

Tribal member speaks out on gaming

In Utmost Good Faith. How about until the rivers run dry? Do these words sound familiar? Reserved for the Indians' exclusive use? For the protection of the Indians, so the whites cannot intrude upon the Indians' land and the Indians can live in peace. How about the "full citizenship" in 1924 in their own country? Women were given the right to vote in 1920, before the Indians were allowed citizenship in their own native land—America. The Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, Land of Opportunity. Free enterprise. Sweet Land of Liberty. From every mountainside, let freedom ring. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Very admirable and eloquent words.

Where did the U.S. Constitution get its roots? It began in the Iroquois Indian Nation in the east and was based on the principles that Indians lived by before Columbus bumped into "India" in 1492. It may have been primitive, but all its guiding principles were included in the document. If you put the documents side-by-side, the similarities are astounding.

I want to make this "crystal clear", as Nixon would say, that I am speaking as an individual native American, not as a representative of my tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

I am involved in history and have studied federal Indian policy extensively. It seems the federal government makes things look good on paper for the Indians, but what they write and what they do are two different things. Usually when you put something into writing and sign it, that means you will keep your words. Speaking of "original promises", where is the farming equipment, provisions and supplies promised in the treaty? Where are the houses promised to be built for our chiefs? Why didn't our chiefs receive the money they were promised in the treaty? Sounds

kinda' like bribery, doesn't it. Our treaty was negotiated in 1855, but was not ratified by Congress until 1859. Why? Evidently, the objective of the treaty was to get us removed from the Columbia River ASAP, and worry about the legalities of "formalities" later. Let's see, with the treaty signed in 1855 and the State of Oregon gaining its statehood in 1859, there's definitely something wrong with that picture. I can't put my thumb on it, but maybe it has to do with emigrants living for four years on land not legally theirs.

There is one history book that states, "The tribes fought desperately to keep their land and way of life. After their defeat, they were forced to live on reservations throughout the West." Please be informed that the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes was not defeated. We negotiated a treaty, with clear understandings and commitments. We expect the people within the influence and legal impact of the 1855 Treaty with the Tribes of Middle Oregon to live up to their forefathers' agreement. The principles of discovery, plenary power, and the idea of "an Indian's place is on the reservation," are all in dire need of discussion and resolution. I suggest a serious brushup on history. Also have Mr. Webster handy. There is much to be learned and uncovered. There is not much out there in resources on the way it really was from an Indian's perspective. You've all seen Cowboy and Indian movies on TV, read history books written, some accurate but most are not. Native American historians, let's get busy and help set the records straight.

This is concerning our tribe's attempt to build a casino along the Columbia River, our original homeland before we were placed on the Warm Springs reservation. Many people in general are ignorant about how we came to be located where we are. We gave up through cessation, 10 millions acres of land of our original reservation, a good portion of Oregon. Nation-wide, the

total ceded land given back by Indians to the government was 10 times that amount. That's a lot of land for tribes and especially for one single tribe to fork over. We did retain what we thought to be important to us, which was fishing and hunting rights, root digging and berry picking, in order to support our tribe. In our treaty with the federal government these are called "usual and accustomed places." By being placed on this reservation, we gave up partially one of the natural foods that had sustained our tribe along the Columbia River for 10,000 years—salmon.

I have read over and over how the white man wanted to "civilize" us. In the process, they tried to christianize us "heathens." They tried to convert us into their way of life which included farming and other "acceptable" occupations. To help get us away from our "savage" way of life, they tried to extinguish the very core of our lives—family. They did this by putting us into Indian boarding schools, would not allow us to speak our native tongue, the consequence being brutal physical punishment, cut off our braids and basically forced us to live in a military type of environment, dress alike, march to school, march to the dining hall, march to church. Abusive teachers and matrons, very little contact with our families, forced to leave home three-fourths of the year. Talk about culture shock. But, did this kill our "uncivilized" way of life? No, it did not. We as a people, still exist and because of the loss of some of our culture and languages, have to work hard to revive this valuable knowledge to pass on to our younger generations. What I am wondering is whose definition of "civilized" word is correct and acceptable to whom. For 10,000 years we lived in peace along the great river in an environment we knew, and under standards we set for ourselves at that time. After Lewis & Clark came along in 1805 under President Jefferson's orders, the west was opened up and emigrants

