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## Capital Gaming "Buy-out"

The Tribal Board of Directors, by unanimous vote, finalized the terms to terminate the Management Agreement between Capital Gaming Management, Inc. and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. On Thursday, September 28, 1995, Capital Gaming was presented with a check in the amount of \$4.1 million to pay off a loan from Capital Gaming for previous expansion costs and to "buy-out" the remainder of their contract. This move will earn the Tribe an estimated \$4 million dollars over the next three years from management fee's that would have been paid on the contract. The Management Agreement between the tribe and Capital Gaming was not scheduled to expire until April of 1997.

The Tribe entered into the Management Agreement with British American Bingo, (which later was sold to Capital Gaming), in November of 1991. The original Management Agreement, as with many gaming management agreements, mandated a percentage of the profits to be paid to the management company in exchange for expert management and financing for the business venture.

In the past several years the need for a management company has declined due to increased knowledge and experience of the

Tribal Board and Gaming Commission and the qualified employees of the gaming center.

## Massive Congressional Cuts to Indian Programs

The United States Senate intends to cut the Bureau of Indian Affairs by 46 percent, which will result in a \$206 million reduction of Indian programs unless tribal leaders can convince the Senate to restore some of the cuts.

Tribal leaders have been engaged in an uphill battle to uphold tribal sovereignty, as well as to protect and restore tribal programs. Congress has retaliated by introducing an appropriation bill that would prohibit tribes from pleading their cause with Congress or the Administration if they receive federal funding. This bill would cripple every federally recognized tribe to be heard in Washington, D.C.

Additional legislation has been introduced to further strip tribe's of their rights. The following proposed bills demonstrate the attacks against Indian tribes: (source - *The Oregonian*, Sunday Sept. 17, 1995)

*-One bill would eliminate funding for the Legal Services Corp., which provides the core funding for the Native American Program of Oregon Legal Services. Those attorneys provide legal advice to tribes and individuals on*

*everything from governmental organization to prisoner's religious rights.*

*-A proposed amendment to the Indian Child Welfare Act would allow American Indian children to be adopted by non-Indians unless they were enrolled tribal members. The act was originally designed to prevent tribal children from losing their cultural heritage, but many tribes do not formally enroll children until they are grade-school age or older.*

*-The House Ways and Means Committee announced a proposal to tax profits from American Indian Gaming.*

The United States Constitution and treaty's signed by the government guarantee tribal sovereign immunity, which enables tribes to be treated like states. This tax on Indian gaming profit is clearly discrimination against Indians for the simple reason that state operated lotteries are not taxed.

**Tribal governments view this plan as unconstitutional and an infringement on tribal sovereignty. Taxing tribal gaming profits would be detrimental to the Cow Creek Tribe. At this point gaming is this tribes only form of income. A tax would severely impair tribal self sufficiency, as well as social programs that benefit tribal members.**

Congressional sources have said that President Clinton is likely to veto the Interior Department appropriations bill unless Congress restores some of the massive cuts the Senate imposed on Indian programs. If tribal leaders are unable to be effective in their lobbying efforts, a veto by the President would be a great demonstration of this administrations support for Native Americans.

#### **Senator McCain Supports Indian Rights-**

Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs stated in the

Washington Post, Sept. 26, 1995, that appropriations reductions are "A Raw Deal for Indians".

Highlights of the Article were as follows:

*When considering our national responsibilities to Native Americans, we would be wise to recall Sam Houston's poignant description of his own sense of obligations to them. On Feb. 14, 1854, in the twilight of his career, Houston told his colleagues in the United States Senate that they had to choose whether to "deceive [the Indians] by promises, or to confirm to them rights long promised.....I am aware that in presenting myself as the advocate of the Indians and their rights, I shall claim but little sympathy from the community at large, and that I shall stand very much alone, pursuing the course which I feel it my imperative duty to adhere to.....[I]mplanted in me [is] a principle enduring as life itself. That principle is to protect the Indian against wrong and oppression, and to vindicate him in the enjoyment of rights which have been solemnly guaranteed to him by this Government."*

*A week ago, the House and Senate conferees who met to reconcile differences in appropriations for Native Americans faced the same choices that Sam Houston faced so forthrightly. I believe they, on behalf of the American People, chose to break our treaty obligations--obligations that were solemnly made and, all too often, casually violated--to a people for whom fairness has never been an evident quality of life.*

## **"1995 Pow-Wow"**

Fun! Food! Games! Swimming! Drumming! Dancing! Raffle! Hiking! The 1995 Cow Creek Pow-Wow was a great success!

