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(The way it is)



Letters to the Editor

Reader sorry to see "CDS" leave

To the editor,

Having been spoiled by the incredible communication system in Warm Springs, where news sometimes was heard even before it was made, I must confess that I miss the efficiency of the system as much as I miss the news. If not for Spilyay, however, I really would feel out of it. So I commend and thank Spilyay for keeping me in touch.

Now to the point of this letter. It was with regret that I read Cynthia Stowell's "See You Later" in the October 5th issue. I would like to thank Cynthia for her contributions to the Spilyay, from its inception to its present state. Her coverage was wide and deep, leaving out very little. She sought to give objective, fair, and honest coverage to events within the community to inform and to educate people both within and without Warm Springs.

She would be the first to thank the tribal council and the community for the opportunity which Spilyay

provided her to develop skills in journalism. However, it was a mutually beneficial arrangement. She made personal sacrifices for Spilyay and thus for the community. She was not afraid of controversy, at times opening herself to criticism through some gutsy writing. But underlying everything she wrote was a very deep care and compassion for people she loved and honored. She had personal opinions and prejudices, but she never violated the line between objective reporting and editorializing.

Burning the midnight oil on the eye of publication was so typical of her. And such an irony living in the midst of "Indian time." In a profound way, that typifies the tension between the old and the new, the Indian and the Anglo, tradition and adaption. We long for the days of old while sitting in front of television sets; we struggle to restore the past while flying back and forth

from Washington, D.C. Gone are the days when there is a real choice.

We are all caught up in the tension of the old and the new. Whether we are white or Indian really makes no difference because we meet somewhere in that tension. The difference is that each comes from separate directions. Somewhere in that tension, we meet; and in that meeting we have the potential to be sisters and brothers, having something to teach one another.

Cynthia was an artist. Her photographs were not just pictures because they told stories. Her picture-stories did more than describe what happened; they captured feelings and life. Thanks, CDS. I will miss your contributions. I look forward to Spilyay's continued growth as it was your personal hope and dream.

Calvin Chinn
San Anselmo, California

Parent concerned about attendance

Dear Parents, students and educators of Warm Springs,

I have a helpless feeling inside of me and I need your help. My concern is student attendance at Madras Senior High School.

We have many tribal member students that are close to suspension or expulsion from school because they are not following the new attendance policies.

Apparently, many of these students and their parents aren't worried because they feel the tribe has programs available here. Please believe

me, this isn't so at this time.

I ask all parents, make your children attend school. Make this your number-one priority. There are so many more problems down the road if we cannot do this now. There are so many things running through my mind that I want to say, but there isn't time!

We must decide to beat this problem now to make a future for our young people. If we cannot decide, then our children's days are going to be long and sad.

A Concerned Parent,
Mike Clements

Wood removed by young men

Dear editor,

Last night we cut and loaded all the wood that our pickup could hold. That was only a little over half of what we cut.

This morning we went after the rest. As we were getting there, a blue Dodge pickup like our own met us with our wood we left the night before.

I would like to thank these three young boys on this pickup. They saved us the work of splitting and hauling this wood. I'm sure they need it more than we do.

Being slightly handicapped, I only do this for exercise. I'm sure these young men do not need this kind of workout.

Pierson Mitchell

P.S. — Years ago our people respected the hard work and property of others. The doors didn't have to be locked. The work left the night before would be there the next day. Our people have come down to this in my few years. What will it be like in another 45 years?

Writer offers advise to Kah-Nee-Ta

To the editor,

I am writing my letter again because, I assure you, I was not aware of your policy. To make a point, I was not ashamed of what I wrote.

I've read your October 22 issue of the *Spilyay Tymoo*. One section I found is really a joke. Believe me, it wasn't your joke section. The article complained about the spending of \$1,000,000 for renovation. I don't think that's the reason that Kah-Nee-Ta has been losing money.

As a fellow Indian, but not a tribal member, "I think one of the main problems that's wrong with Kah-Nee-Ta is the HELP!" I can't think of anywhere else in the world that a tribal member can work whenever they want and still have a job at their disposal. Anyone with a brain would know that's bad business, not to mention what good public relations that must be. (Less we forget how dependable everyone is.)

I've been to Kah-Nee-Ta and have stayed there. Things do need to be replaced like those awful brown chairs with burnt holes in them, most of the couches and some carpeting. I refer to the Village.

Sure Kah-Nee-Ta, renovate, but take a good look at your workers and how dependable everyone is—then offer them better jobs! So who's the joke on if not yourselves!!

Ms. C. Meranda Parkins

Keep bonus news inside

To the editor,

I would like to request this letter be printed in the next immediate edition of the *Spilyay Tymoo*.

It amazes me as to how fast the information of the tribal bonus dividends reached the outside news media.

It really "enlightens" me as a tribal member to find out how much bonus I am receiving through the T.V., radio or by reading an outside newspaper!

The tribal bonus dividend is something I feel should remain confidential—something I as a tribal member would like to know before the off-reservation public! I feel it is NOBODY'S business except tribal members as to how much

we receive. My protest is to the release of dollar amount figures to the non-Indian public—before most tribal members even know that Tribal Council has acted on it!

I guess I sort of secretly hoped we could "beat" non-Indian businessmen to the punch. But...I guess we can expect the USUAL—A sudden increase in prices, big "savings" sales (\$5 higher than the usual price), and an increase in Indian traffic citations (plus large fines).

I suppose the release of such information is considered "good public relations."

With warm regards,
Carol Muniz
Tribal Member

Open house

We invite you to the openhouse for the Senior Citizens Activity Center on Wednesday, November 21, 1979, starting at 1:00 pm in the afternoon. We'll be waiting to see you.

Naomi Winishut
Senior Citizens Representative

Gayle Rodgers
Programs Supervisor

Sal Sahme
Director Health/Probation & Welfare

If you need a ride call 553-1364 or 553-1161 ext. 235 or 236 (For Senior Citizens Only.)

Arts and crafts sale

Dear Sir,

The Jefferson County Craftsmen are having their third annual arts and crafts sale, December 1, 1979, 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 5th Street, Madras, Oregon. The kitchen will be serving homemade soup and desert.

The organization is happy that Jefferson County has a large variety of talent in the arts and crafts. This sale provides a place for that talent to be displayed and a chance for

local people to purchase locally made art work and crafts.

So far, there have been no response from any craftsmen from the Warm Springs Community. If you know of any who would be interested please have them call. We still have a few tables left.

Mari Wymore
Chairman
475-2644

Tribal Council Agenda

November 19 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. 509-J Report-Darrell Wright, Superintendent
2. 1:30 p.m. Enrollments/Enrollment Procedures

November 20 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Law Enforcement Task Force
 2. 1:30 p.m. Census Bureau-Alice Solomon, Seattle
 3. 3:00 p.m. Review for General Council
- General Council-1980 Budget
Dinner—6:00 p.m.
Meeting—7:00 p.m.

November 26 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 9:30 a.m. Tribal Council Priorities
2. 1:30 p.m. Committee Task Force Recommendations

November 27 Tribal Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

1. 10:00 a.m. Progress Report/Necessary Action-Powerhouse Generator
2. 2:00 p.m. Management Reports