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Folks, these days it's almost impossible to turn on the TV or radio in South Eastern Wisconsin without being overwhelmed by commercials financed by the Potawatomi. The commercial blast the Mohegan tribe of Connecticut for attempting to finance a mega casino in Kenosha. The argument is that gambling money generated in Wisconsin should stay in Wisconsin. This writer is overwhelmed by the new found loyalty of the Wisconsin tribes to the state. This is the same state that the tribes refused, in most cases, to acknowledge or obey their laws. When the tribes are faced with stiff competition, all of a sudden we're all one big happy family.

The "Ho-Chunk" is throwing down the gauntlet attempting to prevent the Bad River Chippewa from establishing a competing casino in Beloit. Here again let's get all warm and fuzzy and hug one another and sing kombi-a because we need your help to keep our monopoly.

Seems the Indians from all over the country are flocking to establish casinos in Wisconsin. Why? It's this writer's opinion, that our **Governor Navajo Jim Doyle is a ringer** for the tribes, and apparently (judging by his official actions) he has been since before he ran for Attorney General in the early 90s. Once again the oath-takers thumb their noses at the oath of office they took.

*Well folks it's that time of the year again. By the time this issue goes to press the Walleye Warriors will have a spring greetings for the people of Wisconsin with their annual up yours whittie with a 5 prong spear.*

*You have to feel sorry for these tribal guys, their only claim to manhood is spearing these poor fish while they are trying to reproduce.*

## Thanks Elaine

(By Bob Manzke)

Back in early December 2006 this author was invited to address The Homeland Security Inter-Tribal Risk Analysis Symposium in Green Bay Wisconsin. This was one month after my quadruple bypass surgery, and I wasn't able to travel or participate. Luckily Elaine Willman the Chair of CERA was available. Following is her keynote speech.

**Tribes and Risk Inter-Tribal Risk Analysis Symposium**  
Green Bay, Wisconsin December 8, 2006 Keynote Address:  
Elaine Willman, MPA, Author, **"Going To Pieces...The Dismantling of the United States of America."**

"Good morning" and thank you to all of the organizers of this very important homeland security symposium. I am honored to be here, and look forward to very productive discussions today. I may say things this morning that you would rather not hear, but I am comforted by the commonalities that we share, and it is to that common ground, that I speak. We are all citizens of the United States and we are all at risk to terrorism threats.

Let me begin with two principles that guide me as noted in the introduction to "Going To Pieces." The first is that all cultures, and most certainly American Indian culture, are to be respected and cherished within the United States. This can and must be done in a spirit of unity.



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The second principle is that there is a clear and distinct separation between ethnic cultures and governing systems. Government decision-making is not culture. Culture is not government. It is also important to note the long history of honored sacrifice and service of American Indians in the United States military. I am happy that you will be hearing more about great Indian warriors and military heroes later today. My disagreements with a city, county, state or federal government decision do not make me anti-American.

My disagreements with certain tribal government decisions or federal Indian policy decisions do not make me anti-Indian. Remember, government decision-making does not and should not equate to culture.

I am here to share my information and experience specific to life on and near a number of Indian reservations, and very serious concerns about domestic homeland security. Corruption and threats of terrorism exist within many governments and communities in the United States. This symposium, however, is specific to tribal governments. Here are a few examples reported to me:

Six months after September 11th, on Easter Sunday of 2002, a tribal member knocked on my door with a copy of something he found in a tribal office fax machine that troubled him. The papers identified 14 visiting dignitaries, "civic journalist" visiting the tribal government's newspaper and radio station in Central Washington State. These visitors to the tribal government were from Algeria, Morocco, Qatar, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen. Immediately after their visit the local newspaper contained a group photo of the visitors without

identifying the visitors by name or country, simply stating that foreign dignitaries were visiting the tribal government. The Indian reservation visited in Washington is large and remote, and is bordered on its Eastern boundary by the Hanford Nuclear site. On its Southern boundary across the Columbia River is the Umatilla Chemical Weapons Storage Facility; on its Western boundary is the Yakama Army Military Training Center where troops are trained for Iraq. On this reservation's Northern boundary are the largest dams in the Northwest. The whistleblower was very, very worried as to why visitors from countries not friendly to the United States would come to the middle of nowhere in Washington State to visit a tribal government, less than six months after September 11th, so he knocked on my door with the information he found.