(defined as a man without a country) came to the west in torrents from both Pacific and Atlantic Ocean ports after the federal government had taken away mass amounts of land from eastern tribes for the benefit and use of these emigrants. When land became scarce in the east for settlers, there was only the mid-west and west to open up for them. Indian land was sold for as little as two cents per acre. What would that same land be worth today? At least an arm and a leg. Folks, I'm just being truthful about this. Indians didn't write books, they passed information from generation to generation by word of mouth. An agreement used to be by a handshake between people. Whatever happened to that kind of trust and integrity? But wait, there's more. My question then is, who in actuality was/is civilized? To our way of living, we considered ourselves civilized. We lived by standards and customs we developed ourselves throughout the centuries. Non-Indians and missionaries came along and attempted to force their standards, values, and Christianity onto us. We had/have a culture of our own since time immemorial. Of course this would cause conflict. When something is proposed to be changed, there will be resistance. We are all afraid of change because it threatens and interrupts the way we have always done things. We tend to think of reasons or excuses to avoid change, and to validate that thinking.

Old federal government documents throughout the centuries have pointed in one direction, and that was to assimilate the Indians into the mainstream society through many different ways. Thousands of documents also say the Indians need to become self-sustaining and less dependent on the federal government. These doctrines give the same message over and over. There have been and still are attempts to exterminate the race through wars, disease,

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To the editor,
On December 4 and 5, 1999, The Blackhawks Basketball 21 & Under Men's "Slam and Jam" Basketball Tournament was held at the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center. First of all I would like to thank the people who came and helped out during the tournament, some on a last minute notice which I really appreciated. I would like to thank Darryllyne Scott, Karla Kalama and Verleen Kalama for doing the score keeping and clock. I would like to thank the referee, Donnie Winishut, Chaz Mitchell, Big Rat Suppah, Rick Minthorn and Richard (from Redmond.) I thank J'Dean Kalama for providing concessions stand for the hungry fans who attended the tournament. I also would like to say "Thank you" to the Community Wellness Center staff for setting up the gym for the tournament and for the use of the gym.

The results of the tournament:
Champions-Oregon Embroidery
2nd Place - Redmond

3rd Place - Oregon Travelers
4th Place Timberwolves
5th place - Chinooks
All Stars selected for this tournament:
Blackhawks - Wayne Gilbert and Jesse Gilbert
Warm Springs - Michael Hellon and Roland Kalama, III
Chinooks Mathias McConville and Robert Holiday
Timberwolves - Raymond Anderson and John Kalama
Oregon Travelers - Leland Dick and Jason Smith
Redmond - Cheyne Blodgett and Rich
Oregon Embroidery - Jerrold Rico and Mora

I also would like to thank the fans who came and cheered on their favorite team and/or player. Blackhawks Basketball looks forward to hosting the "Slam and Jam 2000 Tournament" for 8th grade boys on the weekend of January 28, 29, 30, 2000.

Samuel J. Kentura, Tournament director, Blackhawks Basketball.

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Hard earned money lost

To the editor,
This letter is to the person who found my wallet in the bathroom at DMJ after I dropped it on or about December 1, 1999. I don't know why I am writing this, as you are probably to ignorant to read. Any way I wanted to let you know from where that money came and about the people from whom you stole it.

That money was the "Fruit of the sweat of my brow", in other words "I" earned it. Probably something you know little about, for if you did you would have returned it to me.

I have been saving that money for three or four months, to buy something special for my children for Christmas, seven, four and one. How does it feel stealing Christmas presents from little children. You are a retched excuse for a human being.

Just remember one thing when you look in the mirror or at your own children.

