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SPILYAY SPEAKS



Celebrations are springing up all across the country now that the summer season is upon us. The first part of June the annual Rose Festival takes place in Portland. Rodeos, and pow-wow's also make the scene.

Was watching the Grand floral parade on TV and saw all those neat floats. Thoughts came to mind, "Where is the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs? or the Indian Head Casino floats?"

I can remember when I was just a "Cute Little Tyke," we used to get into the Rose Festival Parade. In them days all the floats would pass through the Civic Stadium in review. Each float would pause in front of the crowd where home plate is and the sound system would introduce the float. As we would come in they would introduce us as the Indians from the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Central Oregon, and members of the "Hiawatha Pageant." As we would pass in review and pause for the introduction we would jump off of the float and do a fast war dance to loosen up the crowd and get a big ovation from the crowd. We'd jump back on the float and on down the street we would go.

Them days the parade used to start from the west side of the city and wind its way through the streets. It used to be a lot of fun for us to be in the parade and to see all the people on the sidewalks all along the parade route.

Why I wondered about a float from here was because I saw the float that Spirit Mountain had in this years parade, a beautiful float and a winner at that. As a matter of fact they had a float in the parade last year also, good publicity for their gaming establishment.

Was thinking back to when we used to have a girls drill team march in the Rose Parade and many of those girls are still around but don't know if they can high step much anymore. We did have some floats more recently as we would have Miss Warm Springs riding on the floats and one year we had a float with a Senior Citizen also rode along with Miss Warm Springs. But here lately there has never been any mention of a float from anyone at all. The Indian Head Casino should have had a float in there for advertisement of the Casino here at Kah-Nee-Ta. Maybe one of these days we will have a float or participation in the Rose Festival Parade.

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"Pi-Um-Sha," "Let's Celebrate." The annual Pow-wow is just around the corner. A Pow-wow that commemorates the treaty signing of 1855. There will be a big parade here for the occasion on Saturday morning June 24, starting at 10:00 a.m. Led by the Local Veteran color guard. Each year we have a good turn-out of Veteran groups who visit here during the Pow-wow days. Groups such as the North West Indian Veterans, headquarters in Vancouver, WA. The Yakima Warriors and the ROTC of Madras High School are always present during the Veterans activities here and we welcome them each time we have a parade.

There will be a variety of activities going on during Pi-Um-Sha, which includes all kinds of dance contests from old to young boys and girls men and women. One popular event in the past was the "Wanna Be" contest for the non-Indian visitors. Other events will include a golf tournament at Kah-Nee-Ta, a fun run at the community Center, a stick game tournament, the annual endurance horse race which takes place along the creek. a rodeo which will bring in cowboys from all parts of the western US. A huge softball tournament.

This will be the place where old friends meet and new ones made and everyone will have a good time.

Going back to Parade Floats takes me back to the past when we had a 4th of July parade here, the late Vern Jackson than the Secretary/Treasure would order every department to have a float in the parade. That was a real hit here as each department would try to out do the other. I can remember the first float the Administration had which was a replica of a South Pacific atoll. We had a small truck and put a imitation Palm tree with a table and lawn chairs and rode in cut-offs and bathing suits.

The parade would wind down to the grounds behind the Community Center where there was a Bear Bar-B-qu. The rest of the day full of games and at dusk the big fireworks, and everyone had a great time. AHH-Nah-CHI-TOON!!!

Toe Ness

This guy goes to see his doctor for a check-up.
The Doc. said, "Your in good shape, you'll live until your sixty."
The guy said, "I am sixty."
Doc. said, "See there, just what I told you!!!" YIKES

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Ceremonial Fishermen share concerns about snout removal

To the editor,
I would like to share with you my understanding of the Ceremonial Fishery that I have been involved with over the past ten years or so. This is a very special fishery to my knowledge and should not be infringed upon by an employee of the tribal organization. The Ceremonial Fishery that is conducted by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs annually is used for some very sacred, historical and traditional purposes. Which is why the removal of fish snouts was questioned by our crew and not allowed. I am not an expert in all of the traditional ways but have acquired enough knowledge over a period of ten years to support our crews stand on the issue of snout removal from the few hatchery fish that we caught. I base my decision upon the fact that the limited knowledge that I possess originates from a number of elders who actually chose to continue to reside along the Columbia River as our people originally did or who possess more traditional knowledge than I. All of these knowledgeable people stressed

the importance of the proper handling of this special fishery. These traditions have been a part of the oral tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation since time immemorial. This fishery is a very special fishery used for a variety of historical ceremonies, Root Feast being only one of these.

