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SPILYAY SPEAKS

"Nullify 1865 Treaty"

It's always the greedy who line their pockets with wealth while the needy suffer. I can't imagine a top state official who could look into a merrier and feel no guilt of actions taken in the past. And what's more disturbing, they go along with their business like if there isn't a thing wrong, or they never did any bad thing to anyone.

It's time to re-activate Senate Bill 2101, one of the last acts of Senator Mark Hatfield presented to the legislative session. The Bill to nullify the Supplemental Treaty between the United States of America and the Tribes and bands of Indians of Middle Oregon, concluded on

November 15, 1865. This Treaty is a Fraudulent Treaty that robbed the Warm Springs Tribes of their rights to harvest Columbia River salmon. Senator Hatfield's intent was to clean up a blemish of wrong doing toward the Tribes and Bands of Middle Oregon Indians, in the past.

The Governor Kitzhaber successfully put a stop to the Bill and this action has stained relations between Oregon Tribes and the Oregon State Government.

I've said it many times before and I'll say it again, that legislators cannot be fully trusted. Never make any kind of a deal with Legislators unless you fully understand what you are doing. But again I say, never make promises with legislators. They can build you up, put you on a pedestal where you feel like you rule the world, in the mean time they could be sticking a knife in your back.

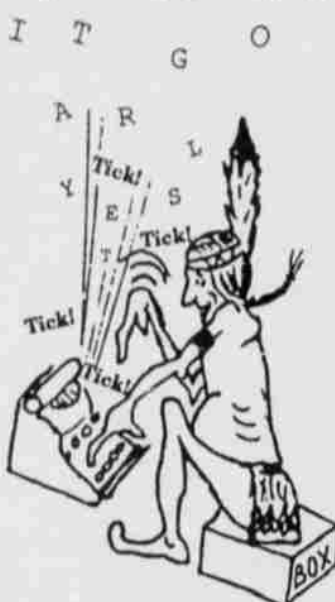
Here is the Historical date, "June 25, 1855," Superintendent of Indian Affairs Joel Palmer, met with leaders of Indian Tribes of Central Oregon, to present a treaty that offered an alternative to the Tribes extermination. Palmer met with the Tribes with a proposal the Tribes could not refuse. Move to a 464,000, acre reservation along the Deschutes River, but retain fishing and hunting rights on 11,000 square miles of land ceded to the United States government.

It was clear to the leaders, that if they refused Palmer they would disappear for ever, as had so many Northwest Tribes already, or accept the Treaty and give their descendants a fighting chance at survival, retaining all rights to take Salmon, and big game. While the Tribes agreed to settle on the Warm Springs Reservation in Central Oregon, at the same time they secured those rights to travel north to the Columbia River to harvest the Salmon at usual and customary fishing places.

Most White settlers did not recognize the off reservation fishing and hunting rights. Their understandings was to put Indians on reservations and keep them there. In 1865, Superintendent Huntington, would trick the Indians by establishing a pass system, to identify their right to fish and hunt off reservation. He told them that this would give them the right to fish off reservation and the White settlers would understand why they left the reservation. What it really meant was they would relinquish all rights to off reservation fishing and hunting and could not leave the reservation unless they had a written pass by the Superintendent. With a sharp tongue and trickery he got 16 individuals to sign the Treaty of 1865. And to top the cake with frosting, none of the signees could speak or understand the English language, and were misled to sign the treaty. After the Indians learned of the wrong doing that had happened, they ignored the 1865 Treaty, and stuck to the 1855 Treaty, which to us is the only Treaty we have.

And now the Governor Kitzhaber is trying to find ways to sidestep all the wrongs the whites done to the Indian Tribes in 1865. Today we break the rules to go to Madras to pay bills the state benefits from, with out our passes from the Superintendent.

Let's just hope our Tribal "Council never makes any promises or agreements with the legislators concerning the 1865 treaty, but tell them point blank to nullify that fraudulent Treaty. AHH-NAH-CHI-Toon!!



Pendleton players honored

Coaches and Players

I would like to say thanks to the 15 teams that showed up for the 1st annual CTUIR men's and women's basketball tournament. This tournament was put on for the need of a basketball tourney that would showcase our Tribe's players and community. The last tourney that was put on here was back in 1989 and also a few in the early 1980's when Buck and Brooker Jones were just starting in the Indian Tournament scene.