"I have done more, for you and yours, then you ever have, for yourself"

Kiam,

James Halliday
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R.T. Thompson

Tribal member shares concerns

To the editor,

While I was in the Tribal Planning Office we had budget workshops to get Tribal Members (TM's) votes as to what they prioritized as their major concerns. In tallying the votes, I was directed to combine the votes for "War on Drugs" with the votes for "Dealing with Child abuse/neglect" (because they were "sort related"). Consequently, this reflected an inaccurate account that the war on drugs was the major concern. In actuality, the "Employment issues" was the foremost concern (150 mill workers were to be laid off with nearly half of those to be TM's, when no TM should have to leave). Education came second, Child neglect thirdly and then war on drugs fourth. I assumed this was to justify the drug-free policy initiative and explain the huge budget for the Public Safety Branch. I was brand new, therefore on a 6

month probationary status, a status where I couldn't afford to make any waves. Therefore, I had to be a "team player" and mum was the word.

When I was acting Director, being interviewed for the permanent Director position at the SDBC, I was asked "are you a team player?" I hesitated the answer since in the past being a team player meant that the Tribal Members were the opposite team. I reflected that this might mean I would have to deceive the TM's about their own priorities & was to cover another white lie. It meant having to relinquish my concerns as a TM, to become a member of his team. Needless to say, a person was appointed Director who he had teamed up with before in a prior organization. The whole staff is non tribal members.

I watched a council budget meeting at the longhouse, where the ap-

pointed speaker answered a TM's question with 12 full minutes of elaborate words saying absolutely nothing. What a team player! Staff within our administrations swear confidentiality, which safeguards their supervisors impulsive decisions. I still wonder who spearheaded the purchase of a worthless piece of rock at Cascade Locks. Cascade Locks citizens must have laughed their way to the bank, at the TM's expense. Tribal Members, we are at the top of our organizational chart and should be involved a major decisions. Let us exercise that authority. Tribal Council elections are imminent, ask yourself "who made the cover decisions for the 6 digit capital investments? Who voted in the appointment of the Secretary Treasurer and the COO? Who closes their ears to our concerns and who closes their mouths to what we want to know? Just who's team are they on?"



Happy 17th Birthday (Dec. 25th) Shamona Charley and Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. Love your mom Wanda, Charlene & the kids, Gerty, Mirsla, Gloria, Charlett, Lance, & Louie Lots of love and Happy Birthday from Gmdpa Riggs

Happy Birthday (Dec. 25th) and Merry Christmas to Merda Charley From Wanda, Shamona, Dad, Charlene & family



Happy 1/2 Century Pebbles George Dec. 14th Johnni Smith Dec. 16th-13 years We love you Mom & Grandma JoJo Sr., JoJo Jr. & Tashina, Angela, Latasha, Ashley & Brandon, Vernon, Wolff J. & Jaden And Many more Birthdays, Love Sambo

Happy Birthday Henry on 12/23/99 Love, Tony Stradley

Happy 13th Birthday Johnni Justine Hilda Love, Mom



J. Andres Mendez Feliz cumpleaños-Dec. 31, 1999 Y Feliz Año Nuevo-2000 ¡Espero que lo pases bien y contento al lado de nosotros. Con Amor Y Carino DeParte de Tu Esposa Y Tus Hijos... Joy Soto-Mendez, Carlitos, Damian, Soraya



Happy Birthday Latisha "Bug" Waheneka 12/22 I can't believe your (5) all-ready. Wishing you the best (Bug)-I'll always be right behind you with lots of Love, Mom.

Mom-Grandma (Yvonne Tapedo) We would like to send out hugs and kisses and wishing you the best in the coming new year. With God's blessing that you will be with us forever....Thank you so much for all the help and support that you have given us throughout this year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Jose and Joy Soto-Mendez Carlitos, Damian and Soraya

Happy Birthday Latisha Love, Dad and Kiana

Happy Birthday Adera 12/15 I'm glad I have a wonderful sister like you. You brighten up our day every day. Love, your sister Stacy & the girls.

Mr. & Mrs. Soto-Torres, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Good luck in everything you do in the upcoming new year. Nini-Ducky and Rai Rai

Happy Birthday Tamera Yallup 12/22 Stacy, Latisha, Kiana

Eliza Crutcher "Hot Dog" sends well wishes for the holidays to her relatives

I have so many people in my life who show me they care and love me. Praise the Lord for all of us being so close. I would like to wish my friends and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May the good Lord bring you good blessings daily.

These are the people close to me who I love and cherish with all my heart.

First of all the Creator who helps me in my daily struggles.