Picture in your minds if you will, a visual map of the United States, all 50 of them, including the presence of some 562 federally recognized tribal governments, nearly 400 Indian reservations, some very large, some very small - within those 50 States. Imagine if you will, that each of those states, and each Indian reservation is a separate or partial "floor" of the World Trade Towers. Within our respective floors of these national towers that we call the United States, are separate governments, an abundant diversity of cultures, great differences in belief systems, values, religions - exactly as life existed within the actual World Trade Towers that crumbled on September 11, 2001. We must never forget this national pain and our ongoing risk.

Within those hallowed fallen walls of the real World Trade Towers were corporate and jurisdictional mentalities at times co-

operative with each other, at times competitive or outright hostile with each other, and likely there were thousands of people sharing those buildings who seldom if ever even spoke with each other, maybe even cared very little about each other while passing in the hallways or elevators. But on the morning of September 11th I firmly believe that all corporate or territorial priorities, cultural mindsets, fierce adversarial competitions and turf wars, perhaps opposing beliefs and attitudes - merged instantly into one harmonious goal-surviving a common peril.

I submit that today the entire United States is and remains a veritable "living World Trade Towers" under risk of attack on a daily basis. We are at constant risk with enemies coming from other continents and from within this continent, even from within the states and reservations within these United States. We are told to continue living our daily lives and to be vigilant, and we do, and we are.

Without a unified fabric of seamless homeland security activity, serious future potential scenarios could occur in any remote area of the country, including reservations. How comfortable would your government and its citizens feel if the government on the floor above or below you was negotiating with enemies of the United States to bring in bio-terrorism chemical weapons of mass destruction? How vulnerable would you feel if on one floor of our national "tower" were those laundering money for weapons of terror, or training suicide bombers, or bringing in illegal aliens for purpose of terrorism? Would you feel safe to learn that the folks on one floor were planning governmental coups or planning to intimidate, and force out people on other floors?

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In a common peril, the States of Washington, Idaho, and Oregon would not be threatened or offended by each other's state sovereignty while cooperating to ensure the public safety of the citizens within all three states. Likewise, within a single state, tribal governments should not consider their sovereignty offended or threatened when asked to fully cooperate and participate in a seamless continuum of statewide public safety for all matters specific to homeland security. Separate tribal homeland jurisdictions can have the effect of disabling the ability of states to provide a seamless public safety continuum.

The escalation of tribal governance over non-tribal citizens within reservations, and extending beyond Indian reservations through Indian gaming off-reservation, or aggressive land acquisitions is alerting hundreds of thousands of citizens like me to an uncomfortable spread of tribalism as a governing system in the United States. The questions we ask in letters, faxes, emails and face-to-face with elected officials today is this:

***How can Congress spend billions, spilling the blood of our military, including our Native American military, to free whole peoples of the tyranny of tribalism in countries like Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq, while Congress simultaneously facilitates the escalation of tribalism within and across the United States?***

We see clearly in many countries that extreme ethnocentrism and democracy cannot co-exist. In the United States, we all know that sometimes tribal governments and local non-tribal governments are also on a collision course, and this does not bode well for domestic homeland

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security and public safety needs.

I may be a bit altruistic or naïve, but in my heart my American government tells me that the elderly immigrant who achieved the Oath of Citizenship last night, the infant child born 5 minutes ago, the enrolled tribal member, an Amish citizen who lives in a world apart from mine, and me are all completely equal and entitled to full and equal protections under the laws of the U.S. Constitution. We must not become one citizen more or less important than another, in the eyes of our federal government. In other words, we all must learn to control negative ethnocentrism.

The United States is a relatively young country that has suffered and fought hard to throw off the shackles of monarchy and slavery. Monarchy, slavery and extreme ethnocentrism have a common denominator: they require the absence of equality. Someone has to be superior to another. Someone must be oppressed by another. My message based upon my research can be broken down into the following points:

1. All Americans, especially tribal members, need to encourage and support tribal governments to promote and sustain culture and traditions. Why? If culture and traditions are lost, the tribe will eventually die.
2. All Americans, especially tribal members, need to encourage and support tribal governments to promote public safety and quality of life for all people residing within Indian reservations. Why? Because we all have to work and live together and cooperate during times of need, share in times of joy, and support each other in building community so that all of our future generations will be strengthened so that they can stand up together to defend our homeland if necessary.

