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Chairman's Column



Dear Tribal Community,

Much has transpired over the last month with regard to our plans for a destination resort casino. I write to you today with a clear message: No matter what obstacles others place in our way, we will overcome them and build a first class destination resort casino in Taunton that will bring jobs and revenue to Tribal citizens, our partners in Taunton and our neighbors.

Threats to sue our Tribe, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Department of the Interior will not deter us from building a first class destination resort casino in Taunton. We have known all along that different groups would sue to try and deprive us of our tribal rights, but it has become clear that our opponents are more concerned with their own self-interest than the good of Southeastern Massachusetts who need work.

As soon as our land is placed in trust, we are prepared to break ground and provide good jobs to thousands of local people.

The US Department of the Interior is no longer delaying placing land in trust once they have reached a final record of decision. Previously, the Department had an internal "self-stay" policy under which they waited 30 days to see if lawsuits were filed

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Tribal Court Explains Privacy Policy

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court has adopted a policy that, with some exceptions, provides that all proceedings before it and all records of the court are available and open for inspection by the general public. The general public includes members of the tribe as well as non-members.

The exceptions to the general policy include juvenile matters, trials involving incest, rape or sexual abuse (involving children 16 years of age or younger), involuntary commitment proceedings, trial of paternity proceedings and Indian Child Welfare Act cases. For a complete statement of the policy ask the Tribal Court Clerk for a copy of Administrative Order #10. The types of cases that have just been listed are closed to the public and decisions relating to them are kept confidential. Also, in any case before the Tribal Court, a motion can be made that the proceedings be closed to the general public and the record sealed "in the interests of justice". These kinds of motions will not be readily granted. It is, however, always possible that there are cases which should be closed to the public for some reason not covered by the general policy and the Tribal Court reserves the right to grant such a motion.

As a part of this openness policy, the Chief Judge has arranged for publication of Tribal Court decisions on a web page maintained by Suffolk Law School. You can access this web page by going to www.library.law.suffolk.edu/screens/Wampanoag1.html or you can do a search for Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court (which gets you to the tribal court web page) and click on "Cases" on the home page and follow directions from there.

The Cape Cod Times published an article which described certain decisions of the tribal court that are posted on the Suffolk web page. Some members of the Tribe, having read the article, have questioned why decisions of the tribal court should be generally accessible to members of the public. The purpose of this article is to describe the reasoning behind the policy.

First, it is important that tribal membership has an easy way to access decisions of the Tribal Court in a confidential manner. The Suffolk web site publication enables tribal membership to access decisions of the Tribal Court from the privacy of their own home. Free web access to court decisions means that tribal membership knows what decisions have been made and the legal basis

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Wampanoag New Year Celebrated

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe celebrated the Wampanoag New Year on Saturday, May 4 at the Old Indian Meeting House. The Wampanoag New Year is a time for us to recognize the seasonal new rebirth of Mother Earth. Speakers, Tribal Members and friends shared their feelings of gratitude for the greening of the world and for all that is blooming around the area. Tribal Members also shared stories from past generations, their thoughts and celebrated with drumming and a potluck



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Events Calendar

New Events

May 19 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

May 25 - 10:00 a.m.
Youth Sobriety Powwow, *Powwow Grounds*

June 9 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

June 15 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Graduation Brunch, *Quashnet Valley Country Club*

June 29 - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Day of Wellness, *Cape Cod Canal*

July 5 to July 7 - 10:00 a.m.
Powwow, *Barnstable County Fair Grounds*

Weekly Events

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Volleyball, *KC Coombs School*

Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wamp Support Group, *Old Indian Meeting House*

Biweekly - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Mashpee Food Pantry, *Monday and Wednesday every other week*

Biweekly - 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
New Bedford Food Pantry, *Tuesday and Thursday every other week*

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.
Chiefs Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House.*
It is held the first Tuesday of the month.

Language Classes

Watch WLRP.org for upcoming new language classes as well as our annual 3-day family immersion camp!



Tribal Announcements

» **Robbie Hendricks**, a junior at Mashpee high school, received the Boys and Girls Club of Cape Cod Youth of the Year Award on Thursday, April 25. It is the highest achievable award given by the Boys and Girls Club and is given to a youth that has exhibited great leadership to his younger peers and has overcome obstacles to achieve success. In recognition of his achievements, Robbie received a scholarship along with his award. He is the son of Treasurer Robbie Hendricks Sr. and Rita Lopes-Doyle and the stepson of Robbie's wife Kelley Hendricks and Rita's husband Mark Doyle.