My mother and father who loves me unconditionally. Who stood by me all the way. Who made my dreams come true.

Neda and Jim Wesley, My husband Emo who love me dearly who stands by me through my trials, my failures, happy times and sad.

I'm so thankful to the Lord for giving me such an understanding husband who loves me and takes care of me.

And thank you Lord for his kind, tender, loving heart. We have no violence in our marriage. "Praise the Lord."

I am thankful for my brothers: Michael Greene, Tim Greene, Roger Stwyer, Sr., Rod Wesley, Henry Stwyer, Davis Stwyer, Sr., the late Arnold Stwyer, Jr., Wendell Stwyer Greene. I also had a little brother Gerald Greene. My brothers Kanet Wolfe and Cyril Wolfe, Levi VanPelt, Chet VanPelt, Jr., Tony "Tiger" VanPelt, Tush Brown, Harold Neva Brown, Ray Shike, Jr., Truman Lumpmouth, Jr., Desi Wheeler, Lawrence Shike, Sr., My bro Boo-Boo, Tiger David, Chubby and Randy Robinson.

I am thankful for my sisters: Ramona Greene, Sara Greene, Celia Greene, Delcie Greene, the late Babette Greene, Aurolyn Watlamet, Melissa Wesley, Jamey Wesley, Rosa Brown, Debra Brown Scott, Marella Sam, and Lillian "Itta" VanPelt, Punkin Allen, Debra Allen Scott, Helena Shike-Jackson, Mina Shike-Estimo, Sandra Shike-Danzuka, Lana Shike-Leonard, Tia Wheeler, Michael Wheeler, Kim Wheeler, Colleen Greene, Trudy

Lumpmouth-Bennett, Laura Brown, Monica Wahnetah, Amanda Robinson, Gidget, Rhonda, Granny and Tamera Robinson, my uncle Levi and Uncle Cougar's children also.

I have numerous aunts and uncles who I'm very close to I would like to recognize them also:

"Aunt Liz" (Eliza Brown), Ray Shike, Sr. and Aunt Charlotte, Onte Lumpmouth, Arlene and Ernie James, Aunt Hilda and Auntie Effie, Aunt Beulah and Uncle Ray, Aunt Char and Uncle Enie Herkshan, Aunt Nancy and Uncle Biff, Aunt Otta and Wayne Saunders, Aunt Suzie and her husband Lupe, Aunt Rosemary Marsha in Pendleton, Auntie Cathy, Aunt Tess Williams, Uncle Levi Greene & his wife, Aunt Noreen Greene, Nancy Greene, Uncle Erwin Stwyer, Auntie Marilyn Wagner, Uncle Rico and Auntie, Aunt Mico and Uncle Ted, Auntie Bunz, Uncle Mickey, Aunt Roxanne, Peter and Patty, Grandma Lizzy Rhoan, Grandpa Nelson Wallulatum, Uncle Benson Heath, Uncle Bullneck and Aunt Shirley, Uncle Martinez Heath,

My two aunts Roma and Lucinda, Grandma Nettie, Uncle Vince and Roma Jean Jo, and Freda Wallulatum, Grandma Viola Kalama and Uncle Peach and Aunt Bea, Auntie Ella Jane Jim, Auntie Lupe and Uncle Mouse, Aunt Vicky Bone, aunt Ruby and Uncle Dennis, Aunt Verberna Greene Beans, My Aunt Sidonia.

I also have an ex-mother-in-law who I hold dear who always greets me with open arms, Rose James.

Okay, back to aunts and uncles:

Johanna Senator, Uncle George "Squeakie" and Aunt Janice Clements, Grant, Rudy and Annabelle Clements, Mike Clements, Yavonne Moses of Nespelem, WA, Zelta Greene, Jessie Greene of Lapwai, Nelson Moses, Willard Nampoosa, Sr., Clifford and Betty Moses, Uncle Tuffy Brown and Auntie Pat, Jay and Jerry Minthorn, Uncle Malcolm Minthorn, Auntie Emily and Aunt Florene of Pendleton, Joni and Ellison David, Uncle Schmo Tufti, Grandpa Olney Patt, Auntie Evaline Patt, Kate Jackson.