3. It is important that tribes not view cooperation and collaboration with non-tribal governments as a threat to tribal self-governance. Why? A tribe's ability to instill and continue "good neighbor policies," even in the midst of disagreements, is a mark of tremendous strength. So where does this lead?

Public safety and domestic homeland security must be a cooperative national mandate. We are all American citizens abiding in the same vulnerabilities on a daily basis that crumbled the World Trade Towers. We are as strong as we are willing to care deeply about each other, and about our country. We are all in this together, and we have the ability to prevail.

So here is my question to you...every one of you, regardless of tribal affiliation, gender, age, religion, etc.: Can our various governments here in the United States, have both the desire and the will to work together? Can we come together to work together? Today's symposium opens the dialogue to some of these very serious questions and much needed future and ongoing conversations. It is my prayer and intent that we may all work cooperatively and seamlessly with each other, and with the Department of Homeland Security. Thank you very much.

**PARR Ed Note:** PARR thanks Elaine for stepping up and filling in, and guarantying that groups in opposition to Government Indian Programs were represented in a group dominated by Indians.

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### **Nude Beach Exposed**

Susan Lampert Smith writing in The Wisconsin State Journal tells us "In the season's greatest public relations coup so far, the state Department of Natural Resources said its crews have nearly completed cutting

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the willows on the aptly named 'Mazomanie bottoms,' better known as the nude beach on the Wisconsin River in northwestern Dane County."

Turtles mate in the water but lay their eggs in the sand, and the DNR claims that eliminating the shade will improve the hatch rate of the turtle eggs.

Could that be the reason or was the cover removed to reduce the nude exposure, and homosexual activity? As usual the DNR was very prudent spending your license money!!!

Instead of spending the money to cut the willows, why not leave "Global Warming" heat the sand to enhance the turtle hatch rate?

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### 10th Congress Convene

The new Democratic Congressman Kagen from the Green Bay area took this oath early in January.

***I, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God. ...***

Right after taking this oath he snubbed the hierarchy of the Republican Party, and bragged like a kid about it. How long will it take someone of that arrogance to wipe his butt with the oath he took?

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### Snippet

While taxiing at London's Gatwick Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong

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turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!"

Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded.

Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking:

**"Wasn't I married to you once?"**

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### Who should our next President "not be!"

By Paul Harvey

**C****onveniently Forgotten Facts.** Back in 1969 a group of Black Panthers decided that a fellow black panther named Alex Rackley needed to die. Rackley was suspected of disloyalty. Rackley was first tied to a chair. Once safely immobilized, his friends tortured him for hours by, among other things, pouring boiling water on him. When they got tired of torturing

Rackley, Black Panther member, Warren Kimbo took Rackley outside and put a bullet in his head. Rackley's body was later found floating in a river about 25 miles North of New Haven, Connecticut.

Perhaps at this point you're curious as to what happened to these Black Panthers? In 1977, that's only eight years later, only one of the Killers was still in jail. The shooter, Warren Kimbro, managed to get a scholarship to Harvard and became good friends with none other than Al Gore. He later became an assistant dean at an Eastern Connecticut State College. Isn't that something? As a '60s radical you can pump a bullet into someone's head and a few years later, in the same state, you can become an assistant college dean! Only in America!

Erica Huggins was the woman who served the Panthers by boiling the water for Mr. Rackley's torture. Some years later Ms. Huggins was elected to a California School Board.

How in the world do you think these killers got off so easy? Maybe it was in some part due to the efforts of two people who came to the defense of the Panthers. These two people actually went so far as to shut down Yale University with demonstrations in defense of the accused Black Panthers during their trial.

One of these people was none other than Bill Lan Lee. Mr. Lee, or Mr. Lan Lee, as the case may be, isn't a college dean. He isn't a member of a California School Board. He is now head of the United States Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, appointed by none other than Bill Clinton.

O. K., so who was the other Panther defender? Is this other notable Panther defender now a school board member? Is this other Panther Apologist now an

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assistant college dean? No, neither! The other Panther defender was, like Lee, a radical law student at Yale University at the time. She is now known as the "smartest woman in the world." She is none other than the Democratic Senator from the State of New York ---- our former First Lady, the incredible Hillary Rodham Clinton. And now, as Paul Harvey said; "You know the rest of the story".