Today this ceremonial catch is shared with the tribal members for other traditional uses such as: First Catch and First Kill recognition, name giving, funeral/memorial services and the General Council meetings with the tribes, to name just a few. All of which, I understand as being very special ceremonies to our people, (tribes), our Longhouse leader/elders. We felt that snout removal would be in direct violation of these elders upbringing. Snout removal to merely gather data would be a direct violation of our religious and traditional uses of this special fishery as reserved in the treaty language by previous elders. Who certainly had a better understanding of the traditional and sacredness of these ceremonial uses. That's why

our fishing rights were specifically reserved during the treaty process. This data can just as easily be collected from the gamut of fish users that exist. Nearby fish hatcheries, lower river gill-netters, sports fishermen, off shore users, the treaty tribes commercial season to mention a few. All have the potential of generating the identical data as the few hatchery fish that were caught during the Ceremonial Fishery.

No one has shown or shared with me actual proof that this data is also taken from sources other than the original inhabitants of the Columbia River. This scientific data should be gathered from all users of the resource. I challenge the National Marine Fisheries, The Oregon Department of Natural Resources to share this data with the treaty tribes. I would also like to have our tribal biologists accompany the federal/state biologists when they collect this data so that actual verification of this process can be relayed back to the appropriate tribal agency.

There is more that I could share with you but I only want to express

the importance of not having this special fishery infringed upon by a few people who seem to have superior rights granted to them in the name of science than the ceremonial fisherman. I am in total disagreement with the two day suspension of Stanley Simtustus, who just happens to be the Chairman of one of our fish committees. The recall of our tribal monitors by the Natural Department Supervisor was unwarranted and could have been handled in a more professional manner. Stanley merely stated that to his knowledge his last understanding pertaining to the snout removal issue was that it would be presented again to the appropriate Longhouse Leaders and Tribal Elders to base a decision upon.

There is an even more important issue that must be clarified and that is, does certain individuals have superior rights to enrolled members as an employee? I would hope not.

Respectfully,
The Ceremonial Fishery Crew,
Bruce Jim, Sr., Randy Smith, crew member, Virgil Culps and Crew

Littleleaf share concerns on casino and salmon issues

To the editor,
Indian Head Casino merging together with Kahneeta Resort? My opinion is, that would be a poor business decision because as it is we are and have been losing out on unknown millions in much needed revenue annually by virtue of remaining at that inconvenient locations "in good business location is everything." The projected revenue that a casino on the Rez and on Hwy 26 was 18 million annually. And with the near future expansion of Hwy 26 there may be a lot of extra traffic. What is the next step according to the referendum since that micro trust site near Madras was overwhelmingly turned down as a temporary gaming site.

I don't think to many Tribal Members have a problem with the projected 18 mil. how much will a new Casino cost? Since 1995 our Casino has generated millions of dollars annually, where is it? There should be enough saved up to build a new casino out right. Time is money. Consequently we are losing money. Not making money. The longer we remain way out there inconveniently located. If and when we do relocate, what will become of the old casino building, personally I think it would make a very nice gym and the Kahneeta Lodge would make a great High School. The kids need a school. It would be better than shipping across the region by bus; Snouts; it is CTWS Culture for countless thou-

sands of years for our Tribal members and ceremonial fishers to respect the salmon primarily through worship, during this sensitive time. The well-being of all the ceremonial fishers have great significance to the river Tribes of the Northwest. Disrupting or meddling in religious affairs by non-Indian tribal employees should not be condoned by CTWS the conflict of interest of collecting data for the state is the issue CTWS has Tribal member official who can perform that task. Also why did Natural Resources department break their promise to end their mutilation of the ceremonial salmon?

Respectfully,
Anthony Littleleaf

Congratulations to Jarrod & Lisa Sampson
With love from your mother, Te-Minsh (& Adrian), Sister Kris (Sean & family) McConville, Brother Gerald Samson Jr., your father Gerald (Sandra & family) Sampson Sr., your grandma's Margaret Charley & Edith Sampson and all of your uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, & relatives of "The Great Columbia River".

Congratulations Class of 2000 Riverside Graduate Anadarko, Oklahoma Tanya Tewee From Shari, Mar, Chall

Congratulations to our Granddaughter. We are very proud of you! And your accomplishment. We love you Googum & Moosum Kelsey, the Twins Autumn & Garyson

Silver Boxes

My words are harsh and hasty
And they came without a thought.
Then I saw the pain and anguish
That my bitter words had brought.