» **Ryan Hendricks**, son of Robbie and Kelley Hendricks, received an award on April 11 from the Quashnet Middle School for receiving all A's, physical fitness and also having perfect attendance. Congratulations Ryan.

» **Caesar Hendricks**, son of Missy and Councilman Carlton Hendricks was named to the honor roll for receiving all A's and B's and a physical fitness award. Congratulations Caesar and keep up the good work.

» Congratulations to **Denise Yvonne Green**, great granddaughter of Alice Coombs Santos, granddaughter of Joyce Santos Green and daughter of Darryl Green and Elizabeth Campinker on graduating from the "Basic County Corrections Officer Academy" out of Plymouth County. Denise graduated the class on January 18, 2013. She is one of the newest correctional officers at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility.



» Congratulations to **Steven Johnson-Gonsalves** for being named Athlete of the Week and receiving the South Shore League All Star Team All League Award for varsity basketball.

» Congratulations to **Wesley Rose Jr.**, Grade 6 at the Mattacheese School in Yarmouth, for making the honor roll. Wesley is the son of Desereé Pena and Wesley Rose, Sr. and he is the grandson of Janice Costa and Edie and Robert Rose.

» **Sonya (Frye) Thornton** graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA on May 11, 2013 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology/Christian Counseling. Congratulations Sonya!



» **Danica (Windsor) Hicks**, daughter of Beverly Cash and Jimmy Windsor, granddaughter of the late Jessie and James Cash, will be graduating with honors on May 21, 2013. She has earned her bachelor's degree in Humanities from Farleigh Dickinson University. We are so proud of Danica's accomplishment especially since she is graduating with high honors - Summa Cum Laude - while juggling her family life (husband Antoine, and 8-year old son Marques) and a full-time job. Danica's journey is truly inspirational and although it was difficult, Danica kept her mind on her goal and never gave up.





Tribal Members Norman Joey Dias and David Greene, Clerk of the Works for RGB



Tribal Council Member Laura Miranda, Government Building Project Coordinator David Weeden and Treasurer Robbie Hendricks, Sr.

Jordan Keliinui to Play Football at UMass

Jordan Keliinui, son of Councilwoman Trish Keliinui, was accepted to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst where he will major in Political Science beginning in the fall of 2013. Jordan, a graduate of Mashpee High School in 2012, will complete his post-graduate year at Williston Northampton School located in Easthampton, MA and participate in commencement exercises on May 26.

Jordan, a member and Tri-Captain of the 2011 Mashpee High School State Division IV Super Bowl Championship football team, has also been recruited as a member of the UMass Division I football team.

When asked about his experience as a "Post-Graduate" student at Williston, Jordan stated, "I really benefited from this year's experience. Williston has a great amount of



top-notch academic resources, which has really prepared me for UMass. I also had the chance to take full advantage of the wide range of very interesting elective classes. The added benefit has been

the friendships that I have made through extra-curricular activities, dorm-life, and of course football. I now have a ton of friends from different areas of the country as well as internationally. It's been a solid experience and I recommend a post-grad year for any student/athlete who is considering it as a next step out of high school."

Congratulations Jordan, on your accomplishments, academically and athletically!

Savannah Maher to Attend Dartmouth

Savannah Frances Maher never met her great-grandfather Steven "Happy" Peters, but he is no doubt smiling on her now as she fulfills his dream to have one of his own attend Dartmouth College. In 1938 the Mashpee Selectman's petition to the college to honor their charter to educate Native American students made headlines in the Boston Globe. Savannah, daughter of tribal

member Paula Peters, was admitted into the Ivy League school's class of 2017 becoming the third Mashpee Wampanoag student to attend the school. Savannah will graduate from Falmouth Academy in June.



Academy in June.

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before placing land in trust.

Our application for land in trust is under active review at the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Earlier this year, the BIA announced that our lands in Taunton and Mashpee will qualify as an initial reservation, an important status in federal law that will allow us to conduct gaming. We expect that the required environmental review and hearings will be complete later this year, and that the final Record of Decision will follow shortly thereafter.

Our project is further ahead than any other project in the entire Commonwealth. With an Intergovernmental Agreement, land under control, a successful referendum, and design well underway, we have made incredible progress in a very short period of time.

We also enjoy the continued support of one of the largest and most successful gaming companies in the world. They have reiterated their support for our efforts, and we are glad to have their confidence and commitment.

