

## Tao-Shuh Letters to the Editor Fire

By Duran Bobb

"I don't know why I sat up that time of the night, but I did," Denise Smith said the morning after her home in West Hills burned.

"At 4:10 Tuesday morning (6/14), we did receive a tone-out," said Juanita Majel, spokesperson for Warm Springs Public Safety.

"It was weird," Denise said. "I'm still in shock. There was no smoke, no flames. The alarms weren't even going off yet."

In her home which she shares with nine other people, Denise acted on her instincts and woke up her boyfriend.

*Spilyay Speaks*

"He looked out the window and he said yeah...there is a fire out there."

"It was in a space of about 30 seconds, that was all. The house was on fire. The car was on fire."

As far as she knows, the fire originated in the garage-area of the house.

As Denise rushed from room to room waking everyone in the house, flames began pouring through the living room.

"I got everybody outside and one of my grandkids tried to run back in because he was afraid. Thank God we caught him."

The family stood outside, some of them without shoes, and watched their home burn.

"But Victims of Crime showed up, and they have really been a blessing. I'm very thankful for help at this time."

Crisis worker Rachel Smith and Michelle from ECE began a donation-drive for the family.

Items needed are women's shirts, 2x. 22/24.

Women's shirts, 1x.

Women's T-shirts and sweatpants, size large.

Boys clothes, size 6.

Boys medium. 8/10.

Boys size 7. 5/6.

Kids shoes, 13 and one.

Men's shoes size 11.

Women's shoes size 9.

Women's shoes size 7 1/2.

Eight firefighters from Warm Springs were dispatched to Tao-Shuh to battle the blaze. Jefferson County's number one unit assisted. The cause is under investigation.

The only fatality that took place in the fire, Denise said, was the family pet, a hamster, named Goldie.

My daughter named her that, because she thought she looked like Goldie Hawn.

### A thank you

I would like to thank everybody for the encouragement and support. Most of all, I give thanks to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without Him I know I couldn't have done it. I will be graduating from Central Oregon Community College this summer, then transferring to Eastern Oregon University in the fall. Thank you.

**Carolyn "Snyder" Lawrence-Minjarez.**

### Best years

As I finish out my last few days at a school and community that I have loved so dearly for the last 12 years, I am left feeling very grateful for all of it. I have experienced the best days and years of my life in the Warm Springs community and school. I thank all of you for your kindness, your support, your love, and for allowing me to teach and love your children!

Thank you for also embracing my children into ECE, the community and school. I am so thankful for all the wonderful interactions and friends I have made over the years. I will always wish the school, community and the kids much success. My heart is full of thanks to you and your children. I cannot express the appreciation and memories I will always carry with me as I venture into my new teaching journey. You know I'll greet you with a smile when I see you around the Madras area.

With much affection and appreciation,

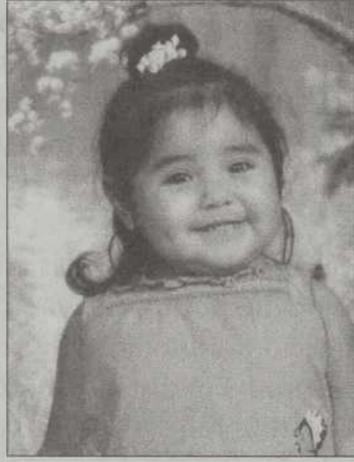
**Ronica Comingore.**

### Wishes...



*Happy 13th Birthday, 'Beatriz' You have grown to be a young, beautiful lady with a good heart. You always make my day wonderful with your smile and your laugh. I'm so lucky to have you as a "Sabrina." I love you (Mama) so I want you to have a good one, because you deserve it. You have come this far in life and I'm very proud of you xoxo - Love tu tia Rose y tus primos-hermanos Tuta and Martin Jr.*

### Wishes...



*Feliz birthday! (Tres years) - A Neyeli Casimiro. Gosh, baby girl, you're getting so big and so pretty. Love you lots. Tu tia Rosie y tus primos-hermanos, Tuta, y Martin Sr.*



*Feliz Birthday (June 15), siete years! A mi sabrino Mario Arce. I love you so much, always, tu tia Rose y mis hijos.*



