

Arts & Entertainment

Grandmothers offer sage advice for world peace

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There was standing room only as more than 100 people gathered to hear community elder Agnes "Aggie" Pilgrim speak for an hour-plus about her new book and her world travels.

Pilgrim, matriarch of the Takelma Tribe, spoke in the Community Media & Education Center in Downtown Cave Junction Friday night, Jan. 26. The book is titled, "Grandmothers Counsel the World: Women Elders Offer Their Vision for Our Planet."

"Anyone can pray, we don't need a church tag to pray," said Pilgrim, as she described how grandmothers from around the world joined to spread a message of peace, as they traveled to meet the Dalai Lama. The Center for Sacred Studies organized the International Council of 13 indigenous grandmothers that included women from Asia, Africa, South America and North America.

Pilgrim recounted praying in China and having two eagles flying near enough that she had to duck. Describing her experience with the Dalai Lama she recalled that "a wave of peace came over me. It was a taste of the other

side," she said, referring to her belief in an afterlife.

"It was overwhelming to be touched by someone of such world renown," said the resident of Grants Pass.

The group of elders brought together 900 years of wisdom, Pilgrim explained as she expressed her

Rogue River that preceded a remarkable increase in the salmon run. "The Fish & Game people asked me what I had done to bring all these fish up the river," she recounted.

She then described how her people see humans as "water-babies," being born

From Pope Benedict XVI to Oprah Winfrey, she believes that the message and vision of this group can make great changes.

"Even water dripping on a rock will eventually make a dent," she concluded.

Cave Junction resident Jennie May Donnell commented of the evening, "She's the grandma and elder that I look up to; I've been waiting to hear about the Dalai Lama." Donnell enjoys hearing Pilgrim speak.

"It touches a part of me from growing up around the Lakota Sioux," she said.

Agnes Baker-Pilgrim is the oldest living female member of the Rogue River Indians, Takelma Band, originally from Southern Oregon. She was chosen by her tribe as a Living Legend, and is an ambassador for Mother Earth.

She is a spiritual elder of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz and granddaughter of Chief George Harney, the first elected chief of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. She is a world-renowned spiritual leader, elder mentor to the Native American Student Union of Southern Oregon University at Ashland, and keeper of the Sacred Salmon Ceremony.



Takelma elder Agnes Baker Pilgrim (left) signs a copy of her new book, "Grandmothers Counsel the World: Women Elders Offer Their Vision for Our Planet," for attendee Russell Ehrman. (Photo by Josiah Dean/IVN)

desire to see more respect to women worldwide.

The local focus of Pilgrim's work was then discussed as she described her organization of the salmon ceremony on Rogue River. "We'll all be endangered species," she noted, "if we don't stop turning our waterways into garbage dumps."

She told of an earlier salmon ceremony on the

from their mothers' wombs, much like dragonflies are born from water. Her people say that when people die, they go to the stars and return as dragonflies -- and therefore dragonflies are an important part of her culture.

The crowd asked many questions, and a number of stories were told. Pilgrim expressed a desire to meet with important people throughout the world with her group of grandmothers.

Dance concert scheduled

A winter concert, "Dance Variations," will be presented Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Grants Pass Performing Arts Center by All That Jazz.

Tickets will be available at the door.

The concert will feature the troupe's Austria repertoire in preview for its coming summer performance tour in Europe. The performance ensemble (of 14- to 15-year-olds who train 10 to 15 hours per week) has been booked as one of only four youth companies from America to perform

throughout Austria, Europe in the prestigious Tanzsomer Dance Festival.

During the Feb. 17 concert, pieces by professional NYC and Los Angeles choreographers will be showcased by All that Jazz dancers for the first time. These pieces were privately taught the ensemble by these same professionals during fall '06.

As an example, the infectious high-energy street-tap piece in the concert is by Emmy-nominated choreographer, Gregg Russell. A moving, lyrical piece, "Gabriel," was choreographed by internationally heralded professional dancer/choreographer, Wes Veldink, from NYC.

Guest artists also will include Ballet Rogue from Medford, and the K. Howard Dance ensemble from Roseburg.

To the Root

The Wonders of Water

The element associated with the kidneys and urinary bladder, **water**, is the primary sustenance for our entire bodies. It nourishes the brain, blood and circulation as well as aiding in digestion and waste elimination.

Studies are showing dehydration associated with many diseases of aging—most recently Alzheimer's.

