

# Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)  
Letters to the Editor—



## Commendation to the young Thank you for prayers, concern during illness

To the Editor,

I was at the heart-breaking funeral of a beloved nephew, "Burgs" Danzuka. His sudden death was a shock to all of us who loved him, but I could also see some good things and activities come out of it.

His mother, bless her soul, was kind enough to let us take him into our home after his father passed on and I got to be very close to him. He, my two sons, Scooter and Willy, and I spent a lot of time hunting and fishing together. I am also a parent who believes that all of our children should at least complete high school in order to compete in this world of mania. I work with the schools as a JOM/Title IV parent, and while in this capacity, besides being at home, I learned how sensitive an individual "Burgs" really was. I'm going to miss him very much.

The main point and reason of this letter is to "The Living" and

how I viewed their conduct. I saw all the ceremonies that were performed and I encourage them to go on with it. I encourage Nelson W, Delvis H., Elston, Prunie and Bernice and all the other leaders to keep teaching the young in the way of Indian belief and religion. Why, I would even encourage having Indian language classes.

The reason I say this, is when those young singers and dancers "caught heck," and I qualify this point because I didn't see anyone really angered during the ceremonies, those young singers and dancers went on with it. And after the old leaders were exhausted and went to rest, those young singers and dancers carried on with what they knew had to be done.

As I view it, the young took care of their own and I would like to commend them on this and say "go on with it."

Elmer "Hooligan" Schuster

To the People,

We would like to thank each and everyone for their prayers and concern during the recent illness of our father and grandfather Andrew David.

It is nice to know that there are people who would contribute their time, money, food and travel so far to be with the family during a stressful time and who attended the two nights of services.

To the following people we wish to express our appreciation for your donations in what-

ever way you helped out: the grandchildren who never get mentioned, Tony, Willy, Tommy, Rosetta Fuentes and familie, Jackie Smith, Snuff and Versa Smith and family; the hunters, Eddie, Frency, Li'l Guy Spino, Krouch Smith, Jr., Beartracks Simtustus, Willy and Max Jim; for the cook Margaret Boise. We are grateful for Amelia's daughters' help, Rosaline Moran, Winona, Roxanne and Raydine Spino and Gwen too; and to the people who traveled from Washington; Andrew George, Louise Billy, Agnes

Mark and their dancers, Edith McCloud and family, Jon and Yvonne Pinkham and cousin, Mr. and Mrs. David Sohapp and family. Also, thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. Armond Minthorn and Elizabeth Jones of Pendleton Oregon.

We also thank the local people: Mr. and Mrs. Silas Williams, Harriet Williams, Harold Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Art Mitchell, Beans and Sarah Greene, Lillie Heath, Caroline Tohet, Maryanne Meanus, Ada and Wiggie Sooksoit, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Jim, Animal and Sham. Thanks also to anyone we may

have not mentioned.

A special thank you goes to Fred Muniz and family for being with the family at Pendleton and Dry Creek. There is nothing we can say or do to show our appreciation for being so kind and helpful. He provided much strength to all of us. We love you and thank you for your help.

We have God to praise and give the glory to for answering all our prayers.

Sincerely,  
Ernestine Stevens, Amelia Spino and Families

## Respect will be returned

To The Confederated Tribes, Tribal Council, Tribal Police, relatives and friends,

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone who helped out with the funeral. We wouldn't have been able to provide the services without your support.

We especially thank the cooks who had little time to themselves for rest as there were

meals and snacks constantly prepared.

With all the relatives and friends present we were able to withstand our loss easier. We appreciate you showing your respect to the family and will be returning that respect. In our time of need we received overwhelming emotional support.

Sincerely,  
The Danzuka, Heath and Foltz Family

To the Editor,

This is to inform our Tribal members from the Warm Springs Indian reservation of my thinking. Looking down the road for our younger people, and our resources now in operation and in the future, are my main concerns.

First of all, we need someone who would be beneficial to all of us. Someone who has the knowledge, knows the ins and outs of political movements and ties who would guide us in the right direction. The person must also be honest, loyal and dependable.

I am sure than none of us would regret hiring Ken Smith as our general manager again. He would be a big asset to our tribal government and how they handle Indian affairs. He put in four years of his life and he has familiarized himself with the situation. He also tried to help other native American Indians nationwide, and considering their problems, that was no easy task. Let's all give him a big "E" for Effort and Efficiency, which I think is a lot better than an "A" for being absent.

First of all, we have to think positive and I think we should hire him back as our general manager. In the past, while he worked for all of us and with us, he did a tremendous job overall.

What I am talking about is big business—our timber, our mill, our two dams, Kah-Nee-Ta, tribal business and administration. He helped set up all of these businesses for us to draw bigger and better incomes, which we are spending, some of it not so wisely. Now who is responsible for all this?

We have too many non-members handling our Indian money here and at other places. How long are we going to have the federal government lead us around like a lot of bulls that are led around with rings in their noses. I think it is high time that we took the old bull by the horns, turn him our way and make him stop crapping on us—we've had enough. It took us a long time to get where we are today. Our old people who have passed on, though uneducated, held on to our reservation and all its resources, knowing that sometime later their

young people would benefit by them. So here we are.

