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SPILYAY SPEAKS

Well the Indian fighter Senator Slate Gorton, R. Wash. is at it again as he introduced a bill 1691, which would take away or limit tribal sovereignty.

The bill is designed to take away sovereign status of the Indian Nations so they could be suited both in federal courts and state courts. It would also make the tribes pay taxes on revenue made through their gaming operations. If the government is allowed to take away our sovereignty, than what do we have left?

Such a bill is harmful for all the Indian people, not just certain reservations. If such a bill is passed we would have no need for Tribal governments.

Here is some very important issues that we should be preparing for make preparations to meet this kind of action that may come against us. Senator Gorton has always been on the go trying to find ways to do away with the Indian welfare here in the United States. Believe me he is and will always be on the lookout for some way to do away with our original treaty rights if we don't watch out he will, so we should always be on our toes and ready to meet him on any grounds.

We cannot let any of our treaty rights go and if we do we are just like hanging our selves. Take the Water Negotiations that was completed just last year between the Confederated Tribes, the Federal Government and the State of Oregon, where to me we are metteling with our treaty rights by doing something like that. I say we should never make any more agreements on any kind of resources we have. What we have was signed sealed many years ago by our fore fathers in 1855.

I still say we should have not made any kind of agreement on what resources was rightfully ours from our treaty. Now they will be trying to find another reason to be making some kind of an agreement regarding our Natural Resources.

We don't realize doing things with our resources could weaken our stand on our treaty rights. As I see it there was nothing gained for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, in that agreement. Perhaps a pat on the back to the Tribal Councilmen and other higher-ups who like to stand out in the spot light to take any kind of glory there is that the Whitman gives out. Must make them feel real important.

The Legislators are some sharp cool cookies who can make anything sound real good and while we are feeling as though we have swallowed the canary they could pull the curtain and we could fall into a deep bottomless pit.

Now we will be voting in a new set of Tribal Councilmen and I do hope they will see the right direction regarding our treaty rights in the future, fight and protect what ever we have left.

Even things in our own back yard needs to be watched on how we carry out our business in the future. We need to be more informed on whats happening with our resources and what is the best way the tribal council is working with what we have.

We need more up-dated information in the future on every move we make and not hide behind closed doors and keep all the tribal members in suspense.

Yep! The Stage Coach Days, have gone for ever and we need to up-date our principals to move along with the modern world. So let's not give up anything in the future. ...AHH-NAH-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

The young man had just teed off up on the first hole, and was getting eady to drive when a woman n a wedding dress came running toward him. She grabbed his arm and began shouting as she pulled him toward the parking lot.
"For God's dake," the man screamed back, "I said only if it rains!"
YIKES

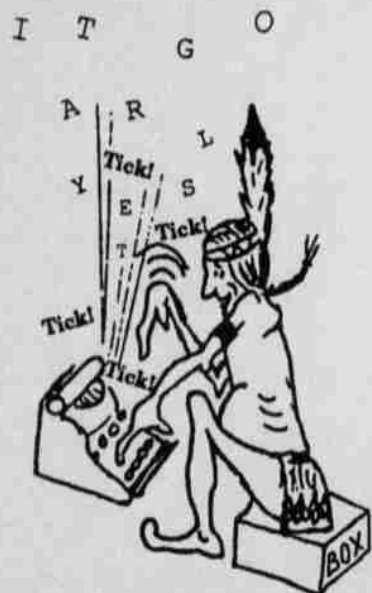
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After his youthful partner comes in to ask the doctor for his opinion on a diagnosis, the elder physician says, "Nerves and vomiting, eh?"
"That's right. But there are no physical causes that I can find."
"Don't worry, I've seen this before," the doctor says. "Ask the patient if he plays golf. If he says no, tell him to start. If he says yes, tell him to stop." YIKES

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At Ole Rod's stag party his father raised a glass and proposed a toast.
"To my son, on the happiest day of his life."
"But, Pop," Rod said, "I'm not getting married until tomorrow."
Said the old man: "I repeat. To My son..."