Water metabolism is an important concept in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). Associated diseases include diabetes, urinary tract infections, stones and calcifications, urgency and frequency. Kidney and endocrine, hormone or thyroid imbalances are also well treated with TCM.



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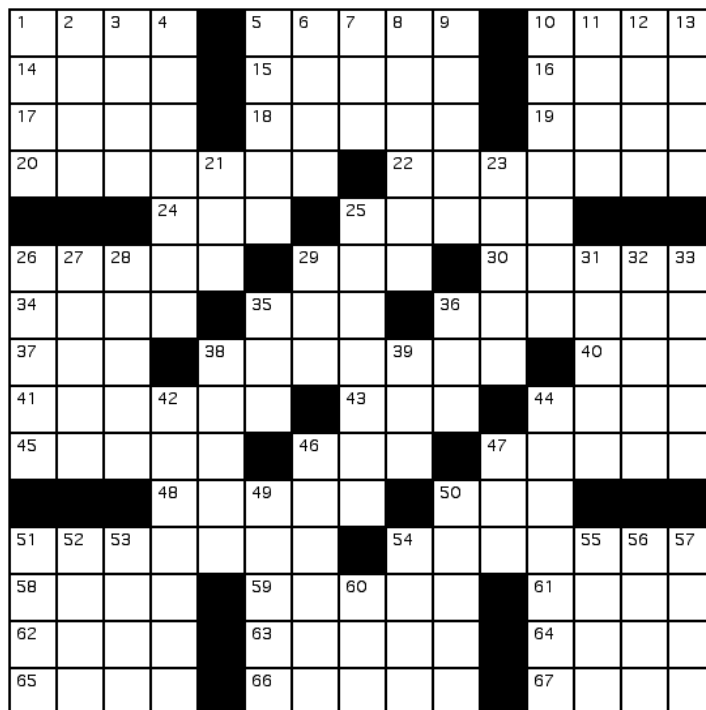
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5 Garden tool
10 Side dish
14 Unclosed
15 Weights
16 Cod, for one
17 __ Alto, California
18 Concerning
19 Musical brothers
20 Obtains money illegally
22 Most clever
24 Payment
25 Showed again
26 Building part
29 Salary
30 Hereditary units
34 Pearl
35 Holy item
36 Look over
37 European river
38 Brewery

employee
40 Org. concerned with youth
41 Shaking
43 Statute
44 "Wanna make __?"
45 English county
46 Nickname for Kerr, perhaps
47 Pit
48 Put off
50 Bother
51 Dresses
54 Eternal
58 Secular
59 Long-tailed animal
61 Parts of intestines
62 Señora's receptacle
63 Threesome
64 Got rid of
65 Confess
66 Governor's territory
67 Edgings

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1 Despicable crime
2 Warrior of Greek myths
3 Sweet treat
4 Edited
5 Word with cheap or ice
6 Snip from the bottom
7 Beverage
8 Beat of burden
9 Organic compound
10 Screen examiner
11 Feeble
12 Imitators
13 California and the surrounding area
21 Reed
23 Full of zeal
25 Reptile
26 Lessen
27 Approaches
28 Nasal passages
29 Teacher's
31 Covered with small lumps
32 Letters
33 Sofas and chairs
35 Conjunction
36 One of many in a church
38 Dog breed
39 Workshop
42 Of a physician's field
44 Wipe out
46 Terrain feature
47 Refresher
49 Soft materials
50 Concur
51 "Thanks __"
52 Fable
53 Place to keep cash
54 Family tree member
55 French pronoun
56 Appear
57 Cutters
60 Sinatra's third wife

