino. Dana is a former Penobscot chief who served as the public face of the tribes in the 2003 campaign for the Sanford casino.

"No one has said to me they have anything against Oxford County. They just don't feel it's right for the tribes to be kicked in the face and then have somebody else go ahead and get it," said Dana, who lives in Solon. He declined to say how he would vote.

Many Indians still scratch their heads at Gov. John Baldacci's stand on gambling, Dana said. How can the governor veto slot machine legislation for the tribe and speak out against casinos while expanding the state's lottery operations to include Powerball, he asked.

"You cannot tell me that Powerball is not gaming," Dana said. "If you go into a little store and see all the scratch tickets people buy, they're basically slot machines on paper. Gambling is gambling."

## Maine tribal officials face trial

BANGOR, Maine (AP) – A former Passamaquoddy tribal governor at Indian Township and the tribe's ex-business manager go on trial in U.S. District Court on Monday for allegedly misusing \$1.7 million in federal funds, health care center funds and other tribal money over a 4 1/2-year period.

Robert L. Newell, 64, of Princeton and James J. Parisi Jr., 45, of Portland,

pleaded not guilty on April 1 to a multicount indictment.

Newell, who most recently served as tribal governor at Indian Township from 2002 to 2006, and Parisi, who served as Indian Township's finance director from 2003 to 2006, were indicted on March 19 by a federal grand jury after a nearly two-year investigation.

Need help with a legal problem? Speak with a Legal Aide attorney during drop-in hours 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Monday of the month

at the Family Resources Center. Or call 385-6944 Monday through Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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# SCHOOLS IN ACTION!

## Communicating with your schools

Regular, respectful, thoughtful communication builds trust and morale among community members, parents, grandparents, students and school staff members

Message from the Superintendent:

As a district, we are committed to keeping a focus on important issues. We work diligently to follow our policies and procedures. Policies and procedures are the rules the School Board has established to follow all laws, regulations, and our communities' overall expectations. I am extremely proud of the work that is going on in the Jefferson County School District. We have amazing students and staff doing great things each and every day. As with any institution, issues arise that are not always positive. When those instances occur, it is critical to have open lines of communication in order to handle them appropriately, and be able to keep our outlook positive and focused on the important work going on in the District. I will do my part in communicating and I hope you will do the same.

### TELL US the GOOD news...

- ▶ A simple "Thank You" goes a long way
- ▶ Send a note to someone thanking them for their extra efforts
- ▶ Let the building administration know when you see good things happening
- ▶ Share with other community members positive things that you see in the district
- ▶ Get involved in school activities to show support
- ▶ Tell your School board members about the positives

**Your Board Members are your representatives. Let them know what is going on:**

### ... and TELL US the BAD news

- ▶ Start with your child's teacher whenever possible
- ▶ If you cannot, or do not, find resolve in the first step, contact the building administrator
- ▶ The next step is to contact the Superintendent's office
- ▶ If you do not find resolve from the Superintendent, you can address the School Board

Hey! National Education week starts November 10th. Thank a teacher or principal for all their hard work

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## November dates to remember

NOV. 10 - No school

End of Quarter

School Board meeting at Warm Springs Elementary 7 pm

NOV. 11 - No school

Veterans Day



NOV. 24

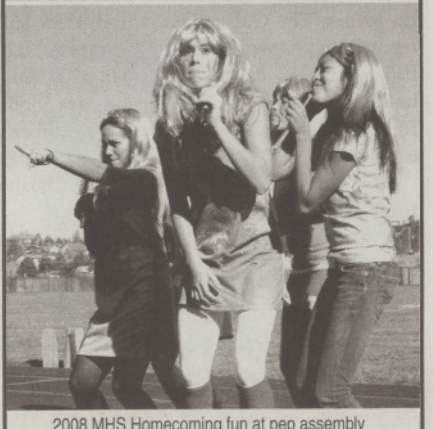
School Board meeting at Support Services Building 7:30 pm

NOV. 26-28 - No school

Thanksgiving break



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