An estimated 500 people gathered at South Umpqua Falls for an array of activities, food and entertainment. As in past years, the Master of

Ceremonies for the annual event was Bob Tom, a member of the Siletz Tribe. Drumming and singing went on long into the night. The Host Drum was Red Willow. Several younger tribal members were given the opportunity to learn more about drumming. A variety of games were conducted for the kids who attended.

This years Pow-Wow was a transitional year for many Pow-Wow Committee members. Many of the responsibilities for the activities were handed over to the younger generation. The Board of Directors would like to extend a special thanks to all who participated in making this years Pow-Wow so great.

The Committee has extended an invitation for more tribal members to get involved with the Pow-Wow. Any tribal members who are interested in attending planning meetings for next years Pow-Wow should contact Roma Jackson at the Tribal Administrative Office, 1-800-929-08229.

## **\$100,000.00 Grant Awarded to Tribe**

The tribe received a \$100,000.00 grant from Rural Economic and Community Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, (RECD), for new storm lines at the gaming facility. "i.e. Engineering" and RECD are working with the Tribe on Bid Specification Documents for the installation of the new lines.

These storm lines will address current and future drainage problems at the gaming center.

If you have any questions, or are a contractor interested in bidding on this project, please contact Tonya Theiss-Skrip at the Administrative Office.

## **"Monarch Cache" Repatriated**

On July 31, 1995, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians reclaimed a substantial grouping of artifacts originally taken from the Huckleberry Patch area by a southern Oregon collector in the 1940's and 50's. These artifacts were known as the "Monarch Cache".

The Tribe originally started an aggressive fight to reclaim the artifacts in the early 1980's. With the passage of recent legislation regarding archeological sites and artifacts the Tribes efforts have become a reality. The Tribe has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Pacific Northwest Museum of Natural History** in Ashland, Oregon, to display the artifacts until such time as the Tribe is in a position to properly display the grouping in a safe and secure setting.

Anyone wishing to view the artifacts may visit the Pacific Northwest Museum of Natural History, located at 1500 E. Main St., Ashland, Oregon, 97520, 503-488-1084.

## **Tribal Health Office Relocated**

The Tribal Health Office is no longer separated from the Administrative Offices. On August 25, 1995, the Health Office moved into the Tribal Administrative Office at 2400 Stewart Parkway, Suite 300, Roseburg, Oregon. The move was made to lower indirect costs and to better serve all tribal members through a central location.

All telephone numbers for Administrative and Health Services will remain in effect.

Administration: (503) 672-9405 or  
1-800-929-8229

Contract Health: (503) 672-8533 or  
1-800-935-2649



## New Left Turn Lane at Gaming Center

To safely manage the increased traffic at the tribal gaming center, the Tribe has dedicated 15 feet of the reservation frontage property to Douglas County for right-of-way for the reconstruction of the Tiller-Trail Highway No. 1, from milepost 1.8 to milepost 2.3. As part of this reconstruction project, the county will also construct a left turn lane for accessing the gaming center.

The construction should be complete no later than November 25, 1995.

## Tribal Disbursement Plan Update

Work continues on a draft of the Tribal Disbursement Plan. The plan has been given to the tribal attorney for review to ensure compliance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, appropriate tax laws, and other applicable federal laws.

The plan, as described in previous newsletters, proposes a disbursement to all tribal members, with trust funds being established for minor children.