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Candidates wanted

Girls, if you are interested in selling raffle tickets for the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Powwow call Minnie Yahtin at (541) 553-3257 (work) or (541) 553-9211 (home) for information and to obtain tickets.

The Powwow will be held June 26, 27, & 28, 1998.

The Junior Miss Pi-Ume-Sha age category is 8 years to 12 years old. The Senior Miss Pi-Ume-Sha age category is 13 years and older.

For vendor information please call Cassie Katchia at (541) 553-7015 (home).

For Powwow information please call Nathan (8-ball) Jim at (541) 553-1403.

Please no collect calls! Thanks.

Who won the contest

To the editor,

Remember back in August 12, 1997 when there was a community contest. A theme was needed for the comprehensive plan. Whoever won that free night's lodging at Kahneeta Resort anyhow??

In order to receive that tribal membership input, these individuals that organize the comp plan need to follow through with their end of the promise.

Longhouse Lucy Suppah
A concerned tribal member

Thanks for your help community

To the editor,

I am doing what every recent college graduate does, thanking the community for providing the funds for me to attend the University of Oregon. But, my thanks is long overdue and I mean it from the bottom of my heart. I can't really thank any "one" person or persons because "the community" supports the tribal scholarships for higher education. In thanking the community, I want to communicate the challenges that I confronted in getting my Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, August of 1996, and in my current work toward a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Management in Public Affairs.

First, living off the reservation is lonely and hostile. I have been in Eugene for five years. I had hoped that this would be the greatest experience of my life only to discover that most educators believe that Native American students are from a "third world" county. And public schools on reservations are defined by some educators as "inner-city school with trees". Indian students score low in reading, writing and math and lag behind most non-Indian students by two years or more and they don't graduate from high school, let alone attend college. They enter high school only to be advanced to the next grade without meeting the minimum test scores, which is defined as a "social promotion" that means a student is automatically advanced to the next grade or graduates without meeting the academic standards. They enter

Member urges all to vote for tribal council

To the editor,

I am writing to all my family, relatives and people in regards to our time to vote for our tribal council members. I have thought this through very strongly and feel that we need someone in these seats that has a lot of intelligence of our people, community and tribal departments.

I also feel that we need council members that care for our people with a strong heart and good leadership qualities that will come to the Longhouses, schools, community conferences and community meetings, that are held by community members, not just the tribal agenda meeting.

I have carefully looked over our nominees, I would like to share my suggestions of good quality leaders. For Mr. Jeff Sanders I see a very promising strong background in the recreation area, tribal law enforcement, education, compliance, public speaker, federal laws, state laws and tribal government and the strong knowledge he has for the needs of our tribal organizations. I have known Jeff Sanders for several years and find him to have a lot of intelligence of our people. This is what we need to have for good leadership. I know that he thinks things through carefully. I know that he feels very highly of our traditions and customs. I see Mr. Sanders as a strong leader, and a promising one who could make a big stride for our people.

Another nominee I fee has a lot of knowledge of traditional ways is George Clements, Sr. He has also been there for the youth as long as I remember, in the past with myself and several youth in the community.

I see George as a real family man who had been there for his own children. I feel with these qualities he would know many of the needs of our community. I remember George working as a police officer for several years, also logging, he also owned his own business for many years (the Chevron gas station on Hwy 26). I see George working in the community as an appellate judge today. I feel that with the intelligence George has in the law department, he would have a lot of knowledge of the bylaws, traditional laws and tribal laws along with federal and state. From the experiences I see about Mr. Clements is: he is very highly motivated and concerned about out people and about where our tribes stand, I also see him as a good strong leader.