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## Oneidas aim to put 3,256 acres in trust in Hobart,

### Brown Co.

By Vic Bellomy

Taken in part from an article by Patti Zarling, Press-Gazette. Wisconsin's Oneida Tribe of Indians is making its biggest push yet to roll original tribal lands into federal trust, with an eye toward reclaiming sovereignty over it. The tribe has notified county and village officials it will pursue trust status on an additional 3,256 acres in Brown County - more than the tribe's current 1,900 trust acres there. The new territory would claim 15 percent of the village of Hobart.

Tribal officials expressed hope and optimism about enlarging their sovereign territory. But officials with the county and village said they are concerned about the impact on the tax base. Once approved for trust, the properties are no longer taxable.

The new acreage being proposed for trust generated \$877,377 in property taxes throughout the county last year. "Frankly I feel as though the village has been taken advantage of," said Rich Heidel, Hobart president.

"We will contest this to the degree we can, and there are some parcels we can contest."

**Sweep of history:** The Oneidas were originally from New York, but purchased land from Wisconsin tribes in the 1820s to avoid growing disharmony with the young United States. In 1838, the U.S. government guaranteed a 65,000-acre reservation west of the Green Bay area. But that land was divided up between Tribal members and probably sold over the next 100 years. In 1937, the federal government purchased 1,270 acres for the tribe and put them into federal trust. Since then, the Oneidas have been working toward rebuilding the original reservation. With gaming money starting in the 1980s, the tribe began repurchasing territory much faster. Paul Ninham, a tribal council member, said the Oneidas are rebuilding their community and reconnecting with the land.

"It's important that we maintain the land base we have and continue to acquire land," Ninham said. "We're close to 16,000 tribal members, and many of them want to come home, where the living is easy. They want affordable housing and jobs here. We want to help them find that." Tribal Vice Chairwoman Kathy Hughes said

What concerns me is not just the magnitude of this land grab, and I do call it a land grab, but also what that would represent as a developed property-tax base 10 and 20 years out," Heidel said.

County Executive Kelso criticizes Gov. Jim Doyle for extending a longer-term compact. She said the extension reduced negotiating leverage with the tribe. She said the county would be consulting with Hobart about legal options, but she didn't hold much hope for stopping the federal process, considering the fact that the BIA is staffed almost completely by Indians.

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## Tribal Gambling Money Acquires Oathtakers

By Katie and Brad Beecher

How the Connecticut State Police Covered Up Illegal Surveillance by Former Police Officers and What Happened to Us When We Reported It

Plus CT Supreme Court Insanity: Indian Tribes have more legal rights than US citizens

Imagine retired State Police officers watching your house and your business and going through your trash just because they felt like it. This has been happening for years in Connecticut and even New York and we have the information to prove it. The Connecticut State Police, Attorney General's office and the current Chief State's Attorney have covered it up and the media wants nothing to do with the story because of a possible loss of advertising dollars. Here is the true story:

A group of retired State Police officers working for the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Commission, the department that is supposed to regulate Mohegan Sun, decided that they needed to be able to get damaging information about people who were criticizing their incompetence, corrupt tribal and casino management and questionable tribal government practices. Their problem was that Tribal Gaming Commissions only have authority on a reservation and they wanted to get dirt on people off the reservation, on state land. Even with that authority, it is still illegal for gaming commissions or anyone else to search through people's property without a warrant or conduct surveillance that invades a person's privacy. Thinking they would never get caught, one or more of them came up with a plan. Ned Pickett was a retired trooper, formerly with the Casino

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Licensing and Operations Unit. He never achieved a rank higher than detective. You will soon learn why.

Pickett obtained a license to operate a private investigative company from the State of Connecticut State Police Special Licensing Unit using completely false information. He claimed to own the company and registered it under his own name. He listed the operating address as his home, even though all of the surveillance activity originated in tribal offices. All of the listed employees were actually Gaming Commission employees. One name on the list is particularly disturbing: Francis "Bud" Mullen, former head of the Drug Enforcement Administration, at the time Director of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Commission.

If anyone questioned an employee of the Gaming Commission while they were sifting through trash or using tribal police computers to access confidential information (which is illegal), all they had to do was whip out their fake private investigator ID that said "Pickett and Associates", complete with their photo (taken from their Mohegan Tribal employee ID) and someone's thumb print. The State Police never investigated any of the information given to them by Mr. Pickett on their official application forms and the surveillance went on for at least six years that we are aware of.

We have plenty of proof. Dates, times, names of people who were spied on and the people who did the spying, we have it all. Anyone from the press or state government could easily verify what we have claimed but no investigation has ever taken place.