*Happy birthday, uncle Sunny! Miss you & love you lots - Have a good one! Tu sabrina Rosie y mis hijos.*

**Congratulations to Alex Katchia and Wyatt Frank, 2011 Chemawa Graduates.**

### Two specials

My previous letter regarding the two Pi-Ume-Sha specials was addressed also to Ella Jim. With love and respect, **Daisy Mae Ike.**

### Indian Business Talk

## Does Warm Springs need more stores?

**By Bruce Engle**  
Loan officer  
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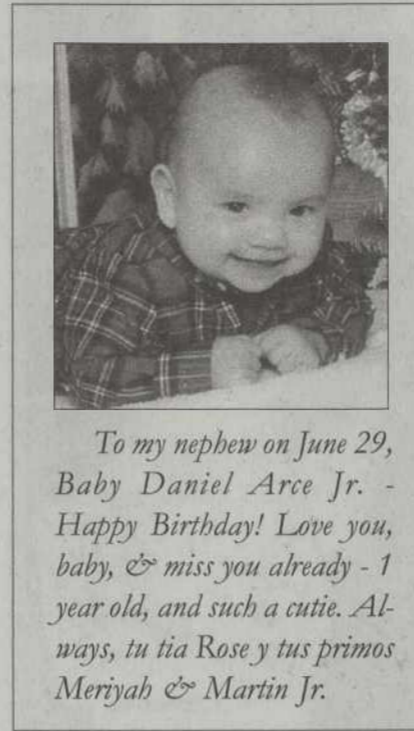
Would you shop in Warm Springs if your cost for goods and gas were about equal to what you are spending now in Madras, Redmond, Bend, or The Dalles?

Your answers are important because stores can't afford to be here for you if you won't be there for them.

What would having more stores mean to the local economy? Add the cost of gas to the amount of purchases now being made off-reservation and I figure we would be talking real money.

It would be nice to keep it here for awhile before it strays off the reservation. Straying? Not hardly! It's flat running away.

They call it "leakage." That leakage is supporting



*To my nephew on June 29, Baby Daniel Arce Jr. - Happy Birthday! Love you, baby, & miss you already - 1 year old, and such a cutie. Always, tu tia Rose y tus primos Meriyah & Martin Jr.*

### To graduate

I would like to let my close relative Hobo and his wife Karla Patt's daughter Chelsie Patt know, Have a safe and happy

### Congratulations, graduate!

Congratulations to sister/auntie/grandmother Carolyn "Snyder" Lawrence-Minjarez. We are all very proud of you. We are also praying for your years at Eastern Oregon University.

Love, your family, **Val and kids, Stacy and kids, Daniel and kids, Becky and kids, Debbie and kids, Nat and Anthony and kids, Grandma and Grandpa Hunt, and Uncle Abe.**