I also feel Bernice Mitchell, who has the experience of one of the seats in Tribal Council in the past would be well qualified. I have seen Bernice in many communities in Indian country and is highly respected for her

knowledge of the council seat and public speaking. Bernice knows a lot about our tribal history and would be very valuable to one of the tribal council seats. Bernice has been requested throughout the Northwest to speak on panels and help with our fishing rights and several different ceremonies. All my life I have seen Bernice very active and still today is highly called on. Bernice has done a lot for our people and is still willing to give many more miles for our people. I see a very strong traditionalist lady who knows the bylaws, traditional laws, tribal laws and our tribal government.

These are the three Tribal Council Nominees I would highly recommend you to vote for to serve our families, relatives and tribal people. The Tribal Government, Community, Elders and Youth need to be heard and taken care of. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,
Mr. Foster Kalama
Warm Springs Tribal Member



Mr. & Mrs. Larry Crutcher (Hut Dawg & Emo) were united in marriage February 14, 1998.

Emo, welcome to our family. Here are the Gifts of Marriage:

The gift of hands; Reach out to each other.

Always be there as partners, companions, helpmates & friends.

Now that you have found each other; stay close and cling tenderly yet tightly; as you journey through this world.

The gift of Hearts; trust each other; Be gentle with your feelings; cherish your dreams. Share your joys and hurts. Let the times you fall short be few....and be forgiven; And let the times you surpass your needs and hopes be many.

The gift of Yourselves; Believe

in each other. Desire not to change or possess, but only to know each other honestly and completely. Respect your individuality and the things that make you unique. Honor your togetherness and the things that make you one.

The gift of your Love; without God our Lord Jesus Christ, there is no love; so care for each other. Truly and deeply, putting your commitment before all else. Live for your love...and your love will live forever. May all the beautiful gifts that come with the promise of marriage bring joy to both of you.

Wishing you a lifetime of happiness. God Bless both of you.

Sincerely,
Ma & Pa
(Neda & Jim Wesley)

Happy Birthday
Tayla Holliday
March 22, 1998
Love Always,
Jolene, Lauren & Alexis

Happy Birthday
Auntie Josie Henry
March 23, 1998
Love always,
Jolene, Lauren & Alexis

Happy Birthday
Uncle Tony Henry
March 26, 1998
And thank you for the dance out at Kahneeta.
Love always your neice,
Jolene Ellen



Happy 26th Birthday son,
Our prayer for you is to know our Lord as we do,
Have peace of mind & happiness too.
Wisdom to know what's wrong & right,
Guiding you each day by His heavenly light.
Strength to endure each trial & tests.
Looking to Jesus is what we find best.
Blessings for you & your family each day,
Knowing that Jesus is the only way.
His Grace and Love, are sent for free,
Praying you'll accept Him is our plea.
Happy Birthday son, we love & miss you very much!

Love,
Mom, Easton, Shanell,
Colleen, & Perry III

Seeking Vern

To the editor,

As an old friend of George Linn's, who passed on at Madras in November of 1993, I have a painting done by Vern Rowe that he gave to George. At this time I think that Vern might like to have it back and am trying to locate him.

If any of your readers are still in touch with Vern, or know his address. I would appreciate their help. They could either pass my address on to Vern or send his address to me. Thanks for your help!

Trish Phillips
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Happy Birthday Phillip Guerin from your best bud,
Darrin Brisbois



Congratulations to the new parents: Aldo Garcia & Jesse Scott, Baby Girl: Shikayla Faye Garcia, DOB: March 1, 1998; 9 lbs. 7 ozs, 22 inches long at 6:16 a.m. at Lewiston, ID.

Love,
Sharlayne, Delbert
Nicole & Mathew Garcia

Congratulations to my brother Aldo Garcia and Jesse Scott and my brand new neice: Shikayla Faye Garcia.

From your sister
Nicole in California



Happy 2nd Birthday to Keyshawn R. Speakthunder on March 27, 1998. We love you with all our hearts.

Love Always,
Mom, Grandpa & Mike

Happy Birthday to my one and only grandson, whom I love very much. Hope he has a good 2nd birthday.



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