We will not be deterred by any action of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. While we continue to wonder why they are ignoring the intent of Governor Patrick and the Legislature, the decision they made to open Region C to commercial bid will not stop us from moving forward. It does, however, risk having two casinos in Southeastern Massachusetts and four in the state. In this case, our Tribe will pay no revenue to the state, and according to the state's own research, will destroy the economic model on which the state based its Expanded Gaming Law. This will cost the state an estimated \$2.5 billion over the life of the Compact we have negotiated with Governor Patrick.

We as a Tribe are no strangers to challenges and obstacles. In fact, we are defined by our perseverance, our tenacity, and our resilience. We will continue purposefully and professionally toward having our land taken into trust and building and operating a destination resort casino in Taunton. We will continue to work with our partners like Governor Patrick, the City of Taunton and the Massachusetts legislature. We will continue to move forward toward the uplift of our Tribal Nation. And we will win.

Kutâputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell, Qaqemasq (*Running Bear*)

Education Focus Group Participants Wanted

N *uwēetanuhkôsuwâhuhshôm unuwshkusuwâenunešunônak* 'We are working together for our young ones'

The Education Department is looking for 10 people to commit to participating in a series of 6 monthly focus groups with the goal of helping to shape and provide a vision for our education programs. Education is the key to providing future generations a world of opportunity and success.

The specific result of the group will be determined by the participants, but the initial guiding questions are: "What are the values that we as Mashpee Wampanoag people expect each other to uphold?" and "What knowledge is necessary to live as a healthy, successful Mashpee Wampanoag person in 2012?"

Exact dates and times are yet to be set but sessions will likely be ½ days on either Saturdays or Sundays. Proposed weekends are June 8-9, July 20-21, August 17-18, September 21-22 and October 19-20 and November 16-17. This project is the topic for Nitana Hicks' dissertation research for her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction at Boston College.

For questions or to express interest, please contact Renee Lopes-Pocknett at rpocknett@mwtribe.com or in the Education Department at (508) 419-6017. You may also reach out to Nitana Hicks at nitanahicks@gmail.com or in the Language Department at (508) 419-6281.

More information is coming soon! Kutâputunumun!

Smoking Cessation

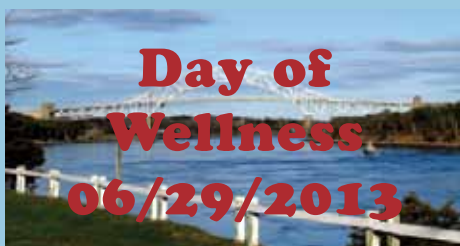


The Smoking Cessation Group that was scheduled to start on Monday, April 22 was moved to Monday, May 6 and now meets at the Health Administration building and not at the Mashpee Public Library. The group meets each Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for six weeks. There is also a New Bedford Group that meets on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. that started on May 9. Please stop by if you currently smoke, are thinking of quitting, have quit or are supporting a family member's efforts to kick the habit.

Tribal Health to Host Day of Wellness

Save the date for a fun, healthy day of events to support wellness all hosted by our Tribal Health Office. There will be a 4-mile Walk/Run for Wellness along the beautiful Cape Cod Canal and a Volleyball Tournament on Saturday June 29 with a rain date Sunday June 30. The day of events will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. More details about the wellness events will be coming soon, but we promise drumming, raffles, lunch and lots of fun. Through events like this

and other health initiatives, we continue to make strides towards our goal of eliminating the health disparities in our community.



Support Group

The Wamp Support Group meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House to support Tribal Members who are struggling with addiction. To remain sober we need to support each other. Together with the spirit of our ancestors, we will begin the path of healing.

The Native American Prayer

Oh Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world-hear me-I come before you, one of your children. I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my People, the lesson you have hidden in every leaf and rock. I seek strength not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy, myself. Make me ever ready to come to you, with clean hands and straight eyes, so when life fades as a fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

"Prayer by Yellow Hawk Sioux Chief"

Open seat on the Enrollment Committee

There is an open seat on the Enrollment Committee. Tribal members interested in serving on the committee may contact Committee secretary Leslie Jonas at LJonas@mwtribe.com or

lesjonas@gmail.com with further questions. The Enrollment Committee meets each Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Madaket Place Unit A3.

Wampum Needed for Government Center

The Tribe is looking to purchase Wampum for the new Tribal Government Building. The Tribe is willing to pay for the wampum portion of a quahog shell on a per pound basis. The material will have



to be inspected and approved prior to payment. 750 pounds of Wampum will be used in the Tribal Government Building. Please contact David Weeden at (774) 327-0662 for additional information.

