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(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



Warm Springs people inspiration for writing

To the people of Warm Springs

First of all, I would like to thank Sid Miller and Donna Behrend for making it possible for me to have a story in the Spilyay Tymoo. Out of all the letters I have received from famous writers and producers, their's was the one that meant the most to me. I will forever be grateful to them for giving me the opportunity to show my skills as a writer to the people of

Warm Springs.

But the people I would like to thank the most are the members of my family. Without them, I wouldn't be here to write a sentence. I love them all. My mother, father, sisters, brother, aunts, uncles and cousins. But with great respect, I would like to thank my grandfathers: Fred Bobb, Delbert Frank, Sr. and Jim Barr; and my grandmothers: Cecelia McKinley, Maxine,

Bessy and Katherine Barr. I will never forget the inspiration all these people have been to me, especially Fred Bobb, the man I never knew, and I wish I were alive at the time he was.

I love you all.
More people I would like to thank are the people of Warm Springs, Oregon. Without you, I wouldn't even have the slightest idea of what to write. You are my inspiration. I will laugh,

cry, sing, and grieve along with you for as long as I live. I love you all.

People with comments on my work, feel free to write and share them. Write: Frederick D. Bobb, P.O. Box 34, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761.

Thank you all for your being you.

Sincerely
Frederick D. Bobb

Hot meals served

Senior Hot Meals are served every Tuesday and Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center. Seniors age 60 and over are elig-

ible for free meals. Those individuals under 60 are charged \$2.00 each—pay at the door. Menus are posted.

Tax help appointments made

A tax workshop held February 26 and 27 proved beneficial to those people doing their own tax returns. A second set of work sessions will be held March 19 and 20 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Those wishing assistance in completing income tax returns are asked to call Nancy Jolstead at the Adult Learning Center, 553-1428, to make an appointment.

Appreciation for honor

To the people of Warm Springs,

Words cannot express our appreciation of your support and overwhelming kindness during this most difficult time of our loss. You have made the burden of grief much easier to bear by sharing it with us.

The honor of the memorial service and dinner at the Longhouse will stay in our hearts forever.

We wish to thank each and

everyone of you for being with us and giving us the comfort of Warm Springs tradition. To Reverend Elston, Richard Macy, Wilson Wewa, the singers and drummers, and all of those who prepared the beautiful meal—thank you again.

It is a privilege and an honor to be considered a part of the Warm Springs community.

Sincerely,
The Waldron Lessert Family

Why are you going to teach Indian children

This is reprinted, with permission, from *The Circle*. It was originally excerpted from the book, "Every Woman Has a Story."

Dear Teacher,

Before you take charge of the classroom that contains my child, please ask yourself why you are going to teach Indian children. What are your expectations? What rewards do you anticipate? What ego needs will our children have to meet?

Write down and examine all of the information and opinions you possess about Indians; what are the stereotypes and untested assumptions that you bring with you into the classroom? How many negative attitudes towards Indians will you put before my child?

What values, class prejudices and moral principles do you

take for granted as universal? Please remember that "different from" is not the same as "worse than" or "better than" and the yardstick you use to measure your life satisfactorily may not be appropriate for their lives.

The term "culturally-deprived" was invented by well-meaning middle-class white to describe something they could not understand.

Too many teachers, unfortunately, seem to see their role as a rescuer. My child does not need to be rescued; he does not consider being an Indian a misfortune. He has a culture, probably older than yours; he has meaningful values and a rich and varied experimental background. However strange or incomprehensible it may seem to you, you have no right to do or say anything that implies to him that he is less than satisfactory.

Our children's experiences

have been different from those of the "typical" white middle-class child for whom most school curriculum seem to have been designed (I suspect that this "typical" child does not exist except in the minds of the curriculum writers). Nonetheless, my child's experiences have been as intense and meaningful to him as my child's.

Like most children of his age, he is competent. He can dress himself, prepare a meal for himself, clean up afterwards, care for a younger child. He knows his reservation, all of which is home, like the back of his hand.

He is not accustomed to having to ask permission to do the ordinary things that are part of normal living. He is seldom forbidden to anything; more usually the consequences of an action are explained to him, and he is allowed to decide for himself whether or not to act. His entire existence since has been old enough to see and hear has been an experimental learning situation, arranged to provide him with the opportunity to develop his skills and confidence in his own capacities. Dedicated teaching will be an alien experience for him.

He is not self-conscious in the way many white children are. Nobody has ever told him his efforts toward independence are cute. He is a young human being energetically doing his job, which is to get on with the process of learning to function as an adult human being. He will respect you as a person, but he will expect you to do likewise to him.

He has been taught, by perception, that courtesy is an essential part of human conduct and rudeness is an action that makes another person feel stupid or foolish. Do not mistake his patient courtesy for indifference or passivity.

