

Letter from The Chief Editor, Conti.

Sound region over the years. I have served on the Seattle Indian Health Board as well as a Board Member for the Northwest Native American Economic Development Council. I have co-chaired Native American Golf Tournaments that granted educational scholarships to Native Americans.

I have worked with abused children, the Special Olympics, as well as served as Loaned Executive for several United Way Campaigns. I served as the President of the Renton School District's Citizen Advisory Board. I have been politically active since the age of ten. I have been campaign chairman on several successful legislative campaigns and ran my first successful Senate campaign as a Junior in High School. I have worked for both the Washington State Senate and House of Representatives.

With the exception of my last year of law school, I have worked since the age of fourteen. While I do possess a law degree, I do not consider my professional career as that of a lawyer. I have been in management for the past sixteen years. I have successfully managed over \$136 billion dollars in government contracts and projects. None of these projects have been over budget or behind schedule, nor have any of these projects received a negative audit from any government auditing agency.

I have successfully managed over \$200 million dollars worth of construction projects in the commercial and government arenas. I have extensive experience and success in the commercial environment, which includes the areas of production, services, engineering, environmental consulting, software and construction industries, as well as extensive negotiation experience in procurement.

I have been the Business Manager at one of the world's most powerful military bases for the Base Operations Service Contractor at Naval Submarine Base Bangor. My employer was responsible for all the non-military operations of the base, which included such tasks as power generation, utility maintenance, construction, repair, security, roads, fleet maintenance, procurement, fire suppression, communications, housing, facilities maintenance, billeting, janitorial, railroads, cranes maintenance, grounds and other activities collateral to running a city. I assisted this employer to increase their contract evaluation scores from the high 80's to over 98 out of possible score of 100. I was a major participant on their proposal to the State of Washington which resulted in the first awarded Washington State Quality Award, as well as received the President's Award for Team Excellence in Customer Satisfaction.

One recent Letter to the Editor asked you to compare my qualifications to that of the other candidate for the CEO's position, Mr. Phil Rilatos. I believe you should, but without the above information this would be hard to do. Mr. Blacketer and I discussed why this information was lacking in his article and I believe he would have included this information had he had access to it.

I did not ask to be in the middle of this controversy and I can state unequivocally that I do not go to bed and pray every night that this controversy will continue to exist. I have no animosity against Mr. Blacketer, nor any others who have published letters in the Letters to the Editor section of the paper.

I do not know Mr. Rilatos personally and firmly believe that Mr. Rilatos holds no ill feeling towards me, as I do not towards him. But I do believe that Mr. Rilatos would be the first to admit that he did "not run the entire Pacific Fleet of the Navy" as the Letter to the Editor implied, that task is left to Navy personnel who hold the rank of Admiral, which I do not believe was the rank held by Mr. Rilatos in the Navy.

But I can assure you that I have accepted the position of General Manager to serve the interests of the whole Tribe and do not want to be known as the

Council's Boy, or my Staff's boy. I am, and will continue to be, the Tribe's Boy. I will act only in the Tribe's best interest, without regard to family or political affiliation. I have had placed on the back of my business cards the words "I'M THIRD". It is this motto that I live by and the reason that I accepted the challenges that I will face as your General Manager. The words "I'M THIRD" mean God First, People Second, and I'm Third. It is through this motto that I come to serve your community. With God's help and your assistance we can all benefit.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. My door is always open to you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Xavier Goss, J.D.
Editor in Chief
General Manager of the Siletz Tribe

Letters To The Editor

Dear Tribal Members,

I have recently changed my name through the Siletz Tribal Court. As of November 5, I will legally be known as "Pat Duncan," and I want to assure you that, although my name is different, my commitment to keeping my campaign promises is still the same.

I had promised that I would treat all tribal members fairly. My voting record stands for itself on this issue. I have worked toward assuring that our elders receive the respect they deserve. I have initiated a new budget process so that tribal members have the opportunity for input prior to Tribal Council approval. I have participated on numerous committees and provided input toward a more responsible tribal government-accountable to you, the general membership. Most importantly, I have listened to you and have spoken out on behalf of our membership as a whole.

I am committed to working just as diligently for you throughout the next two years of my term of office. If you have any matters of concern you wish to discuss with me, please call or write. I appreciate your input and I will make every effort to resolve the issues important to you.

Sincerely,
Pat (Morrell) Duncan
Vice Chair
Siletz Tribal Council