POWWOW

92nd Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow

July 5 - July 7, 2013

Barnstable County Fair Grounds
1220 Nathan Ellis Highway
East Falmouth, MA

Gates Open at 10:00 AM

www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com



Advertise in Program

Advertising space is now available in the 2013 Powwow Program. Each year thousands of people attend our powwow and advertising in our program is a great way to promote both tribal and non tribal businesses. If you would like to support the powwow and advertise in our program, please go on line to the tribal website and click on the "Powwow" link. You will be able to download the sponsorship form. If you have any questions please call David Weeden, Powwow Director, at (774) 327-0662.

Open Position on the Powwow Committee

Would you like to help organize and plan this year's Powwow? The Powwow is right around the corner and now is the perfect time to get involved by joining the Powwow Committee. If you are interested in joining the committee or would like to learn about other ways that you can get involved as a volunteer, please send David Weeden, Pow Wow Director, an email at dweeden@mwtribe.com.

The Powwow Committee is also looking for people to fill the following jobs:

- » Parking attendant
- » Trash collector
- » Bathroom attendant
- » Ice runner
- » Dance registration
- » Gate attendants
- » Assistance with grounds set up and break down.



IN THE NEWS

Inaugural Youth Ball a Success

Iwould like to thank all of the Tribal Members and local businesses that donated their time, food, money and decorations to help make our inaugural Youth Ball a success.

The night started off with an honor song by several of our youth leaders, Scott Reels, Attaquin Weeden, Doug Pocknett, Robbie Hendricks, and Brian Weeden along with Chairman Cromwell, Tribal Council Member Bobby Foster and Randy Peters. Brian Weeden honored us with a prayer in the Wopanaak language, which was followed by the Award Ceremony.

I would like to take a minute and

congratulate the following winners: Kendall Scott, Elisha "Clay Ash" Johnson Award; Brenda Price and Desauin Dias, Sportsmanship Award; Danna Jackson and Mason Hendricks, Dream Big Award; Scott Reels and Faith Smalley, (Aquinnah) Tribal Youth Leadership Award; and Cassandra Averett and Lashelle Mathis, Youth Leadership Award.

It was my honor to host the ball and I am proud to say I am a Mashpee Wampanoag Youth!

In Peace,
Keturah Peters,
2012-2013 Powwow Princess



Tribal Court Privacy Policy *(continued)*

for those decisions. While membership may disagree with the decisions of the Tribal Court at least they know what they are. If the Tribal Court restricted access to its decisions to just tribal members we could not post them in a secure manner on the web and tribal membership would have to come to the court to review decisions.

Second, publication on the Suffolk web page means increased access by tribal members who are represented by outside attorneys. The attorneys for tribal members who are involved in a Tribal Court case are, in all instances, not members of the Tribe. If access to decisions was limited to tribal members, attorneys representing tribal members would not have easy and direct access to the decisions of the Tribal Court. General Public access to the Suffolk web site means that attorneys representing tribal members will be able to research Tribal Court decisions and use those decisions to support their arguments. Without easy access to Tribal Court decisions the attorneys would not be able to adequately represent the interests of tribal members. Outside attorneys will also see that the Tribal Court follows the rule of law and is not influenced by outside sources.

Third, when the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court decisions are available on line, other tribal courts will have access to our decisions and will use them to decide cases in their tribal courts. This helps the entire tribal court movement.

Fourth, easy access to Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court decisions will engender respect both within the tribe and with other courts. Secrecy of decision making does not engender faith in the system. Secrecy and limited access to Tribal Court decisions

will breed distrust and suspicion that the Tribal Court is attempting to hide something. We are not. Our decisions are consistent with tribal law and well reasoned.

In addition to providing ease of access to tribal members and to their attorneys the tribal court also has jurisdiction over non-members. This is more than just theoretical jurisdiction. Contracts entered into between the Tribe and suppliers (including construction contractors) typically have a provision in them that requires that any disputes arising under or relating to the contract must be resolved in the Wampanoag Tribal Court. As the Tribe acquires trust land, the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court over non-members will expand.