There is so much hate, jealousy and greed, not only by non-members but also among our tribal members here at Warm Springs, in my opinion. We must overcome that and unite as one strong Indian people in order to become a well-balanced reservation. I am sure we have enough resources on our reservation to keep us, in time, living comfortably, providing we make good, sound investments. That is exactly why we need a good leader like Ken Smith.

Ken is an Indian, also a tribal member, which means a lot to all of us. It makes a lot of us feel a lot more secure to have a local person to handle our local business because he is one of us and he is qualified. Let's put it this way, having one boss is sure better than having two or three bosses and getting everything messed up. Besides, I think we would also be saving the Tribe some money and getting things back in shape once again.

Let's face it and live in reality my dear Indian people. We can only have one boss and a good one at that. We've always stressed to our young people to get an education and to come back home and work for the Tribe. Even our old Indian people told us that. So let's put that into use and keep our promise and fulfill our local people's wishes.

The U.S. government has helped us to a certain extent. There are a lot of things that I don't like and agree with that the so called BIA is doing to us. For instance, like the so called new IIM system that is to be computed. You know that's really opening the door to the BIA with us. The next thing you'll know is that they will be telling us how to spend our individual money. Do you know that is really invading our privacy and I think it will slow us from getting our private money. The IIM accounts are handled by our tribal office and most of the money comes from the Tribe. What darn business is it of the BIA? They sure don't tell us what they have in their private accounts, etc. I'm sure not in favor of this new system. It is a disadvantage to all tribal members. We have our own computers if not purchased for the cause.

I could almost write a book on the BIA and the U.S. government, but who would give a damn.

Lo, the poor Indian, they are a lost cause and a dying nation, as some so called politicians would say, but do you think they'd admit it? I give some credit to some of our local Indian people and some of our tribal lawyers, in some cases they are a big help. I also give credit to some of our councilmen and heads of different departments. But at the same token, some councilmen aren't worth the salt that comes out of them. The same goes for some of our department heads and tribal employees who aren't really qualified for the positions they hold.

People are put on through our cheap little tribal politics, in my opinion, that has been going on among our so called higher ups, like one hand washes the other. In the past our law and order was corrupted as was our court and Kah-Nee-Ta. Who knows, perhaps the same is happening at the mill and in other departments.

Also, I feel we are years behind in our Constitution and By-laws. We sure need to update them. We should also vote as one when we nominate our candidates for Council. That way, we weed out the people who should not represent us. Remember, voting of the whole reservation local Indian population for each candidate is the

right way to do it.

So, let's look really hard at these unbalanced situations that need to be changed by referendum vote. We need to update our tribal government and real soon. We really need to have some of these things changed, and soon. If we wait too long, we may be sorry.

You know that Ken has a lot of options, he could go to work for other big firms, even other reservations could hire him. We don't want to lose him. We have first chance at him. Let's go for it and hire him back. You know it takes money to make money and you have to invest to earn more. Let's not let Ken slip through our hands. After all, a bird in the hand is better than two in the bush.

Remember, my dear Indian people, here and wherever, it's all of our money, yours and mine, that's being handled, whether it's coming in or going out. We want a person who is reliable to handle it. I feel Ken is the right man for the job. Remember, we just lent him to the BIA for a few years. Now we want him back. Let's keep him busy—this is to our advantage.

In ending, I don't mean to hurt anyone. All I am doing is telling it the way I feel it is. That is my constitutional right.

Respectfully yours,

Alvis Smith, Sr.  
A Tribal Member

## Drive continues

The drive for donations to the March of Dimes continues through February. The goal for Warm Springs is \$675.

Money collected in Warm Springs will be utilized at the IHS clinic by the purchase of an infant oxygen analyzer. "We're really fighting for that goal," says drive chairman Neda

Wesley.

Tribal Council donated \$270 to the drive, ten cents for each tribal member. Small contributions are as important as large donations.

To help with the drive or to contribute to the March of Dimes contact Neda Wesley or Jeannie Danzuka.

**Justice Sunday Celebration**  
**February 24, 1985**  
**10 a.m.**  
**Presbyterian Church**

Owen Panner will be one of many featured speakers.



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### Full Snow Moon

The "full snow moon" February 5 created a beautiful nighttime scene over this area. The next full moon occurs March 6 and is called the "full worm moon" by the Farmer's Almanac.

## Community Center Calendar

February 16	Dance, 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.
February 18	Tribal Holiday playday-1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dance-6 to 8 p.m.
February 19	Community Valentine's contest ends
February 25	—Li'l Boys and Girls bingo-6:30 p.m. —Sports open house-includes basketball, gymnastics, rollerskating, 6:00 p.m.

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The Judge asked the witness, "Do you know what that oath means?" "I sure do," answered the witness. "It means that if I swear to a lie, I gotta stick to it." YIKES

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The Judge said, "You have a right to council." The guy said, "What's that?" "A lawyer, you know what that is." "I think so. He's a fellow who is willing to go out and spend your last cent to prove he is right." YIKES

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Vernon Tias

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