

9/11: Where were you?

By Duran Bobb

DNA evidence confirmed Monday that Osama Bin Laden, the founder of al Qaeda, the mastermind behind the 9/11 attack is dead. The Tymoo asked: *Where were you on the morning of September 11, 2001?*

"I was up watching TV," Jacque Andrew said. "I woke everyone up and we watched the second of the two towers hit."

"I was at Chemawa," Aaron Culps said. "There were TVs in the classroom. We saw it happen on the news."

"I was home getting ready for school," Nohemi Jimenez said. "I got to first period and realized what was actually going on and thought, this is crazy!"

Spilyay Speaks

"I was on the Ollalie Fire. That was the year my mother passed away," William Wilson said.

"We were having a funeral at the Simnasho Longhouse," Sarah Frank said. "I was in Sunnyside when I heard of the Twin Towers. I began to seek the Lord with all my heart."

"I was on the beach working three jobs, one of which was owned by a form of the Muslim religion," Joelden Surface said.

"We fell in front of the TV," Aurel Kalama-Surface said, "and all I could do was gather my babies in my arms, like a mother hen. I felt like I was lying to them when I told them it was all going to be okay!"

"Mom turned on the TV," Rose Sanches-Blackwolf said. "Two months earlier, I had sworn into the Marines. Eight months later, I left for bootcamp. There was a storm in her heart."

"I was doing bus runs," Darlene Highfill said. "Someone called, panicked, and asked if I could get a hold of my cousin. I didn't find out what happened until I got to the school."

"About a week before that, I was in New York," Monika Frank said. "I went sight seeing at the Towers! I was on my way home on the bus when I found out what happened!"

"I was in Mrs. Anderson's class," Samantha Gomez said. "We knew nothing about it until later. It was a scary day!"

"My wife just had surgery," Jonathan Smith said. "We were in Redmond and it came on every TV. I thought, this is going to be war!"

"I wondered what movie I was watching," Sandra Danzuka said. "I changed the channel. My son saw it over and over and over..."

Letters to the Editor

Honored

To the Wasco Nation,

I would like to thank all of the people that hoped I would enter the Wasco Chieftain vacancy position elections. I am deeply honored to at least be recognized.

I firmly believe that the Almighty is guiding me in another direction and I must walk that path.

And yes, I am very concerned about what the future holds for all of us.

Part of my path concerns the health and welfare of all the enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, not just the Wascos or the Courtneys. Too much of our culture and traditions are just being caste aside.

I hope that we all can talk and work together in the years to come.

In reality, I am but a servant to the Almighty. How can I best serve the environment and the people? We'll see!

Thank you.

Terry Courtney Sr.

Lincoln's luncheon

"Hear ye, Hear ye," Look for notices and posters for the upcoming Laritta Greene Memorial fundraising lunches, each month at the community center.

Times will be from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The next luncheon is Friday, May 20.

This is a fundraiser for the Ladies All-Around Dance Special—2012 Lincoln's Powwow next February. Cash prizes, embroidered Pendleton jacket. Sponsored by the family of Laritta Greene, friends relatives and powwow people.

The menu for the May 20 luncheon is meat and lakameen.

The 2012 committee is al-

Clarification

Two names need to be clarified that were included in the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act registration and notification list (April 24 Spilyay).

The Ryan Smith refers to Ryan Eugene Smith.

Tildon McDonald refers to Tildon McDonald Sr., not Tildon McDonald Jr.

The Spilyay apologizes for this.

ready planning 2012 Lincoln's Powwow with a number of specials. Thank you for your support!

Anna Clements.

Referendums

During the termination era of 1953 and 1968 Warm Springs, Warm Springs was the only remaining rez in Oregon that was not under the Public Law (PL) 280, allowing state jurisdiction, and state police patrolling the roads on the rez.

In 1968 Congress amended PL 280. Important projects can only happen with tribal consent with a vote of the majority of tribal members in a referendum.