The Board of Directors hopes to present the plan at the November General Council Meeting. Every tribal member who can attend is encouraged to do so.

**Please remember that because the funds to support this proposed plan are derived from gaming income, IGRA requires that the plan be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of Interior for approval. THIS PROCESS MAY BE LENGTHY, THEREFORE, A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT CAN NOT BE DETERMINED.**

## New Tribal Office Update

As announced in a previous newsletter, the Tribe has purchased a parcel of land located on NE Stephens in Roseburg for new Tribal Administrative Offices.

As part of the preparation for construction, the old buildings on the property needed to be removed. The Tribe donated the buildings to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office for on-site training for hostage situations, and also to the Douglas County Fire District No. 2 for on-site trainings for live fire exercises.

On August 30, 1995, the Board of Directors approved the preliminary plans for the new Administrative Offices.

The new office building will consolidate the Administrative Office, the Health Programs Office and the Tribal Gaming Commission Office, as well as providing adequate conference rooms for tribal meetings and functions.

Additional medical services, such as a nurse practitioner, are planned for the new offices.

## Nesika Health Group

The following is an updated list of pharmacies in the local area on line with Pequot.

**Roseburg:** Bimart, Fred Meyer, Fullerton Drug, Harvard Avenue Drug, Safeway 437, Medical Park United Drug, Payless 1550, Payless 1555, and Payless 1557.

**Riddle:** Riddle Pharmacy

**Myrtle Creek:** Myrtle Creek, Triangle United Drugs 205.

*All out of state members will be receiving an updated list by mail.*

If you have any questions about a claim, please call Syquan Administrative Services, 1-800-445-4012. If mailing a claim in, please use the following address: Syquan Administrative Services, P.O. Box 21918, El Cajon, CA. 92021

If you are interested in the Nesika Health Plan, or are already signed up and have questions, please call Joan at 672-8533 or 1-800-935-2649.

## TRIBAL PROGRAMS

### Tribal Library

The tribal library is now open for use by tribal members and their families. There are over 1000 books from which to choose. Subjects include Animals and Science, Talking Books (Cassettes), Native American History and Stories, Employment, Business and Careers Help, Money Management, Relationships, Self-Help, Nutrition, Weight Loss, Parenting, and Physical and Mental Health to name a few. For information on a specific book you may contact Roma Jackson at the Administrative Office.

### Daycare Assistance

The Cow Creek Child Care Assistance Program is provided through the Child Care and Development Block Grant, and can provide full day care and/or after school care for eligible families. All applicants must live in the seven county service area and be employed, engaged in an on-the-job training program, or enrolled in school. The children must be under the age of 13. For more information regarding this program, please contact Carol Ferguson at the Tribal Administrative Office.

### First Aid Class

There is a First Aid Class scheduled for Nov. 4, 1995, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held at the Tribal Administrative Office.

Please call Rhonda Malone at the Tribal Administrative Office to register.

### Housing Assistance

The Housing Improvement Program, (HIP), is currently accepting applications for housing assistance. This program can assist eligible tribal members with housing needs such as: rehabilitation, (roof, weatherization, windows, doors, structural repairs, etc.), or down payment assistance. Priority is given to families with the greatest need in relation to income, family size, etc.

If you would like to apply for housing assistance, please contact Carol Ferguson at the Administrative Office.

### Domestic Violence

Are you or someone you know suffering from DOMESTIC VIOLENCE? Violence in the home is a crime that cuts across all age, racial, class and educational boundaries. Domestic violence is a monster that wears many masks.

If you or someone you know is in need of confidential counseling or assistance, the Tribe is receiving Family Violence Intervention Funds and will be able to provide assistance. Help is available now by calling Rhonda at 1-800-929-8229 or by contacting your local Battered Persons Hot Line. In Roseburg: 1-800-464-6543; Grants Pass: 1-800-750-9278; Ashland: 1-503-779-4357; Coos Bay: 1-800-448-8125; Eugene: 1-800-281-2800; and in Bend: 1-800-356-2369.

