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SPILYAY SPEAKS



What's the big deal? Why is a lot of Activists all torn up about the Makah Indians trying to practice their rights under the treaties signed years ago.

For hundreds and hundreds of years the Makah tribe has been hunting the Whale, long before the Whitman came to this country. It was the lively hood of the northwestern coastal Indian tribe to hunt the Gray Whale, which was used for food and other uses of the tribal people.

Everything from the Whale had a value to the Makah Tribe.

The Whale to the Makah Tribe is much the same as the Salmon, the Roots, and the Berries are to the Columbia River Tribes. Special ceremonies are held to give thanks to the Great Creator, for the abundance of all the resources that were provided for the Indian tribes all down through the centuries.

Here in Warm Springs, in the spring we gather in the longhouse to give thanks for all the roots and we pray that what we take will be used to the best interest for our survival.

Also in the spring as the first Salmon runs come up the rivers the Tribes also gather to give thanks to the Creator for supplying all the fish in the rivers before anyone is allowed to catch any fish. This is still carried out today before anyone can catch a fish they must observe the rituals of each tribe.

As the summer season comes along we all gather in the longhouse again to prey to the Great Creator thanking him for the abundance of fruit he has provided for all the tribes. This is carried out from the early spring when the first salmon come up the rivers, when the roots grow and are ready for harvest and during the summer months when all the fruits and berries are ready for harvest. No one is allowed to catch any fish, or dig any roots or pick any fruit until all the rituals are carried out.

This was the way of life for the Columbia River Tribes for hundreds of years. All the Indian laws were handed down from generation to generation and everyone treated them with utmost respect. The beliefs the Tribesmen had in the Great Creator for generations gave them strength and something to look up to.

Today there is a big controversy over the Makah Tribes of practicing the traditions they have experienced for years and years. Their activity comes with the migration of the great Gray Whale from the Arctic waters to that off the shores of Mexico and other parts south.

As the migration is on and the Whales are passing the shores of the Makah Tribes they do their rituals as they prepare for the whale hunt. For years the Makah Tribe has done this and their prayers were answered with a sufficient amount of Whale to last them for food and other uses as there was no waste from the Whale because everything had its use for the Makah Tribe.

For several years during this Century the Makah Tribe has not practiced what is truly their right from the treaties signed years ago that they be allowed to take Whale for their substance. Today they have decided to practice what their Tribes have done for years and years. Today there is a lot of opposition from groups who have no idea what the Whale means to the Makah Tribes. Its not that they are going to go out and kill every Whale that comes along, but what they feel they need to use. The way the activists make it sound and look like the Makah Tribes are going to wipe out the entire Whale population.

It would be just great if the tables were changed and the activists were to kill the Whale. Just like they did the Buffalo from the Plains Indians years ago claiming that the Buffalo population was to great to where they went out and killed the Buffalo by the hundreds right on the range. The main purpose was to cut down on the Plains Indians substance and do away with the Buffalo in order to eliminate the Plains Indian tribes. (just my theory).

The Makah Tribe has every right to go out and kill a Whale as they have done for years and years for their subsistence. Just like any other race as they do for their survival. I guess it's OK for the Japanese and Russian fishermen to kill the Whale and nothing is said or done to them. AHH-Nah-Chi-Toon!!!

Toe Ness

There was this guy who's dog just died and he took it to the Priest to say mass for him. The Priest said: We don't do that. The guy started to leave and said, I was going to donate \$500 to the Church. The Priest: "Wait a minute, I didn't know the dog was Catholic..YIKES

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"There's one advantage of being Senile: You can hide your own Easter Eggs." YIKES

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Grandmother tells of missing horns from grandson's burial site

May 4, 1999
To Whom it may concern:
My name is Arlene Boileau, Grandmother to Joel Martinez who passed away in February of this year. I go up and visit him often. Today I was saddened to see that someone had stolen the magnificent Elk Horns that one of Joel's friends had presented to him. They were gone. This letter is to the person who took them. Hello, I am sure you really needed to take the horns

for whatever reason. I am sure that if Joel were alive, he would have said, go ahead you can have them. Joel would have seen your need. I can not express the hurt and pain I felt when I discovered they were not there. To me this was the greatest gift any one could have given. And to have someone take them, just take them is the worst thing anyone could do? When you read this letter and look into your heart know what you have really accomplished. Arlene.