The history of our Umatilla Tribe comes from the Treaty of 1855 where the seven Bands of the Cayuse became the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) at the Fort Walla Walla, Washington. The seven Bands had a land base from the Wallowa's to John Day and across to the Celilo and Palouse areas. Today our Tribe has about 250,000 acres and a population of 3,000 with 2,000 enrolled members.

Today the Umatilla Tribe is growing a lot due to the addition of the Wildhorse Gaming Resort, Casino, Hotel, Golf course, RV park and Culture Center are just of the additions to this resort that, economically, has helped our Tribe grow into what it is today. Through these funds, the Recreation Program, in which I am Program Director, is going on a second year as a year around program.

Getting back to the Tournament, we would like to keep the tourney going on as an annual tourney. Some

suggestions made to me; move the teams to Pendleton and their gym's, move the tourney to a longer weekend like on Martin Luther King's Holiday and expand the prizes to the players. Of course, I'm still feeling a little bad towards the awards, but we'll know better next time around to make the awards ceremony more enjoyable to the players and fan's. I thought that the tourney went well overall and the coaches and players brought a lot of sportsmanship from their teams.

Finally, I went out to dedicate this tournament to a few players that have brought a lot of attention to our Umatilla Tribe. Julie Taylor, Brooker and Buck Jones are those players and they all have brought a N.I.A.A national title to Pendleton with their last one in 1995. Buck Jones was off to another tournament that he committed too, so we couldn't get them all here to give them a respective "THANKS" to all the years they have played and represented our Umatilla Tribe.

These are just a few words that I have regarding our 1st Annual Basketball Tournament. We have improvements to make and we would like to take a few years to do that and try to make this tourney as big as the Nez Perce, Warm Springs and Yakama Tribe's where more teams go that are representing Tribes all over the Western States. With that I wish the best of luck to your respective teams for the rest of this year and I hope that your travels are safe.

Sincerely Mitchell L. Pond,
Tournament Director.

Would like to begin support group

To the editor,

If you are a wife, mother, sister or concerned relative of an incarcerated family member. If you need someone to talk with - to air your concerns, feelings, fears, etc - others experiencing the same.

Please call me. I want to start a support group. This group is for family members only (of incarcerated). All meetings will be confidential. One meeting a week. My number is 553-7021/x3330, Monday through Friday.

A 12-Step Bible Study support group meeting will meet Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at the Demo kitchen conference room, 6-7 p.m. at the Wellness Center. During holidays or clinic closures meetings will be at 1309 S. Eagleway.

For more information call Myrna Frank at 553-7021 or 553-3330 or at 553-6835.

Please join, coordinator especially extends a special invitation to all former WSPD inmates who were attending the 12-step group inside during their stay in the WSPD. Upon their release.

Myrna Frank, Coordinator

Enjoy reading Spilyay Tymoo

To the editor,

Just want to tell you how much I enjoy reading the Spilyay Tymoo. I send my copies on to my mother who lives in Medford, and she really enjoys them also.

I especially loved the issue dated 12/05/96. The piece by George Aguilar, Sr. was very interesting and satisfying. Maybe you can talk him into doing regular column about the old days and how it was then. I also enjoyed the pictures of Miss Warm Springs, and of the Senior Citizens exercising.

Drum and dance

The Madras Junior White Buffaloes Drum & Dance class is held at the Jefferson County Middle School every Wednesday after school from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

All interested youth can contact Mr. Reggie Winishut at 553-6114 or Mr. Gene Harvey, Sr. at the JCMS or leave a message at 475-7253.

Input gladly accepted regarding the club. Would it be convenient for after school hours or held as a class for 2 hours during school hours. Please share your thoughts with the above named persons.

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Judge Larson leaned over the bench and glared at the prisoner. "How is it you can't get a lawyer to defend you?" he asked "As soon as they find out I didn't steal the money, they won't have anything to do with me." YIKES

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The lawyer's wife confided to her maid, "I think my husband is having an affair with the stenographer." "I don't believe it," the maid gasped. "You're only saying that to get me jealous." YIKES

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National Sports Coaches of Oregon certification class, which is good for one year, has been rescheduled to Saturday March 1, at the Warm Springs Community Center social hall, from 1 pm. to 4 pm.

All Indigenous game coaches and Little League coaches are urged to attend. The cost is \$15 per coach. For more information contact Andy Leonard at 553-3243.

Weight bench for sale—

Spotterless weight bench with leg lift. 200lbs of cast iron weights. \$175.00 cash. Call 553-3274.