By this point in the story people have usually asked if we

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told the press or law enforcement what my husband and I know. It is inconceivable to most that something like this could have taken place without someone doing something to stop it. Sadly, we told many people our story. We gave all of the details to people who should have done something about it, even the names of all of the so called private investigators and another person who was there and could corroborate everything we said. In spite of our efforts, no one has done anything except the tribe and casino management and they have been out for blood – ours. Not literally, but they have tried every legal and illegal trick their attorneys could dream up.

My husband knows all of this and much more because he was the Lieutenant Commander of the CT State Police Casino Licensing and Operations Unit for many years. He designed the Casino Unit, opened Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun, supervised background checks on all of the important people and supervised all law enforcement personnel in both facilities. After retiring from the state police, he went to work for the Mohegan Tribe in the Tribal Gaming Commission, supposedly to continue the work he had started.

After a few years it became obvious that neither the Tribe or Casino Management wanted anything to do with law enforcement, federal or state regulations, decency or honesty. For every employee, except the most evil and corrupt, it was like working in a den of vipers. They didn't even have to recognize federal labor laws.

In April of 2001, after having worked for the Mohegan Tribe for seven years, my husband's job (and that of a colleague) were eliminated because they refused to conduct illegal surveillance. He didn't even know Pickett and

Associates existed at the time, he just knew that tribal/casino employees could not legally investigate anyone, except with regard to casino regulation (cheating at games, employees helping friends win, etc.). He knew they had no right accessing confidential information using anyone's computer, nor could they tap phones, go through their desks or home trash or watch their homes. The quick version of what happened to us after my husband was forced to resign from his job goes like this:

While looking into the details of my husband possibly starting his own private investigative company, I came upon the name of a company on the state police website. Pickett and Associates was a supposed legitimate agency, registered to an Edward Pickett at 11 Marsha Drive in Uncasville, CT. I showed my husband and he didn't know what to make of it. He had supervised Ned for many years in the Casino Unit and known him for most of his career. He had never even heard about Ned having a private investigative company.

Curious, I called the state police and spoke with someone named Jill. I asked her for a list of Pickett and Associate employees. It turned out that the "company" had been registered with the state almost as long as Pickett had been the Assistant Director of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Commission. He retired before my husband so he started working at Mohegan Sun before my husband did.

Every single employee Jill listed was a known employee of the Gaming Commission. The strangest part was that my husband's name was included on that list.

Both of us knew he had never worked for anyone except the state police and the Mohegan

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Tribe. He never applied to work at this company, never filled out any employee paperwork and never received a paycheck from Pickett and Associates. Why the hell was he listed as an employee. Both my husband and I requested copies of any state or company paperwork with his name on it. After being told all sorts of stories, we were finally notified that it did exist but had been destroyed. How convenient. We were told to stop bothering the state police and they refused to investigate, even though my husband (a retired state police lieutenant remember) had requested an investigation on the phone as well as in writing more than once. He offered to bring in the evidence he had personally and be interviewed. No one ever took him up on the offer and to this day, the matter has never been investigated, even though authorities know that we are able to show that Pickett and Associates has never filed taxes, has no employee records and never operated out of 11 Uncas Drive. Even after the Mohegan Tribe admitted to owning the company in State Court nothing has been done.

Attorney General Richard Blumenthal ignored our numerous written complaints and requests for an investigation. A state representative asked for the matter to be investigated twice in writing and she has been ignored. The only person who ever agreed to investigate, former Chief States Attorney Christopher Morano, was replaced under suspicious circumstances by a good friend of the Mohegan Tribe's attorneys. The current Chief States Attorney is Kevin Kane, who my husband Brad already knew (and can prove) had covered up Indian criminal activity before. There is so much more I could say but I

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will save that for our book.

In May and June of 2001, we sent copies of our detailed complaint to the local and national press. No one expressed any interest. I wonder if it has anything to do with the fact that on every media website, ads for the casinos flash at the top? We also contacted a reporter from Time Magazine who had done a series of fantastic investigative articles of the corruption of Indian casinos and our government on a national level. He was interested but didn't think he would be able to do another story.

We also sent a copy of our complaint to the National Indian Gaming Commission, the US government agency that is supposed to regulate gambling. "Supposed to" are the key words. Finally, we started our own website and put all of the information up for the world to see.