News from the Presbyterian Church on the Campus

Hello from Pastor Rick. We here at the Presbyterian Church are doing a bible study on Sunday Nights called Parenting Teens... I want to share some of the ideas of this program... Things that effect your teen. 1. Expectations from a lot of adults. 2. An intense desire to be accepted by friends. 3. Pressures to act upon their own values against the values of parents or friends. 4. To want adult roles yet fear the adult responsibilities. 5. The encouragement of the media to experiment. 6. Disappointment with adults who fail as role models. 7. The enormous physical and psychological changes that occur at this time of life. How to begin as a parent? Read New Testament Titus chapter 2, verses 6, 7, and 8.

Other News of the Presbyterian Church. We have five groups who plan to visit Warm Springs this Summer. They will be doing work for Tribal Housing or our Vacation Bible School on June 21-25. Also, May 28 we will have a Spaghetti lunch fund raiser for Amy Ribeiro. She gets to compete at Washington D.C. for National History Day. I am making my great pasta sauce...

Remember to- buckle-up the kids and babies. Keep beer and booze away from kids. Don't buy tobacco products for the kids. Don't be afraid of your teens, get help. Prayer every day for life issues and the future of Warm Springs.

See you in Church. (Warm Springs Presbyterian Church- On the Campus.) Rev. Rick R. Ribeiro.

Judges should be voted in

To the editor,
Sovereignty to Select Judges. It could be water under the bridge to some but the loss of a brother, Luther Danzuka is an on-going concern for us. My opinion is that a slap on the hand for those responsible adds insult to injury.

Involuntary Manslaughter is a death caused inadvertently by neglect. For instance, a drunk person wrecking a car and killing a friend or relative, unintentionally or inadvertently. The persons responsible for Luther's death, of course wasn't drunk on alcohol, however

they were drunk on power, which resulted with fatal neglect.

I lost a daughter due to CPS's placing my girl, Starz Gladys Thompson, in a shelter home which was already on a probationary status. My daughter should have been in a hospital. But the shelter home would have lost out on the income generated. Those in authority should have wisdom accompanying their education. I maintain the idea that our judges and the public safety general manager be voted in by the tribal members.

Roscoe Thompson Jr.

Happy Birthday to our Baby Boy "Larry Scott Jr."
3 years old May 24, 1999
We love you forever & ever
Dad & Mom



Happy Birthday to my ya-ya "Larry Scott Jr."
The Big 3 on May 24, 1999
I love you with all my heart
Your big ya-ya Byron!!

Happy 10th Birthday Justin Gilbert May 21, 1999
Love, Larry, Missy, Byron & Lil Larry

Happy Birthday to Britten Lumpmouth
Thinking of you always,
Your Mom & two brothers,
Darius & Aaron

Happy Birthday to Phillip Shawn Johns
Love Mom, Dad (Jim), Tia, Taw James, Jamie, Chum, and all the Kids

Stonesetting and Memorial for Christopher Courney Heath Sr.
(May 19, 1968 to December 16, 1997)
on June 19th, 1999- Saturday
Stonesetting 10 a.m. at the Simnasho Cemetery
Memorial Dinner & Give-away at the Simnasho Longhouse
Elders, family and friends all welcome.
Also stonesetting for Delores Heath Seelatssee (mother) at the same time.

Happy Birthday to my Mother Marella Sam.
We miss you alot and hope to be there with you to have cake and ice cream. But have fun-k
Love,
Neda Sam

Happy Happy Birthday to my loving, caring and #1 Grandma
Marella Rose VanPelt Sam
And thank you for being there for me since I was born. But have a good one.
Love you Grandson
Woodrow Picard Jr.

Happy Birthday to Natalia C. Oglesby Sam
I would tell you the same too cause your there when I need someone to talk to. And every time I need you and Tracy to watch Lil Woody you guys would take him until whenever
So I really like to say Thank You
so have a good Birthday.-K-From,
Sadie Sam & Lil Woody Jr.

Happy Birthday to "Droopy" (Sena Polk)
from Lupita Ocampo

Happy 31st Birthday to David LeClaire Sr.
May 24, 1999
We wish you many more
Love mom, dad, Harvi, & Niece Lupita

Happy Birthday to a #1 Dad David LeClaire Sr.
Love you kids,
Eric, Johnnie, Junior, Ellery, & Liza

Happy belated birthday Tiny from your Aunt Joyce

To Tiny:
This is to wish you a belated birthday. I'm sorry I couldn't be there to spank you. I just wanted to let you know that you are like a son to me from the time you were born. I remember the good ole days when your mom, you and I used to travel a lot. Just sightseeing the coast. You were such a cute little kid and I enjoyed helping your mom take care of you. When you'd get into trouble with your mom I'd put you in my car and just take you for a ride. You used to love me playing my music so loud you'd dance around in the car.