How to make compost

Hello you folks out there! This is an article about composting. What is composting? Well, let me tell you about this interesting concept. Composting is the natural process of decomposition and recycling of organic matter into HUMUS (i.e. compost) which is a brown or black complex resulting from partial decomposition of plant or animal matter (manure, vegetable matter, wood particles, leaves, grass, etc.) And forming the ORGANIC portion of the soil. What makes COMPOST happen? What can be COMPOSTED? Anything that once lived can be composted. In our society, many organic materials are wasted. These materials could be considered unrecognized resources!

Compostable materials NOT recommended for home composting include: meats, seafood, fats, dairy products, invasive weeds with seeds and dog and cat manures. Our job is to feed the compost macroorganisms and microorganisms and ensure that they have air, water, brown and green materials. Composting will occur best with a correct balance of materials, moisture, air, particles size, and pile or bin volume. The four R's of COMPOSTING are: (1.) Reduce your generation of trash (2.) Reuse the compost in your garden or yard (3.) Recycle nutrients back into the soil and plant life (4.) Restore the health and beauty of our neighborhoods. COMPOSTERS ARE RECYCLERS!!

Feliz Primer Aniversarie

A Mi Amor

24 de Febrero 1997

To cultivate a marriage is a very special art.

That starts with an upturning in a corner of the heart.

The tiny seed of Loving must be deeply planted there.

And nurtured with the sunshine of warm tenderness and care.

Add a touch of humor just to help the plant along.

Lightly water it with teardrops to start it growing strong.

Soon the buds will start appearing on each tiny stem and vine.

And shall bloom into a lasting Marriage of two hearts that intertwine.

With all my love, your wife, Darlene R. Figueroa

Renewal: A time of change

Hello from Pastor Rick,

What do you think when you hear the word "renewal."

Well, there is your car renewal' license renewal, check renewal etc. The idea of not letting something expire or stop. I guess that would be the most reasonable way to look at the word renewal. A part of the mind of the human race throughout time has been the view of winter as the time of death. And the coming of spring as the beginning of life.

Death and life have always gone together. Hey, I said death and life and not life and death. The term "life and death" is heard in movies and advertisement all of the time. Yet we live death and life. We live for the time of renewal the time of change. In the coming of Easter we are reminded of the short time of our lives that we live on this place called earth.

And then at the time of 'death' we begin to live. There is a dark saying that says we begin our death at the time of our birth. It is dark yet with some truth in it.

We are given a time to live to make ready for the time to live. We are alive for sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety years to learn who we are and who our God is to us.

Then in renewal we change and take what we have learned to live for a much longer time with our Lord in heaven. Now what are the rules of our learning about ourselves and our God. There are two: One, love God. Two, love others and yourself. Use those two rules and you will learn much, live well, and be ready to stand before your Creator. Be renewed. . . .

See you in church.

Pastor Rick R. Ribeiro

Warm Springs Presbyterian

Church—On the campus

Happy 7th Birthday
Raymond Torres
March 1
Love always, Dad and Antone

Happy Birthday
Raymond Torres
From Donna, Grandma
Caroline and David

Happy Birthday
Ray Torres
From Lupe, John, Rodney and Kara

Happy Birthday to my sister
Monica A. Wahnetah, February
24th

Happy 4th Birthday to Nicole A.
Wahnetah on February 26
Happy Birthday to Nikki and her
Mom.

With lots of Love, Sheilah, Sam,
Drew, and Nolan and Toot too.

Happy Birthday to all my
February Grandchildren
Marci Smith—Feb. 14
Brandon Thompson—Feb. 16
Josiah Thompson—Feb. 22
Jonathan Smith—Feb. 23
With love from Grandma Shillie

Happy Belated Birthday
KiKi Kalama in Nisqually
Love always, Paula, Dan,
Darrin & Douglas Brisbois

Happy Birthday
Edna David
From, Paula, Dan, Darrin and
Douglas Brisbois

Happy Birthday
Butch David
From, Paula, Dan, Darrin & Douglas
Brisbois

Happy Birthday Bridget Rose
Love, Paula, Dan, Darrin &
Douglas

Happy Birthday
Clint Smith
From the Brisbois'

Thank you for votes—

To the Editor,
Dear Community of Warm
Springs,

We, with our family, would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to all who voted for us in the 1996 tribal adoption. The adoption into the tribe has meant more to us than you could possibly know. We are very proud to be recognized members of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

There are many people who devoted a great deal of time and exertion into the adoption effort. To those people, we would like for you to know that your efforts did not go unnoticed. Your hard work was greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your votes. With much sincerity and gratitude.

Tiffany and Shilo Shaw and
Family

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