

Grubham: I am just fed up with the biased reporting

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This letter is in reference to a Mr. Dave Oliveria who writes for a Spokane paper. I know, even though it was sent to his paper with a subscription cancellation threat it will never get printed. I also know that my name will be drug though Mr. Oliveria's gutter several times in the future because of it.

For some reason Mr. Oliveria has a personal vendetta against Benewah County, and it started before this cross-deputization riff. Maybe he lost a golf game here or something. I don't know and I don't care.

His continual attacks against our county officials and procedures are very unwarranted and totally uncalled for. I can get more accurate, ethical, and informative reporting at the local supermarket checkout line reading the tabloids. I do believe in freedom of the press, but Mr. Oliveria goes past the outer limits of this freedom with his constant week after week after week of mud slinging and cesspool tactics when he refers to Benewah County.

Benewah County has its problems, but nowhere in this world is perfect, and Benewah has a lot less problems than where Mr. Oliveria hales from, be it Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene or where ever. This county is a very safe and enjoyable county to live and play in regardless of your age, religion, or national origin. Just opposite of what Mr. Oliveria and some of the Kootenai County public servants alludes to. The politicians that represent Benewah County state their real intentions, not some phony front for big money lobbyist. Quote Rep. Clark "lets get on with protecting the non-tribal members living on the reservations", Get real Mr. Clark, talk to some of those non-tribal members. You'll find out they feel safer without the so-called extra protection from the tribal police. Traditional tribal members I know would not agree with him either, they wouldn't want interference from outside!! I had no real feelings one way or the other concerning cross-deputization. I most certainly do now after all the garbage coming from people that should not even be involved.

As far as tribal members go, I grew up with several, and two that were very good friends went to Nam and never returned. They died fighting for our country not because they had to, because they loved this area and the people they called neighbors. Everyone got along very well back in those days. There was some name-calling and the likes in school, but no more towards the tribal members than toward people like me who was overweight! And that was from bullies, like I am sure Mr. Oliveria was. The problem started when the smell of money from the casino attracted Greedy, unethical politicians, journalists, and other supposedly public servants looking for contributions, self-justification, and publicity. Too bad Mr. Oliveira has so much prejudice, hate, and bigotry in him that he cannot see the trees because of the forest! Maybe Christina Wood should counsel him; the cupcakes don't seem to be working.

If the owner of the Spokesman Review decides to let Mr. Oliveria put his resume in to some other employer I hope they let me know and I will reconsider my thoughts on a subscription cancellation. At least I would only be subjected to 200 words once a month, (the Review's standard) not several columns, week, after week, etc. of Oliveria garbage. Also I wouldn't feel bad about Mr. O's future I'm sure smut magazines hire people like him every day.

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