



DAVID CAMPICHE PHOTOS

Descendants of Chinookan peoples gather at Fort Columbia State Park as a canoe docks bearing a Tye (Chinook) salmon for a ceremony.

Continued from Page 16

keeping alive those legends and stories and a spiritualism that defines human beings as significant. By any social standard, this was a viable civilization living in a green paradise. This was their home!

Today, on that tide that rounds Scarborough Hill, the hereditary real estate of Chief Comcomly — around that same rocky bulkhead — came a handsome cedar vessel carved by these same folks that had prided themselves for centuries on a brand of extraordinary craftsmanship — on the artful, practical execution of a water vessel we call a canoe.

Johnson beckoned the vessel home. He intoned an ancient greeting song in his ancestor's language. And if you weren't impressed, you weren't there. And from the hold of that lovely vessel, the canoe men and women carried in a spring Chinook on a plank draped with cedar boughs.

The tribe carried it up the hill to the gathering place, and after more ceremony (the young people feed the slain Tye salmonberries) the fish was filleted, staked and seared before an open pit fire that radiated the warmth of the annual reunion. The fish was then shared with guests and with the Nation.



Tye (Chinook) salmon, filleted and staked and seared before an open fire pit.

The Nation will rise again


Pride is like a tide. It ebbs and floods. It dances and parries. We see it in art, in literature, in winning baseball teams. And when it peaks, it is as powerful as that big flood tide that we see twice a day on the Columbia.

It arrived that Friday in that historic cove on the river these people call "Wimahl." And there was hope and expectation that one day these First Peoples would be whole again — that the tribe would be whole again.

Of course, civilizations rise and fall. Of course, those in power seldom hang on to the principles and ethics that brought them power and comfort. It happened in Egypt and Syria, in England and Spain. It happened

everywhere on this fragile planet. Sooner or later it will happen in America. That is why a great nation protects the free press. That is why there is social protest and dissenting voices. That is why we remember Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, Rosa Parks and Sitting Bull.

And that is why there will be a renaissance for these peoples, the Chinook.

Praise this fish. Share its flesh and bounty. Reverently lower the bones back into the great river. Send the message into the deep ocean waters. The salmon will rise again and return in great numbers. The Nation will rise again. They are the Chinook. They have renewed pride. And they shall overcome. 

Keep your car, truck or SUV rolling
at Del's Point S Tire & Auto Service.

Your business is
always welcome,
important and appreciated
at Del's OK Point S.



We work hard every day to earn your trust and future business.
You're treated like a neighbor, because that's what neighbors do.

GET TO THE POINT.

Expert Service. Guaranteed.

(503) 325-2861 • 35359 Business 101, Astoria, OR 97103

MON - FRI 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM | SAT 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM | tirefactory.com/astoria

DEL'S OK TIRE

point S

TIRE & AUTO SERVICE

Same local owners, friendly service and guarantees on warranties.

Your Adventure Starts Here!

FLOWER • CONCENTRATES • EDIBLES
PREROLLS • ACCESSORIES • TOPICALS



hi Casual Cannabis • 193 Marine Dr., Astoria, OR 97103 • 503.325.4078 • hiAstoria.com

Mystic Roots Cannabis • 38012 Highway 26, Seaside, OR 97138 • 971.225.7420 • MysticRootsCannabis.com

Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug. For use only by adults twenty-one years of age and older. Keep out of reach of children.