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2	WTSN	Cosby Show	Draw Carey	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Saved by the Bell	Dawson's Creek	Movie					Home Improve.	Home Improve.	NewsRadio	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	The King of Queens	The King of Queens	
3	FOX4M	Joyce Meyer	Feed the Children	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Meets World	Boy Meets World	The 700 Club	Living the Life	Home Videos	Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House	Family Matters	Family Matters	Step by Step	Step by Step	Full House	Full House	Sabrina-Witch	Sabrina-Witch	Gilmore Girls		
4	KMY4M	Paid Program	Believer's Voice	Life Today	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Judge Hatchett	Judge Hatchett	The Tyra Banks Show	Maury			Montel Williams		Judge Mathis		The People's Court		Judge Alex	Judge Alex	The People's Court	King of the Hill	According to Jim		
5	KOBI	News	Today						Home Improve.	Varied Programs	Basco	Euro	Martha		Days of Our Lives		Passions		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Be a Millionaire	Be a Millionaire	News	NBC News	
6	ESPN	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Varied Programs							Outside the Lines	Varied Programs	NFL Live	Jim Rome is Burning	Interruption	SportsCenter	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball		
7	KSY5	Business Rpt.	BBC World	Teletubies	Mister Rogers	Curious George	Clifford-Red	Dragon Tales	It's a Big Big World	Sesame Street	Sit and Be Fit	Charlie Rose		Jakers!-Winks	Curious George	Barney & Friends	Bob the Builder	Between the Lions	Reading Rainbow	Clifford-Red	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Varied Programs	
8	TBN	Changing World	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Marilyn Hickey	Believer's Voice	Varied Programs		First to Know	Varied Programs	Life Today	This Is Your Day	The 700 Club		John Hagee	Rod Parsley		Praise the Lord			Varied Programs	Behind Scenes	Behind Scenes		
9	LIFE	Paid Program	Paid Program	Daily Workout	My Workout	The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Movie	Varied Programs						Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Still Standing	Still Standing	
10	KTVL	News	The Early Show					The 700 Club	The Price Is Right	The Young and the Restless			News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Rachael Ray		The Ellen DeGeneres Show	News	Evening News	Evening News		
11	NICK	Rugrats	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	OddParents	Sponge-Bob	Sponge-Bob	Dora the Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Dora the Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Wow! Wubby!	Sponge-Bob	Sponge-Bob	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom	OddParents	Avatar-Last Air	Sponge-Bob	Drake & Josh
13	KORV	News	News	Good Morning America				Live With Regis and Kelly	The View	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Texas Ranger	Varied Programs				General Hospital	Dr. Phil	Oprah Winfrey	News	ABC Wild News	ABC Wild News		
15	USA	Coach	Coach	JAG	JAG																				
17	A&E	Paid Program	Paid Program	The District	24			City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Crossing Jordan				CSI: Miami	24			City Confidential	American Justice	Cold Case Files				
18	HBO	Movie	Varied Programs																						
19	SHOW2	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie									Movie	Varied Programs	Movie				Movie	Varied Programs			
21	SHOW1	Movie Cont'd	Varied Programs																						
22	MAX	Movie	Varied Programs																						
23	ESPCN	PBA Bowling	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Drag Racing	Varied Programs	PBA Bowling	Stump the Schwab	Stump the Schwab	College Basketball					Sport-sCentury	Varied Programs				Stump the Schwab	Varied Programs	Boxing	Varied Programs		
30	TRAV	Epicurious	Epicurious	Globe Trekker	Passport to Europe	Varied Programs																			
34	AMC	Movie	Varied Programs																						
35	TNT	Angel	Angel	Charmed	Charmed								Judging Amy	Judging Amy	Law & Order	Law & Order				Charmed	Charmed				
38	DISN	Stanley	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Little Einsteins	Mickey Mouse	Handy Manny	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higglytown	Lilo & Stitch	The Little Mermaid	Timon & Pumbaa	Buzz Lightyear	Mr. Whiskers	The Proud Family	American Drgn	Kim Possible	Varied Programs			
39	SCIFI	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs																Ripley's Believe It or Not!	The X-Files			
45	DISC	Paid Program	Paid Program	K. Copeland	Paid Program	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program	How It's Made	How It's Made	It Takes a Thief	Extreme Engineering	How It's Made	How It's Made								MythBusters	How It's Made	How It's Made		
46	ANPL	Paid Program	Paid Program	Backyard Habitat	Adoption Tales	Animal Miracles	Emergency	Emergency	Animal Cops Houston	Varied Programs											The Most Extreme	Varied Programs			
47	COM	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie			Daily Show	Colbert Report	Scrubs	Scrubs								Hero-Comedy	Mad TV	Blue Collar TV	Movie	Varied Programs	
48	GRT	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program		Bloom & Politan: Open Court			Best Defense				Banfield & Ford: Courtside					Nancy Grace: Closing Arguments				Catherine Crier	

I think laughter may be a form of courage ... As humans we sometimes stand tall and look into the sun and laugh, and I think we are never more brave than when we do that.

- Linda Ellerbee -