Fifth, limiting access to the Tribal Court solely to members of the tribe will create suspicion that the tribal court is not a fair forum. Contractors and other non-members will not agree to Tribal Court jurisdiction if they are unable to access decisions of the Tribal Court and to determine for themselves that they will get a fair hearing in our court. Non-member employees, both present and future, must have confidence that the Tribal Court system is fair, impartial and aboveboard. Publication and openness will assure them that the Tribal Court is one that they can have confidence in. Secrecy and limited access will not. If potential parties cannot see the decisions of the court they can only assume the worst.

Sixth, the only way that state courts will give effect to decisions of the Tribal Court is if its decisions are open and accessible to the general public. If a judgment is entered by the Tribal Court, any remedy will have to be recognized by a state court. No state court is going to enforce a Tribal Court judgment (give it what is called full faith and credit)

if the decisions of the Tribal Court are not accessible by the general public. If only tribal members can read the decisions of the Tribal Court then no State Court is going to recognize its judgments. Thus, a large part of the Tribal Court's authority will be lost. If a party to a Tribal Court action can't enforce a Tribal Court judgment outside of the trust land of the tribe then the tribal court will become powerless and irrelevant. No plaintiff is going to go to the time and expense of filing and pursuing a Tribal Court action if the judgment issued by the Tribal Court will not be enforceable.

Lastly, the recently enacted Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA") provides for Tribal Court jurisdiction over non-Indians who are accused of dating or domestic violence within Indian Country. However, in order for Tribal Courts to assert this jurisdiction they must grant non-Indians accused of a dating or domestic violence crime the same civil rights that they would have in a non-Indian court. Part of those rights is to know what the decisions of the Tribal Court are. If access to Tribal Court decisions are limited solely to tribal members and if only tribal members can attend Tribal Court proceedings then the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court would not qualify for the kind of special jurisdiction provided for in the VAWA.

I hope that this short article answers your questions or concerns about the accessibility of the Tribal Court. If you have questions or comments on this article you can post them on our Facebook page or Twitter account.

Henry J. Sockbeson,
Chief Judge,
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court

Museum Exhibit

A new exhibit "Honoring our Veterans" will be on display at the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum from Monday, May 13 to Friday, June 14. Come stop by the Museum and browse the long and distinguished history of Native American Veterans. The Museum is located next to the Herring Run on Main Street in Mashpee and is open every Monday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

RSVP for Graduation Brunch

The Education Department is sponsoring our second annual Graduation Brunch at the Quashnet Valley Country Club for our Tribal high school and college graduates. The brunch will be held on Saturday, June 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Space for this event is limited and must be reserved by June 3.

Any graduating senior interested in attending must call Anne at (508) 419-

6017 X609 or email afoxx@mwtribe.com by June 3. Last year was a huge success and we hope to share this recognition brunch with as many of our families as possible.



Wampanoag New Year *(continued)*

lunch.

The New Year celebrations was sponsored by the Old Indian Meeting House committee, including Chairwoman Carol Lopez, Secretary Pauline Peters, Norman Dias, Ellen Hendricks, Jeanne Peters, Treasurer Anne Foxx, Anita "Mother Bear" Peters and their Council Liaison Trish Keliinui. The ceremony was led by Anne and Mother Bear and introduced tribal youth Brian Weeden and Kiona Anderson who re-enacted the Tribe's assertion of control over the Meeting House in 1833.

Medicine Man Guy "Soaring



Eagle" Cash, Brian Weeden, Attaquin Weeden, Councilman Bobby Foster and Chairman Cromwell, performed traditional honor songs before guests received seed packets and gathered to sample the delicious pot-luck lunch.



Also on display for all to see was the "Veteran's Quilt" created by Mother Bear which will remain on display at the Museum during the month of May.

It was a beautiful sunny day and wonderful celebration and welcome of the New Year..Thank you to all who attended!

The Disease of Addiction: A Message from Aunt Joan

Alcohol dependence and self-medicating with drugs are types of addiction...addiction that is running a free-for-all among our people and appears to be our Tribe's greatest health issue. The Barnstable House of Correction and rehab institutions on the Cape have more of our adults and youth than we have graduating or employed. Too many Tribal Members continue to grieve for their family members and as an Elder I grieve with you too. The tears seem to never stop and the pain gets greater.

I hope these following words of the DEVIL will empower those involved with drugs and alcohol to find a new path and a brighter future. I recommend YOU READ this poem from an author unknown for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Perhaps these words will help other family members to better understand the disease that is addiction.