In recent years there were many very important changes and much needed millions of dollars in revenue squandered, ignoring and disobeying the tribal constitution, disregarding the tribal members' right to vote for what they want or don't want in a referendum.

That conduct is a breach of the tribal constitution and an infringement on tribal sovereignty. This recklessness, defiance and negligence needs to stop.

Respectfully,

Anthony Littleleaf.

VOCS event

This letter is to thank the following for the donations to Warm Springs Victims of Crime:

Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, D.E. Composite Products, Madras Safeway, Madras Subway, Macy's Warm Springs Market, Three Warriors Market, DMJ Automotive, the Museum at Warm Springs, Easton Aguilar, Greg Arquette for doing diabetes surveys.

A special thank-you for all the people who participated in the first annual "Hands Around the Courthouse," which was held for all victims and survivors.

Thanks to all who attended

the Unified Solutions training/Victims of Crime training.

Thanks again, the turnout was great!

From the Warm Springs Victims of Crime staff: Nancy Seyler, Dorothy Kalama, Tina Aguilar, Juanita Villa, Vera Thomas, Rena Suppah, Janell Wallulatum, Charlene Dawson Smith, Carol Saludo, Theresa Suppah and Barbie Shields.

Special thanks

Daisy Ike, Leona Ike, Kanim Smith Sr., and their sons and grandsons would like to extend their thanks for all the loving support of family and friends after the sudden death of our beloved son, grandson, brother and uncle, Jermaine Williams on April 6.

Special thanks to the Tribal Credit for traditionally recognizing the love for our son by providing us financial support to tend to the local traditional services and to attend his services in Needles, Calif. Thank you Toto and Jody for your understanding and support and donation to assist us with gas money to be with our son as we was put to rest.

Special thanks to our supervisors, Stan Suenaga and Don Courtney, for allowing us to put our son to rest. Thank you to police officer Aaron Gilbert for not leaving my side (Leona) until my family arrived. Thank you to our Emergency Response/EMT's for never giving up and trying to save our son. Thank you to Austin Greene and all the Community Center staff for their support and professional response to this sudden emergency.

Thank you to our police officers that immediately notified our son's home tribe. We would also like to especially thank those special close friends and co-workers that came to be with our family. Thank you Willis Anderson for call me after my

son's collapse. Thank you Kah-Nee-Ta for being a good employer to our son and giving him the opportunity to work and be a part of your staff. He loved his job and his co-workers dearly and he had the utmost respect for his supervisors. This job also blessed him in finding his fiancée.

Special thanks for your services and support to Doug at Bel Air Funeral Home and Elaine Bohme of Broken Bow Store. Special thanks to Larry Dick for the tulle mats and dressing services. Special thanks to Carlos Calica and Derek Tasymp for being there for the traditional songs and services. Special thanks to our loving daughter-in-law, Rena Adams, who always was immediately there for us—you are a true blessing.

Kanim and Leona would also like to recognize with special love and respect to our son's beloved fiancée, Trivia. It made our hearts so very happy that he found you and experienced such a wonderful and respectful love with you and your children. Thank you and your sister, Erica, for accompanying us to the Mojave reservation for the funeral and burial.

Lastly, our special thanks and appreciation to his Mojave family for sharing our son, brother, grandson, nephew and uncle with us.

Respectfully,

Daisy Ike, Leona Ike, Kanim Smith Sr. and family.

Recent Howlak

When Antoinette (Queahpama) Pamperien's Howlak Tichum was printed, the following names were left out:

She was preceded in death by: sister Madeline Queahpama-Spino; step-dad Ernest Sconewah; Nettie (Queahpama) Shawaway; and Sylvia (Queahpama) Wallulatum.

These names were not omitted intentionally, I'm sorry for

any hurt feelings.
Kat Spaulding.

Pen pal

Hello, my name is Leonardo Cuevas, aka "Chacho." I am currently incarcerated and looking for pen pals. I know a lot of friends don't have my address, and I want to make it available. Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks. Leonardo J. Cuevas, sid no. 15481747; 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario OR 97914

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to my special woman, *La Donna*. I just know this will be your special day, May 8. Love, Vernon.