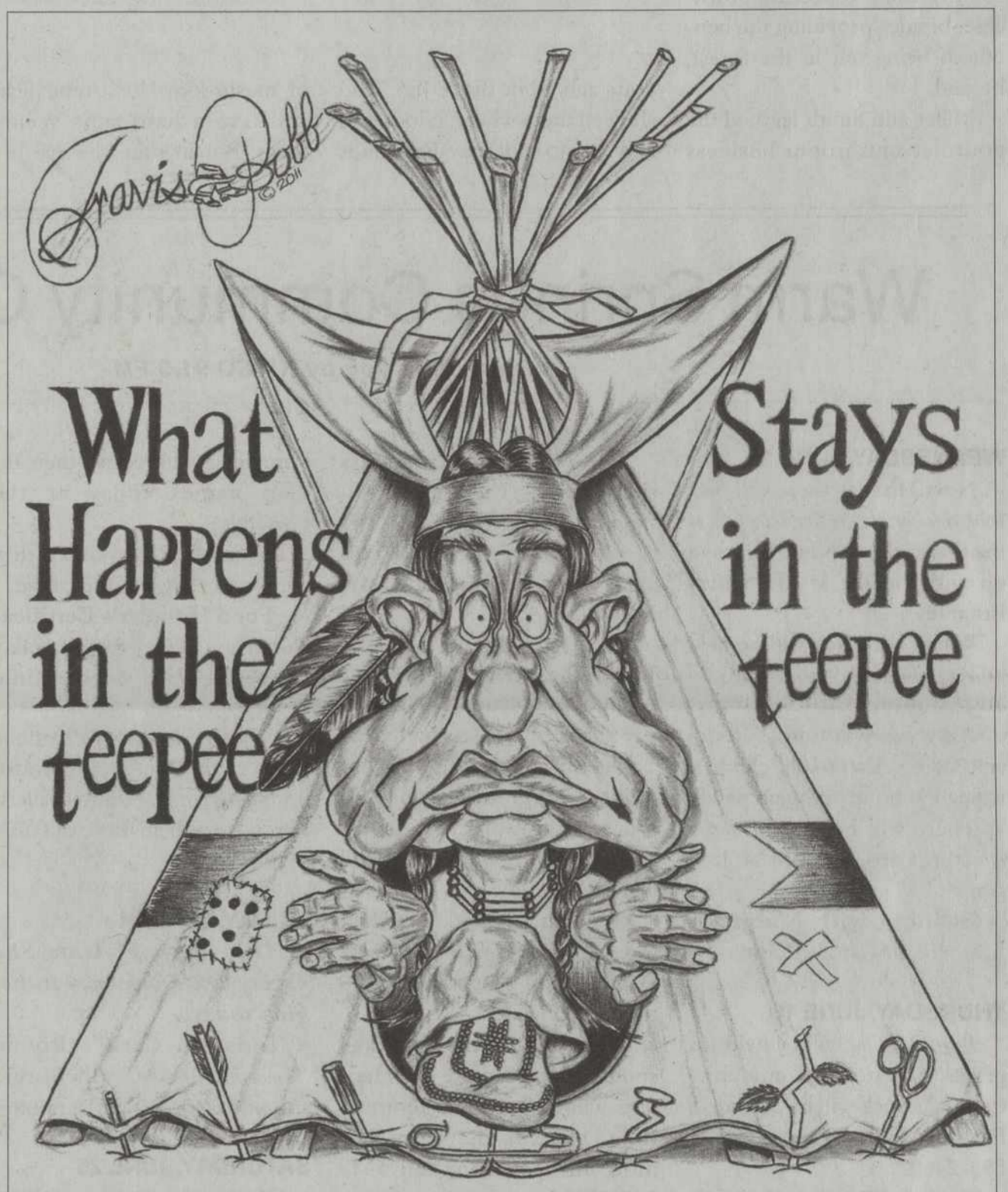
graduation this year!

You father William Hobo Patt is the last Patt I know that graduated from Madras High School. That was way back in 1985.

May you have a great future

with your high school diploma! We very proud of you, Chelsiel

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Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb wishes everyone a safe and happy summer!

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other economies. It isn't doing anything for the Warm Springs economy. It needs to be slowed down and rerouted.

Let's do some guesstimating about what leakage is costing the reservation.

If five hundred "20 mpg vehicles" a week go to Redmond to shop, their gas costs \$8,200 a week or \$426,400 a year.

Tribal member buying power would increase by that amount just from the savings due to not having to drive that far. The gas cost would be less for driving to Madras and more for Bend trips.

What is the value of purchases now being made off-reservation?

If each of the 500 shoppers spent \$50 per trip, that would be \$25,000 a week or \$1.3 million a year.

Add the gas savings of about \$426,400 per year to \$1.3 million

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spending and we get \$1,726,400.

If that money were to be spent here once, some of it would be spent here again and yet again before it would go off-reservation.

Profits would be spent and employees would be paid and they would buy from other Warm Springs stores and those owners and employees would also spend their earnings. And so, the economic game goes on and on.

Warm Springs has a relatively small population. A lot of small stores that are each selling just

one basic type of merchandise may not be a workable model here.

Would a shoe store survive and be successful by itself or would it need to also sell clothing?

Would a Laundromat need to offer cleaning, alterations, and maybe a carwash? Would a hardware store need to offer building supplies or wood stoves or appliances?

Who would own and operate the business or businesses?

Member-owned businesses would be wonderful. A co-op might work. Or, tribal ownership might be the solution.

The best answer at this point is, "It depends." A lot of questions would need to be asked and answered during the feasibility study.

The first and most important answers would come from you who would be the customers.