Tribal management was apparently paying attention. The tribe was attempting to purchase a property in the State of Pennsylvania for a new slots parlour. Pennsylvania had just passed a slots law and was giving out gambling contracts. In October 2001, a couple of days before announcing the purchase of the Pennsylvania property, the Mohegan Tribe sued us in State Court for extortion and took out a temporary restraining order preventing us from speaking out about the tribe.

Without getting into the gory details, they actually made up an email and claimed we sent it to their attorneys demanding money or we would report the criminal information about the tribe. Remember, we had already reported this information to the world on the internet months before. The tribe was just afraid that the State of Pennsylvania would hear about it and refuse to approve the purchase of the property for the slots parlor, which could have

been a real possibility. We had to hire lawyers to fight the restraining order, which we did because none of the information we talked about was confidential or proprietary, as they tried to claim. Criminal activity isn't the same as trade secrets, I guess unless you are in the Indian gambling business. Our First Amendment rights were taken away for two months and our state courts allowed this to happen.

A few weeks after the court date, once the legal action served their purposes, the tribe dropped the lawsuit. Meanwhile, in the press and on the internet, my husband and I were accused extortionists. No one in the press or even in the state court ever asked the tribe for any proof. My husband was unable to get another job for two and a half years.

The stress at times was unbearable. We almost lost our home to foreclosure several times. Our response was to put our own signs up about casino and government corruption right next to the home auction sign on our lawn. People lined up in front of our house for weeks to read the signs and talk with us. Many of them had corruption stories of their own. Most people had no idea, however, that Indians and their management employees had more rights than other American citizens. I haven't even told you the worst part.

Not too many people are surprised when I tell them that the tribe hacked on to our home computer and website for a long time, shutting down the site, intercepting emails we sent to our mailing list around the world and reading correspondence between us and our attorneys. We have proof because Yahoo sent us the tribe's IP address after identifying it as an unauthorized host. They hacked our computer from a

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remote location and we found three separate kinds of seriously destructive hacker software. It was very different from typical spy ware found on computers all the time. The state police actually eventually investigated our claims (what a surprise) but didn't do so until Yahoo's master files had already been deleted and our proof had disappeared.

I am now at the part of our story that blows most people away. Indian tribes have been declared sovereign nations by Congress, so we actually have to get permission (not at all guaranteed) from the Supreme Court to sue them back in the same state court they illegally sued us in. This is the same court our tax dollars pay to support.

Many states, including Connecticut, prohibit lawsuits based on false, libelous information, especially for financial or political gain. These are called SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation) and they are a powerful weapon used by big business to silence their enemies, especially regular people who can't afford huge legal bills. The ability to break state and federal laws without penalty is called tribal sovereign immunity. Tribal governments even use it against their own tribal members. Ironically, the people who benefit the most from this sanctioned ability to break the law are Indians.

Non-Indian management controls the vast majority of money made at Indian casinos and also is in charge of personnel, policies, outside investments and more.

Just trying to find an attorney who would take our case was difficult. Most have no clue about federal regulations or Indian law and because of sovereign immunity; they want no part of it. The attorney who represented us at the original

court date screwed things up. The issue of the SLAPP suit should have been brought up at that time but she kept incorrectly telling us that this wasn't a SLAPP suit scenario. We had to do our own research. The lawsuit was never even discussed in court or by the attorneys (actually the tribe's attorney said in court that he "was inclined to drop the suit" eventually) but the legal powers that be consider our suit to be "settled". That is total crap. All the judge did was laugh at the tribe's so called confidentiality agreement they had Brad sign at the start of his employment and say that we could talk about anything we wanted, ending the restraining order.

We are blessed to have found a brilliant, experienced, civil rights attorney to take our new case. No one in the tribe's team of attorneys even comes close to his level of skill or his tenacity. A state court denied our request to sue the tribe back for illegally suing us so we are now in the appeals process. The appeal has been heard by the Connecticut Supreme Court but they have yet to issue a ruling. It would not surprise anyone if we ended up in the US Supreme Court. We continue to wait for the slow wheels of justice and for the national press to finally grasp the scary notion that what happened to us could easily happen to anyone else.

UPDATE: April 16, 2007: The CT Supreme Court ruled that we cannot sue the tribe back in state court for illegally suing us. We are taking our fight to the federal court.