Remember the time we were driving kinda late at night and we seen that porcupine? After we passed it you looked down at the floor of the car to see if it was there? And you put your legs and feet up on the seat? That was so funny.

Now that you're a young man of 21 all I can do is just have those fond memories of us when we spent time together. Now you have a life of your own.

I hope that this year will be a good one for you and you find what you are seeking.

I know I haven't been there for you this past year but you are in my prayers because I want you around for a long time. And Tiny? Please, please treat the people you love and care for with love and respect. And in turn you will receive love and respect.

I love you Tiny with all my heart and wish only the best for you. God bless. Tell Tolena to take care also. Love to both of you.

Your aunty Joyce.

Help offered

- Attention Tribal Members
1. Have you been taken to Tribal Court for an Informal Hearing?
 2. Was there a warrant issued for your arrest for an Informal Hearing?
 3. Did you spend time in jail on a warrant issued by the Tribal Court for an Informal Hearing?
 4. Did you or do you have a garnishment of wages from an Informal Hearing Judgment order from the Tribal Court?

If the answers to the above mentioned statement is "Yes", your rights were violated by invalid procedures of the court. If you want more information regarding these issues, you can contact me at Bruce and Barbara Jim residence, 6608 Wolf Point Road, Warm Springs, OR.

Please note: All appointments to be made after 5 p.m. or any time during the weekend.

There will be an appointment book left at the Small Business Center for people who would like to make an appointment, please leave your name and number where you could be reached.

Thank you for being there for me when I needed you. You have been there for me through THICK-N-THIN. You lifted me up on bad days. And you know the right words when I needed advice. You are always there when I need someone to talk to or a shoulder to cry on. I don't know what I would do without you. I love you and always will.
Happy Birthday.

Love your daughter
Sadie Sam

Happy Birthday
Grandpa DI
Love you
Shania Tom

Happy Birthday
Grandpa Eldon Tom
Love you,
Shania

Happy Birthday
Grandma Louise Katchia
Love you
Shania Tom

Happy Birthday
CaCa Carlos
Love you lots,
Shania T.

Happy Birthday
Auntie Harvey
Love
Shania Tom

Happy 1st Birthday
Baby Girl Skyla White Plume
Lots of love & hugs & kisses
Grandpa MG, Auntie Rayann,
Uncle Gary

Happy Birthday
Marlia, Lindsey, Bob B
Love,
Sharon T.

Happy 1st Birthday
Skyla White Plume
Love your NaNa
Shania Tom

Happy Birthday
to my baby sister
Blue Skyla Rain White Plume
I love you with all my heart
Love You NaNa
Lizzy WhitePlume

Happy Birthday
Auntie Betty
Love
Shania Tom

Happy Birthday
Gramma Marie Tom
Wluv you lots,
Shania Tom

Thanks given to Officers

Special thanks to Lt. Bob Whittenburge, Sherri Smith, Lucille Schuster, and all the seniors.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank these people for letting us participate and take part in the Honor Senior Day. Being inmates and placed at such "High Risk." We were allowed to attend and we enjoyed it. We greatly appreciate it. Also can't forget Mr. Woody and Sir Orange for showing us the ropes. Well thanks again.

Respectfully Yours,
Sandra Perez-Perez
Clara Kennedy



Happy Birthday Tonya Weigh Boise
We love you and are very proud of your accomplishments in school. Keep it up.
Love, Dad, Mom, Leanna, George and Jackson



Happy Birthday Latasha
Thinking of you on your special day.
Dad, Selena, George, Tonya, Leanna and Jackson

Happy Birthday to David LeClaire Sr.
Love your wife,
Annette (Anut)

Happy Birthday to "Anna Lopez"
May 28, 1999
We wish you many more to come. Have a good I. Phyllis, Alec, David, Anut, Harvi, Johnnie, Eric, Liza, JR E.J. & Lupita

June 4
Happy Birthday to Phyllis Tohet from Alex, Heavy & Lupita

Happy Birthday to Bernie Aguirre From Ellie