Bitter words that I had spoken
Made me think back through the past;
Of how many times I'd uttered
Biting words whose pain would last.

Then I wondered of the people
I had hurt by things I'd said;
All the ones I had discouraged
When I didn't use my head.

Then I thought about my own life,
Of painful words I've heard;
And of the times I'd been discouraged
By a sharp and cruel word.

And now clearly I remember
All the things I might have done;
But, by a word I was discouraged
And they never were begun.

Lord, help my words be silver boxes,
Neatly wrapped up with a bow;
That I give to all so freely,
As though each day I gladly go.

Silver boxes full of treasure,
Precious gifts from God above;
That all people I encounter
Might have a box of God's own love.

Michael Bright, 1989

Thank you from Hollidays

To the editor,
We, the family of Ben Holliday "Junior" wish to express our Thankfulness to the wonderful loving people who came to his farewell good-byes. Truly, we thank all these people plus all the beautiful cards, flowers, food, songs, music, song, singers, money, donations, flag, salute and most of all the prayers for all the families who knew and love "Uncle Junior". If we forgot your names, please excuse us. "God" knows who you are, Amen.

To the "back bone" of the Jesus Christ Saints: "Trudie", Agnes and all her girls, Helpers & food (fantastic dinner), Bobbie Jim, Viola, Lucille Teeman, Billie Jo Bagley, Lyle and Tina Holliday, Bobbi and Frankie Suppah, Alvis Smith Sr., Pastor E. Hunt and Wife, Buck and Suzie Smith Family, Earl and Shirley Tufti, William Wainanwit, Brenda and Dave, Karen G., Ronnie Govenor, Milton

Holliday family, Lakin, Beth, Ervin Raines Family, Fred and Olivia Wallulatum, Nancy Saluto, Chris and Michelle Holliday, Gloria and Bob Werner Family, Annette and Dixon Polk, Mike and Rhonda Greene, Solomon and Esther Stewart, "Gus" Tufti and family.

To thank our Lord and Savior "Jesus Christ" for "Uncle Ben". He has gone on to be with "Jesus". To be absent from the body, be present with the Lord. Jesus said "I am the Only way, Truth, Life, Jn 14.6.

Special thanks to Jolene Warner, Tera Lee Holiday, Denise (the mom) and Tina Holliday for setting up the heavy tables at the kitchen.

God bless you all. Thank you much for your time. Families of Velma Sherman Holiday Family. Rose Aly (Tootsie) Charles, DW., Nicole, Zane, Hudson

Clarinet for sale

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Happy Birthday

Lil Bob
June 12th
Love, Mom, Mav, Challis

Happy belated birthday

cousins
Tracy "De" Marcus
June 11th
Love, Auntie
Paula



And congratulations Sunmiet!
"Ms University of Washington"

Jered
"Ooo-wha"
Moses
June 9th
Love, Mom
& Sister

Also
Happy
Birthday
Sidster
Minnick
June 15th



Congratulations to my daughter Candace Toni Heath Riverside Indian School Class of 2000 Graduate Anadarko, Oklahoma Way to go Girl! Love, Mom Mar

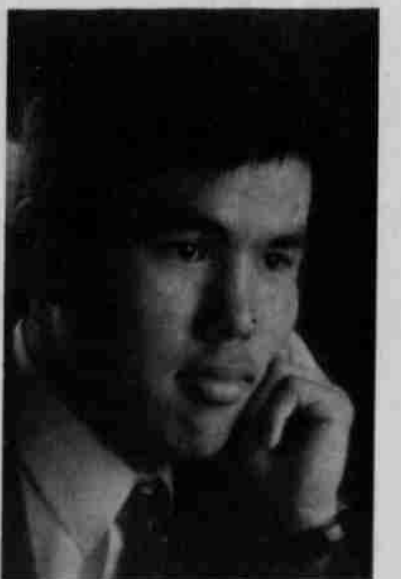
Congratulations to my NaNa Candace Class of 2000 Your Ill Sis Chall

Happy Birthday to Leland, Jr.-June 3rd and Ashley Marie-June 13th Thinking of you always Selena

Happy Birthday Leland, Jr. Ashley Marie From Dad, Mom and Laneda



Congratulations to Jarrod & Lisa Sampson on the birth of their daughter Lilajane Kebort Sampson, born March 12, 2000



Jarrod Daniel Sampson Bachelor of Science Portland State University 2000 Spring Commencement Sunday, June 11 Portland Memorial Coliseum

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