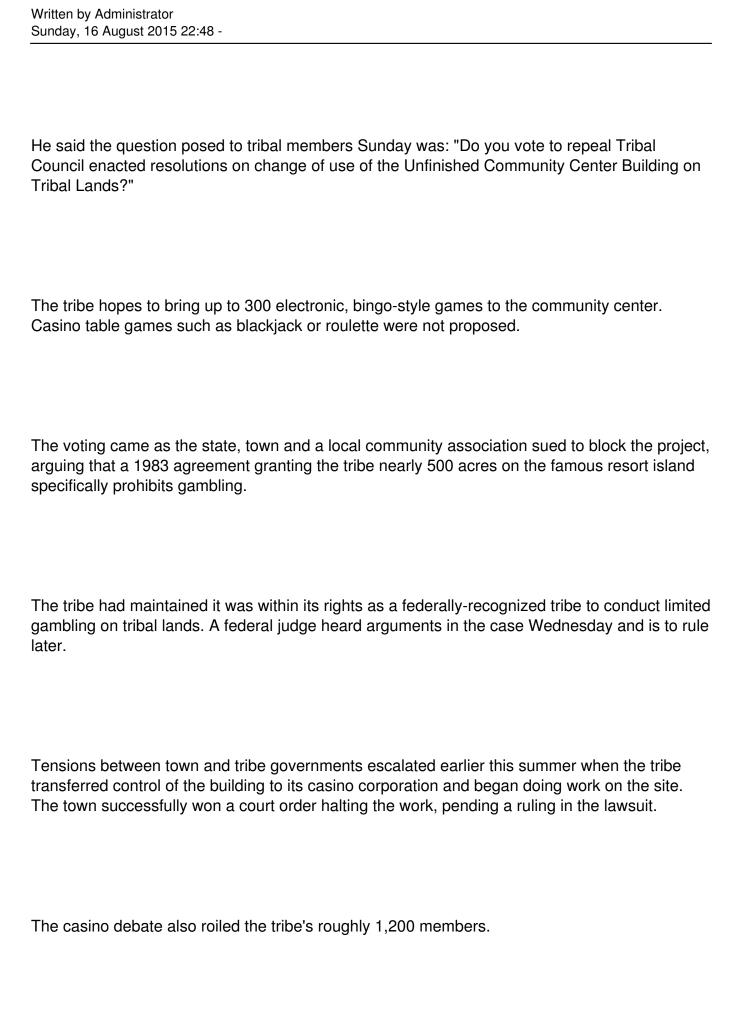
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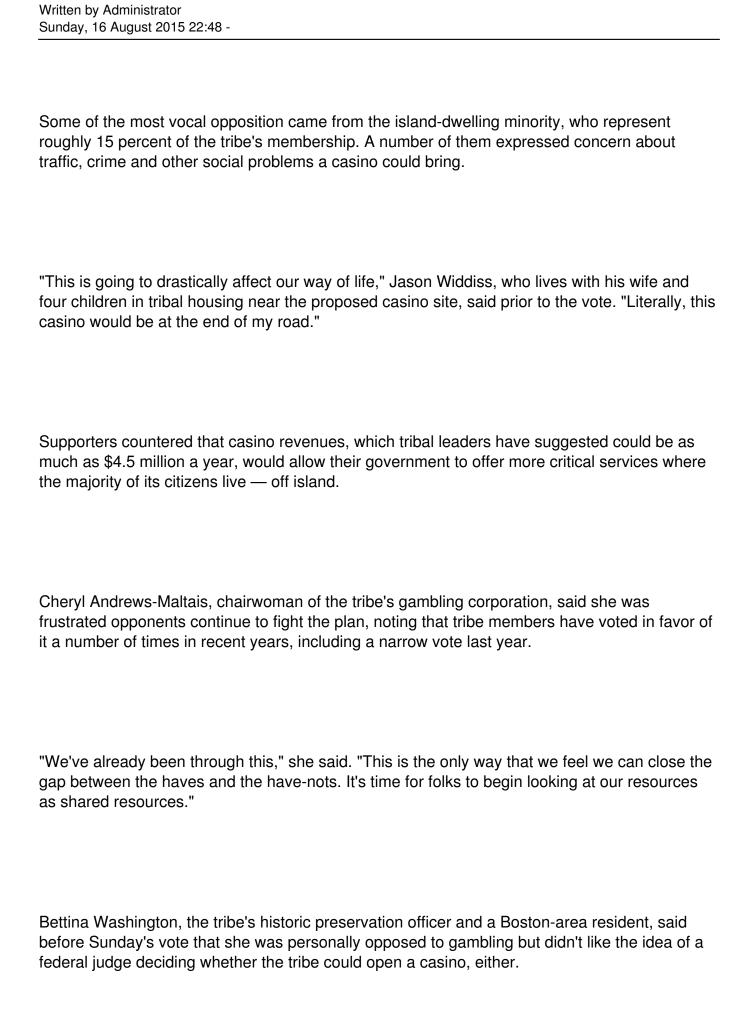
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BOSTON — A Martha's Vineyard tribe will continue pursuing a plan to turn an unfinished community center into a gambling hall after a tribal referendum to halt the effort failed Sunday. Tobias Vanderhoop, chairman of the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe, said the vote was 110-110 with eight votes disqualified. The vote among tribe members required a two-thirds majority to halt the controversial casino project, which exposed deep divisions in the tribe and stoked tensions between the tribe and town. "The will of our citizens, based on the result of today's vote, is that there will be no change to present course of the Tribe," Vanderhoop said in an email to The Associated Press.

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