He doesn't speak standard English, but he is no way "linguistically handicapped." If you will take the time and courtesy to listen and observe carefully, you will see that he and the other Indian children communicate very well, both among themselves and with other Indians. They speak "functional English" very effectively, augmented by their fluency in the silent language. They will know their feelings and attitudes without hearing your voice. They will learn involuntarily. What they learn will depend on you.

Will you help my child to learn to read, or will you teach him that he has a reading problem? Will you help him develop problem-solving skills, or will you teach him that school is where you try to guess what the teacher wants?

Will he learn that his sense of his own value and dignity is valid, or will he learn that he must forever be apologetic and "trying harder" because his isn't white? Can you help him to acquire the intellectual skills he needs without at the same time imposing your values on top of those he already has?

Respect my child. He is a person. He has a right to be himself.

Yours very sincerely,
His Mother



Steamed bears Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

The Kah-Nee-Ta Village pool will reopen March 1 after having been closed for refurbishing. The three bears still overlook the pool and the cold winter days combined with the warm pool mineral water surround them with steam.

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The lawyers wife told the maid, "I think my husband is having an affair with his secretary." "Oh, so, said the maid, your just saying that to make me jealous." YIKES

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After the big court battle the judge said, "This court finds you not guilty of horse rustling. The accused, "Oh, thank you, your honor. Does this mean I can keep the horse?" YIKES

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Pat Leno-Baker bought her self a enlarger, some film developing trays, but here lately she has been bugging everybody for burned out light bulbs, seems as though she wants to start a dark room. YIKES

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For patients of things they don't want to hear in a hospital. Doc. You've only got a year to live. Patient: Another doctor said I had two years to live. Doctor: That's three years right there. What are you complaining about? YIKES

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Note from the Editor

Spilyay Tymoo welcomes articles and letters to be published from its readers. Short letters preferably 300 words or less and must include the writer's signature and address. Thank you letters and poetry will be published at the editor's discretion.

All letters are the opinion of the writer and do not reflect any opinion of Spilyay Tymoo. Spilyay Tymoo reserves the right to edit all copy OR refuse publication of any letter that contains libelous material.

Want to buy typewriter

The Warm Springs Presbyterian Church is in need of a good used typewriter, manual or electric. If you happen to have one lying in a closet unused

and are interested in donating it or selling it to the church, contact Karen Smith or Jim Ackerson.

Shop looking for items

The Kah-Nee-Ta Village Craft Shop will be opening March 1 for the 1985 season. We would like to offer unique, Indian-crafted items for sale to our guests. Have you any items that could be sold in our shop? If so, please contact Bernyce Courtney at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village

Craft Shop, phone number, 553-1112, ext. 459. Consignment is available for all items suitable for sale in our shop.

Also needed at the Craft Shop historical photographs, preferable of all three Tribes, to be used to produce postcards.

Order monuments locally

Order your loved ones' headstones, monuments or markers now while the weather is bad so they will be ready to set when the weather is good. Various sizes, colors, designs and prices,

all ordered to your wishes—We will oblige. We also have available beautiful silver square frames that could be engraved with your loved one's picture. This is weatherproof, burglar and vandal proof—lasts forever! This frame would be sealed right onto the stone. You have to see it to appreciate its beauty. For more information, contact Lucinda Greene at her home, on the road, or call her at the Community Center for appointments.

Pickup for sale

1983 Nissan 4x4 King Cab 5-speed. Loaded—air conditioning, power brakes, power steering, four steel belt radials, four studded radials, sliding rear window, AM/FM cassette, tilt steering wheel. Matching glass-tilt canopy. 37,000 highway miles. \$8,000 or best offer. Contact Anita Jackson at 553-1161, ext. 278 Monday through Friday.

Opportunity

Business Opportunity: Restaurant for sale to qualified Tribal Member. Contact Richard Macy at 553-1300.

Tribal Council Agenda

March 4 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Council Business
- 10:30 a.m. Mini Powwow (Mona Jim)
- 1:30 p.m. Council Compensation Referendum
- 4:00 p.m. Rafting Legislation (Jim Noteboom)
- 5 P.M. (?) Water Meeting Report

March 5 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:30 a.m. Ken Smith
- 1:30 p.m. Stan Speaks, Area Director

March 6 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Tree Thinner (Grant Clements)
- 1:30 p.m. Minutes

March 11 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Learning Center (Jody Calica)
- 1:30 p.m. Nursing Home (Bob Jackson, Olney Patt)
- (?) p.m. Attorney Contract

March 12 Tribal Council Meeting

- 9:00 a.m. Bob Eagleheart
- 10:30 a.m. Lee Loomis
- 1:30 p.m. Health & Welfare Committee

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