

Costa Rican visit



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, right, sets up a miniature Costa Rican flag given to him by Florentina Diaz Madrigal, left, during a visit to the Tribal campus on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Madrigal was part of a delegation from Costa Rica that visited Oregon and the Tribe for a day. The visit included a talk by Mercier and a tour at Spirit Mountain Casino.

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home. Arend worked many years in the Boston metropolitan area.

He started as an internal auditor for the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, a federal employment and training program. He was assistant controller for the town of Arlington, Mass.

For nearly a decade, Arend was director of finance and administration for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in Boston, an organization comparable to Portland's regional government Metro.

Working with 101 towns and cities, the Planning Council was an advisory body without enforcement powers. "It was like being a mediator, developing regional strategies," he says. The theory the group promoted is now called Smart Growth.

"Smart Growth concentrates housing and transportation near jobs and preserves open space," Arend says.

He moved west to California in 1998 for the opportunity to work for larger governments. He became Palo Alto's accounting manager in the San Francisco Bay area. In addition to general government, he managed the accounts of seven public utilities, including electric and gas companies.

For the San Mateo County Transit District, a three-county passenger rail system, Arend oversaw the financing of the district's billion dollar construction authority.

For San Jose, Arend was deputy director of finance and supervised the city's outsourced activities.

His education includes two Master of Science degrees, one in accounting and the other in computer information systems. He studied at Dartmouth College in New

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Quote: "My goal is to provide good monthly budget-to-actual dollar figures with clear analysis. Not everybody speaks finance and accounting, so the reports should use non-technical terms."

Hampshire as an undergraduate. Dartmouth was founded in 1789, he notes, to educate Indians.

"And it still has a big Native American department," Arend says.

Raised in a beach town, Arend long has had an attraction to the lifestyle. He earned a U.S. Coast Guard captain's license and ran a part-time charter fishing business with a 30-foot sport fishing boat.

Playing the piano over the years, Arend also has composed "a small catalogue of songs."

"Easy listening, light jazz," is how he describes it.

His children are grown. His son, Jonathan, is a Latin teacher in Acton, Mass., and his daughter, Victoria, attends Bennington College in Vermont.

He grew up in a small town and, though he has worked in many cities over his life, Arend still prefers amenities to be within reach.

Arend recently moved to McMinville, just off historic Third Street, he says, because, "I like a walkable place." ■

New finish



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Above, Tribal member and employee Ben Bishop strips the Tribal gymnasium floor in preparation for it to be refinished on Monday, Sept. 15. Below, Tribal member and Tribal employee Mark LaBonte scrubs a tough spot off the Tribal gymnasium floor.



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