

# Editorial

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(The way it is)



### Letters to the Editor

#### Thanks for understanding

To the Editor:

I want to comment on the article in the last copy of the Spilyay about my case and sentencing date and take this opportunity to thank my true friends and relatives for standing by me in this time of crisis. It meant so much to me and my family.

During these past three months my family and I have been through a severe emotional trauma which has brought us closer together as well as closer to God. He, God, has been our source through these trying times. When at times I thought I just couldn't go on, He helped me to go on for just one more day.

My first concern about your article was how the people would respond. Especially those who know me personally but I was real pleased to learn that nobody 'cast the first stone.' We thank you all for your understanding and

compassion.

I'd like to correct something in your article that wasn't true. I did not originally say my daughter sustained her injuries that day by falling off a ladder. I don't wish to go into it any further except to say we've gone through enough without having untruths added to it. And I should know what I said.

Again, thank you my friends and relatives for your support. We really needed it. Now I ask you to allow us to get over this tragedy. We ask for your continued prayers, support and understanding.

A special thanks to Barbara Weist. You've been a tower of strength, a good sounding-board, and a real asset to the reservation. Also thanks to Mr. Rogers, Dr. Creelman, Dr. Bloom and Dr. Attneave. You understood. God bless You all.

Thanks Everyone,  
Myrna J. Bobb

### We goofed

In our story "Bugs Invade Tribal Offices" (July 13, issue) we wrote that Elton Greeley was said to have swallowed an earwig. In fact, he did not.

Our error was in not further checking the information with Elton. We apologize.

### Thanks

We would like to thank all those who attended our wedding at the Wapato Longhouse July 1. A special thanks for all the gifts, too.

Philip and Lois Selam

### Recommendations offered

## 509-J responds to drug-alcohol survey

The District 509-J School Board feels that the April 1979 survey to determine the extent of drug and alcohol abuse among students was thorough and significant. In a statement released last week, the Board said that the findings (previously reported in the June 29 issue of Spilyay Tymoo) indicate a significant problem that should cause concern among parents, educators, and students themselves.

The Board discussed the recommendations and accepted the report for further study. The Board also asked for a response from the administration.

What follows in response is a brief analysis and administrative recommendations for District 509-J action.

The Task Force offered eleven suggestions which emphasize prevention, counseling, and a unified faculty-administration effort. Administration feels the suggestions are appropriate and reasonable and that during 1979-80 the District should:

1. Form a drug and alcohol curriculum committee to analyze and revise the kindergarten to 12th grade curriculum. Students should be members of the committee.
2. Review and revise counseling procedures to improve prevention counseling.
3. Develop a file of resource speakers and consultants who are available to assist teachers.

In the area of school-community action, the statement noted that the District should:

1. Continue the Task Force on Student Drug and Alcohol with a specific charge to develop ways for the District to increase parental involvement and agency interaction.
2. Renew efforts to form parent advisory or parent-teacher groups.

Specifically the Task Force asked the District to establish an elementary guidance and counseling program. In their statement to the School Board, the administration addressed that issue as follows:

"The record will show that the District has proposed an elementary guidance and counseling program regularly over the past five years without success. The general area of family development, community recreation, and parenting raises important questions about the District's role.

"Should the educational program include family development and parenting? Should the educational programs be extended to

include community recreation? Where is the dividing line between school role and family role? The Task Force recommendations may be interpreted as placing a major responsibility for family development, parenting, and recreation with the District.

"The District philosophy adopted as policy states that schools are for learning and that the primary effort should be gaining knowledge. It follows that the District curriculum should include gaining knowledge that leads toward prevention. Secondly, the students should receive guidance in applying that knowledge.

"The District philosophy states that educators and parents should hold students accountable for achieving the objectives of schooling. It does not follow that teachers and parents can always control what students put into their bodies. Schooling can and should present the knowledge about effects and consequences.

"The District philosophy states that schooling should not interfere or intercede in the parental domain except to reinforce moral behavior, positive human relationships,

and responsibilities of citizenship in a free, democratic society."

Administration further stated in the response that the District should be guided and sustained by its own philosophy and that the District should:

1. Conduct further review, board discussions, and receive increased community participation before accepting a major role in family development, parenting and recreation activities.
2. Use present guidance and counseling personnel to plan a K-12th grade prevention program with a means for measuring results.
3. Avoid any role that allows the school to replace or supersede family responsibilities.

In conclusion, the administration statement noted, "The Task Force on Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse has performed a significant service to the District. The intensity and regularity of its deliberations were commendable. The sincerity of the recommendations are beyond question. The District and community has been well-served and the District anticipates a continued positive relationship as the recommendations are pursued."

### Recommendations at a glance

#### Curriculum-Instruction

1. For a drug and alcohol curriculum committee of administrators, teachers, and students to analyze and revise the K-12 health education curriculum.
2. Review and revise guidance and counseling procedures to improve prevention counseling.
3. Develop a file of speakers and consultants who are available to assist teachers.

#### School-Community Cooperative Action

4. Continue the Task Force on Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse with a specific charge to develop ways for the District to increase parental involvement in school programs and to improve interagency interaction.
5. Renew efforts to form parent advisory and/or parent-teacher groups at each building.

#### Family Strengthening Activities

6. Conduct further administrative review, board discussion, and receive increased community participation before increasing the District's role in family development, parenting, and recreational activities.
7. Use present guidance and counseling personnel to plan a K-12, prevention program with a means for measuring results.
8. Avoid any role that places the District in a position to replace or intercede with family and self responsibilities.

## Crisis hot line helps

The crisis Hot Line is 553-1417 and it's open 24 hours a day. Our crisis counselors are available to help out in any crisis situation. They are Patricia Leno, Frank Smith, Gilbert Brunoe, and Susie Leecy. They are four very capable and understanding folks and tune in to feelings very easily. Anyone who is troubled can call if they just want to talk. Particularly teenagers who have no one to turn to. Many times just talking to someone who can understand can prevent crisis situations. If you have burdens and problems that are overwhelming but wish to

remain anonymous, call us, we can help, if only just to listen.

Alcoholism is an illness same as Diabetes or cancer, but it is treatable. For information call 553-1161, ext 205 or 553-1417. The liver you save may be your own.

Famous last words and often fatal. "I can quit anytime I want to" or "I'll quit tomorrow." If alcohol is becoming a problem in your life get the information you need to make a sober, mature decision about your drinking by calling the alcohol and drug Center for information. A call does not commit you to anything. You can remain anonymous if you wish.

## CSA has toll-free number

The community services administration's office of inspector general has established a toll-free telephone number for use by persons around the nation who have knowledge of waste, abuse or inefficiency in the operation of its anti-poverty programs.

The new number as of June 25 is (800) 424-8005.

The identity of persons making complaints will not be disclosed if requested.

The new toll-free number is not to be used for personnel grievances or complaints of discrimination. Previously established procedures exist for the handling of such complaints.

Publication and distribution of this notice to all your employees is required.

Frank N. Jones  
Assistant Director for the  
Office of Legal Affairs and  
General Counsel

## Tribal Council Agenda

July 30 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Enrollments
2. 11:00 a.m. Enrollments Com.-Job Dscp./Duties
3. 2:00 p.m. Self-Insurance Proposal-Mund/McClaren

July 31 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Management Reports/Housing Concerns