I love you all, Sincerely, Hot Dog

Warm Springs Tribal members should get first preference in job market

To Our Warm Springs Confederated Tribes People and Other Community Members:

Jobs for our WSCT people. I've been working for TriWest Building Corporation since September of this year, approximately four months. I had to "fight" just to get a job building our own WSCT Senior Center. The psychological, mental, verbal abuse is unending. But after 500 years of foreigners, genocide's, we Native Americans are mostly tough experts in survival. My understanding is that TriWestCo. signed a contract to build the WSCT Senior Center while employing 20% tribal members. Remember their bogus advertisements on our radio stations, plus our local Spilyay Tymoo. As usual all lies.

I think it is time for our WSCT people to pass a resolution making it a tribal law that requires any company doing any building or other business in our Warm Springs REZ to have to hire at least 50% tribal workers. Offer our WSCT people jobs, experience opportunities to enhance our life for the better.

TriWest Co. has shown to me that this company is not owner friendly, not hiring our WSCT people, and should not be allowed to do any more building or any other kind of business on our WSCT REZ. It is obvious that our so called

leaders are not able to protect our WSCT people interests: jobs, business interests, labor interests.

Labor Organization. I think it is time we local WSCT laborers, our local WSCT labor force organize ourselves into an entity that will make sure that our WSCT people receiving our fair share of the jobs that we create, pay for, in the first place. Why should anyone of our WSCT people be jobless with all the jobs and impact our WSCT creates for all of Central Oregon and Oregon in general...million upon millions of our WSCT resources are being mismanaged, misused, stolen! You know as well as I that our WSCT organization is leaderless, so sloppy, unaccountable, that anybody and everybody that is employed. (I don't say work because as a close friend of mine told me a few days ago, "Hell, I don't have to work I'm employed by the WSCT Tribes. I get paid every 10th & 25th weather, work or not. Sad but true) by our WSCT can steal any time and it happens daily.

Warm Springs Confederated Tribes is in a leadership crisis. Our WSCT people need jobs, good shoes, clothes, homes, etc. Hope. I truthfully believe there is system in place a network, that is designed to steal, funnel, all our resources, opportunities, into a few crooks off reservations

businesses. We, WSCT, people are drowning in our own stupid little egos. We have leaders, home grown WSCT leaders. Let's let them lead, put them in place no matter the cost. I personally can name a couple of leaders that would be well worth the 506 figure salary that a lot of these spineless, brainless non-tribal stooges are bilking us for, plus all they can steal. We are too top heavy. Too many chiefs and not enough Indians. Too many guys and gals wanting to be big shots. If you don't live on our WSCT REZ, then why do you want to control everything. If you want to be real then live among our WSCT people. Instead of showing up from 8-5 to take, steal all you can, then run back to your haven, you don't have to see, hear, live, the death, pain and sorrow your greed creates. Cleanest community by the year 2000! yeah right, clear out of leaders, jobs, homes, opportunities, hope. Help! Help! Our leaders are killing us. Whether they realize it or not, sometimes I think about whether our present so called leaders have ever had an original thought of their own or are always lead around by money, their nose for \$. Our local labor force, which is many of us, have to get organized come together to protect our jobs for our WSCT people, instead of depending on spineless

bootlicking, sell out Uncle Tomahawk so called leaders. Who are more concerned about themselves and how much money they can steal from our WSCT people.

Our late great WSCT seems to have lost out to all the other tribes in the Pacific N.W. who are utilizing our home grown leaders better than we can. We are losing good, excellent leaders our own WSCT leaders to other tribes, organizations, that are willing to offer something better than our so called leaders can. We need to get all these egotistical selfish leaders out and put REAL LEADERS IN THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE. Real grass roots people hat sincerely care about all our WSCT people.

TriWest Co. in my opinion should not be allowed back in our REZ. To do any kind of building or business. These liars won't even honor their contract to hire 20% WSCT people. I had to fight for a job on my own land, home. Then I'm just the token slave for TriWest. I can handle the verbal, psychological mental anguish these Red necks dish out I think they can go back to wherever they come from. I think our WSCT people are getting tired of feed, all of Central Oregon anyway. It's time to face the truth and deal with it. Bobby Eagleheart.