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Spilyay Tymoo

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Billy Goat Gruff

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

Goat is friendly, butt

by Donna Behrend

The featured photo on this page, I feel, needs a bit of explaining.

The goat, which was a gift to

Eugene "Smokey" Wewa some months ago, has set up residence at Amil and Lizzie Rhoan's. As the months have passed, the goat has grown and grown and grown. Smokey is still a small tike.

The kids love to play with the kid, and through play, the goat has developed a mean streak. There's nothing quite like taking the goat by the horns.

Billy, as he is fondly referred to, loves to sleep, stand, walk or jump on the cars parked at the Rhoan's. He isn't choosy which model or make on which he sleeps, stands, walks or jumps.

After driving by regularly, it became amusing to me to see Billy playing with the kids,

chomping on wiper blades or whatever. What a great photo for Spilyay, I thought.

Upon driving into the Rhoan's yard, Billy perked up—much like a watch dog—and he ran to greet, me, like all other visitors, with the fervor of a long lost friend. With his horns in my backside, I encouraged the kid to the top of the sports car. He soon tired of this sport, and decided the top of my car looked better.

After Billy rammed my windshield a few times, demolished my radio antenna and answered the call of nature (atop the hood of my car), I turned heel and left.

"All in the line of duty," I kept telling myself. Oh, what will tomorrow bring?

"Tempest in a teapot"

Watt's statement creates controversy

by Marsha Shewczyk

Much controversy was raised by a statement recently made by Secretary of Interior James Watt regarding the condition of reservations in the nation and their relationship to the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. Many of his comments were taken out of context and related to the public causing strong reaction by many including some of the nation's Indian leaders.

Warm Springs tribal leaders withheld comment until a verbatim copy of Watt's statement reached them for analysis.

A public statement by Warm Springs Secretary/Treasurer Ralph Minnick was issued which states:

"We have held off issuing a statement until after we received a verbatim transcript of Secretary Watt's remarks. Now that we have reviewed the transcript, it seems apparent that the whole matter was improperly promoted, inaccurately reported and inflated way out of proportion. A classic 'tempest in a teapot.'

"We are not necessarily defending Mr. Watt's entire statement, because it contains some things which we don't agree with. But by and large, we feel, most of his conclusions are true and reasonably accurate.

"We emphasize the fact that Mr. Watt did not call for the abolishment of Indian reservations; on the contrary, the Reagan administration has consistently supported the reservation system, and has so stated in a formal policy statement that was presented to the National Conference of American Indians recently in Washington D.C. The statement reads, in part:

"The President's Indian Policy Statement emphasizes

the Administration's commitment to encourage and strengthen tribal government as called for by President Nixon in 1970 and by Congress in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975.

"The 1970 policy and 1975 law have not been adequately implemented because the Federal government has inhibited the political and economic development of the tribes. Excessive regulations and self-perpetuating bureaucracy have stifled tribal decision making, thwarted Indian control of reservations resources, and prompted dependency rather than self-sufficiency.

"This Administration will reverse this trend by removing obstacles to self-government and by creating a more favorable environment for development of healthy reservation economies.

"This policy recognizes the diversity of the tribes and the right of each to set its own priorities and goals, and to proceed at its own pace. At the same time, the Federal government will continue to fulfill its traditional responsibility for the physical and financial resources held in trust for the tribes and their members."

Watt's use of certain words during an interview broadcast on the program "Conservative Counterpart" brought a broad spectrum of reactions. The text of the interview much of which has been taken out of context is as follows:

Question: It seems to me that the heart of the problem is a reservation policy which distinguishes native Americans—distinguishes Indians from the rest of the population. Instead of a policy of

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Weather

Feb	HI	LOW
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1	45	38
2	42	36
3	42	24
4	43	25
5	42	24
6	36	28
7	44	27

Lincoln's Birthday Powwow

Friday February 11—7 p.m.
Saturday February 12—1 p.m.
7 p.m.
Sunday February 13—1 p.m.

Plan to attend