**PARR Ed Note:** The action of this country's "Oath Takers" legalizing tribal gambling is really beginning to blossom. Give the tribes the kind of money that gambling generates, and the true intentions of these "victims" emerge. Perhaps we should back

the Potawatomi in their attempts to keep the Mohawks out of Wisconsin.

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## Setting the Record Straight

(By Greg Graunke)

Recently while reading Wisconsin Outdoor News I read an article entitled "Give Them a Break" which tilted to the Indian interest. This prompted the following letter which was needed to set the facts straight.

Dear Editor,

We would like to respond to the "Give Them a Break" letter in your newspaper.

When Governor Thompson was in office he was working on gambling Contracts with the various tribes. We petitioned the governor to ask for concessions in spearing for monopolized gambling.

His chief of staff called me personally at home to discuss this matter, and at that time he told me that the Chippewa had informed the governor that if he did not sign the gambling contracts with them he could expect a **ZERO** bag limit on all the lakes in northern Wisconsin.

Mr. "Give Them a Break" also takes the data that one fish is speared for every ten that are caught by hook and line. It is estimated, we have asked GLIFWC and been turned down as to the exact number of spears, that about 300 hundred members do all the spearing. Now look at the ten to one ratio and one would have to wonder why the limits have to be cut to 3 or 2 or 1 at all. The reason is quite simple, the spearing is so destructive to the resource that just 300 hundred people can do such serious damage to the fish population that the thousands of hook and line fisherman must be severely cut back.

We oppose killing spawning walleyes and musky, the virtually

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unregulated spearing of musky through the ice, hunting deer out of season, and the increased bag limits for waterfowl, we are all citizens of this state and all should abide by the same rules. Greg Graunke

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### Hollyweird Exposé

(By Bob Manzke)

Years ago an old Hollywood screen writer described actors as children. After all they make their living playing make-believe. Their strong points seem to be empathy and imagination. The tools of their trade are their bodies, their faces and their voices (all God given).

The point is that people should not put too much stock in off-screen politics of actors. There is an inverse ratio between talent and intelligence. The most talented actors often make a mess of their private lives, while lesser talents often show remarkable shrewdness.

Ever notice how many award shows have appeared in recent years. Jay Leno says "the Hollywood award season starts on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>." Did you ever wonder why? A well renowned psychiatrist explained that the egotisms of these very insecure people need this self-aggrandizement, and they still end up making a train wreck out of their private lives.

Recently a new movie came out that was suppose to deepen the social awareness of the movie goers. The theme of this movie was about a man having sex with a horse. Do you think people capable of this drivel are capable of an intelligent assessment of the world's problems?

Another example of self adoration is the bestowing upon the Dixie Chicks (an average singing group) all the top awards that the Page 9

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Academy usually graces highly talented entertainers with. This is a group that denounced their country, and the awards were "an in your face" gesture by the entertainment clique.

The sad reality of the Hollywood phonies is that they have money oodles of money, and they spend their money backing candidates that mimic their warped point of view.

Case in point: Singer Cheryl Crow advocating using 1 square of toilet paper to wipe one's behind, to save the trees, and help prevent Global Warming; in my opinion, that's warped/messy!!!

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### Birds of a Feather

Apparently, being the Governor's biggest contributor has quite a few perks; including the chance to stand under the mistletoe with the Big Chief Doyle himself.

The Capitol Times is reporting that Doyle actually went to Christmas parties at Troha's house up to and including last year.

Gov. Jim Doyle attended a holiday party last year at the home of Dennis Troha, the Kenosha businessman who faces federal money laundering charges in connection with campaign contributions he gave to Doyle.

The Dec. 20 party was the second Christmas get-together at Troha's house that Doyle attended since becoming governor

in 2003, Doyle spokesman Matt Canter said; Doyle was also a guest at Troha's 2004 yuletide celebration.

Doyle's party appearances were acknowledged after an open records request produced a schedule that listed a "Kenosha Holiday Party," last December and come amid intense scrutiny over the governor's relationship with Troha. Until last month, Troha was the developer of a proposed \$808 million tribal casino in Kenosha and is the former owner of a major trucking firm now at the center of a multi-state tax dispute.

The records provide "new insight into the coziness of their relationship," said Mike McCabe, director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, a watchdog group.

This won't help Jim Doyle distance himself from indicted contributor Dennis Troha one bit. Maybe Navajo Jim can visit his chum in the slam, after he's been convicted of illegal campaign contributions.

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