## Flu Vaccinations

On Thursday, Oct. 26, 1995, from 1-3 p.m., there will be a Flu and Pneumonia Vaccination Clinic held at Mercy Community Education Building, located at 2260 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, (near the Roseburg Valley Mall next to Parkway Medical Supply). This clinic is specifically for Cow Creek tribal and family members. There will be no cost to the individual for the immunizations. If you are a senior citizen, please remember to bring your Medicare card with you.

If you have any questions or need transportation, you may contact Peggy Meharry at 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.

## Contract Health

When an "explanation of benefits", (EOB), is received from Medicare or a primary insurance company, the patient must forward that EOB to the Contract Health Office to get the remaining portion of the bill paid.

If patients are receiving statements on a medical or dental bill which has been authorized by Contract Health, please send them to the Cow Creek Tribal Office.

In an effort to cut back spending, all well baby check-ups and shots should be performed at the County Health Department. Also, emergency room visits must be life threatening.

Cow Creek Contract Health receives calls from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. No calls are taken after 4:00 p.m. as the Contract Health computers are backed up at that time and are unable to produce an authorization number. If you need to call before 8:30 a.m., please leave a message for Joan or Linda, however, it is the patients responsibility to call during office hours to get your authorization number.

If you have any questions regarding Cow Creek Contract Health, please call Linda or Joan at the Administrative Office, 672-9405 or 1-800-929-8229.

## Child Safety Car Seats

Even the safest car seat won't protect your child if it is used **incorrectly**!

85% of the child safety car seats in Oregon are being used improperly. Yet we know that child safety seats, when used correctly, are 71% effective in preventing fatalities.

Do you have the instructions for the your child safety car seat? Remember, the child safety car seat needs to be fastened in with a seat belt. Make sure your child is correctly belted in. As your child grows, there are seat adjustments you need to make to keep them riding safely. If you use a convertible seat, remember to keep it facing the seat until your baby weighs 20 pounds and is 12 months old. At that time adjust it to sit upright and facing forward. If your child has outgrown the convertible seat, a booster seat is the next step in providing the safest ride.

For more information call the Child Safety Seat Resource Center at 1-800-772-1315, or Rhonda Malone at 1-800-929-8229.

## New Tribal Employees

**Joan Atchison** was hired in March as IHS Claims Processor for Contract Health, and since has also been put in charge of the Nesika Health Insurance. Joan previously worked as a bookkeeper and medical receptionist.

**Tonya Theiss-Skrip** has been hired as Administrative Assistant and to coordinate special projects such as trust status for newly aquired properties, the new tribal offices, the sewage treatment facility to serve gaming center, and the left-hand turn lane at the gaming center. Tonya has an extensive background with the City of Roseburg and i.e. engineering. —



## Announcements

### Dedicated Scholars

**Vida Bishop**, daughter of Bernita Eagleman, graduated Cum Laude from Northwest Christian College in June, 1995. She received a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Management.

Vida is a single mother who graduated from Umpqua Community College as the Harry Jacob Outstanding Student of the Year. She then attended school at the University of Oregon for a year before transferring to Northwest Christian College where she completed the final year toward her degree.

**Christine E. Cox**, granddaughter of Tribal Elder Rena Cox, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington in June, 1995. Besides receiving a Bachelors of Science Degree in biology with a minor in Spanish, Chris was also an active participant of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, (AISES). Christine has been attending summer school in Mexico City to polish her Spanish and learn more about the Mexican culture. Upon returning to Washington state this fall her plans include serving a nine month internship with the Mattawa School District Health Services Department before pursuing graduate studies in physical therapy at the Mayo Clinic.

*Congratulations Vida and Chris!!!!!!*

### Elders 75th Wedding Anniversary

The children and grandchildren of George "Ganz" and Theora Rondeau respectfully request your presence to join them in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of their marriage.

Date: **October 14, 1995**

Time: **2 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

Place: **6811 Monument Dr.  
Grants Pass, Oregon**