I AM YOUR DISEASE (Author Unknown)

*You know who I am; you've called me your friend
Wishes of misery and heartache I send
I want only to see that you're brought to your
knees, I am the devil inside you,
I AM YOUR DISEASE*

*I'll invade all your thoughts; I'll take hostage your
soul
I'll become your master in total control
I'll maim your emotions; I'll run the whole game,
til your entire existence is crippled with shame.*

*When you call me I come sometimes in disguise
Quite often I'll take you by total surprise*

*But take you I will and just as you feared
I'll want to hurt you with no mercy spared.*

*If you have your own family, I'll see it destroyed
I'll steal every pleasure in life you've ever enjoyed
I'll not only hurt you I'll kill if I please
I'm your worst living nightmare.
I AM YOUR DISEASE*

*I'll bring self-destruction but still you can't tell
I'll sweep through heaven then drop you in hell.
I'll chase you forever; wherever you go
And then when I catch you, you won't even know.*

*I'll sometimes lay silent, just waiting to strike.
What's yours becomes mine because I take what I
like
I'll take all you own and won't care who sees
I'm your constant companion
I AM YOUR DISEASE.*

*If you have any honor, I'll strip it away
You'll lose all your hopes and forget how to pray
I'll leave you in darkness, while blindly you stare
I'll reduce you to nothing and won't even care.*

*So don't take for granted my powers, sublime
I'll bend and I'll break you, time after time
I'll crumble your world with the greatest of ease
I am that mad man inside you
I AM YOUR DISEASE*

*But today I'm really angry, you want to know
why?
I let the whole room of addicts slip by
How did I lose you? Where did I go wrong?
One minute I had you, the next you were gone.*

You can't dismiss all the good times we've shared

*When you were alone wasn't I who appeared?
When you sold those possessions you knew you
would need
Wasn't I the first to agree?*

*Now look at you bastards, your all thinking clear
You escaped with your lives and found your way
here
Only fools think they're winners when admitting
defeat
It's what you must say when claiming defeat
So go ahead and surrender, if that's what you
choose
But I'm not giving up because I can't stand to
lose...
I'll stand by your side watching all that you do*

*I'm ready and waiting so call if you please
I won't let you forget me
I AM YOUR DISEASE.*

What does this all mean? It means coming together as a Tribal Community to talk and act all in the same breath. To make a change it requires courage, patience, empathy, trust and compassion. I believe we have the resources... I know there have been pockets of people meeting to save someone and other services have been provided. That is wonderful and hopeful. I now ask if we have the resolve to do more because of the huge problem we are facing.

Peace,
joan Tavares avant



THE ST. DAVID'S ISLANDERS AND NATIVE COMMUNITY

is pleased to host

THE BERMUDA POW WOW 2013

A Celebration of Our Ancestors

June 22 and 23 11am to 5pm each day

COMMUNITY

Apply now for CCCD School Programs

Cape Cod Child Development (CCCD) has reached out to our Education Department and asked us to spread the word that it is now accepting applications for the 2013-2014 Head Start Program. The Head Start Program is a program for pre-school aged children and is free for families that meet the financial guidelines. CCCD Head Start will run from September to June from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For an application or for more information, please call Lori McCracken, Cape Cod Child Development, at (508) 775-6240 x311. You can also learn more by visiting www.cccd.org.

The Head Start Program provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to pre-school aged children and their families. The program's services and resources are designed to enhance children's physical and cognitive skills and increase their chances for a successful transition to kindergarten and beyond.

After School and Summer Programs

Cape Cod Child Development is now accepting applications for its Falmouth School Age Child Care programs. School-Age Child Care provides after school and summer programs for children between the ages of 5 and 13 years old. There is a cost for these programs, but financial assistance is available to families that meet the financial guidelines.

The School-Age Child Care after school and summer programs provide working parents a safe, nurturing and positive environment for their children before and after school, during the summer and school vacations. The staff of this program is committed to helping your family by keeping your child safe while providing academic support and activities during those critical times.

For more information about eligibility, schedules and locations, please call the Cape Cod Child Development Enrollment Department at (508) 775-6240 x 324. You can also learn more by visiting www.cccd.org.

Youth Powwow



The 2013 Youth Sobriety Powwow is being held on Saturday, May 25. The gates will open at 10:00 a.m. and grand entry will be at noon. This year's events includes dancing, drumming, a two-step special, a hand-drum special, food and raffles.

The dancers for the 2013 sobriety powwow include head male dancer Douglas Pocknett Jr., and head female dancer Danna Jackson.

Our youth have worked very hard to put together another wonderful powwow and they look forward to seeing you in attendance.