Happy birthday to LRaye Squiemphen! Freddie & Ron.

Happy birthday to Bruce Brunoe (May 9)! With much love, Angie, Heather, Ashley, Summer Sky, and the rest of the clan.

Happy birthday to **Valeda Jackson (5/10)**. Love, Josette, Lamar, Shirena, Will, Janice, Honeybee, Elizabeth, Billie, and Tallulah.

Happy birthday, Eileen Frank (5/12). Love, Flora, Sarah, Sterling, Noelani, Aiyana, and Graceann.

Happy birthday, Janelle Smith (5/14). *Our ray of sunshine at Kah-Nee-Ta! Love, everyone on The Floor.*

Happy birthday to **Rose Sanches-Blackwolf**, with much love! Harold, Elsie, Amanda, and Mom!

Happy birthday, Sara Starr! With much hugs and cackles, Mom, Amy, Nikki, Freddie and Ron.

Correction

In the previous Spilyay the name of Little League pitcher Kahne Herkshan was printed incorrectly. The error is corrected on page 14. The Spilyay apologizes for this.

Indian Business Talk

Free credit reports and cleaning up your credit

By Bruce Engle
Loan officer
W.S. Credit Enterprise

You can get a free credit report once a year from each of the three credit reporting agencies at the website: www.annualcreditreport.com.

Hint—write down the list of credit reporting agencies as shown on the screen and order one from the first agency on the list. Don't buy a score or anything else.

Four months later, get a report from the second name on the list, and four months after that order one from the last name on the list. That way you get a current report every four months and every year—all for free.

Stop in at Credit Enterprise if you need help reading the darn thing. I'll go over it with you.

Bad credit can be fixed. Learning what to do is easy. Getting started and keeping at it is the hardest part.

You need to know where you

are finance-wise. Know your take-home "net" income.

List your fixed expenses—the things you absolutely need—such as rent, food, utilities, gas, car payments, telephone, etc.

Calculate the difference between your net income and your fixed expenses. The answer is the money you can use for paying off your bills and cleaning up your credit.

If you have a family, this is when you probably should get them involved. That's important. If you got into debt as a team, it works best if the team works together to get out of debt.

Ask yourself and the team some serious questions. What can you really do without? Do you need a latte each morning and a hamburger each day for lunch? Calculate what those add up to every month.

Do you really need a weekly \$100-plus night at Kah-Nee-Ta? Sorry Kah-Nee-Ta.

Can you afford going to town two or three times a week or a vacation to Disneyland? What do the latest toys and computer

games cost? Do you really need them?

Add up what you pay every month for things you don't really need. Those are the expenses you can cut.

Then, make a plan for getting out of debt.

I have suggested before that you pay as much as you can on your highest interest rate account while paying the minimums on the others until that account is paid off.

Then, do it again on the next one. That saves you the most interest in the long run. It is a good plan.

On the other hand, some people need a confidence booster—an "I did it." If that is you, pay off your smallest account first. Then you can work on the highest remaining interest rate account.

Commitment is everything. Make a deal with yourself and get the whole family involved to live the deal and walk the walk—morning, noon, and night; day by day, week by week, month by month until the job is done.

It usually helps to talk with

your creditors. Give it a try; they can't shoot you over the phone. If you are uncomfortable doing that, get with a credit counselor.

A good credit counselor can help you analyze your situation and work out the best deal for you.

It's nice to have a pro working for you. You know the collections guy is a pro and he is not working for you. He is working for himself or someone else.

Be careful who you hire. You can contact the Better Business Bureau by phone at 503-226-3981 or online at www.bbb.org to check out a credit counseling agency.

There have been cases where dishonest ones have taken and kept their clients money that was supposed to go for payments to creditors. A little checking can help you avoid the scam offers.

Think positively about repairing your credit. You can do it. But, always remember that living within your means is just keeping even and you need to live below your means to get caught up.

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